HIS FAREWELL SERMON.

Dr. G. C. Rankin at Shearn Church Last Night.

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A MINISTER

A Strong Discourse Listened to by a Congregation of Not Less Than Twelve Hundred Persons.

Rev. Dr. G. C. Rankin delivered his farewell sermon last night at the Shearn Methodist Episcopal church to a congregation of not less than 1200 persons, among whom were members of other denominations, but who have been attracted to this man of God by his earnest endeavors and fascinating personality. The discourse was particularly a strong one and something out of the ordinary. It was listened to attentively by the assemblage, the thoughts being from the following:

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration and in power." I Cor. ii:1-4.

Dr. Rankin said:

These inspired words were put upon record by Paul, the Great Apostle. He was, and is by long odds the foremost preacher of his own age, and of all other ages of the Christian era. He still stands before the church unparalleled and unequaled as an expounder of the truth of the Gospel. In his treatment into this attitude of pre-eminence he was thoroughly equipped for the maintenance and exposition of Biblical commission as an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. His education was deep and broad and the furnace of his experience was lofty and expansive. In the wide range of history, philosophy, science and theology he was an accepted master of philosophic ability. His systematic training brought him into the possession of an accurate knowledge of the world in which he lived and of the people with whom he associated. He knew the deep wants and the severest struggles of mankind, for his own life had called him to pass through the experiences common to all men. In personal persuasion, a moral statesman and in spiritual instruction he was the equal of his most gifted compatriots. So great was Paul dared to look with unclean eyes into his contemporaries. In addition to all these excellences of mind and heart, he was sublimely eminently and environmentally convinced from the days of his conversion to the religion of the lowly and crucified Jesus. He believed with all the power of his great intellect and with all of the energy of his powerful heart that Jesus Christ was the hope of Israel, the redeemer of the world, the Saviour of men, the Lord of life and death, the judge of quick and dead, the author of his salvation and that in the death and resurrection of Christ he found a great propitiation for the sins of the whole world. With the strength of this belief strong his entire soul, he at once dared upon the consecration of all his energies into the service of a Divine sympathy with mankind. He was constrained to preach the commission he had received from God and fulfill the Christ-given work of his life. Having accomplished this he was ready to receive the crown of life which the Lord, the righteous judge, should give him at that day, and not unto him only but unto all those who should love his appearing. He was ready to go to Corinth for his Lord, if it be the power of God only sufficient to overcome those who would oppose. He was in the strong heart of a good conscience of this work. He himself had been furnished with the leading. He had the evidence of the saving power in his own regenerated heart and life. The consciousness of this living experience was the inspiring motive of his ministry. He only understood to help to others what Christ had done for his soul.

He was a man of one idea, and that was "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." With all of you knowing and believing this, yet this is all that he required of us. Christ was all and in all to him. He delighted in an excellency of speech or of wisdom, he condemned it as worthless. In certain periods neither did he scoffing to themselves of rhetoric, or display of human eloquence or exhibitions of orators in his sermons. He of right, felt he commanded himself in declaring unto the people the whole mysterious of God. He spoke in demonstration and in the power of the Holy Ghost. His preaching aimed at the conversion of the unsaved and the edification of Christ. Through Christ he discovered all truth; and in Christ he found a remedy for all of the wrongs and sins and struggles of human life. God in Christ was reconciling the world unto Himself. In the faith and science of the apostle, Christ and Him crucified was the solution of all moral and religious problems. And when these great questions are settled, all other questions settle themselves.

Hence he says I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. To this one great truth, he subordinated everything else. In fact he knew nothing else but this. He had learned it through the revelation of the Holy Spirit and his knowledge of it was a perfect knowledge. He was willing to stake his life on it and die by it and for it. Moved by this great conviction, he invested his mind, his soul and his body in the one supreme work of preaching a Crucified Savior to the world. He was willing to be counted as nothing and even sacrifice his own life if by so doing he could magnify Christ before men. From the beginning to the end of his ministry, he did not let anything come between him and this one purpose and aim.

