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## Around the Fireside.

SO SHALL THEIR FUTURE BE.

As men in life perform their parts, so shall their future be: Who pass beyond the sea.

A SERMON BY BISHOP BROOKS.

[FROM THE CHURCHMAN OF MARCH 8, 1890.]

When a company of men change their scenery within a few moments, as we have changed ours, and come into the midst of surroundings entirely different from those which were encompassing them a few moments back, it is good for them to take account of what difference the change has made in them, or what it means to them to have come into these different conditions.

Every man changes with his circumstances; he is so full of the susceptibility and of the readiness with which the human mind responds to the things with which it has to deal. And yet at the same time every man carries within himself such an identity, such continuous life, that he remains the same in spite of the circumstances by which he is surrounded.

It is little for us to come here, my friends, to spend our hours together, if we leave ourselves outside when we come in and leave the church inside when we go away. How we keep our religion apart from our life! How we do our work upon the shore, and it seems to us as if these were islands off there in the stream, and once in a while we get into our boats and pull away and cross the water, and there do our worship, and think our better thoughts upon these islands in the stream, and then pull back again to the shore which is all secular. Sometimes we cast our eyes across the water and think it good that we should be there. But we do not find the two together. The two must come together. There is but one man. There is but one life for each of us, and no man gains the blessing of the sacred associations unless they come to be the interpretation of all the life that he is living, and make known to him the man that he is, even when he seems to be most separated from the deepest things.

I think, when a man comes to realize that being a Christian is nothing on earth except being a man;

that the Christian life is nothing in the world except the fulfillment of the human life; that every Christian institution is but the setting forth in type and in story, of that which, when the world shall come to its completeness, shall be the entire life of all mankind; then there comes a wonderful freshness and reality into those thoughts which very often have become so dull and dull in regard to it. I would submit to you all that. I would tell you that when a man becomes a Christian he becomes a man; that just so far as a man falls short of the Christian type and character, he falls short of his humanity; that being a Christian is not going aside from our human life, but getting into some strange region and there dwelling apart from all humanity. It is entering into the depths of our humanity and being thoroughly a man. My friend says to me on the street, "What is it to be a Christian?" It is to be the fulfilled man. What is the Christian Church? It is the fulfilled human society.

Man, when he enters upon the higher life of God, is never to be anything but man. I love this dear humanity in which we live, with all its faults and failures, with all its sins and sorrows. It is a dear thing, from which a world would be separated. As man loves the human life into which God has sent him—this special, personal human life,—so humanity loves its humanness. And no religion shall ever lay hold upon the human soul, that says to man: "You shall become something else than man; you shall become something strange, saintly, angelic being, different from manhood"; but only that which, touching the deepest desires of our human nature, says, "Let me do your work for you, and you shall be truly man."

It seems to me at first that we must drag down our highest influences, that we must bring heaven down to earth, in order that the two may meet. Not so. We must bring human life up to heaven, and realize its divine capacity.

The great truth with regard to the Gospels is that

"JESUS IS FIRST OF ALL A REVEALER. Before He does one special work for man, before He lays His hand to the great burden of human sin, He first pours down His light and shows man what man is. His first deed to you, my friend, must be in giving you more lofty and celestial and divine thoughts of what you are. The incarnation means that God saw in human life such wonderful capacity, such glorious capability, that He could pour His own life in that human life and make the divine human existence which we call the Christ. It was because of the infinite value that He saw in human life that Jesus died upon the cross. Thus at the two ends of Jesus' life—in His incarnation, in His entrance upon our experience, and in His departure from our human experience, in His Crucifixion, there is this splendid testimony to the gloriousness of human life.

Now, my friends, when in the face of all that I hear the talk that is current among men to-day, when I read the cheap talk that is in papers and books, when I hear the cheap discourse that falls from men's lips; when I hear a young man daring to say that life is not worth living; that human life is not a glorious thing; when I hear the insignificant and contemptible little cynic, who grows more and more common in our artificial and fantastic civilization, and set him by the side of Jesus Christ it is almost impossible to let one's pity overcome one's contempt. What does that young fellow know about human life? How has he gone down to the depths of this marvelous nature? How has he, regarding up

on the outside of this world, got to the deep knowledge of what it is for a man to deal with the eternal issues of the great globe of God? It is only one's pity that can overcome one's indignation and scorn of the man who is a cynic in the face of Jesus Christ. In that calm face there is no cynicism, no contempt. In that calm face we see infinite compassion for the lot of man. There is the profound sense that human nature is a beautiful and glorious thing.

IF YOU WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS CHRIST, be simply full of admiration and delight in life,—not simply because this wind blows pleasantly, and that sun shines bright; not simply because that friend smiles smoothly, and this fortune rolls in at your open door. To live—the very being alive—that was the thing that was glorious to Jesus. And so, in spite of everything, He stood by His post; He accepted the privilege and the duty of life both together. There was no possibility in Jesus of the cowardice that makes a man run away from his life the moment it grows distressing and dreadful in its circumstances. The cowardice of suicide—the infinite cowardice of suicide—was not for Jesus. We ourselves know how cowardly it is, because we never dare say of any friend of ours that in clear possession of his senses he took his own life. We know what a cowardly thing that would be; and so we cover the man who takes his own life with "illusions" we can imagine or know for him. But to stand at one's post and live till God shall call us, to recognize the glory and the duty of standing there, and then to go from life to life, fulfilling this with that which lies beyond—that is the glory of the man who lives in the spirit of Jesus.

