

ALL SHOULD ASK QUESTION "WHERE IS HE?"

Rev. A. J. Archibald in
Forceful Sermon on
Christmas.

MUST TEACH PEOPLE
TO GIVE TO JESUS

Special Christmas Music
Excellent—Address heard
by Large Congregation—
Duty of Church.

At the Charlotte street Baptist church, West End, the Sunday evening service was very largely attended. The music was excellent, the choir being assisted by four instruments in addition to the organ. The pastor, Rev. A. J. Archibald, took as his text the question of the wise men, "Where is he?" He began by speaking of the star that the wise men must have seen in their entry into the Holy City and quoted at some length from "Ben Hur." In this book, Lew Wallace has put into the mouth of a woman of the city these words:

"This afternoon three men came across the brook Kedron on the road from Shechem. Each one of them rode a camel spotted white, and larger than any ever before seen in Jerusalem. To show how great the camels were, they sat under awnings of silk, the saddle buckles were of gold, so also the fringe of the bridles. The bells were of silver and made real music. Nobody knew them. They looked as though they had come from the ends of the world. Only one of the three spoke, and of every one he met he asked the same question, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" No one answered. No one understood what he meant. So they passed on leaving behind the message, "We have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him." They are now at the Kalm and hundreds have been to see them and thousands more are going."

Yes, the coming of Jesus stirred Jerusalem and the east. Herod was aroused and the scholars of the city were ordered to study the Scriptures anew. Yes, and Angels came forth to tell the shepherds, and the Celestial Choir hovered over Bethlehem to chant the anthem of the incarnation. It is a memorable day, the day on which Jesus was born. Let us not in this day honor Santa Claus and forget the Christ, but rather teach our children to give because Jesus led the way, when He gave Himself to the body of clay for our redemption.

I. First of all, those wise men were not afraid to ask the way to Jesus. That was one of the ways that they showed their wisdom. Why is it that so many men seem afraid to show that they have any interest in the same Saviour now? They do not talk or Him, nor ask about Him, though they must think of Him. The experiences of others or the messages from the Word of God that others have on their tongues might be of great help to you. Do not be afraid to ask of any man, "Where is He?"

II. Secondly, the wise men sought Jesus to make him their offerings. They were happy when he had received their tokens of worship and love. And those gifts were of use to Jesus. He was carried into Egypt soon after, and for a year or more those gifts kept Mary and Joseph and Jesus clothed and fed. And in this our day, there are things that we can give to Jesus that he can use.

(a). We can give gold now, to send Jesus to Egypt and to India and China. The greatest work of modern times is the evangelizing of the heathen world. Our denomination in Canada is responsible for the evangelization of 6,000,000 heathens. If every church member, and those who are adherents, whom the Lord has prospered, would remember that Jesus has need of their offerings, it could be done, and we would go our way happier in that we had remembered to give our gold to the Saviour.

(b). We can give Jesus service. "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me." No man can serve his fellow man without serving the Son of Man. Dr. Henry Van Dyke has told a beautiful story of the fourth wise man. This man failed to meet the other three, because he could not pass a needy man that was wounded in the way. And when he got to Jerusalem, Jesus had already been taken into Egypt. For thirty years Arabian sought Jesus in Egypt, and gave away the wealth that he had intended for the Saviour, and just on the day that Jesus was being crucified he came back to Jerusalem and on his way into the city gave his last jewel to save a girl from her enslavers. When the earthquake came, a tile in falling smote him down, and he passed in through the gates with the Master whom he had never beheld. But the girl declared that before dying he said, "Not so, my Lord, when say I Thee hungry and fed Thee?" And a voice replied, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me." Every time you help your fellow you lay an offering at the feet of Jesus.

(c). You can give Jesus your heart. And "a broken and contrite heart He will not despise." Do not give all of your heart to business, or to pleasure, or even to your loved ones. God has some prior rights. The famous British M. P., Mr. Kell Hardie, once said, "If I were a young man, I would give up politics and devote myself to the preaching of my Lord and Saviour. Take the word of an old man for it. Amid the sorrows and disappointments and perplexities of fifty years of work, I have found the companionship of Jesus to be an unfailing support." Yes, go to an old Christian and ask advice, or go to an old nation and look for knowledge, and if you accept the light that comes, you will say, "this day I will give my heart to the Saviour of Bethlehem and Calvary." If you do, it will be for you a very happy Christmas season.

