Dr. Morgan's Services

The events of Thursday afternoon are a tribute to the hold the teachings of Jesus have upon the English-speaking people in all lands.

We noted the absence of singing at Mary. There were the great crowds at the funeral of Lieut. King, many officers coming in from the Outports. There were the throngs praying before the Cathedral awaiting Captain Whitty's funeral. There was a really good audience in Canon Wood Hall.

Colonel Cloud led in prayer and the cadets of the training school were present in a body. Dr. Morgan told the audience that 37 years ago in Dorsetshire he and Colonel Cloud, then a very young officer, were associated in a great revival.

It was announced that the Mission Book stall would be open at Gower Street, mornings at 11.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BOOK

In the world is Luke, according to Morgan, because he is both properly scientific and beautifully artistic with Jesus for its subject. The preface of a book is always written last. Never judge the preface. That of Luke is the only one in scripture and its laws are those of all the writers of Holy Writ. He states his subject, his sources, his methods and his purpose. His subject is Jesus, "The Word" the same as in John. But no one in the audience had noted the fact because for unknown reasons all editions of scripture print it with a small w.

The sources of Luke were carefully examined probably including Matthew and Mark. He was a doctor. It was especially fitting that Mary's story should be given to the world through the sympathetic pen of Luke. Luke insists on his own accuracy, that is scientifically, but also on the fact that he has written in order, that is in beautiful arrangement. Lastly Luke was written in order that the man already instructed by word of mouth should have a fixed standard of comparison which is also the purpose of all scripture.

THE PERFECT MAN

is delineated by this scientific artist in Chapters 1:5 to III finis. The Perfect man is perfected, that is demonstrated as such 4 to 9.50. From 9.51 to the end here is the perfecting of men as the result of his suffering. (Compare lectures on Matthew and Mark). Modern scientific biography begins with prenatal facts and then considers the baby and the period of adolescence. These are just the facts Luke records. Maturity is the next period. More generally than thought maturity comes much later than 21. Here is a scientific outline. Men have not outgrown the Bible, they have not caught it up. Twelve years at a burst in the life of Jesus are covered in one verse. "Jesus grew" 2.40. Compared with that 2.52 says "Jesus advanced in wisdom." That is plain. A child grows but a youth has the power of choice and the right to use it. Jesus used the power of choice.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

as discussed in Matthew is from Joseph's standpoint. In Luke the view is that of Mary. Mariolatry has led the Protestant Church to go to the other extreme and not give Mary her proper place. The man who does not believe in the Angels who are mentioned in the birth story is a Sadducee. They did not believe in Angels.

Nazareth at the birth of Jesus was a city of 20,000, at the junction of two of the greatest trade routes of the world, and had become a cess pool so that it seemed as though no good thing could come therefrom. But in that city was a woman endowed with grace and character and royal lineage. The Lord was with her. She was not troubled because an angel appeared, but in her humility was surprised that the angel should call her one filled with grace.

The moment Mary heard the name Jesus spoken as the name of her child she knew that she was to be the mother of Messiah. With no mock modesty this lovely woman at once raised the question "How can this thing be?" The answer was "This thing will take place by the power and action of God." That is most rational. If God is limited by the laws man has discovered the Virgin is impossible; but there are birth laws men do not know. The statement of the angel gives absolute rest. Men accept or reject this doctrine according to their philosophy of God. If Jesus was not of Virgin birth he was the miraculous and perfect son of imperfect parents. Jesus as the second Adam is as impossible on the basis of the theory of evolution as was the first Adam. One doctrine declares Mary to be immaculate in order to provide for the sinlessness of Jesus. Our right of private judgment would lead us to demand that the same rule be required regarding Mary's mother and so indefinitely. The true doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is that Jesus, the unborn child, was withheld by divine act from contact with sinfulness. The transfiguration was the perfecting of humanity, Jesus might have gone to Glory that day without death, but denying the glory of humanity he set himself to suffer finally both as Son of God and Son of Man for men.

EVENING DIET.

This ancient word diet is here used to describe a religious service. The meaning is still the same. The heart requires food as well as the body. Campbell Morgan is feeding the faith of multitudes.

Rev. J. Joyce of Wesley was on the platform and led in prayer.

Rev. R. J. Power, chairman of the local committee made a brief statement regarding the finances. Mr. Power is gifted in tactful presentation of any subject of which he takes hold. Dr. Morgan is in St. John's with no contract or guarantee of any sort from anyone. He frankly presents the budget of the week for the party as nearing $1500 and the rest is left to the audience.

THE ROMANCE OF BIBLE STUDY.

To grip that subject one must know something of the book. The first test of a book is its selling value. Second, how long does the book live is a more severe test. The third test is the demand for translation, world wide human interest. Holy Writ leads in all three points.

