

SERMON,

The Beauty of the Heart,

By Rev. Dr. George H. Hepworth of New York City.

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us."—Psalm, xc, 17.

We are all lovers of the beautiful, sometimes consciously and sometimes unconsciously. A magnificent landscape is always impressive, and I have known persons to talk in whose hearts without knowing that they did so while looking at it. It is said of the Swiss that they are of a melancholy temperament because the huge mountains amid which they live are too much for them, and strange influences steal into their souls.

There is another kind of beauty which kindles our enthusiasm—the beauty of a human face. But there is this difference between nature and human nature, namely, that the beauty of the one is the work of God, while that of the other is the work of man. Real beauty of countenance does not consist in regularity of outline but in expression, and is therefore dependent on character.

It would be impossible, for example, to picture the Christ as other than attractive in feature. To depict Him with a countenance which indicated selfishness or cunning would be an insult to the law that never allows an amiable expression to symbolize a noble heart and life. The face of Christ is the despair of artists because it is difficult to paint a portrait in which a child's gentleness is conjoined with a giant's strength. The face of Napoleon or Caesar or Peter or Paul can be shown on canvas, but the painter's brush that tries to portray a face as once tender and stern, pitiful and scornful, womanlike on one side and heroic on the other, will find its task an impossible one. Christ's face, therefore, is for our dreams but not for our colors. We can conceive of it, but it cannot be represented.

It is not feature or contour or complexion which constitutes beauty. It is transfiguration. At the first look at a man's face we receive an impulsive impression. At the second look we get a glimpse of his attributes, his peculiarities, his inner self, and it is this second look which decides whether the man is good or ill looking. The woman who resorts to cosmetics is simply trying to pass a counterfeit bill, and will sooner or later be found out, but she who trusts to her good will for all, her sympathy for suffering, her general kindness, has her hand full of gold coins which everybody wants and appreciates.

When we look at others with love in our eyes our love is a radiance in their face which must needs seem beautiful. When a sailor passes a lighthouse on a stormy night he sees the light and thanks God for it. The blazing lamp covers up any defect in the structure of the building. He knows nothing, sees nothing except that light. In the same manner there is a radiance in the human face when the heart has communed with heavenly things which makes us forget such unimportant details as complexion and hair and features. We ignore the lighthouse structure and see only the light. It is not so much architecture as character which takes hold upon us. It is possible to be repelled by the person who has an artistically perfect face, but who on closer inspection wears lines of selfishness or petulance or cruelty, and it is easy to think a face beautiful, though it may be artistically commonplace, if behind it shines a loving, charitable, gentle and sympathetic soul.

All this is preliminary to the lesson I have in view. I repeat, therefore, that while the beauty of nature is the work of God, the beauty of human nature is under our own control. I declare that if you are not attractive to your friends it is very largely your own fault. If a man hates you he may have sufficient reason for that attitude, and if he loves and admires you it is because you have made yourself lovable and admirable.

The law is that what is in your soul will find its way to your countenance. This law acts as the chief of the sculptor on the marble; it makes lines, removes them and changes them. If you were a magician, and could place a man or woman amid adverse surroundings, where tears and struggles were the only company kept, you would find the personal history unfolded in the face, and should you remove that man or woman to a happy environment, without care or anxiety, a corresponding change in the physical lines of the face would occur.

Again, if a person indulges in base thoughts, is fretful, selfish and mean, features advertise the fact in the countenance. And if, on the contrary, the heart is pure, the faith strong, the resignation under suffering what it should be, there is a distinct and palpable transfiguration, a difference in the magnetic atmosphere, or what some call the aura, of that person. That law is creative and inexorable. Give the earth sunshine and it is attractive, but give it lightning and earthquakes and it is awful to look upon.

Religion, therefore, or the lack of it, lies at the bottom of it all. To see things as the Christ saw them; to have in the heart only sweet thoughts; to feel that the arms of the Father are bearing you up, and that the angels are round about you; that earth may have its heavenly sorrows, but heaven is straight ahead and not far off; to make the best of trouble instead of brooding over it; to find as many happy hours as there are within reach, and to be as nearly content as the circumstances allow—is it possible to follow such a policy, to possess that kind of religion and not be loved as a beautiful, a radiant, an attractive soul?

Religion covers the whole life and is the only sure remedial agency. If the world were Christlike we should be healthy in body, should live to the old age without ache or pain, and be glad to die even as one is glad to get home after a toilsome journey.

"OLD HUTCH" DEAD.

The Former Well-Known Chicago Speculator Dies in a Sanitarium.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Benjamin P. Hutchinson, familiarly known as "Old Hutch," died today in a sanitarium at Lake Geneva, Wis. He had been insane for some time and was supported by his son, Charles L. Hutchinson.