And this is the sort of ministry that has been a benediction to the world. Through its instrumentality Christianity has won its triumphs among men. "It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, sayeth the Lord." Christ and Him crucified is still the theme of the gospel preacher. He is still the power of God unto the salvation of everyone that believeth.

Repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ are still the fundamental truths of all gospel declarations. It is not philosophy, or science, or literature, or art; neither is it excellency of speech nor human wisdom, that is to save men from sin, but Christ crucified. He is the only hope of the world as the Savior of sin. In him is the fullness of all moral and spiritual truth.

In this sense He is the light of the world. Through Him the spiritual interests of men and the moral weal of society are to be maintained. Out of him are to come the expansion and development of all advanced civilization. Here the souls of all healthy men, Christians and the foundation of all enlightening and humanity. The proclamation of the truth exercises weapons and defends the rights of the oppressed. He expresses view of the living and holy and virtue and righteousness. He is the friend of all that is good and the enemy of all that is bad. No minister of the gospel shows the work of his life in these principles of Christ and gives them forth to mankind as of incalculable value as an instrument for good to society. The world will never know its indebtedness to the Apostle Paul until the Judgment Day shall reveal the sum total of his service and sacrifice in the interest of humanity. God alone holds the record of his life-work and the influence and results of his ministry. He is dead yet speaketh."

Like his Divine Lord and Master, this great preacher of righteousness gave his whole life to the world and died a martyr in vindication of the truth of the gospel. And his influence, multiplied a million fold is still coming for good upon the destiny of a sinful race.

Any minister of the gospel who devotes his life to the good of his fellows, is a useful adjunct to the community in which he lives and labors. His services are indispensable to the moral and religious welfare of the children of men. He carries a message from God to dying men and women and his life is an illustration of the truth of that message. He stands for a great principle and the power of that principle is the life of the world. Without its saving influence society would not so long as going to pieces.

It is the foundation upon which rests the great of our social fabric. Take away the moral and religious influence of the gospel and where would be the cherished hopes of the people? The true minister of Christ is the exponent of this power of the gospel. He has it in his own heart and he is divinely commissioned to tell it to the world. He holds up Christ and points to Him as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. He tells of His sacrifice for sin and of His ability to save even to the uttermost, all who come to God through faith in Him. And not only that, but he declares the whole counsel of God. He takes the truth, and with it he appeals to the heads and hearts and the hopes and fears of men that he may be instrumental in leading them to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Thus he is to be an active and aggressive force in the community. He is not called to live as a recluse through the week and go through a little perfunctory service on Sunday. He has something else to do as well as prepare sermons, marry the living and bury the dead. He is to know men as they are and not as he would have them to be. He is to come into touch with their struggles, their temptations, their strongs, their crookedness and prepare himself to tell them of the penalties of sin and the certain remedies for their moral conditions. It is his duty to see these things as they exist in human life, and then lovingly act, aloud and spare not. He is not only to be in love and sympathy with all men, but he is to point out the evils of sin, cry out against secret iniquities, expose the hidden sources of vice, and be a creator of whole some public sentiment and not a trembling follower of what is considered to be the popular opinions of men. He must have the courage of his convictions and then in the fear of God express them with determination and with wisdom. To do this he is to know nothing else but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. It is to preach the gospel not with excellency of speech, nor with the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost. Read the four gospels and the Epistles of Paul and see if this is not the standard of duty laid down in the New Testament for the man who professes to be called of God to be a minister of the New Covenant.

