DR. DEWITT TALMAGE LAUDED BY REV. T. CHALMERS EASTON

Impressive Memorial Services at the Eastern Presbyterian Church.

A GREAT THRONG PRESENT

Distinguished Talents, Combined With Unselfish Devotion to the Welfare of Others, Keynote to a Brilliant Discourse on Life of Eminent Divine.

Services in memory of the late Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage were held at the Eastern Presbyterian Church, Maryland Avenue and Sixth Street northeast, yesterday. Rev. T. Chalmers Easton, a lifelong friend of Dr. Talmage and pastor of the church, occupied the pulpit. The church was crowded to its fullest seating capacity. Dr Sheldon Jackson led the congregation in prayer and dismissed them with his benediction.

Dr. Easton chose his text from II Samuel 11: 28, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen," and from Isaiah: 1-3, "The lord of hosts doth take away the mighty man, the prophet and the orator." He said in part:

"These words are from the lamentation of David, the royal head of Israel, over the death of his great general, Abner. They constitute his apology to his courtiers and men of state for the great grief that was surging through his soul, and for the tears coursing down his venerable cheeks. Abner's death was sudden, startling, and the monarch was overwhelmed. In life Abner was a loved and honored member of the royal house, and in death proclaimed a prince and great man.

"Nations are all more or less dependent on their great leaders whether in the arts of peace, in the field of battle, or in the halls of legislation. Both the character and progress of a nation depend to a vast extent on its great men, whether they be statesmen, philosophers, historians, scientists, poets, artists, orators, or preachers. When distinguished talents are combined with marked unselfish devotion to the welfare of others it is becoming in a people to voice their grief when a great man is stricken down.

All the World Laments.

"Today all the world laments this American nation, and the whole Church of Jesus Christ is uplifted upon a wave of lamentation, and their eyes are moist with the tears of sincere grief. It is David once more exclaiming: 'Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen?' There is another voice heard and it stills the tumultuous voice of wailing; it is the voice of him who is the sovereign of all sovereigns and in whose sovereignty there must ever be recognized the wisdom in numbering when and where as it pleases him the world's greatest men. 'For behold the Lord; the Lord of hosts doth take away the mighty man, the prophet and the eloquent orator.' Great men deserve a nation's gratitude while living and distinguished honor after death.

"By a living commemoration of their services and virtues by eulogy or monumental shafts to their memory—by executing their unfinished purposes for the good of the nation they loved, and especially by services of devout thanksgiving to God for their illustrious achievements in the Kingdom of Christ great men should receive the most marked honors. A truly great man or eloquent orator does not die—

"'And is he dead whose glorious mind
Lifts thine on high?
To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die.'

"What shall we say of the prince in Israel who has left us? Can we compress the ocean into a dewdrop? No more is it possible to condense into one brief hour what is due to the memory of our beloved and illustrious friend. Thousands, yes tens of thousands in this great republic and in empires across the Atlantic have said in tearful whispers, 'We shall not see his like again.' What an exceptional career. What a glorious man.

Sunshine Not Appreciated.

"While the stars shine we prize them not. When the sun shines in its bright effulgence we stop not to eulogize its worth. But let the nights be darkness, as when Paul was tossed about on the Adriatic, as when Egypt was enshrouded in the gloom of the plague, and how, then, are the sun and the stars missed! While great men are with us to fight our battles, to lead in great affairs of state, or voice appeals in behalf of righteousness, too often it befalls that, having the blessings of their happy presence and their powerful pens, we are unmindful of the men themselves. If honors bud upon the living they seldom blossom except above the dead. Death clears our vision, wipes away our prejudices, hushes the tumult of our critical rivalry, and reduces the vastness of supposed vaults.

Sudden and Shocking News.