Benjamin P. Hutchinson was born in Lynn, Mass., somewhere about the year 1825. He began life as a clerk in a general store in North Reading, Mass. It is said that he had a cabinet-maker's shop in Lynn and worked at repairing shoes at the same time that he was doing a wholesale, retail and jobbing business. He started a dry goods store. He was caught in the panic of 1857 and failed for \$75,000. He left Lynn and his creditors went to Chicago, where he had been in Chicago two years. He had settled with all of them in full.

In Chicago his main principle in life was to buy anything, big or little, that he could sell at a profit, big or little. In the grain market his dealings were tremendous. He conducted all his transactions with the utmost rapidity and never cared which side of the market he was on. He is known to have changed sides four times in one day. On Sept. 28, 1853, he carried through his most famous deal—his wheat corner. For three months he had been wandering around the board of trade telling people they were selling him grain they could never deliver, and if they didn't look out he'd make them squeal before Christmas. On Saturday afternoon he made a bet of \$50 that wheat would be \$2 within a week. He won his bet, and it ruined hundreds of men.

In 1851 the old man began to lose money. He failed April 23, 1851, and came to New York. He bought a store at 31 Pearl street and there carried on a general grocery and junk business. He bought anything he could lay his hands on and sold it wholesale or retail so long as it was in demand. He tried to run a restaurant, to which he hoped to attract Wall street, but his Chicago reputation as a cook. It did not prosper, and in 1857 he went back to Chicago. He tried to organize a corner and had to sell his board of trade seat to make a settlement. In February, 1854, he bought a saloon in Van Buren street, Chicago, and took charge as head barkeeper. The world has not heard much of him since.

Hutchinson's son, Charles L. Hutchinson, is president of a bank, a member of the Commercial Club in Chicago, and a generally respected citizen. It is commonly believed that when the old man was at the height of his fortune he turned over several million dollars to his son, with the condition that it was never to be returned to him, except as the absolute necessities of life required it.

TOWARDS SOUTHERN POLE.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., March 16.—The Antarctic exploring expedition's steamer Southern Cross has arrived at Port Chalmers, N. Z., after landing Erechberg and his party at Cape Adair, Victoria Island. She reports that all the explorers were in good health when landed.

BRITISH DEFAULTER ARRESTED.

LONDON, March 16.—G. R. Birt, the missing chairman and managing director of the Millwall Dock Co., who disappeared in February last, resulting in the discovery of a deficit of over \$1,000,000 in the accounts of the company, was arrested here this afternoon. His preliminary trial will take place tomorrow.

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MURDER FOR SEVENTY DOLLARS.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—The murderer of Mrs. Anthony Stiegler of Mount Lookout, whose dead body was found in her home yesterday, is Albert Luken, aged 15, living with his widowed mother in Clifton. Luken was arrested today and made a full confession, saying his motive was robbery. He got about seventy dollars.

CARTER HARRISON AGAIN NOMINATED.

CHICAGO, March 16.—The democratic city convention today re-nominated Carter H. Harrison for mayor. The platform accepted steers clear of national issues, and the mayor will stand on his record against the Allen bill and other street railway legislation.

LEGISLATURE TO BE VACCINATED.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 16.—Members of the legislature were vaccinated today when it was announced that physicians had diagnosed the illness of Senator Lanford as smallpox. After a half hour's debate the house voted to vaccinate all its members.

PRINCE HENRY AS ADMIRAL.

BERLIN, March 16.—Prince Henry of Prussia has started for Kiao Chou Bay, where all the war vessels of the German fleet will assemble for the formal transfer of the commandership from Admiral Von Diederichs to Prince Henry.

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W. C. T. UNION.

Quarterly Convention of St. John Co. Held Yesterday.

A Business Meeting in the Afternoon and a Public Service in the Evening.

The quarterly convention of the W. C. T. U. of St. John Co. met in the hall at North End Friday afternoon. Mrs. Henderson of the North End Union presided over the devotional exercises.

Adjutant Joet, on invitation of the president, gave a short talk speaking of the work done by the officers of the Rescue Homes here and also in Newfoundland, where the adjutant was stationed previous to coming to St. John.

The president took the chair for the business meeting. The secretary read the minutes and acting upon the business therein, Mrs. Scott, chairman of the police matron committee, reported that the unions were encouraged to believe that in the near future a female supervisor of female prisoners may be appointed for the jail, as public sentiment seemed to be in favor of that.

The reports of the Unions were presented by the secretary, Mrs. Day. St. John Union reported that the Exchange that has been under the supervision of the W. C. T. U. has been since the 1st of February, conducted by Miss Mason as a private scheme, but will be carried on on the same principles, and the Unions trust that the public will continue their patronage, as (as has been stated) the principle of helping those who would help themselves is carried out. In the last quarter 18 cases have been reported to the relief committee for investigation. This does not include the cases that have been before the coffee room committee or that have been aided by the evangelistic superintendent. The society is seeking for an incorporation for the Little Girls' Home.

Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Winter were also present as delegates from St. Martin's. Mrs. Scott read a paper on How to Make Our Local Meetings Interesting. This was discussed by a number of ladies present.

It was decided to hold the provincial convention the last week in September, the first in October. If that suits the convenience of the provincial executive, it was decided to have the next county convention in Carleton. The Rev. Mr. Steel was present and gave a short address.

The evening service was quite largely attended. Mrs. Davidson presiding. The meeting was opened with responsive reading, led by the chair officer, who made some appropriate remarks upon the portions of Scripture which were read. She took as her theme, "Walking with God." In an admirable manner she developed her subject, with special reference to the death of the late head of the Union, Frances Willard.

The president read a paper, which gave a resume of the object and work of the Union, with special reference to Japan, where the movement began in 1853. Suitable reference was made to the work of Miss Parish, who was mainly instrumental in the upbuilding of the Union in that country. Descriptions were given of several departments of the W. C. T. U. convention which was lately held at Yokohama. Over one thousand White Ribbons and one thousand members of the R. T. Legionaries make a force which is doing much good in Japan. The paper read for the support of a missionary in that kingdom and an organizer in this country, since it is only by organized missionary effort that the society can maintain its proud supremacy.

An admirable paper on "Narcotics" was read by Mrs. Stockton. Warfare against the liquor traffic had been the most apparent feature of union work, but the scope is larger. The union cannot be logical and wage uncompromising warfare against the liquor trade and hold true with the liquor. Every member should place her influence against the use of tobacco. Public opinion against it is growing. Tobacco is today a common article of commerce just as liquor used to be. So long as this continues it will blind others to the evils of its use. Medical science discloses the fact that the use of the weed is as harmful as that of liquor. In fact the use of the former gives rise to an appetite for liquor. Quotations were read from eminent physicians giving the evil effects of use of tobacco. About fifty diseases arise from its use. Add to this the filthiness of the habit, the discomfort of others, it is strange how any gentleman can use this narcotic.

Statistics showing the immense amount of money spent yearly on this habit were given. The responsibility of the wives, sisters and mothers of the victims was touched upon and an appeal was made for help along this line. (Applause.) Mrs. Henderson read a comprehensive paper upon the "Franchise." It was a sketch of women's enfranchisement in Canada. For a long time woman's education was upon the narrowest lines and men legislated altogether for the country, which was possibly more than half made up of women. The misfortune of the dependent women in former times impelled them to seek higher education. So that here we

are now with the petition for enfranchisement in our hands. Women want the power to say who will have their hands upon the helm of the ship of state. Mrs. Manning gave some very interesting statements of her experience in getting names upon the petition, and also took up some of the stock objections to the scheme. Quotations from Mr. Luak of New Zealand and from Sir John Macdonald in favor of the scheme ended the paper, which was received with applause.

Mrs. Crombie, returned missionary from Japan, was introduced by Mr. Davidson. The missionary movement, said the speaker, and the unions had similar world wide objects. A short description was given of the city from which she had returned. The land of the rising sun, she said, now knows something of the Son of righteousness, but it is but a glimmer of light in the great darkness. A brief sketch was given of some of the Japanese converts. They vary from old age to youth. They are most fervent Christians, showing forth often with physical weakness the Master's spirit. Some of them have done much to convert their relatives and friends. Often these are little children. The speaker felt like espousing the cause of a "rescue home" in Japan, where many young girls are sold into a slavery worse than death. Many despairing of a way of escape commit suicide. The W. C. T. U. has taken up this work, and is striving to support a home in Japan. Miss Crombie's address was listened to with deep attention. She is a speaker of more than ordinary power, has a clear and fluent delivery and vivid descriptive powers.

After some remarks and questions the convention adjourned.

HAMPTON.

Died After Forty Years of Active Railway Service.

Michael Connors, an old and highly respected resident of Hampton, Kings Co., died on March 9th, after an illness of less than a week. Pneumonia was the cause of death. Deceased was born in County Waterford, Ireland, and came to this province when nineteen years of age. Early in life he married Miss Margaret Ryan, who died 36 years ago. Mr. Connors, true to his first love, never married again, and for forty years has resided with his only child, Mrs. Thomas Conway. For a period of 41 years Mr. Connors has been continuously in railway employ. He began on the construction of the European and North American railway, and has continued under the different changes of management on the Intercolonial railway down to the date of his death. The deceased possessed and retained the fullest confidence of his employers, and was often employed with important operations. To those who were under his control he was always courteous and patient. His mild, unassuming manner won him lasting friendship, and those who knew him best loved him dearly. By his death a kind and loving father, faithful friend and good citizen has been removed from the activities of this life. The funeral took place on Sunday, March 12th. The pallbearers were Henry Gallagher, James Logan, Timothy Conway, Peter Gallagher, Geo. E. Ketchum and Geo. Gallagher. The body was interred in the Roman Catholic cemetery near Hampton village. The very large attendance on this mournful occasion was a practical proof of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Many kind letters of condolence have been received by his sorrowing daughter, amongst which was one from Rev. A. Robinshead of St. Ann's, Kent Co. and formerly in charge of Hampton parish. The fact of the funeral being held on Sunday, of course, prevented the reverend gentleman from attending.