CAROLS SUNG AT TRINITY

Rev. R. A. Armstrong in
Eloquent Sermon Urges
Needs of Poor — Against
Useless Giving.

At the Christmas service in Trinity church last evening music of a high order was sung by the choir. Several carols and hymns were carried out in an excellent manner. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, delivered an instructive and interesting sermon on "Good Will Toward Men."

In opening his address, Rev. Mr. Armstrong complimented the choir on the excellent manner in which the carols had been sung, and went on to speak of the need of assisting the poverty stricken. The speaker pointed out that each year gifts practically useless were exchanged, and that in many cases the money so expended would go far toward alleviating conditions among the poor of the city. Rev. Mr. Armstrong made special reference to the poor children of the city, and expressed the opinion that the spirit of Christmas in shape of substantial assistance should be extended to them.

During the course of his address, Rev. Mr. Armstrong, in no uncertain terms, scored the indiscriminate giving of Christmas gifts, and urged upon the congregation the abolition of this habit.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong was listened to with close attention, and his sermon was much appreciated by the large congregation present.

The carols sung by the choir were, Holy Night, and Peaceful Night, and Wenceslaus, Listen Lordlings, Unto Me, First Nowell, Away in the Manger, Like Silver Lamps in a Distant Shrine, Oh Little Town of Bethlehem.

SEA SERPENT AGAIN APPEARS IN THE BAY

Passenger on Yarmouth
Sees Queer Sight — Rib-
bon Fish is Answer to
Problem.

With a head like a tin horse, made in Germany, a long arching neck, surmounted by a bristling mane glowing redly in the gloaming, the sea-serpent which has been off duty in these latitudes for a considerable period, appeared to a passenger on the Yarmouth as she was approaching St. John in the dusk of Friday evening.

The passenger was sitting on the top rail, watching the frothing wake churned up by the screw, when suddenly, to his astonishment, right off the country, hardly forty feet away, a head like that of the fabled sea-horse was thrust out of the waves followed by a long neck with its flaring red mane. Spellbound the passenger watched the monster, but it paid no attention to him, and if it had eyes it was content to gaze straight ahead. Seemingly without effort it kept pace with the ship, apparently being borne direct to St. John to see what all the commotion over harbor matters was about. Coming out of the trance of astonishment, the passenger noticed the sight of the monster had thrown him the passenger gave a yell, and turned to look for some one to confirm or deny the evidence of his senses. Quick as a lion this sea-serpent dove into the depths and the passenger rubbed his eyes and hastened to the bar to get some medicine for his distracted nerves.

The passenger who has lived in Florida said he believed the monster he saw was a member of the family of ribbon fishes. Monster specimens of ribbon fish have been caught or have been washed ashore in Florida and in Bermuda, but it is doubtful if one was ever seen in the north. This time of year, these fish which have a head shaped like a horse are often of great length, though their breadth is only a few inches, and their depth a foot or more. Their backs are surmounted by red fins that have the appearance of a mane, and make a striking contrast with their silvery sides.

Good and Bean in their Ocean Ichthyology say that it seems quite safe to assign to the group of ribbon fishes all the so-called sea-serpents which have been described as swimming rapidly near the surface with a horse-like head raised above the water surmounted by a mane-like crest of red or brown.

The passenger evidently believed the story when he was telling it to a reporter, but though his account was very circumstantial, the fact that no other passengers saw the phenomenon may put a strain on his veracity. Moreover on Saturday morning he was complaining that a herd of green rats were following him about St. John.

ITALY THINKS HER OFFICERS GOOD ENOUGH

Rome, Dec. 20.—The Italian foreign minister, Marquis Di San Giuliano, during a conference today with Ira Nelson Morris, of Chicago, the special commander of the San Francisco exposition, said the extent of Italy's participation depended on certain conditions. He referred in a most general way to the immigration bill pending before congress at Washington, especially the features of the measure concerning the educational test and also to the proposal to place American health officers on board Italian immigrant ships. He intimated that Italy had its own health officers belonging to the Royal Marine Service on her emigrant ships and that she took great pride in their thoroughness.

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Mrs. Gray alleged before Justice Gavegan in the Supreme Court that her husband owes her \$2,700 back alimony and procured his arrest on that charge.

COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

At the meeting of the city council this afternoon Com. McLeellan will question Com. Wigmore in regard to the water service. Last week the commissioner of safety announced his intention of asking a number of questions, with the object of securing information regarding the pressure that might be made available to fight fires.

From time to time there has been talk of securing a better pressure by dividing the water system into zones, but it is understood the fire underwriters have not favored the zone system.

Another matter which will probably come up is the question of abolishing the tax on the executors of estates of persons who were living outside the city at the time of their death.

After the regular business is transacted the council will give audience to a committee from the Board of Fire Underwriters, who wish to urge the appointment of an inspector of electrical wiring.

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WORLD PEACE THE SUBJECT

Rev. H. A. Cody in Forceful Address Points to Coming of Peace Between Nations.

"Peace and War" was the subject taken by Rev. H. A. Cody at both services in St. James' church yesterday, when strong addresses were delivered dealing with the necessity for world peace and the encouraging progress of the peace movement. The morning sermon was largely of an introductory nature leading up to the evening address. Large congregations attended both services and listened with close attention to Rev. Mr. Cody's remarks.

Taking as his text "Neither shall they learn war any more" Rev. Mr. Cody in opening his subject, last evening, spoke of the progress being made toward the time when peace shall reign over the world. The speaker stated that all great movements for the good of mankind were slow but sure and he felt that the time was coming when war would be abolished. As instances of this he pointed to the general trend to submit all international disputes to arbitration. Over two hundred cases have been settled at the Hague in the past one hundred years.

Dealing with the objections made to the peace movement, Rev. Mr. Cody quoted from Norman Angell's now famous book "The Great Illusion." Some people, said the speaker, believe that human nature has not changed, but it has. Duelling, once the manner in which quarrels were settled, has been abandoned as has torture and many superstitions. The abolition of slavery, which in England in 1775 was considered necessary to the nation's welfare, was said the speaker, another argument in favor of the coming of world peace. In the future slavery torture and other evils will come to be looked upon as horrors, parts of a dark age.

SOCIALISTS HEAR A HIGHBROW LECTURE

That there is no missing link was the statement of the speaker who held forth on the theory of evolution before an interesting gathering of Socialists last evening in their hall over the Theatre. The orator did not agree with the popular belief that man was created in the Garden of Eden, and said scientists took no stock in the talk about the missing link introduced by some people with the object of making it appear that the theory of evolution did not account for the presence of human beings on the earth. He declared that the science of embryology had demonstrated the truth of the theory of evolution, because it had shown that the evolution of the human embryo reproduced all the phases corresponding to the different forms of life through which the original protoplasm has passed in its struggle up to man. Monocell organisms were practically immortal; unless destroyed by violence they went on reproducing themselves. Natural death came into the world with the fact of sex, and not because Eve ate an apple. Asked if evolution implied a design, the scientific orator said that in view of the vast amount of cruelty, bloodshed and suffering which had attended the progress of man, he thought the design, if there was one, was a most imperfect one; at least from the point of view of humans.

PUBLISHER TO JAIL FOR DEFAUDING MAILS.

New York, Dec. 20.—Robert B. Kellogg, publisher of song poems, who has been on trial in the federal district court on a charge of having used the mail with intent to defraud, was found guilty today and sentenced to thirteen months imprisonment at the Atlanta federal penitentiary. The jury was out for nearly three hours, and found Kellogg guilty on two counts. Its verdict was accompanied by a recommendation for mercy.

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STRONG SERMONS ON CHRISTMAS SEASON

Rev. J. Houghton, in Congregational Church Tells of the Work to be Carried Out.

A big congregation attended the special Christmas services in the Congregational church on Union street last evening and listened to an eloquent sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. Houghton. Rev. J. M. Gibbons, a visiting minister from West Stockbridge, Mass., spoke at the morning service. Special music was rendered at the services.

"The Christ of the day" was the text chosen by Rev. Mr. Houghton last evening, and in a comprehensive sermon he outlined the paths of life which must be followed in order that man shall gain salvation. He impressed the principles of religion which must be uppermost in the thoughts, words and actions of all those who were desirous of carrying out the wishes of the Saviour. Rev. Mr. Houghton spoke with much eloquence and created a most favorable impression on members of the congregation.

At the morning service Rev. J. M. Gibbons spoke impressively to the large gathering, choosing as his text the subject "Enriched by Utterances."

In 2015.

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