"How sudden and shocking was the voice that whispered through the land and over all Europe last Sabbath morning, 'Talmage is dead.' We only knew he was sick—then hopeless—then dead. We were accustomed to think of him as some tall, wide-spreading oak, hardened in storms, blessed by the genial sun, and baptized in showers of peace. It did not occur to us that Talmage could die. His unsurprised preparation for every great task, his weird ubiquity, like Elijah in the olden time uplifting his voice in churches and halls—here at the National Capital today, tomorrow in some distant city, in a week across oceans—and his never failing power of inspiration for the multitudes who heard him and the dash and push by which like Henry of Navarre, his plume seemed ever waving in the fore front of the battle line of righteousness—this precluded from the public mind the very thought that Dr. Talmage would so soon join the hosts of the illustrious dead.

"If, as his personal friend for more than twenty years, I should attempt to open up the treasures of his real greatness, where shall we find more of those sterling virtues that poets have sung, artists portrayed, and historians commended? He was truly a great man—a man of God!

"The last four years of his life were full of happiness in the living companionship of her who so sadly mourns his departure. He frequently spoke to me of the great inspiration brought into these years by her ceaseless devotion to all his plans and work, making what was burdensome in his accumulating literary duties a pleasure.

"You ask me for his last words and the sacred scenes of his translation. The last fond look of recognition was given to his beloved wife, and the last words that fell from his lips, when far down in the valley, was the name of her that ever was the sweetest music to his ears—'Eleanor.' This love for each other was beautiful and death has glorified their affection forever.

"His moral courage was only equaled by his giant frame and physical strength. He was made of the very stuff that martyrs are made of, one of the most remarkable individualities of our time. A man of no negative qualities, aggressive and positive. His whole soul was full of convictions of right and duty. A firm friend, a man of ready recognition, a human magnet in his focalizing power. He was true in every deed, and never needed a veil to be drawn. His life called for no nice circumlocution of words on the part of his friends to utter a doubtful eulogy.

"Truthfulness, sincerity, frankness, courage, persistency, generosity, honor, manliness, a stern will to fight social wrongs, a tender heart for peace, an ocean tide of sympathy for oppressed humanity, and over all swayed by the conviction that the right will be might and truth should be. His inmost acts could be examined with honor. The brightest Pharaoh on the headlands of time is today extinguished and that brilliant light which dragged thousands upon thousands to glorious immortal destiny is gone out. No man has lived such an apostolic life since the days of Paul.

"It was said once by an eminent writer that when Abraham Lincoln, the forest-born liberator, entered heaven he threw down at God's throne three million yokes as the trophies of his great act of emancipation—as great as that was, I think it it was small, indeed, compared with the tens of thousands of souls Talmage redeemed from the yokes of sin and shame by the glorious old gospel, preached with such heavenly fervor and power of the Holy Ghost. What a mighty army stood ready to greet him at the gates of the heavenly city as the warrior passed in to be crowned by his sovereign and king!

"Farewell, my brother. Thy love to me was wonderful, and our friendship was such as that between Damon and Pythias, or David and Jonathan. To me the world is drearier and poorer for your departure. Time will soon be ended for him that is left, and we shall meet upon yonder hills of frankincense, where the day breaketh, and we shall recount our battles beneath Emanuel's shrine. Do you ask me why lingered he so long this side of heaven ere he entered death? To me it appeared in a vision as I bowed at his death bed, that while heaven had seen some great days the homecoming of this great warrior of the army militant was to be one of its greatest days, and he was to receive a welcome worthy of his conflict here. I beheld all heaven mustering hosts upon hosts to greet him at the gates of pearl. I beheld the promised 'abundant entrance,' as the hero cast aside his cross, and on either side of Talmage were glittering armies, led by Moody, flanked by Beecher and Spurgeon, and on reaching the throne of the redeemer and sovereign of the heavenly empire of eternal beauty, one mighty shout was our brother's greeting—'Welcome! welcome! thy valiant conqueror and heroic champion of the pure gospel! Welcome, thou wise winner of souls, behold those white-robed multitudes of thy glorious harvest! Welcome, thrice welcome, thou healer of broken hearts, and wounded spirits! Come in. Come into thy rest and reward. These are to be the stars of thy flaming coronet!' And I saw the harpers on the sea of glass, one vast orchestra from every nation and clime. I heard the music from their harps of gold, melting into the song of victorship."

