

SERMON

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(Copyright by McClure, Phillips & Co.) I believe in the Holy Catholic Church.—The Apostles' Creed.

When we have such a history under our eyes as that of the Christian Church, and read it simply, with the understanding of an upright heart, we learn from all its chapters the same lesson—Justice, Hardness of heart and all uncharitableness preach Justice through their mistakes, self-sacrifice, whose fate it is to suffer through its love, preaches Justice in the name of its martyrdom, and of the achievements it leaves as a heritage to those of us who know how to comprehend them.

We must admit that the Gospel's preference is for speaking by deeds; that its chosen way is to give its will and its intense love upon the tables of the heart of regenerate man. The epitome of the Gospel is not in its outward manifestations, but in the inward life of the regenerate man.

Learn to respect the human soul, that God respects for which all Jesus died; and never mock at it, even though it clothe its faith, or its trembling hope, in superstition. Can you enlighten it, uplift it, free it from its bondage, do so with tact and prudence; if you cannot, be careful lest you take away from some unfortunate his supreme treasure.

Numerous objections are raised against what we have just been setting forth, and a few are worthy of consideration. We must combat our comprehension of the subject, the figure of polemic, in the eyes of this handmaiden of theology, what we have called justice is an abomination, and the means of our method would be the ruin of what would be religious anarchy, the most dreadful confusion of doctrines ever known.

In the best faith, polemic believes itself the chief defense of sacred things, the fortress impregnable to all adversaries, and sometimes, in days of great battle, even the champion of God. We do not share in this opinion.

Polemics may have contributed to the clearing up of certain problems—such as, however, would have found their solution elsewhere—but very much often there is confusion and venomous questions at issue by substituting for the desire of finding the truth, the pretension of being in the right, and a contentiousness which, no frequently taken in the religious world, in practice, polemics has engendered a great deal of bitter zeal and excited much of the unholiness which has permeated the Bible into an atmosphere of the words of life into a world of combat, designed to cleave adversaries in twain. It has taken moderation away from the most moderate, and from the kindly disposed the desire to live in peace. There is doubt whether it has edified anybody, certainly that it has disturbed a great many. It has broken the phalanx of religious brotherhood, in which, despite all their differences, of opinion, all believers in the earth should stand.

need of altogether different things. There would be no disadvantage in turning all these swords into ploughshares; the cause of Christ could but gain thereby.

In supposing any position, let us consider a particular case. Unquestionably one of the most important matters connected with a religion, and one of the matters most neglected by those most concerned, is the spectacle of its followers offering to people without, however full of zeal and activity believers may be, and however deep-rooted in their belief, if they neglect certain fundamental duties, if their differences among themselves lead to bitterness and wranglings, their faith, be it ever so eloquently presented, will make little appeal to the unbelieving.

My brother, do you and I in this way preach and reveal religious truth? Do we often, by deeds conformed to God's law, and a life that has power with God, so react on our neighbor as to oblige him to think higher thoughts? No. If we differ from the crowd in belief, in life we are very much like everybody else. The explanation of our actions is ordinarily not far to seek, nor to be found at a very exalted height.

At the beginning of last century, in disaffected Europe, and particularly in Alsace, the relations between Protestant pastors and Catholic priests were not simply courteous, but even fraternal. Unquestionably, they were known to these groups of men stood for two different, but irreconcilable in many points—the antipodes of the spiritual world; yet did either side become faithless to its principles in offering the hand of fellowship to the other. No; but the thought of something besides creeds. They remembered that simple saying of the people, well calculated to make religious leaders reflect: "We are all brethren, and we are all brothers."

TWELVE BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

Just here, not without a sinking of heart at thought of the narrow divisions among Protestants—I offer a spiritual tribute of gratitude above and beyond that of good and truly Christian priest of Githers. His death asked that he might be borne to his grave by heads of families from the different denominations. He had his life been? Of that I am quite ignorant. And what opinion did he hold? I know nothing at all about it. But how well I comprehend his action! Alas! it is a sign of the times that a circumstance so simple as, by saying frankly from the pulpit what he yet proclaims from the silence of the grave.

When not the separatist spirit, but the force of circumstances, had driven our fathers of the Reformation out of the church whose devoted sons they were, there remained at the bottom of their hearts a painful regret. In spite of their splendid faith, their joy in life in the new world they had found, the condition of Wm. Nicholson, the injured man who was operated on at the Framingham hospital on account of spinal fracture, was reported tonight as low.

