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EMBER DAY REFLECTIONS

The Prodigal Son - Reviews of Three Sermons - Earnest Thoughts Put Forward.

REV. WM. A. GARDNER.

"Christianity not Christianity," or "Do we need the Church?" Sunday evening at the Christian church the pastor Rev. W. A. Gardner, spoke upon this topic. Among other things he said: "Many honest and sensible people have become disgusted with the sanctimoniousness and cold formalism among church members, the spirit of division, strife and jealousy, kindled by sectarianism, and have condemned Christianity and declared that they have no use for the church, which they regard as an expensive superfluity in the community. To this class belong many of the thousands in Honolulu and of San Francisco who did not attend services to-day.

"Common sense is never offended by true Christianity; its cardinal principle is charity and its great law is love. It is the teaching and doctrine of Jesus Christ, but Christianity is selfishness, is formalism and has to do with the doctrines and dogmas of men. Churchism and sectarianism could be swept out of existence and Christianity would lose nothing, but the Church of Christ would thereby be greatly purified and made successful.

"The attacks of Mr. Ingersoll and others have been made upon Christianity rather than upon Christianity in a measure have accomplished good; for throughout all Christendom there is more liberality and unity than there was a quarter of a century ago and much of it is traceable to the attacks of infidelity."

Concerning the church the speaker said: "The church is the school of Christ for the purpose of teaching Christianity and to make men like Christ and earth like heaven. All Christians are members of the church and all who believe in and obey Christ are Christians and brethren, whether their names are enrolled upon the same church book or not.

"Men often sneer at the church, painting with apparent gratification to the imperfections of its members, but they have little ground for honest ridicule, as the church has never claimed the perfection of its members, but simply a constant endeavor for higher and better things. In this report the history of the church is like that of fine arts, always a struggle from crude and rudimentary beginnings to higher form."

Among the reasons assigned for needing the church were: "It is superior to all other organizations among men, because of its superior Head—Jesus the Christ; because of its superior code of laws—the Bible; because of its superior influence upon human life.

"The church is the only institution whose membership is not lessened by death. To the faithful church-member death is only promotion to greater honor, happiness and usefulness. When all other societies fall the church is strongest enabling us to say with the Psalmist, 'Though I walk through the valley and shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.'"

REV. A. MACKINTOSH.

St. Andrew's Cathedral (Second Congregation) had large congregations at morning and evening services Sunday the officiating priest being Rev. Alexander Mackintosh. It was announced at matins that the Holy Eucharist would be celebrated on next Sunday.

The sermon in the morning was from a text of the book of Jeremiah and was made applicable to the season of Lent, and especially that period of the Church's calendar called Ember days—a time of fasting and prayer for the priesthood.

"In this busy world," said the preacher, "in the wild vortex of this whirling life, there must be some break or else the thread of our existence on this earth would snap asunder. Some are after pleasure, some after scientific knowledge and many others are pursuing courses the opposite to the spiritual one. It is doubted whether any of them would ask others to follow them as examples. A premature decline; the grave is their end. The Church in its manifold wisdom has ordered a period in its year, a break most beneficial to all."

"God warns us to turn, as He did the ancient children of Israel, and men in their eager pursuit after riches and worldly power should pause and study the life of the one great and powerful Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. But they find no time or inclination for this and go astray. Other gods of gold and silver do they follow. This brings on the wrath of God Almighty. Preferring disease and death to spiritual health and life, to mankind in times past have come prophets and preach-

ers like the great Jeremiah exhorting the people to lead new and better lives. "And today, although we may not confess to the terrible sins of the ancients, yet are we guilty of many sins almost equally heinous as those of the people to whom Jeremiah preached. Uncharitableness, unbridled anger, selfishness, the treatment of those who differ from or thwart us, all these are in the condemnation and estrange us from God.

"When the great Jeremiah sounded the warning of the destruction of the temple and the uprising it was unheeded. So now these times are like exhortations only thrown away. The preacher of old compared our Lord to a purifier of silver who refines the metal until it is without dross. Now in this solemn season of the Church's year is the time for the sinner to turn, acknowledging his error, to the one source of truth and life.

"Beloved in these days, called Ember days, in which men are set apart as ministers of God's word, we find many of them after preaching for years, dissatisfied and discontented. Like Jeremiah they find no miracles wrought on their behalf and they are sad and sick at heart from failure of success in their vocation. But the great preacher of old was never discouraged. Unflinching, even with his mission a failure, he was a defensive city and an iron wall against the whole world. His strength lay in his determination to do what his conscience directed. Nothing shook his constant mind. God's grace is sufficient for a man and the minister of today would ask all to study and know the life of the humble Master, how He grew up from poverty and through the temptations of this life to his Father's home.

"In this season of Lent let us pause in our onward career—this life is not all, for, if it is, it is not worth living—and make ourselves pure that we may meet Him at the resurrection."

REV. G. L. PEARSON.

The subject of the sermon was "The Prodigal Son."

The pastor reminded his hearers that good intentions were of no value, unless put in practice—that there are many who intend to do better, and yet postpone their reform from day to day until death overtakes them and they are lost forever. Our good intentions are worth just what we make them worth in actual life.

The reverend speaker pictured the home of the prodigal surrounded by its herbs, and gardens and orchards. Passers by no doubt looked on it, thinking of the happiness that it must contain. They did not know that within these walls were hearts that ached with the burden that made the days wearisome and the nights long. There was a boy gone from that home, and for days and months and years they had not heard from him.

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