SPECIAL SERVICE OF SONS OF REVOLUTION

Close of Triennial Meeting of General Society at Epiphany Church.

TRIBUTES OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. R. H. McKim, Rector of the Church, Pays Tribute to the Father of His Country as a Citizen, a Churchman, and a Christian—Special Music.

The triennial meeting of the general society Sons of the Revolution was brought to a close yesterday afternoon with a special service at the Church of the Epiphany. Although many members of the organization had returned to their homes there was a large attendance.

Three special tributes of thanksgiving were read by the Rev. Thomas Edward Green, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They were as follows:

"O, Lord, who art the resurrection and the life of them that believe, who art always to be praised in them that live and in them that are departed, we give thee humble thanks for thy servant, George Washington, and for all others, thy servants, through whose valor and patience the liberties of our country were established; beseeching thee to grant that we, using to thy glory the gifts of thy goodness may, with all those who are departed in thy faith and fear, rise again to eternal life and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"O, God, whose name is excellent in all the earth, and whose glory is above the heavens, and who didst enable our forefathers to lay the strong foundations of peace, liberty and safety for our nation; we bless and adore thy glorious majesty for this thy loving kindness toward us, and we humbly pray that the devout sense of thy signal mercies to our land may renew and increase in us a spirit of love and thankfulness to thee, the author of all good, and a spirit of true devotion to the welfare of our country.

"May we so improve these, thy so great blessings, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. And this we beg through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Thanks for Inspiration.

"O thou who turnest the hearts of the children to the fathers and hast declared that the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance, we thank thee for the inspiration which called into existence the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, and all others of a like nature, and for the blessing which has hitherto attended them. And we pray thee to continue to aid them in this, and succeeding generations, in the pious work of perpetuating the memory of the sacrifices and sufferings and valor of our fathers, through which our priceless heritage was won. And, finally, when we also shall have served thee in our generation, may we be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy faith; in favor with thee, our God; and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Dr. McKim's Tribute.

A special sermon was delivered by the Rev. Randolph H. McKim, D. D. Taking as his subject, "Washington—The Churchman and the Christian," he paid a forceful and eloquent tribute to the Father of His Country for the faith he had placed in the God of his fathers.

Dr. McKim said in part:

"There is no more striking picture to be found in history than is found in the story of Joshua, the great leader of Israel, as he stood before the people of his nation and spoke those wonderful words: 'Choose ye this day whom ye will serve; as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'

"This great picture found its counterpart in the history of the United States of America, as George Washington, the leader of the young nation, stood before the people he had served and loved and delivered that wonderful farewell address.

Washington as a Christian.

"I shall not attempt to add anything to the hundreds of eulogies that have been written and spoken of this stalwart American. It would be useless to attempt to add to his glory. But I shall speak of the man Washington—the churchman and the Christian.

"He, like the other four men who compose the five greatest figures in American history, came of the old stock of the Church of England. And not even the wave of dislike and almost hatred for the Church of England that swept over the people of this country after the Revolution could shake the faith of the Father of His Country in his religious beliefs.

"His Christianity, like everything else about him, was powerful and sincere. It went down into the very roots of his being, and formed the basis of his manhood and character. The waves of history of over a century have beat upon the character of Washington, but have merely served to bring out more fully and clearly his sterling character. He is still held up as the stalwart man, always kind but firm, always sincere and just, always striving to hold his temper and personal feelings in check. He is still shown as the man of God who in moments of trial and temptation got down on his knees before his God and prayed that the light might be shown him. Even in that awful winter at Valley Forge, amid the horrors and suffering almost unbearable, we see him still as the Christian, bending to the will of the Divine Master and placing his trust and his hope for the deliverance of the nation in God.

