

Overheard

Pointed Paragraphs from Recent Sermons and Addresses

"In the home no note of discord should ever be struck, jarring sound should disturb its peace, nothing unkind should mar its beauty. Hushed forever be the voice of anger, and the rasping sound of discontent!

"Home should be a paradise to the husband, the wife, the child."—Rev. A. H. Brown, B.A., B.D., Varna.

"If we could get our young men to dream of success and advancement we would have a great many more to whom it would be a reality. I like a boy who begins to dream of greatness. I like to find a boy building castles in the air; that boy will likely live to see the realization of his dreams. It leads to power and eminence. Many boys have their heads too full of nonsense to build castles in the air."—Rev. J. Pickering, Toronto.

"A man must say 'no' to himself. 'Let him deny himself' is a precept one must practice. It is essential to one's happiness. We are not to obey temptations and passions, but to resist them. This is indispensable to our self-respect. Mastery of self is the foundation of victory. 'He that ruleth his spirit is stronger than he that taketh a city.' A man who knows how to be true to himself, knows how to be true to all men."—Rev. R. J. Elliott, Waterloo.

"Desire of reward is not wrong, the questions to ask are: 'What reward do we desire, in what would we use it?' I cannot judge whether the eager student, the enterprising merchant or the enthusiastic athlete is noble or sordid unless I can discover for what purpose the first seeks knowledge, the second wealth, the third muscle. If each seeks only that he may spend upon himself, the plaudits of men that in these he may revel, then the pursuit is mean, contemptible. But if each is seeking a larger field of service, a fuller power to serve, then each is climbing the hills of God."—Rev. H. J. Indoe, M.A., Sackville.

"Character is the greatest power in life and being. One would expect that it would be a great power; because it is the crown of God's creation, preservative and redemptive processes. To help man build character, God wrought out his marvellous plan of redemption. For the development of your character and mine, Christ became incarnate, agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane, and died upon the Cross of Calvary. Character represents God; and is the reproduction of the Christ life upon earth. Get education, get fame, get wealth, if you can honestly; but above all things, build up character."—Rev. G. W. F. Glendenning, S.T.D., Digby.

"Compromise is fatal. There is but one safe path. Evil is weakness, goodness is strength. Virtue is life and power. The man who exchanges purity for place, character for cash, manhood for money, principle for party, soul for silver, truth for trickery, love for license, goodness for greed, God for gold, is a failure first, last, and always. Is that success which destroys the ten commandments, clubs right out of sight, gives the devil the freedom of the universe, shames virtue, laughs at purity, causes the hot, polluted lips of profanity to smack with

satisfaction, exalts the swindler, or gives free rein to the commercial shark? Do we not need to reason of righteousness today? Should not the prophet of God cry aloud?"—Rev. J. M. Harrison, Lethbridge.

"Epworth Leaguers and Young People: Will it be ours to say with Moses touching the present, 'My eye is not dim nor my natural force abated.' I have been true to the great past in seizing the vast work that was given me to do, touching the emancipation, deliverance, and leadership of God's chosen people, and in that chosen work eternal youth has crowned my efforts with highest reward in splendid vision, heroic hopefulness, and unabated strength? As to the future, I have no fear nor misgiving. 'I see the land that is far off,' and as for you, Joshua and Israel, 'Be strong and of a good courage, fear not nor be afraid of them, for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth for thee'; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."—Rev. R. G. Peever, B.D., Coatcook.