In this view of the case, he becomes the salt of the earth, the light of the community, the exemplification of moral strength, and a transforming force in the life of society. His ministry is productive of the fruits of usefulness and he is worth something to the people where he lives and labors. Such a minister may not be the most popular preacher in the community with certain classes of people, but he will have a conscience void of offense toward God and all men, and his honesty of purpose and the results of his labor will command the respect and confidence of the public. His motives will stand the test of righteous judgment. Four years ago I came to this city, a stranger, and assumed charge of this church. You received me as a minister of God and from the beginning until now I have had your love, your confidence and your helpful co-operation. Whatever of success I have had in my work I owe it largely to the fact that you have stood shoulder to shoulder with me in the work which we have undertaken. My ministry has not been a neutral ministry. You will bear me out in the statement that it has been vigorous and aggressive from start to finish. I have not hesitated to declare the whole counsel of God as I have understood it. It has been my aim to comfort believers, to call sinners to repentance, to expose the sources of vice and to build up a wholesome public sentiment in favor of true religion among men. I have endeavored to point out the dangers that beset the home life and the social life of the community, to warn fathers and mothers and sons and daughters of the many dangers and perils which confront them. I have tried to hold up Christ as a sure remedy for all of these ills and I have spared no pains or labor to persuade men to accept him as the Savior of sinners. I have not pandered to public sentiment, neither have I courted the applause of the ungodly, but you will all have to admit that I have in many instances spoken very plainly to evil-doers, yet you will give me credit for having spoken kindly and in the fear of the Master. I have tried to love sinners, but hate sins.

In looking back over it all, I have nothing to take back that I have said in this pulpit. If it were to do over, I would do the same thing again. Yes: I would even go further and add an emphasis to many things to which I have given utterance. As to the success of my ministry in these things, I leave you to judge. I am aware of the fact that I have not pleased everybody in the community. I have made no special effort in that direction. If I had, I would tonight be unworthy of your respect. I was not sent here to please the people, but to preach the gospel to them. The man who pleases everybody is of no account. I have tried to do my duty, and while many of you have differed from me, yet I feel confident that all of you will agree that I have honestly tried to do good in all things to the members of this church and to the city at large. I am only sorry that I have not been able to accomplish more for Christ in this community. But I have done my best and now I leave the result with God. I love you all and I shall not cease to remember you and your kindness to me with gratitude to the dear Father above. I have in my heart nothing but kindly feeling for all of the people of Houston.

During my four years pastorate, I have received into this church by certificate and profession of faith 375 members, 215 of this number are now on the roll in good and regular standing. We have dismissed by certificate church conferences and otherwise, 237, leaving a membership of 654. I have performed the marriage ceremony for 132 couples and attended the funeral services of nearly 250 people. We have collected and disbursed nearly $50,000 for all purposes. In all of this work I have had but one object in view and that was to glorify God and help my fellowmen to a better life. If I have in any measure done this, the thought is very comforting. If I have lightened any burden, if I have inspired any hope; if I have comforted any sorrowing heart, or if I have pointed any soul to the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, then I am ready to thank God and take courage. My work is done. God bless you and may we meet in Heaven.

MISS LUCY HICKENLOOPER.

Au Conservatoire:

Les examens pour les admissions dans les classes de piano (femmes) ont donne les resultats suivants:

Le jury preside par M. Theodore Dubois etait compose de MM. Paladilhe, Lenepveu, Roty, Taffanel, Antonin Marmontel, Wormser, Falcke, Gabriel Pierne, les professeurs Delaborde, Duvernoy, Raoul Pugno et Fernand Bourgeat secretaire.

Sur 176 concurrentes douze ont ete admises dans les classes superieures, ce sont: Miles Debrie, Boutarel, Bussieres, Hickenlooper, Marion, Rolitz, Phoquin, Pons d'Almeida, Dellea, Leon et Ortiz.

This notice appears in the Paris L'Evenement of November the 12th, and contains the announcement that Miss Lucy Hickenlooper, a Houston girl born and bred, has been admitted to the Paris conservatory of music, one of the most meritorious institutes in the world.

Miss Hickenlooper was born in Houston but fifteen years ago. Her mother was well known to all Houston and Galveston as Miss Jessie Lessing Grunewald. Her grandmother, Mrs. L. P. Grunewald, who is now her companion abroad, is a musician of no little note in New York City.