"Washington lived in an age of widespread unbelief. But he never sought to shield or hide his principles or faith in a Divine Ruler.

"Upon every occasion that he was brought before his countrymen he held up to them the fact that he was a Christian, a follower of God and his commandments. He ever held up that wonderful declaration of the prophet of Israel: 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'

Washington as a Christian.

"Thousands of eloquent orators have sounded the praises of George Washington as a soldier, a statesman, as the Father of His Country. I will speak of him as a Christian, a firm and unbending man of God, whose example turned thousands of his countrymen to seek the light.

"His name I commit to you, not only as 'first in war, first in peace,' as a great sage and general, a wonderful general and molder of the American nation, but as a man of faith—a true Christian."

Extract From Farewell Address.

Following the sermon, the Rev. Thomas Edward Green read impressively the following extract from the farewell address of Washington:

"Be Americans. The name which belongs to you in your national capacity must exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. Let there be no sectionalism, no North, South, East, or West; you are all dependent, one on another, and should be one in union. Beware of attacks, open or covert, upon the Constitution. Beware of the baneful effects of party spirit and of the ruin to which its extremes must lead.

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, the firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician equally with the pious man ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked, where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice?

"And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect the national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Appropriate Music.

Particularly appropriate to the occasion was the singing of the recessional hymn. The grand old hymn rang out and echoed and re-echoed through the church. The men who had hundreds of times sung the battle hymns of their country joined with a patriotic and at the same time reverent fervor in singing of this battle hymn of the Church of God.

Shelley's magnificent "Hark! Hark, My Soul!" was also a feature of the service, being rendered with especial feeling by the choir.

The singing of "America" concluded the service, and the members of the organization marched out of the house of worship and disbanded for another interval of three years.

A number of the members left the city last night, and the majority of the others will leave today. A few of them, however, will remain over for a few days to become more thoroughly acquainted with the city and its numerous points of interest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE.

Big Gathering of Denominations at First Congregational Church.

The primary Sunday schools of the First Congregational Church conducted a song service yesterday afternoon in the Sunday school of the church. About thirty of the schools of various denominations in the city were represented, several of them taking an active part in the program.

Mr. George Vaughn Selbold presided, while Mrs Bodfish, Mrs. Frank Byran, and Mrs. William P. Kyle filled the respective positions of musical director, organist, and pianist.

The program was as follows:

Processional, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," choir; "Doxology," chorus; 100th Psalm, led by Clarence Evans; prayer, Mr. W. W. Millan, president District Sunday School Union; Lord's Prayer; "Gloria Patri;" "Glory to God," chorus; singing, "Christ Was Once a Little Baby," Douglas M. E. Church; Twenty-third Psalm, led by Edwin Felt; singing, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd;" "Easter Bells," duet and chorus, Katherine Kelly and Chauncey Winsted, New York Avenue Sunday school; "Welcome, Glad Easter," chorus; duet, members of Anacostia Baptist Sunday school; "A Little Sermon," by the May Kindergarten; "The Sower," Albert Leger and Philip Baldwin, Waugh M. E. Sunday school; "A Spring Song," Lolia and Bessie Speer, Western Presbyterian Sunday school; "Happy Are the Meadows," chorus; offering, "Lord, Accept the Offering," choir; "Little Christian Soldiers," Wesley Chapel M. E. Sunday school; solo, "When the Pearly Gates Unfold," Louise Gardiner, Grace M. E. Sunday school; "Jerusalem," boy choir, Calvary Baptist Sunday school; "Holy City," chorus; solo, member of Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Sunday school; "My Country, 'Tis of Thee;" benedictory prayer; benediction, choir.

The service was highly enjoyable throughout, and quite a large audience was present.

TABLET TO MR. EMERY'S MEMORY UNVEILED

Fitting Ceremonies in Honor of the Last Mayor of Washington.

MANY CITIZENS TAKE PART

Metropolitan M. E. Church, of Which He Was Founder, Scene of Religious Services, at Which His Name and Work Were Lauded in Highest Praise.

