

(From The (Golden City, Colo.) Transcript, Feb. 31d, 1886.)

"The Rev. S. A. Dyke, of Toronto, Canada, delivered a lecture last evening in the Baptist Church to a good audience upon the subject of 'Marriage.' The subject was handled in a most interesting manner, and gave unqualified satisfaction. It is not often that so many points of importance are touched upon in a way at once to arouse the interest and carry the convictions of an audience. It is safe to say that if young people were to follow the advice given, fewer unfortunate mistakes would be made in their selections of partners for life; and if those who are married were to live according to the principles laid down by the lecturer, there would be fewer divorce suits and much more happiness in the marriage relation. The lecture was wholesome, encouraging and stimulating throughout, and worthy the attention of the intelligent audience present."

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(From The Cheyenne Democratic Daily Leader, Feb. 6th.)

"Rev. S. A. Dyke lectured on 'Marriage' at the Second Baptist Church last evening to a large audience. The lecture was for the benefit of the unfortunate pastor of that church, who has to a great extent lost his sight. The lecture was, in the main, the same as that delivered in the First Baptist Church a week ago, and was a very interesting one—full of thought and original ideas—some of which might not accord with the views of all, but without doubt the nearest approach to a proper and complete handling of the subject our people have listened to since Theodore Tilton lectured on substantially the same subject some years ago."

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(From Rev. Charles M. Jones, Pastor 1st Baptist Church, Grand Junction Colorado.)

"It has been our privilege to hear in our Church this evening (March 8th, 1886), a lecture on 'Marriage' from Rev. S. A. Dyke, Toronto, Canada. The lecture is one of the finest and noblest representations of this theme that I have ever heard. It is a poem for its beauty of thought and choice setting of language. It is a sermon, preaching in deep earnest and great faithfulness the scriptural teaching upon this divinest human institution. His manner is animated, graphic, and shows great shrewdness of insight, and great sympathy with the human interests involved. On this account the young people are immensely interested, even entertained; yet Mr. Dyke never for a single instant descends to clap-trap, or unseemly or unsavory jesting. The oldest heads are afforded food for thought, and yet the lecture has not a dull or heavy sentence. I consider this lecture worthy the most cultivated audience in the land; but, better still, I consider it a benediction to the hearers. It is honest and wholesome, sensible, inspiring and must accomplish only good."