On her father's side, Miss Hickenlooper is connected with prominent Northern families. Judge Hickenlooper of Washington, D. C., is well known in the highest judicial circles and her uncle was Lieutenant Governor Hickenlooper of Ohio.

Miss Hickenlooper is the only American in the Paris conservatory. For the past year she has been under the patronage of M. Marmontel and through his influence, as well as that of M. Widor, the leader of the conservatory, both of whom admire and believe in the young girl's talents, she was even last year admitted as a listener to the lectures.

The requirements for admission are very vigorous, as may be judged from the fact that out of 176 applicants, only 12 were admitted at this examination. Miss Hickenlooper is the only American in the conservatory.

From an early age she showed great ability for the piano, and, being encouraged to great effort, there is every reason to believe that Miss Hickenlooper will make her State and her country proud.

In appearance the girl is a decided brunette, with pretty, soft brown curls and large, dark eyes. Her hands are those of a true musician, with thin, long, flexible fingers.

Not only those who know the family, but also all who are interested in an ambitious and talented girl's musical career, will watch her progress closely.

MASONIC MATTERS.

Quite a Number of Delegates Arrived Yesterday.

The railroad rate for the meeting of the Grand Masonic bodies went into effect yesterday and quite a number of delegates desiring to be on the ground early for the meeting of the Grand Lodge which convenes Tuesday, came in on the night trains, among them R. R. Abernethy of Gonzales, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, who is located at the Bristol, where forty-one other delegates were registered last night.

The committee on credentials for the Grand Lodge will meet this morning when the delegates present will be registered.

Following are the committees appointed by Holland and Gray Lodges to urge the selection of North Galveston for the location of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home:

Holland Lodge committee—W. V. H. Watson, J. C. Kidd, O. C. Drew, C. J. Wright, Sam McNeil, T. W. Cronan, N. L. Mills, G. H. Gibbons, H. T. Warner, J. W. Haskin, S. M. Williams, L. T. Noyes, W. R. Sinclair, W. H. Coyle.

Gray Lodge committee—S. M. Williams, J. C. Kidd, C. J. Wright, T. W. Cronan, G. C. Gibbons, J. W. Haskins, L. T. Noyes and W. H. Coyle.

These committees have created the following executive committee: J. S. Wilson, T. W. Cronan, J. W. Haskins, C. J. Wright, A. F. Sittig, who have opened headquarters at Lewyn's drug store in the Binz building, on Main street, opposite the Capitol hotel.

A large additional number of delegates are expected in on today's trains.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Meeting Tonight at Christian Church to Elect Officers

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the Houston Local Union of Christian Endeavor, the resignation of the president of the union, and also that of the Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian church, was read and accepted. There will be a meeting of the union tonight at the Central Christian church to fill the office of president and transact other important business. It is expected at once to begin active work on the State Christian Endeavor convention, which will be held here next year. Many matters pertaining to the convention will be discussed and it is probable that the 97 convention committees will be definitely appointed. Each endeavorer is urged to attend this meeting, as being one of the wholesomest things which has happened in a long time.

Mrs. S. M. Sloan of Fort Worth, superintendent of Galveston district, will start on a tour of the district on December 7 and will spend the first three days in this city with the various societies. On Sunday, December 6, at 4 o'clock, there will be a union meeting of all the societies at the Central Christian church, where Mrs. Sloan, who is a good talker and one of the best informed Endeavorers in the State, will address them on Christian Endeavor lines.

THE POLICEMEN'S BALL.

Everything in Readiness for the Big Event Tonight.

Turner hall is beautifully decorated for the policemen's ball tonight. The decorations are of evergreens, pine boughs, interspersed with beautifully red-fruited holly and palms. The floor has been waxed so that it is sleeker than the sleekest criminal that ever falls into the clutches of the police.

"Middy" Sullivan, who as a glide waltzer is the envy of the entire force, went with The Post police reporter to the hall yesterday to take a whirl over the floor to pass judgment upon it as an expert. "Middy" struck out with a right foot first and slid, leaving a deep furrow on the floor, nearly the entire length of the hall, before he could catch his equilibrium and then he caught it about midship with a dull thud that shook the entire building.