A tablet erected in memory of Matthew G. Emery, the last mayor of Washington, was unveiled at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church at 3:30 p. m. yesterday with fitting ceremonies, in which Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland, Mr. A. B. Duvall, and Mr. B. H. Warner participated.

Mr. Emery was for many years the president of the board of trustees of the church, as well as one of its founders. His grandson, Matthew G. Emery, a youth of twelve, pulled the string which uncovered the tablet. Rev. Frank M. Bristol conducted the religious services. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Richard Kingsman, one of the trustees of the institution. The music was by the Metropolitan choir.

The tablet, of white marble, is near the door at the north end of the church, directly opposite the pulpit. It bears at the top a design representing a palm leaf and a wreath of flowers. Beneath this is the inscription: "Jesus calls—I am almost home." Beneath that again is the inscription: "Matthew G. Emery. Born September 28, 1818; died, October 12, 1901. President of the board of trustees of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church thirty-two years. Last mayor of the city of Washington."

Mr. Duvall's Tribute.

Mr. Duvall told of the life of Mr. Emery in the church and his attitude toward religious things. He declared that every life touches three worlds—the material, the social, and the religious—although most men cultivate but one side of their nature. Mr. Emery, he said, had cultivated them all. He said:

"It is a wise man who allies himself with some great cause or institution. Mr. Emery found no greater cause than religion, no better institution than the church."

Mr. Duvall told the history of Mr. Emery's connection with the Metropolitan Church; how he had helped found it, assisted it in all its struggles, and left it a permanent fund at his death. He spoke of the parsonage which Mr. Emery had given, and of many other numerous acts of generosity, the details of which were familiar to many people then present. His personal work in the church, he said, could not be valued too highly. He was regular in his attendance, not only at the Sunday services but at the midweek prayer meetings. In concluding Mr. Duvall said:

Church Venerates Memory.

"The church venerates his memory, and in honoring him considers that it is honoring itself."

Mr. B. H. Warner spoke of Mr. Emery as he had known him in a business and social way. He said, in part:

"I was a boy when I first met Mr. Emery, and he was then one of the prominent business men in the city. He impressed me then by his purity in thought and motive, and by the lack of that arrogance which men of wealth sometimes display. He always had words of encouragement for young men, and as he advanced in years his sympathy toward all who needed it seemed to broaden."

Mr. Warner outlined the business career of Mr. Emery from the time he entered business at the age of eighteen years until his death.

"Mr. Emery," said Mr. Warner, "had three business mottoes. They were these: 'A good name is better to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor than silver and gold;' 'The rich and the poor meet together, the Lord is the maker of them all;' and 'Seest thou a man diligent in business, he shall not stand before mean men.'"

Mr. Emery as a Citizen.

Commissioner Macfarland spoke of Mr. Emery as a citizen. He said:

"Because his 'citizenship was in heaven' he was the better citizen of the state. Because he was a faithful Christian he was a faithful patriot. Besides fidelity and disinterestedness he had optimism, charity, and courage. He served the community in office and he served the community out of office with equal zeal, honesty, and intelligence. For more than forty years he was active, useful, and prominent in the affairs of the District. As captain of the militia company which he raised for the defense of the National Capital in May, 1861; as member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Washington, and as the last of the mayors of that city—that long line numbering so many fine characters—he served his fellow citizens with credit as soldier, as legislator, and as executive.

"He served the National Government, too, laying the cornerstone of the Washington Monument and of the Capitol extension, and caring bountifully for the sick and wounded during the civil war. As a member of many prominent organizations of citizens for civic, religious, educational, or philanthropic purposes, in service on juries, and in response to the general calls of the Commissioners, he performed the duties of the private station. His private affairs were sufficiently engrossing to afford him the excuses which many men make for neglecting the public and private duties of the citizen, but even as he grew older he did not avail himself of these excuses. He was never indifferent to public duties. He had nothing in common with the parasites who take from the community all they can get and give nothing in return.

