## THE CHURCH SLEEPERS

LESSON FROM THE INCIDENT OF THE YOUNG MAN EUTYCHUS.

FELL AND BROKE HIS NECK

Sermon to the Careless, the Indifferent, the Irreverent, Who In Church Keep One Eye on the Sermon and the Other on Business or Pleasure-Direct Application of the Text Made

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Los Angeles, Cal., July 29.—To the careless, the indifferent and the irreverent, who in church keep one eye on the sermon and the other on business or pleasure, this sermon has a direct application. The text selected is Acts xx, 9, "And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep."

No class of men work harder for Christ than do the traveling evangelists. When such men as John Wesley and George Whitefield and D. L. Moody have a word for a parish, they realize how large that field is, and they do everything in their power to travel over it before they die. The true evangelist preaches on Sunday. He also preaches on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He not only preaches at night, but in the afternoons and in the mornings. He preaches at all times and under all sonditions. He seems to say to himself: "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few. O God, give mestrength to wield thy sickle with superhuman power and gather thy sheaves by the multitudes into the gospel granary."

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John Wesley, the traveling evangelist always began his day's work at 4 o'clock in the morning. Many were the times he preached two sermons before breakfast. On an average he used to travel every year nearly 5,000 miles. He preached from two to four sermons every day of his life. Not only that, but he everywhere disseminated his printed appeals for Christ. Truly Tyerman was right when he eulogized John Wesley's herculean labors in these words: "Looking at his traveling, the marvel is how he found time to write, and, looking at his books, the marvel is how he found time to write, and, looking at his how he found time to write, and, looking at his how he found time to write, and, looking at his hooks, time to write, and, looking at his books, the marvel is how he found time to preach. But preach he did. He kept on preaching under all conditions. He seemed to say, "My life is slipping away so fast that I must carry the gospel to as many people as possible before I die." Wesley preached in the arrive morning to the miners of Cromarty. He preached in the market places at noon. He preached in the fields in the afternoon. He preached in the churches at night. He preached at all times, under all conditions, to all

different cities as I can before I die, I think if we get up early in the morning and preach before breakfast and keep on preaching during the day and preach late in the evening I can sow a good many seeds. Our time is very short. We must hasten on to Assos and Mitylene and thence go to Chlos and Trogyllium and Miletus."

Thus we see Paul hard at work in Troas. Six days slipped by only too quickly. On the last day before he sails he has so much to say that he continues his talks far on toward the midnight. While he is exhorting the Christians of Troas to be true to their faith a young man who is sitting on faith a young man who is sitting on the window sill of the room dozes, loses his balance and falls out and breaks his neck. "And there sat in a window a certain young man named Entychus, being fallen into a deep sleep, and as Paul was long preaching he sunk down with sleep and fell down from the third loft and was taken up dead." Now, I would like to consider with you the reason why this young man fell asleep during the preaching of Paul and why his somnolence should be a rebuke to all Christians sleeping in our church pews.

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to-day. He did not believe that there was ever a last time for him to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. He felt that if he could receive Christ to-day then he could receive him next week or next month or next year or even ten years from the night of his fatal accident. But there was a last chance for Eutychus, and there is a last time for us. And the sad fact is that for some of us this last time for accepting Christ may be to-day—this morning, this afternoon or to-night. Perhaps Christ is speaking to us as Christ spake in the parable of old, saying, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." To-night the death angel may come to thee as he came to Eutychus of old, when he fell out of the window and broke his neck.

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"But," says some one, "you must remember, though Eutychus may have broken his neck, that Paul, by the power of the Holy Spirit, resurrected him. The Bible distinctly declares that." Yes, my friend, you are right. But I would not have you lay too much stress on that fact. It is not every preacher who has Paul's power of restoring you to life if you were to break your neck. If you reject the gospel to-day and should die before night by some accident or disease, no preacher could obtain for you another opportunity, as Paul did for Eutychus. So I think, after all, that was Eutychus' last chance for salvation, for, if after that fall and resurrection he did not receive Christ, he would never have received him at all. And I know, further, that after the hard trouble God has lately sent upon you in your financial misfortune or in the death of your loved one or in the pains of your late sickness, if you do not receive Jesus Christ now, in all probability you will never receive him at all. Yes, after Eutychus was restored to life, in all probability there was no difficulty for him to stay awake and listen to Paul about the glories of a spiritual salvation. Is it any wearl-

"Where the Treasure Is," Etc. "Harold," said the heiress, "I have

been thinking."
"Thinking of me, precious?" asked flarold.

"Indirectly, yes. I have been thinking that were you to marry me every-body would say you only did so in order to get my money."
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"My ewn dar"—
"And I will not have people say unkind things about you, so I have arranged to give all my fortune to the missionaries. Why, harold, where are you going?"

Harold paused long enough on his way to the door to look back and mutter, "I'm going to be a missionary!"—Judge.

Judge.

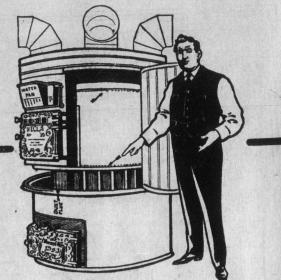
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Toronto, Aug. 3.—Justice McMahon, in opening single court yesterday, paid a warm tribute to the life and work of the late Judge Street.

"In the death of our distinguished colleague," said he, "the bench and the bar has sustained a loss which arouses general regret. I had known the late Mr. Justice Street for over thirty-five years, and as a fellow-townsman and personal friend in the legal profession, I knew him as a genial man, an able jurist, and a most capable judge. His death will leave a place on the bench which it will be hard of fill"

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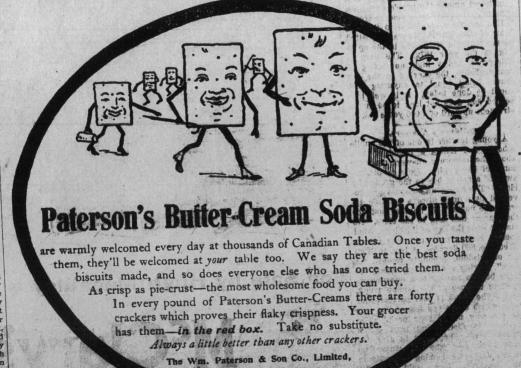
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