

Everyone Is Welcome at Any of These Churches On the Sabbath Day

Rev. Burgess Avers Many Not Holding Fast to Profession of True Faith

Taking his text from Hebrews x. 20-24, Rev. A. Burgess, who recently became pastor of Egerton Street Baptist Church, delivered a well-reasoned sermon to his congregation on Sunday morning.

Approaching the subject from the idea of the "Threefold Exhortation," the speaker first took the words "Let us draw near with a true heart." The Christian life is full of difficulties that it is well for us to suffer the word of exhortation. The apostle at this time was calling upon the people to stand fast for the old-time religion that had stood the test. The same call should go forth to the Christian people of today.

There is no suffering in the idea of the word of exhortation, because it is not for tearing down, but rather for building up. It was what gave strength to the apostles and sustained martyrs in the Middle Ages when they died at the stake. Men asked their lives "to suffer the word of exhortation."

The pastor declared his belief that Hebrews had been written by Paul, and the message is just as binding now as it was at the time it was first penned.

Peter followed the Master afar off. Today there is a chance and a danger of the church doing this very thing. Unless we stand united for Christ, the devil will come in and separate our forces. Stand in the undimmed light of God; stand in the pure light of heaven; let men see that you are a member of

SCORES EXTREMES IN AMUSEMENT

Rev. John Richardson Believes Many Unreasonable in Pleasure Seeking.

Scoring the extremes to which many people go in search of amusement, Rev. John Richardson, B.A., informed his congregation at Chalmers Presbyterian Church Sunday morning that it is not the question of pleasure which is puzzling Christianity today, but "how amusements which are absurd or 'carried too far'."

Speaking on "Conscience and What Amusements Are Right," Mr. Richardson pronounced legitimate amusements as one of life's blessings, and he declared that those solemn-faced persons who never countenanced amusements at all were almost in the same category as those who worked pleasure to death.

Conscience too often fails to act as the guide in selecting amusements, according to the minister, who explained this statement on the ground that it suffers a paralysis of insensibility or may be perverted easily. He urged his congregation to put forth an effort to stem the aimless drifting of the world into the channels of pleasure, which, he asserted, were becoming excessive and unreasonable.

Pleasure Craze Excessive. "The craze for pleasure and the demand for amusement today is excessive, and sometimes unreasonable," said Mr. Richardson in explaining his topic.

"Moreover it is resulting in many young people having no mental curiosity of any kind—literary, scientific or mechanical."

Continuing, Mr. Richardson deplored the fact that this craze is sapping the spiritual life of the churches, but qualified his statement by saying that he was not condemning amusement, nor branding it as an infringement of religion.

"The trouble today is the extremes to which we go," he explained, "and a question of real concern today is: 'Where is the old-fashioned, serious young person?'"

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Urges Fellowship



REV. A. BURGESS.

EGERTON STREET BAPTIST pastor urges congregation to consider the other fellow. Too many of us have the spirit that drives out happiness. Search down in the human heart for something worth trying to develop. Fully one-half of the misery in the world is caused by selfishness. Let us provoke each other to good works. The pastor made a strong plea that no person should make a failure of the Christian life—past mistakes should be stepping-stones. Seek to make your Christianity a workable thing, and point unsaved men to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

URGES PEOPLE TO OBSERVE SABBATH

Rev. R. B. Stevenson Preaches Inspiring Sermon at Hyatt Ave. Church.

The importance not only to the individual, but to the nation in Sunday observance was the theme of the morning sermon delivered at Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church yesterday by Rev. R. B. Stevenson, of the Lord's Day Alliance. During the course of his address the speaker referred to the work and methods of the organization with which he is associated.

Well of Refreshment. The speaker referred the Sabbath the great well of refreshment, the great central blessing of humanity. It was the day above all other days which gave an opportunity of praise and prayer to God.

A strong plea against the introduction into Canada of the continental Sunday was made by Mr. Stevenson. He placed the direct responsibility of the Great War on the loss by Germany of God and the Sabbath. He declared that one German generation, untaught in the ways of God, had brought that country down into the depths of hell in their striving for national greatness.

