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The Congregational Pulpit.

The Sunday morning the Rev. Dudley Ashford gave an exposition of the twenty-third Psalm, which, he said, is the most familiar and the most beautiful of them all. It is so beautiful in its simplicity and so perfect in its depth. It is generally known as the Shepherd Psalm, but it really depicts God under two figures of speech. Verses 1-4 depict Him as a shepherd, but verses 5-6 picture Him as a Host. God as our shepherd leads us through the grassy pastures and the still and refreshing waters. In the picture which is a hot country and subject to droughts, the fertility is very parched; hence the significance of the phrase, "He leadeth me in paths that are straight." "Yes, though I walk through a vale of deep gloom," represents the Psalmist's faith in the presence of the Divine Companion who is with us in every dark valley through which we have to pass. The shepherd and the staff symbolize the power and the affection of God. The Rod was a big oak club used by the shepherd to beat off wild beasts. The staff was the Crook, and was used to help the sheep in difficult places. In the second part of the psalm, verses 7-8 you pass to a different scene. It is that of a shepherd's tent away in the desert to which some poor fugitive from blood flees for safety. One incident that tent and by Eastern law and custom he was sure of protection and hospitality. And such hospitality, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over." And once he had enjoyed the shelter of that gracious tent, the fugitive would be loath to leave it, and so also the psalmist says, "I will dwell in the tent of Jehovah forever."

At night Mr. Ashford spoke on the subject of "Resolve and its Achievement." He based his remarks on the verses told in Matt. 21:30 and Luke 13:20. You cannot over-estimate the value and the power of a great resolve, said the preacher. It gives quality to life and saves our very manhood. What is often needed for a man's salvation is something that arrests attention, quickens desire and stirs the will. There is a vast gulf between resolve and its achievement, as most of us well know. Dr. Johnson confessed that he had spent forty years in making futile resolutions, and this was the man who every night when he went to bed used to promise himself that he would get up at six o'clock, but was generally found in bed at mid-day. This world is filled with the tragedy of weak wills. And yet there is nothing more striking than the greatness of will-power. We each

of us have reserves of power of which we little dream. Great resolutions require behind them strong incentives if they are to be effective. The greatest of all resolves that any man or woman can make, involving sacrifice and adventure, is the resolve to be good, to lead a clean pure life, and to follow the Christ. We should make that resolve for two reasons. First because we live in a moral world, and we are moral creatures with a distinction between right and wrong. Conscience bids us do the right. God is on the side of right, and right must triumph. And we should make the great resolves that transform life because God trusts us. He has entrusted us with the power of free will. It has been God's method all through and it is a method that works. Jesus sought to transform men by trusting them. But what if our wills are weak and our lives are blemished and battered? The mighty power of God is at our disposal, and is ours by faith and receptivity. God can make something of our lives if only we will hand them over to Him. Therefore make the great resolve to follow the Christ. Put your trust in Him. Do it now, for tomorrow, to-day will be yesterday. Next Sunday night Mr. Ashford will speak on "The Choice of a Master."—Com.

Bay-de-Verde Notes.

The news that the elections has been postponed until the fall is joyful tidings to the people here, who were indignant at the Government trying to spring an election without giving the Opposition time to form a party. The Capital has shown that public opinion is aroused, and we intend to send two Opposition men to the House of Assembly to uphold our rights.

The people are disgusted with the present conglomeration calling itself a Government. Coaker's day is done in this district; we want "the incorruptible Commoner." Bond to take charge of the ship of state. Come on Sir Robert and we will show that you are the man we want and we will elect your candidates with large majorities.—Cor.

Preparing for Dance.

The C. C. C. Boat Club is now preparing for the dance to be held on Easter Monday night. The full battalion band will furnish an excellent programme of music, and every arrangement is being made to ensure those attending an enjoyable time.

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Barring Russia and Scandinavia, no European country has had timber enough for her own needs for a long time past. As for the United Kingdom, we have been spending over twenty-five millions a year for years past on imported timber, most of it from Norway and the United States. But the States are rapidly coming to the end of their own resources. During the past thirty years they have cut over seven hundred thousand million feet. Figures like these mean little to anyone, so let us mention that the weight of this timber was 1,400 million tons or enough to load 250,000 large steamers.

Canada is as badly off. There is said to be now no merchantable pine within 200 miles of Ottawa. Pine has doubled in cost between 1900 and 1914. Its present price is four times what it was ten years ago. Burma teak has seen a rise in price almost equal to that of pine.

Oak is getting scarcer every day, and railway companies are having the greatest difficulty in getting the American oak which has been considered indispensable for wagon scantlings. Honduras, once considered a veritable treasure house of tropical timbers, is cut almost clear, while Cuba and San Domingo are in a similar plight. America is now importing largely from Africa.

"World Peace, or a French Peace?"

London, April 7.—"A French peace or a world peace," is the heading of a two-column article in the Daily News by the newspaper's editor, A. G. Gardiner.

"We come," he writes, "to a sharp issue, and we have to make up our minds whether we are going to follow the French path, or whether we are going to keep our own path. We all want safeguards and security—safeguards for France, but safeguards also for the world. Safeguards against the Germans, but safeguards against every people that has an itch for the sword. The question is whether we are going to get them by a military peace, or a clean peace, by what M. Pichon calls the fruits of victory, or by what President Wilson aims at—a new world order conceived in the spirit of justice."

"It has been plain from the beginning that French statesmanship is thinking in the old continental terms and not in world terms. The war has taught it nothing."

Obituary.

At Aquaforte, there passed peacefully away on the 8th inst., a well known and respected resident, in the person of James Meagher, aged 76 years, leaving a widow, four sons, James, William, Richard and Howard; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Keough, of Caplin Bay, and Mrs. Thomas Baldwin, residing at New Bedford, U.S.A. Deceased having always enjoyed the best of health, his death gave quite a surprise to his friends. He was the son of the late James Meagher, school teacher of Aquaforte, and nephew of the late Capt. Richard Meagher, of St. John's.—R.L.F.

SMALLPOX.—Two cases of small-pox were reported Saturday from New Gower Street. Both sufferers were removed to hospital.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Traveler.—Now that Spring elections have been called off there is likely to be a change in the personnel of the Government candidates, and consequently the young man Scammell may not go to Burgos. While your letter is interesting, it is nevertheless a bit too pointedly personal. Should you care to tone it down a bit, we will find space for publication. Whether politically or otherwise it is a maxim of the Telegram to "play the game," hence we trust you will appreciate the situation. Should you care to call we will be pleased to discuss the matter with you.

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