Keen Interest in All Things.

"His keen interest in the common welfare was unalloyed by envy or malice. It never found expression in carping criticism, much less in malignant misrepresentation of men or measures. He was a candid and honorable critic.

"He was even free from the common temptation to think better of the days of his greater activity than of their successors. Although he was the last man elected by the people to executive office in Washington, and was its mayor when the old city government was superseded by the territorial form of government for the entire District of Columbia, he never regretted the abolition of the suffrage, and cordially supported the government of the District by the governors and their successors, the Commissioners. He believed the latter to be the best form of government for the District.

Proud of the District.

"He was proud of the reputation for good government which the District of Columbia enjoys throughout the country, and of contrasting it with the very different reputation of other communities. In our last conversation he spoke of the continual scandals of bribery and blackmail, corruption and degradation in the partisan governments of the great cities of the United States, and of his gratification that the National Capital was free from them.

"At the same time, even in his later years, he was no unreasoning conservative, but ready for any reasonable project for the improvement of the National Capital or the betterment of its conditions. Although he knew personally every President after Van Buren, and touched, through his father, a New Hampshire captain in the Revolutionary War, old colonial days, he entered the twentieth century with an entirely modern spirit. In the success of the celebration of the centennial of the District of Columbia in December, 1900, he saw, not so much the commemoration of the century gone, in which he had played so large a part, as the prophecy of the unexampled development of the National Capital in the new century, a development which he knew he could see only by the eye of faith, yet in which he rejoiced exceedingly."

TRINITY CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED MAY 4

Seventy-fifth Anniversary to Be Celebrated.

Debt at Last Paid Off and Bishop Satterlee Will Consecrate the Building.

Rev. Dr. Richard P. Williams, pastor of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, announced at the service yesterday morning that the church will be dedicated on its seventy-fifth anniversary, Sunday, May 4.

Bishop Henry Y. Satterlee, of the Diocese of Washington, will be present and conduct the services. The members of the church will be provided with cards of admission, which will allow them to enter the house of worship and secure their seats before 10:30 o'clock. At that hour the doors will be thrown open and the general public admitted. No seats or pews will be reserved after that time.

Debt Paid Off.

The church has remained undedicated for seventy-five years on account of the debt which hung over it. Recently the congregation has made strenuous efforts to remove this, with the result that the church has been cleared of every obstacle in the way of its formal consecration.

"The House of the Lord Shall be Exalted Above All Others" was the subject of the sermon by Dr. Williams yesterday.

"Next week we shall enter upon a period which marks a new epoch in the history of this particular house of the Lord," he said. "It is the anniversary of the beginning of the great struggle to establish this church. Its gratifying growth seems but a fulfilling of the prophecy of my text, 'The house of the Lord shall be exalted above all others.' How many have been the persons who have knelt at this altar and consecrated their lives to God!

"I believe the time will come when even thousands will gather within these doors to worship the Master, and make this house a place of prayer for all people.

"We must shake off every vestige of selfishness and spread out into every nook and corner of this parish and take the word of God to those who come within our jurisdiction, but who are deterred from worshiping with us.

"I believe in dreams. I have had many day dreams regarding this old church. I have faith in those dreams; I believe they will come true. It may not be until after you and I have entered into the greater life that lies beyond the grave.

"But the time will assuredly come when this church will have grown into a magnificent structure and be a wonderful power for good in the world. There is no work undertaken for the glory of God which, if performed earnestly and reverently, can prove a failure."

ST. JOSEPH'S OBSERVES FEAST OF PATRON SAINT

Solemn and Impressive Services Held at the Church.

Pontifical High Mass Sung by Bishop Shanahan, of Harrisburg, Pa.

The feast of the patronage of St. Joseph was celebrated yesterday at St. Joseph's Church, Second and C Streets northeast, with all the pomp and splendor incident to occasions of this kind in the Roman Catholic Church. The main marble altar was beautifully decorated with lilies, white roses, and palms, and myriads of wax candles lent an additional charm to the beautiful and inspiring scene.