"If in ancient times they needed the great central spring of righteousness, surely in the rush of modern times we of today should glory in the Sabbath," declared the speaker.

Pointing to an honor roll of those who fell in the Great War, Mr. Stevenson declared that while that was a fine memorial of those who died for the principles of Jesus Christ, the greatest monument that could be set up to these men was the building up of a God-loving, God-fearing people.

Points Way to Peace. Sunday observance, the speaker declared pointed the way to peace. If nations would think peace and brotherhood as strenuously for 40 years as Germany had thought war for the same time, there was hope of world peace. It was not possible to say yet, however, that the last great war had been fought.

Failure to observe the Sabbath, Mr. Stevenson declared in closing, would mean the loss not only of the individual soul, but the soul of the nation.

At the conclusion of his sermon, Mr. Stevenson made a strong plea for assistance in the work which the alliance is doing to retain the strict observance of Sunday. He had enveloped passed amongst the congregation in which offerings to the cause might be made or pledges of support given.

POLICE FAIL TO LOCATE PETROLEUM COMPANY

Special to London Advertiser. SARNIA, Aug. 13.—Inquiries made by the local police to trace an organization calling itself the Mohawk Petroleum Company of Sarnia have failed to reveal any local knowledge of such an organization.

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VISITORS TO ALGONQUIN PARK. Mrs. R. Ellis and Miss F. Ellis, London, were guests at the Highland Inn, during period July 20 to Aug. 3.—Adv.

SEES PRIDE AS VICE, AND SOURCE OF EVIL IN WORLD

Declaring that pride is a vice, and is the root and source of every evil, Rev. Weber admonished his hearers at St. Mary's Church Sunday morning to pray earnestly for the virtue of humility and to endeavor to practice that sterling virtue as much as possible in their daily lives.

Taking as his text, "Because everyone that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted," the speaker cited the example of the publican and the Pharisee going to the temple to pray.

The Pharisee declaimed at some length, and in loud tones, the various reasons why he should be thankful for not being "like the rest of men."

He fasted three times a week, gave money to aid the poor, and besides did many other good deeds. On the other hand, however, the poor, sinful publican betook himself to the farthest corner of the temple, and striking his breast, murmured: "Oh Lord, have mercy upon me, a sinner."

"The Pharisees were reputed to be a proud people," said Father Weber, "while the publicans were emblematic of the lowest type of vice. They were extortioners, and oppressed the poor, yet the publican in the parable was a beautiful example of humility."

"The parable points out how much God loves the opposite of pride, the virtue of humility, for has not Our Divine Savior said: 'Everyone that exalteth himself shall be humbled,

and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.'"

"The innermost desire of the proud person is to make known to the world his own excellence. He desires to make himself esteemed by others, perhaps on account of his wealth, his beauty, or his wisdom."

"The first sin of pride resulted in millions of angels being cast out of Heaven, and it was for these fallen angels that Hell was created. And today, as always, pride is the root of every evil. Pride is soon followed by other sins; vainglory, boasting of one's own accomplishments. Then hypocrisy follows—pretending to be virtuous, when one is really wicked, and false ambition, a desire for power and glory, which is often striven after by dishonest means."

"Revenge, anger, self-conceit, insubordination, can all be traced to the sin of pride."

"Humility is knowing what we are, that we came from God, and that we owe everything and all our success in life to His divine goodness. Humility is the foundation of all virtues and of character."

"The humble person is conscious of his own excellence and good qualities, but unlike the Pharisee, attributes them to God. And even though our vices may be numerous, with the virtue of humility it is possible to redeem ourselves once more in the sight of God, even as the publican did in the Scriptures."

"God gives grace to the humble person and not to the proud, for has he not commanded us to be meek and humble of heart. Pride carries with it its own downfall, but the humble person is rewarded with many blessings."

SAYS BEST THINGS COME INDIRECTLY

Rev. T. A. Symington Claims Goodness Comes by Striving to Do God's Will.