"There is a kind of picture called Mosaic. It is made of very small pieces of colored glass. Each piece in itself is

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"The man who waits for opportunity, and when he sees it, takes it, is not so good a man as he who does not wait, but makes it. If I were asked what is lacking in the majority of men, I should say initiative, coupled with judgment. By the power of the former a man is impelled to do things and may make mistakes. On the other hand, his mistakes tend to cultivate judgment, and his earlier failures may be turned into stepping stones to success. Many men fail because they fear to attempt."—Wm. A. Field.

insignificant and worthless, yet when the artist constructs the Mosaic, with its blending shades of color, it comes out a picture of beauty, not inferior to our finest paintings. Such are the thoughts, words, and acts, of men and women, in one sense, scattered, feeble, worthless, and yet out of them we may construct a character that is Godlike and beautiful. None of God's children are insignificant or worthless, each has a place in God's design. It is our part to be careful of the little things, to save the minister, to improve the talents, to be faithful, and to build with the material we have characterized like unto Christ's."—Rev. G. F. McCullagh, Roland, Man.

"Prolong your youth. Do not be in a hurry to reach your majority. Our youth is all too brief. It is not an uncommon thing to find young people whose minds are filled with thoughts of courtship when they have scarcely entered their teens. I feel sorry for the girl who has had to learn society ways and be worried with elaborate toilets and stilted manners, when she ought to be in short dresses. I fear for the future of any boy who is made to pose as 'a little gentle-

man,' when he has just escaped from knickerbockers. To such persons the world soon becomes a sucked orange. The interest and enthusiasm of life is gone before they are thirty. Prolong your youth. The more you multiply your receptive ears, the larger will be the outcome of your life."—Rev. Dr. Scott, Montreal.

"It is estimated by the missionaries now on the foreign field that one missionary will erect the necessary buildings, equipment, and native helpers, can take the Gospel to 25,000 heathen in 25 years. At this rate it would require 40,000 missionaries on the field to take the message to all. These missionaries can be supported and supplied with hospitals, schools, and native helpers by \$2,000 per year, or a total cost for 25 years of \$2,000,000,000. There are 1,000,000,000 heathen to reach. One thousand millions of heathen can be reached by two thousand millions of dollars. One heathen can be reached by two dollars! Will you contribute the \$2 bill? Or will you take the responsibility of permitting a soul to pass out into the night without having the opportunity of knowing, loving, and serving Christ? You are taking that responsibility each time you withhold \$2 from your share of the money required to evangelize the world in this generation."—His Honor Judge G. E. Deroche, Belleville.

"The first Christian Emperor in his vision saw upon the heavens a sign, and over it these words: 'In hoc Signo Vinces.' 'By this Sign Conquer.' What was that sign? It was the sign of the Cross. The symbol of Christ and His Kingdom, the sign of the cross, has become the symbol of citizenship. Tomorrow men and women will be asked to register themselves for or against a great moral and social evil. Everyone voting will use the Sign of the Cross. I ask you shall any voter dare to use the symbol of Jesus Christ, the world's Friend, Saviour and only Hope, as the signature of His citizenship supporting one of the grossest evils which humanity has ever endured? Will any of you desecrate the symbol of the Crucified by using it to mark your allegiance to His enemies? Never! Your vote is the Cross of Christ. Do not crucify Him afresh upon it. Use His symbol so that it shall stand for human brotherhood, civic righteousness, ennobled manhood, and happy homes. So vote that your mark will mean souls redeemed, a death unfearing, a judgment unshaken, and an eternity with God. Vote for Jesus Christ to-morrow when we use His Cross."—Rev. Dr. H. S. Dougall, Goderich.

"The joy of the Lord is our strength! What is better for us than strength? What is surer to subject us to defeat and despair than weakness? The kind of strength a man needs is determined by the plane of his life. There is a physical strength which the joy of the Lord increases gloriously. There is an intellectual strength which the joy of the Lord enlarges and widens. There is a moral strength that detects and resists evil, that discerns and maintains the good, that gathers most of its forces from the joy of the Lord. And there is a spiritual, a religious strength, the power of love and holy communion with God, that exalts us into good works by the never-failing resources of this joy of the Lord. What is this exhaustless fountain of moral and spiritual energy? It is the peace that is known and fully realized as a river, and the peace that floweth down of sin. It is the peace that floweth as a river, and the righteousness through Christ, abounding as the waves of the sea. It is the well of water by the Spirit