SIX MEN FROZEN TO DEATH.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 16.—Three men were frozen to death in the mouth of the Copper River, Alaska, today, according to reports from the U. S. Geological Survey. The bodies of the six men at Yeddes Glacier about the first of March. They were: Adolph Ehrhard, New York; Maximilian Miller, New York; Alfred Alesman, New York; Dr. Edward Logan, Denver; Rudolph Eller-Kamp, Louisville, Ky.; August Schultz, New York.

All the bodies except that of Dr. Logan were recovered and buried at Valdez.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Sunday, March 17.—Yesterday's storm was a heavy one. About a foot of snow fell, but railway and other traffic moved without interruption, as there was no wind to cause drifts. The health of ex-Postmaster Hart is some better. The condition of Mrs. Facker A. Nelson still causes anxiety. Col. Alexander and Lieut. Geo. Thomas attended the 7th battalion band's concert on Wednesday evening at Fredericton.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE AMALGAMATED SONS OF REEF HAS GREATLY INCREASED ITS MEMBERSHIP THIS WINTER.

DREYFUS AT CAYENNE. KINGSTON, J.A., March 16.—A correspondent at Cayennes, a port of French Guiana, writes that Dreyfus, the famous French military prisoner, is exciting little public interest there, but the private circles feel strongly against him, some predicting his return to his place of captivity on Devil's Island. This is looked upon as implying that Dreyfus was recently removed from Devil's Island to Cayenne.

RAIN SAVES CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—There is hardly a section of California that has not been visited by rain within the past two days, and in most places it has been raining almost constantly for 48 hours. This rain has fallen at this most opportune time, this would have been the second dry season, but now crops are saved, the rivers will furnish plenty of water for the miners and business generally will be good.

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PERIL TO WOMAN. If She Becomes Too Muscular. NEW YORK, March 15.—Muscular women and spindle-shaped men, and the signs they point to, received the attention of the Society for Political Study at its meeting. There was no symposium of opinion presented after the smoke of discussion had cleared away, but if actions count for anything the many women present were fixed in the view that femininity might be as strong physically as masculinity and the male creature assume the structural outline of a tea table lid, and the world would be no worse off.

AN EXCELLENT MOVEMENT IN HAMPTON. In many of the growing towns and villages, where mills and factories are being established, the question of making some provision for the increasing number of young men and youths is one demanding an early solution. After working hours the most of them are free to gather at street corners, to loiter at the railway station, to group themselves about, or within the general stores, or to wander aimlessly and at times boisterously about the streets or roads. Churches and Y. M. C. A.'s are doubtless doing much to draw this element in every community into circles where the time and morals may be alike improved, but that there was still room for action is now felt from the results of an effort on the part of the residents of Hampton, Kings Co. At a public meeting in January it was decided to establish a reading room where reasonable recreation and opportunity for mental improvement should be so combined as to secure the interest and sympathy of all classes in the community. Immediate action followed, and a recent visitor to the place assures us that a more pleasant or cozy scene it would be hard to find than is presented by twenty or thirty bright intelligent young fellows sitting at tables enjoying quiet games of chess, checkers or dominoes, or eagerly perusing the papers and magazines so plentifully provided. It would seem from all accounts that the movement is one that may be indefinitely repeated with most happy and satisfactory results from every point of view.

DR. TALMAGE'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED. WASHINGTON, March 15.—The resignation of the Rev. Dr. De Witt Talmage as pastor of the First Presbyterian church was accepted tonight at a church meeting. The resolution accepting the resignation contained no expression whatever of regret at his withdrawal, and no provision was made to send him a letter of regret. The resignation takes effect immediately, but no success was provided for. Dr. Talmage is now travelling in the south. He was connected with the church about four years.

THE LUCY FORTUNE. (Montreal Herald.) Assistant City Clerk Beauset received a letter from another John Lucy this morning. The latest claimant to the fortune alleged to be in the chancery court at Cork, Ireland, lives in Canterbury, N. B. He says that he is a son of John Lucy, who was born in Cork, and emigrated to Canada many years ago.

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