DID FATHER MURDER CHILD

Great Barrington Mass. Man Arrested on Serious Charge

Boy's Body Found in Woods Covered With Brush—Skull had Been Pierced With Spike

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., July 25.—Emil Streub, father of the twelve-year-old boy, whose dead body was found in the woods near Housatonic about two weeks ago, was arrested late this afternoon on a warrant charging him with the murder of his son.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., July 25.—The father had been subjected to a rigid examination the greater part of yesterday and today, but with the exception of a few minor details, his testimony, it is said, was unshaken. Immediately upon the serving of the warrant upon him he engaged H. C. Jones, a local attorney, who has figured in several murder trials in the western part of the state.

On July 9, Streub left home with another lad named Benjamin White for Torrington, Conn., where they expected to secure work in a factory. Upon reaching Great Barrington Streub decided to return to his home in Housatonic, while White kept to his original plan of going to Torrington, where he secured employment.

State and local officers were put at once upon the case and gradually the finger of suspicion turned towards Emil Streub. Streub made no effort to evade the officers, but merely announced his intention of engaging an attorney immediately.

GLIDDEN TOURISTS AT WATERVILLE, ME.

WATERVILLE, Me., July 25.—When the Glidden automobile tourists arrived here today from Jackson official luncheon was made that the party would pass Friday at Rangely lake because of the lack of accommodations, but will remain only tomorrow night, leaving Rangely Friday morning for Brantford, N. H., where they will be completed one day earlier than was planned.

ONE MAN MAY YET BE BURIED UNDER RUINS OF FRAMINGHAM POST OFFICE

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, Mass., July 25.—The bodies of all the victims of the collapse of the Ammen building on Concord street were believed tonight to have been recovered, with possibly one exception. A careful checking of the payroll of Andrew Johnson, the contractor who was constructing the building, showed only one man unaccounted for.

COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS APPOINTED AT LIVERPOOL

HALIFAX, July 25.—Samuel T. Kempton has been appointed collector of customs at Liverpool, N. S. He formerly commanded a packet running between Boston and Liverpool.

MOBILE CARS MOVING IN NEW BEDFORD

Only a Mail Car Moved After 6 O'clock

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., July 25.—Not a street car moved in this city after 6 o'clock today to carry passengers. The only electric car that moved at all in the city after that hour was a mail car. The conditions at the close of the second day of the strike of street railway employees were practically the same as prevailed last night, although tonight there were fewer signs of disorder.

The United Street Railway Co., the corporation against which the strike was very enthusiastic, and the men expressed themselves as well satisfied with the situation. The statement was made that the amalgamated association of street railway employees would back up the New Bedford strikers with a benefit fund of \$100,000.

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UNPICKABLE LOCK ON RUSSELL SAGE'S COFFIN

NEW YORK, July 25.—Encased in a hermetically sealed copper envelope placed within a solid mahogany coffin, the body of Russell Sage was today locked up with a lock that never can be opened and lowered into a grave carpeted and lined with evergreens on the body of the steel were heaped and the mound built.

MONCTON, N. B., July 25.—A very pretty home wedding of double interlocked took place at 6 o'clock here tonight at the residence of Thomas Jones, of the I. C. R., when his daughter Miss Margaret H. R., was married to C. B. Trizes of the I. C. R. mechanical constant's office, and secretary of the I. C. R. At the same time Thomas Jones, Jr., a well known clerk of this city was united in wedlock to Miss Minnie R. Sifton, daughter of I. C. R. Bridge Inspector Thomas Sifton.

SAD DROWNING IN YAASKA RIVER

SOREL, July 25.—J. Ferron, Mrs. Bernier, Mrs. Bourget and a baby of the former, aged one year, were drowned in the river Yaaska last evening. The three adults, with the baby, were in a dory, 100 miles from the river at St. Louis de Beauport, 24 miles south of here in Richelieu county, when the horse backed out of the ferry boat and precipitated them into the river. The current being swift all were carried away and drowned. The four bodies were found an hour after the accident.

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MR. OZAWA SPEAKS INTERESTINGLY ON JAPAN

The Methodical School of Missions resumed yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. James Crisp was in the chair. After the devotional exercises Rev. Wm. Dobson delivered an address.

Mr. Ozawa, in speaking of the different foods of the two countries, said that he had not tasted butter and cheese until he came to this country. In Japan very little meat is eaten, and that of domestic animals never. The reason for this is that the followers of Buddha believe in the transmigration of souls, and the soul of an ancestor might be embodied in one of the domestic animals, so they were taken care of for this reason.

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CIVIL WAR

More Russian High Officers Been Posted

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