"Many of the finest things of life come to us, not when we are aiming at them or seeking them, but as by-products," said Rev. T. A. Symington, preaching to the combined congregations of Wortley Road Baptist and Knox Presbyterian Churches in the latter church Sunday night.

"The wisdom of the world," said the minister, "says 'Choose your goal and go straight for it.' This is wisely said in most cases, but there are some outstanding exceptions."

"The road to some of the best things in life is indirect. Some things of worth are only reached when we aim at something else."

The minister then related several instances from history and literature to show that his contention proved true of health, beauty, happiness, influence and greatness.

"Above all, real goodness and knowledge of God comes indirectly to those who honestly face life and seek to do God's will."

"The man who makes it his aim to be a saint usually ends in being a self-righteous Pharisee."

"It is not really wise advice to say 'be good.' If you would have the world arrive at true saintliness and

"Some people worry themselves tremendously over the truth about God, about doctrine and dogma. They would do well to dwell upon the truth, 'He that doeth the will shall know the doctrine,' Carlyle said,

Urges Hearers to Spend More Time In Private Prayer With Almighty

At the union services held in the Horton Street Congregational Church last evening, Rev. M. Kelly took as his text I. Thess., 5:17: "Pray without ceasing."

In discussing the subject, Mr. Kelly pointed out that the apostle was not writing this for ministers or those who had the responsibility of conducting public religious services.

"Extended public prayer is certainly not what is in the apostle's mind, as he writes this verse," said the pastor. "He is not thinking of public prayer at all. He is thinking of private devotions. We learn the same lesson from the teaching of Jesus."

"That men are always to pray is clearly stated in Luke xviii:1; but in Matt. vi:7 we are told 'We shall not be heard for our much speaking.' The important truth seems to be that if we would follow our Lord's example in the greatest of all prayers, our public devotions should be conducted with a due regard to brevity; whereas our private devotions, when we are alone with God, may be extended as long as we please."

"To lengthen out our public and shorten up or private devotions is imitate the example of the heathen who lived in the days of

"Doubts of any sort cannot be removed except by action."

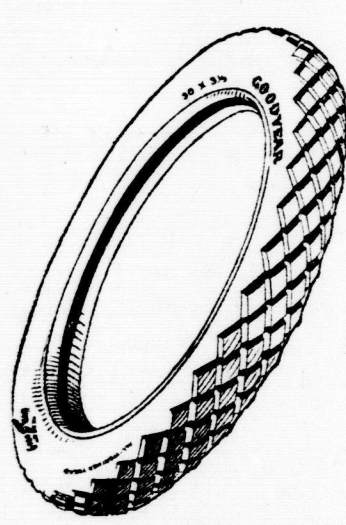
"The temper of the true Christian life is surrender of self to Christ. Jesus said, 'He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.'"

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Kelly conducted a service for the inmates of the Home for Incurables on Grand avenue.

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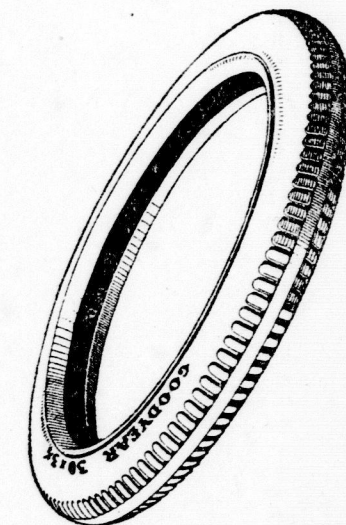


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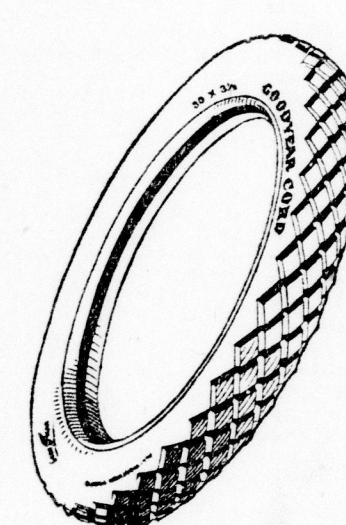


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