"Faith and I'll fix that," said Middy. "Before the sun goes down tomorrow I'll have me soals well spoiled, and it'll be the other fellows what'll do the grand and lofty tumblin', but don't give the secret away, or the whole gang w'll be comin' in baseball shoes."

The reporter assured "Middy" that his secret would be respected, and it would not be divulged here except in justice to the ladies who expect to attend the ball with dresses worn en train, to give them warning to look out for Sullivan's spiked shoes in order to prevent accidents.

Officer O'Leary received information last night that Chief Jones of Galveston would be up tonight to the ball with twelve of Galveston's finest.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. W. Preston of Galveston spent Sunday in Houston.

Mr. A. J. Thrash has gone on a business trip to Cincinnati.

J. L. Wilson and son of Belton are guests at the Bristol.

Mr. William V. Davis has gone to Palestine to spend a month visiting friends.

James Hays Quarles, staff correspondent of The Post at Dallas, is in Houston meeting his friends again.

Ex-Governor J. S. Hogg and Mr. John Lovejoy were in the city yesterday on their way from Austin to Galveston. Governor Hogg and Mr. Lovejoy have been before the railroad commission at Austin with a plea that the wharf company's trackage at Galveston should come under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission.

W. E. Flannagan, who for some months past has been in the Post building taking Associated Press reports, left Saturday for Milwaukee, Wis., where he enters similar service for the Milwaukee Herald. He was succeeded in Houston by Mr. J. W. O'Brien, an Associated Press operator of the Milwaukee Herald. The Herald, while a German paper, is among the most influential in the North.

Miss Minnie Stern of Galveston, who has been visiting friends in Dallas for several weeks past, returned home yesterday, passing through Houston on the Katy. She was accompanied as far as Houston by Messrs. Bertolph Sterne and Jake Kahn of Dallas, the trio forming a very pleasant traveling party. Mr. Sterne is a native Englishman and is spending the present cotton season in Texas; his home being in Liverpool. He finds much in this country to interest him.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Funeral of Mrs. Hawthorn

Mrs. Mary Hawthorn who died at her residence, 109 San Jacinto street, on Saturday, was buried yesterday at Glenwood, Rev. G. C. Rankin officiating at her obsequies.

The funeral occurred at 2 p. m. from the late home of the deceased. Following were the pall bearers: Will Lambert, J. A. Ziegler, F. E. Adams, J. T. Farrell, Gus Fredericks and H. M. Baugh.

There were a number of handsome floral offerings, among them a design contributed by her children, a pretty floral pillow, woven in white flowers with "Our Mother" interwoven in purple.

Death of Johnnie Connor.

Johnnie Connor, aged 7 years, son of J. T. and Hannah Connor, died at 3 a. m. yesterday at the family residence, 1816 Decatur street, whence the funeral will take place at 10:30 this morning; interment at Glenwood.

CITY BREVITIES.

The Houston Light Guard will hold an important meeting Wednesday night, December 2.

Judge Cavin will be up today from Galveston to set cases for the December term of the criminal district court.

Mrs. Charlton Edholm's lecture will be delivered at the First Baptist church Tuesday at 3 o'clock p. m., in the interest of the Rescue Home movement.

A very dead horse is reported as annoying the olfactories of citizens living in the neighborhood of Pease and St. Emanuel streets.

Justice Hill yesterday evening, at the residence of Mr. Patterson, 311 Buffalo street, performed the ceremony making Mr. John H. Roberts and Mrs. Nora B. Schultz man and wife.

Council Meeting.

The city council will meet in regular session this afternoon at 4 o'clock. At the last meeting of the council, the finance committee was requested to report at the next meeting (today) a plan to raise money for the paving of Washington avenue, but as the committee has hardly had time to evolve a plan since the meeting last Wednesday, it is not likely that a report upon this subject will be forthcoming at this evening's meeting.

