

Overheard

Pointed Paragraphs from Recent Sermons and Addresses

"There are those who say that a union of the churches in this country is not possible, because of the differences in theology and polity, but I am not one of the number. I think the difficulty is not here, so much, as in a lack of 'the bond of peace,' which lack exists, because we do not live up to our conceptions of God, the all Father; and of how to promote His church amongst the great family of mankind."—Rev. R. J. Elliott, Waterloo.

"Embodied in the incomparable Christ are all the forces which go to the building up of great characters. Sympathy with Christ in thought and feeling, co-operation with Him in service, fellowship with Him in sacrifice and suffering, tend to produce great personality. Truth was His point of view. His heart was attuned to love. No sacrifice, no suffering, no shame, no crucifixion could cause Him to lose grasp of truth and love. Like produces like. To follow Christ, to be with Christ, is to be like Christ; and Christ was this world's greatest character."—Rev. G. W. F. Glendenning, S.T.B., Digby, N.S.

"It is folly for a person worth fifty thousand dollars to be pottering away with a fifty dollar business. Through pride, or fear, or laziness many of us are doing a smaller business for God than our capital demands. When I see a woman who is a magnificent entertainer in the drawing-room, with little interest in Christ and salvation, I regard it as a spectacle of thousands of capital locked up in a ten-cent business. When I see a man who commands influence in the lodge room, or in local politics, making no effort to get men acquainted with Jesus, and lead them into large life he seems as much out of place as a Morgan or Carnegie would be keeping a peanut stand."—Rev. Dr. Scott, Montreal.

"There are truth and love in the non-Christian system of the world, but Christ alone gives the perfect truth. He is not the light of Asia, but the light of the world. He is not a section of the truth, for he said, 'I am the Truth.' Hence, while the case of Brahminism is breaking up and the fires of Zoroastrianism are dying out, and the ethics of Confucianism are waning, Christ's teachings are becoming the desire of all nations. He is the supreme and final teacher for men. Science shall never antiquate His teachings. Discovery shall never put His Gospel on the shelf. Time, the great grave digger, may strew the centuries with the crumbling monuments of broken systems and shattered empires, but here is a kingdom which shall stand firm as the everlasting throne of God till rolling years have ceased to move."—Rev. E. E. Scott, Sault Ste. Marie.

"God is Interested in every life. God has a work for each one to do. God has a place for each person to fill. We are not expected to fill more than our own place, or do more than our own work. But each one is accountable for his own place and his own work. What may God accomplish if he has an un hindered opportunity in your life? We think of the fields as God's opportunity to grow harvests—of the garden to develop fruits and flowers—of the seasons of the year

to paint beautiful pictures. What did God accomplish through D. L. Moody? What returns may result if our time and talents are at His disposal? What God has made possible, we are responsible for. Being equipped and commissioned and set forth in God's world, who will measure the possibilities in the life and labors of the young people of Canadian Methodism? God may have large plans; will we fit into them? He may desire to enlarge the horizon, to widen the sphere, to make the life more productive. Will we place limitations upon His plans and purposes? Or will we allow ourselves to be used for highest possibilities of attainment in moral and spiritual life?"—Rev. G. Stafford, Lyn, Ont.

"Every man or woman here in this world goes with people he or she likes best. Every man in the life hereafter goes with the people he has here selected

SPECIAL NOTICES!

THE General Sunday School and Epworth League Board will meet in the Board Room, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st, at 10 a.m. A personal call has been sent to each member.

THE Epworth League Convention of the Montreal Conference will be held in Winchester, Ontario, in October next, in place of the time announced in a previous issue of this paper.

THE Canadian National Congress, in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement, will be held in Massey Hall, Toronto, from MARCH 31st to APRIL 4th, and will assuredly be the greatest missionary gathering in Canadian history. Your congregation cannot afford to be ignorant of it or unrepresented at it. See that your church sends delegates.

as his affinity. Musical people, you notice, delight to associate and talk with lovers of music; scientific men mingle with men of science and research; college people find so much in common that they form groups; lovers of whiskey club together; lovers of lewdness herd together; lovers of gambling focus feverishly together; 'birds of a feather flock together,' not only in this life, but in the life hereafter. What kind of associations are you laying up for eternity? What friends are you making to be your companions in the great beyond? Friends of this world make heaven here and heaven hereafter. Don't tell me there is no hell. It is as real as heaven and as your soul. There is only one way out. Get into the way of the man Jesus Christ, the greatest authority who ever lived, and He says don't presume. 'Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.' As a man persists in his moral

life here, so he determines his state hereafter."—Rev. W. H. Hincks, LL.B., Toronto.

"How important our young people are commercially. Go through the leading establishments in our towns and cities, and fully nine-tenths of the clerks are young men or women. You find them everywhere, the wheels of commerce would soon stand still were it not for their strong arm. How important religiously. They are essential to the very life of the Church. Doors are open to our young people to-day that a few years ago were barred. Youth is entering the arena of art, science, commerce, education, statesmanship and the church—to face difficulties and master situations that are only possible to the enthusiasm and endurance of youth. When our young people are abandoned to Christ greater days than Pentecost shall bless the world."—Rev. R. D. Hamilton, Lis-towel, Ont.

"I stood on the bridge of the steamer *Vado*, as she lay at anchor under the lee of Rose Spit, in conversation with Captain Johnson. The wind had been blowing a gale all day, and now at night-fall was veering round, thus making our anchorage anything but safe. The captain noting the change signalled to the engineers. 'Stand by! Aye, sir,' came the voice through the speaking tube from below. 'Get ready as soon as you can.' 'Aye, sir,' came the response. In less than ten minutes' time that ship was steaming 'full speed ahead' out towards safety. Our Captain is calling to you and to me 'Get ready as soon as you can,' and that means required prompt obedience. Delay means danger not only to ourselves, but to all those entrusted to our care. 'Am I my brother's keeper?' 'No man liveth to himself,' therefore 'Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.'—Rev. C. F. Connor, Prince Rupert, B.C.

"There can be no such thing as an impure gentleman. The two words contradict each other. A gentleman must be pure. He may not have fine clothes. He may be of lowly birth. He may have had few advantages. But he must be pure. And though he have all outward grace and gift and call himself a gentleman, if he be inwardly unclean, he is none. Purity is essential to manliness. It is a sign of strength, of courage, of conquest. Impurity is a mark of cowardice, of weakness, of defeat. It is a waste of dreary blackness blurring the blue sky through which the soul looks up to God. It not only shuts those whom it soils out of the fellowship of all true men, but it bars to them the doors of the heavenly communion.

"Beyond our sight a city four-square lieth, Above the mists and fogs and clouds of earth, And none but souls that Jesus purifieth Can taste its joys or hear its holy mirth."

—Rev. W. J. M. Cragg, B.A., Fenelon Falls.

"We are sometimes apt to think that the difficulties in the way of belief are greater in our day than in any previous period of the world's history. Yet a very little thought will make manifest the fact that it has never been, and never can be, an easy thing to transcend the visible and sensuous, and grasp the 'things that are unseen and eternal.' The environment, intellectual and otherwise, in which we move and live, and in which our higher and better life must work itself out is, it is true, very differ-