Young men, keep out of your souls the taint of cynicism, and despite the recollections and the tone of life that makes cynicism and pessimism and the contempt of life seem for a moment a glorious thing.

As we see life becoming every day more expeditious and comfortable, we are in danger of forgetting that it is in the hazy life that the real vitality of the world abides. And so it is

ONLY BY THE PROGRESS OF THE SOUL of man that the progress of the race is measured. We ask ourselves sometimes, almost with sinking hearts, how it is that, while man thus conquers nature, no man is conquering himself? The real question of human progress, when you get to its spiritual leaning, is not how fast a man can talk from Calcutta to New York, nor how fast a man can travel to San Francisco, but what messages he is sending, what errands he is carrying him across the continent? Are they the errands of a divine humanity? Are they the messages of no nobler ministries of human life—of a deeper integrity and a higher aspiration?

You remember how the poet, musing, years ago, on seeing return in the skies the combination of the planets which had not been there for years, pierced the whole question with his great inquiry, sent forth into the midnight heavens:

What dost thou see, bright star, so pure and wise,  
More than in other times?—Christ's human story,  
Which makes our hearts more apt to sympathize  
With heaven, our souls more fit for future glory.

When earth shall vanish from our fading eyes,  
When he lies down in our last dormitory,  
Wonderful and beautiful to me appears this everlasting protest of the human soul against materialism. In every birth, in every death, in every moving of a young man's heart, in every moving of indignation against any wrong by which a man is surrounded, in every lifting up of the nature with any great spiritual impulse, this materialism is thrust into its place, and is once more the servant and not the master. Nothing short of character can be the real glory of humanity. And so nothing short of progress in character can mark the progress of our human life. You cannot dream of your surgeon becoming so skillful with his knife, your lawyer becoming so subtle with his argument, your minister becoming so ripe in his theology and so accurate in his performance of ceremonies, that after all you should demand that he should be a man, and that each there shall be the man.

MAN NEVER SHALL OUTGROW THE GREAT DEMAND FOR CHARACTER.

And that is the universal and perpetual testimony, that it is in the lifting up of his capacities, that man shall come to be religious—and enter into the understanding of Christ, and know God.

We are sometimes told that we are to be this and that, and are sometimes puzzled when Christian courses are indicated to us. What are those Christian courses? My friends, they are nothing in the world except the fulfillment of the human character by the grace of God. There may be wonderful qualities in God which our limited human nature never has been able to perceive. There may be depths and heights and widths which have never opened themselves to us, even in our mind. But we must believe, we must remember, that those qualities in the divine nature which have been opened to us, and which bear the names with which we are familiar, are the same in God that they are in us. Justice in God is exactly what it is between you and your fellow merchant,—infinitely refined, made infinitely loftier and higher in the things with which it deals, but the same simple, glorious fundamental virtue, between you and the brother with whom you dwell. Love, when God stoops and with the hand of the Christhood takes up my life out of the ruins, is the same thing, so much richer, so much fuller, and because richer and fuller, all the more the same, with the love with which I kneel down and pick up the poor beggar, the crushed life, out of the dust. Theology becomes fantastic—religion all becomes fantastic—unless you know that the qualities of God are truly the same things with the qualities of man; he son of God; that man is made in God's image, and that when God bids you to be just and pure and holy, He is asking you to

LET HIM FILL YOUR HUMAN LIFE with the great radiance of His divinity, and make it in the most truly human.

There is a real, true, rational and natural theology. Every superstition comes to when we think that the religious virtues are different in kind from the hu-

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Friends, you are not to live your lives, and God cannot live your lives for you, but there is another unity which is neither God nor you, but which is you filled with God, God filling you. I look into the life which I am to lead, and I say to myself, powerless to live it—"O poor human soul!" And I look up to God and say—"God Himself, even, can not live it unless the human soul opens itself to Him." Then the unit stands,—the unit that was revealed to me by the mysterious union of divinity and humanity which are in Jesus; and I say—"God and I will live this life." Henceforth, there is no evil that God and you can do, there is no good that God and you cannot do, when you have entered into the rich, mysterious union which has been made known and made possible to us by Jesus Christ,—consecration,—consecration, and the union of your life with His.

At that moment [when Lincoln an-

ounced himself as a candidate for the Legislature, in 1832] the whole popula-

tion of Sangamon was in a state of wild expectation. Some six weeks before Lincoln's circular appeared, a citizen of Springfield had advertised that as soon as the ice would off the river he would bring up a steamer, the "Talisman," from Cincinnati, and prove the Sangamon navigable. The announcement had aroused the entire country, speeches were made, and subscriptions taken. The merchants announced goods direct per steamship "Talisman" the country over, and every village from Beardstown to Springfield was laid off in town lots.

The "Talisman" actually came up the river; scores of men went to Beardstown to meet her, among them Lincoln, of course; and to him was given the honor of piloting her—an honor which made him remembered by many a man who saw him that day for the first time. The trip was made with all the wild demonstrations which always attended the first steamboat. On either bank a long procession of men and boys on foot or horse accompanied the boat. Cannon and volleys of musketry were fired at settlements were passed. At every stop speeches were made, congratulations offered, toasts drunk, flowers presented. It was one long hurrah from Beardstown to Springfield, and foremost in the jubilation was Lincoln, the pilot. The "Talisman" went as near Springfield as the river did, and there tied up for a

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