The feast day was celebrated with a pontifical high mass, with Bishop Shanahan, of Harrisburg, Pa., as celebrant; the Rev. V. F. Schmitt, pastor of the church, deacon of the mass; the Rev. Joseph Maguire, subdeacon; the Rev. Thomas S. Lee, rector of St. Matthew's Church, assisting priest; the Rev. James A. Smyth, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's, master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Father Caughy, of St. Stephen's Church, preacher.

The sermon, which was founded on the gospel of the day as contained in St. John's, xvi:16-22, was a masterpiece of eloquence and made a deep impression on the large congregation.

Father Caughy said in the course of his sermon that the gospel narratives contained very little about St. Joseph, and that it seemed as if God did not want St. Joseph to come more in contact with the world than was absolutely necessary.

"His position was a most peculiar one," said Father Caughy; "it was that to provide for the divine family, to be the protector of the Virgin Mary. He surpassed all the saints as to position in life. He lived a life absolutely conformable to his station in life, which was one of humility." Father Caughy requested his congregation to follow the example of St. Joseph—"to live a life in the world, but not of the world."

Children's First Communion.

The children of the parish made their first communion at the 7 o'clock mass, and at 3 o'clock the sacrament of confirmation was administered by Bishop Shanahan.

The following musical program was rendered under the direction of Miss Isabel Joyce.

Vidi Aquam.....Peters
Kyrie.....Marzo's First Mass
Gloria.....Marzo's First Mass
Veni Creator (trio for soprano, tenor, and bass).....La Hache
Credo.....Marzo's First Mass
At the offertory, Regina Coeli (chorus).....Paola Glorza
Sanctus.....Marzo's First Mass
Benedictus (tenor solo and chorus).....Rosewig
Agnus Dei.....Chimarosa's Military Mass

POWER OF JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE SINNERS

Subject of Sermon by Bishop Wilson, of Baltimore.

Forceful and Eloquent Discourse at Mount Vernon Square M. E. Church.

Bishop W. A. Wilson, of Baltimore, preached yesterday morning at Mount Vernon Square M. E. Church South. There was a large congregation present to hear the venerable divine, whose general subject was "Sin and Death." The discourse was more than ordinarily interesting, and its effect was made the more impressive by the forceful eloquence of the speaker.

Bishop Wilson took as his text Romans v:10: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

In developing the text Bishop Wilson quoted from the words of Paul to show that if through the offense of one many be dead, so by the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

The terms of the text, the speaker said, are simple, direct, and emphatic. There is no salvation without reconciliation with God. So the reverse is true that hostility to God is fatal to man. Some men do not work in conjunction with God. They endeavor to get the best of all that is in life in spite of him.

There are many, he said, who get angry when the subject of God and salvation is introduced, as they contend, at inopportune times. They will answer, 'Why do you introduce the subject?' forgetting that God is ever present and that no one should refuse to acknowledge the truth of it. They seem unwilling to give all of their time to thoughts of him and seem to believe that they do their whole duty when they give an hour or two for devotion to him. They will not, he said, succeed in that way, for God will accept no compromise. He must have all time. God is a living God and will reign for all time. He will not abdicate and will triumph in the end no matter how much we oppose him.

We do not realize the nearness of God to us, said the speaker, and the nearness of ourselves to him. We believe in God's willingness to help and do for us, but we do not make any special effort ourselves. But we must remember that sin cannot be put away and hostility to God removed without the mediatorial sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We look upon death as a common condition which must come to all humanity, but what its relation to us all as individuals is we do not consider with sufficient seriousness.

Death, said Bishop Wilson, is the heritage of humanity. Only two men, he said, ever escaped it. There was no need for the death of Jesus Christ. He was pure undefiled, and his death was in violation of the law of God. It, however, could not have been inflicted without his consent. Death had no power over him. He was without sin and spotless in his human nature.

Bishop Grant to Speak.

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