Mayor Rice will submit this evening his reasons for vetoing the bicycle ordinance, passed at the last meeting. While the reporter can not say positively what these reasons will be, in a conversation with Mayor Rice upon the subject when the ordinance was first introduced he was very emphatic in his idea that the ordinance should be made more general in its application, requiring all vehicles, public and private, to carry lights at night, as well as bicycles. A provision to this effect was in the ordinance as originally submitted to the committee, but the clause requiring all other vehicles to carry lights at night was killed in the committee room, and was objected upon advocacy at the final reading and passage of the ordinance. It will likely be against the discrimination that Mayor Rice will take his veto.

Clothing Thieves.

Monroe Absorson, colored, was arrested Saturday night by the police on a warrant charging him with the theft of several articles of wearing apparel from the residence of Mr. Charles Tinsley, on Walker avenue. He is held for hearing and their testes for the theft of a pair of pants from F. Marks.

English Gentleman in Houston

[illegible] chief engineer of the British steamer Britannia, were up from the Island City, the guests of J. C. Clark, at the Lawlor. It was Mr. Rankin's first trip to Houston, and he expressed much pleasure with the appearance of the city. While here his friends conferred upon him the title of "Major," in addition to other titles he holds by his connection with the British reserve militia. Both of these gentlemen are considered among the finest engineers of both countries.

The Last Day

Today is the last day delinquent city tax payers against whom judgments have been rendered in the district court will have in which to settle up their delinquency and prevent their property being sold by the sheriff, as tomorrow is the legal sale day. Citizens interested should further bear in mind that such sales have been passed upon by the supreme court as being perfectly valid.

Died at St. Joseph's.

The unknown negro who was picked up by the patrol wagon Saturday morning suffering from exposure, died at St. Joseph's infirmary yesterday morning. When found he was scantily attired and was thought to have laid in the rain Friday night. His body is at Ross & Wright's awaiting identification.

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"FAUST."

No play has been before the public so long as Lewis Morrison's production of "Faust," which will be seen at the opera house tomorrow night. It needs no commendation in advance. It must have inherent merit to have withstood the comments of the press and to have made for its projectors such financial returns as have been placed to its credit. Mr. Morrison's "Faust" has always been notable for its staging and this season it will be presented with entirely new scenery and costumes. Its seven elaborate scenes are newly designed as well as freshly painted and the same electric effects will again be seen. Mr. Morrison will again present his original creation of "Mephisto" and Florence Roberts will play "Marguerite," and White Whittlesey "Faust."

While "Faust" is always a ready money winner for Lewis Morrison and he could probably go on playing it to a large box office receipt to the end of his career, he is not satisfied to go down to posterity identified in an indelible manner with one character, therefore, he this season chooses to present "Yorick's Love" and Richelieu in conjunction with "Faust," actuated by a desire to demonstrate that it is not the part that gives him the right to be called an artist, for his Cardinal Richelieu is a gem of rare artistic worth. Mr. Morrison is not only an actor but he is a very finished and versatile one.

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It 'pears to me that folks had [illegible]
It's true we was all poor, but that [illegible]
Thar was the water, so good and cold
As it come rushin' out'n the spring
An' then the air was just clear and [illegible]
That you could see miles an' [illegible]
If it hadn't been for the kickin an [illegible]
pine,

An' when the days in May was gettin' [illegible]
and warm
An' the flowers in the orchard was all [illegible]
An' the bees begun to swarm,
Well, then, just to waller in the [illegible]
An' gnaw the grapes an' plums
You'd have thought the gates of heaven
Wide open had been flung
An' the lady angels was aware
Ther hankerchers with perfume.

An' then the summer time came in
With fruits of ev'ry kine
When the striped watermillion
Was ripenin' on the vine
An' ciders, quakers, an' peaches
Was ready to be pulled
An' hick'ry nuts and chestnuts
Was wettin' to be hulled.
Well then it was just good to be [illegible]
To keep an' eat a boy.
An' know that you was [illegible]
But a freckle-faced boy.

A Wise Retreat.

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