Only three books in all the world have reached one hundred translations. Two of these, by Thomas A. Kempis and Bunyan, are directly founded on Holy Writ. Between 700 and 800 is the record for The Bible and in 300 cases the language was first reduced to writing for the Bible. The wonders of these languages are a proof that man did not come up from some lower source. Here is romance even apart from religion.

SO GREAT A BOOK

therefore demands study. The Bible is not being studied as it ought even by the church. Some people keep a Bible. Some people open the Bible and put a finger down on a text looking for guidance. The speaker protested. Some people read according to a committee's plan. He knew of a woman who for 40 years, only missing 25 Sundays, marked every text she heard discussed.

HIGHER CRITICISM

So called is a legitimate thing unless you include a certain materialistic school which denies all miracle. None of these is genuine study of the Bible. For that sort of study there must be open mind and determined will.

Dr. Morgan's father who lived to be 80 years of age was in early life a Baptist Minister who never read a novel in his life. Dr. Morgan reads one every day.

Up to sixteen years of age he never knew that any one of good reputation could doubt the scripture. Then he started to prepare for teaching. That was the age of the nationalistic group which included Darwin and his friends. That was the day when God was written with a small "g". Agnosticism gripped him and though he had preached from 13 to 18 he thanked God that for the two years he was uncertain he kept his mouth shut. If a man really believes one great truth let him preach that and make music like Pagonini on one string. In despair he stopped buying books either in favor of or against the Bible. For 40 years he has just studied the Bible. Seven years he never studied any other book.

THE BIBLE IS NOT A BOOK.

It is a library. In that lies Romance. There is need for study in 66 books, at least 30 known authors and 1500 years. First, Unstitch the 66 books. The New Testament is a farango of nonsense unless we have the Old Testament. The Scriptures of the Jewish Church belong to the Christian Church. This library is not a scientific treaties nor a system of philosophy or theology. It is the literature of religion. The American revision is the best translation up to date, though of course another revision will be needed. Get a copy without chapters and verses. The best in Moulton's. Chapters and verses are a hindrance. For example the 14th chapter of John begins: "Let not your heart be troubled." That is an impertinence for it divides a speech of Jesus. The passage reads: "The cock shall not crow till thou hast denied me thrice, nevertheless Peter knowing the worst that is in you I will help you through to the ultimate fellowship with me that you desire. So let not your heart be troubled."

Study the Bible Telescopically.
Study the Bible Microscopically.
Study the Bible Reactionally.

The first method is to read a whole book through at a sitting repeatedly till you get an idea as to what that particular book is about. His method required 50 times per reading per book. For example Genesis runs in his mind.

In the Beginning; Now the Serpent; Now Jehovah.

That is generation, degeneration and regeneration.

STUDYING MICROSCOPICALLY

One knows almost at once that he knows nothing. The speaker is just beginning to find out how little he knows. Perhaps Heaven will give the opportunity for endless study.

Reactionally. What is meant. When a man studys the Bible always truths leap out and demand obedience. No other literature does that. If a man refuses to obey he invariably ceases to study. This is the only destructive criticism which counts. For these reasons Paul called the Old Testament God Breathed.

—C.H.J.

The Loss of Schooner Little Gem

Capt. D. Stoyles who lost his schr. Little Gem at Labrador during the early part of the month is at present in the city. He leaves in a day or two for the coast in an endeavour to locate the wreck and salve some of his fishing gear. The schr. Little Gem with about 350 qtls. codfish, left Pleasure Harbor about 6 o'clock Friday morning, Sept. 5th, bound across the Straits. When about 5 miles east of St. Peter's Islands Capt. Stoyles noting that the rising wind threatened a hurricane started to take in canvas and steer for Henley Harbor. In bringing his schooner to windward the foremast broke and about 14 feet of the spar with the two jibs and foresail came down bringing with it the main mast. Two of the crew were caught underneath the wreckage and Capt. Stoyles thought at first that they had been killed, but fortunately they escaped injury. The Captain's son Albert who was at the helm was knocked down the companionway into the cabin by a piece of the topmast which hit him on the head and also smashed three spokes from the wheel. Although stunned by the blow he recovered after a short while. After the schooner was dismasted she became helpless. Heavy seas playing on her decks made it almost impossible for the crew to leave in safety. A quantity of oil was poured on the water and all were enabled to get aboard their motor boat, in which they reached the schr. Sarah M. Capt. Miller who landed them at Henley Harbor. The Little Gem had on board 320 qtls. codfish, five casks cod oil, two cod traps and all the necessary outfit for a fishing schooner. None of the cargo or outfit was insured and the loss to Capt Stoyles is a severe one.

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