

Notes of a sermon preached at the Dedication of the First Baptist Church, Toronto.

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My dear friends, I claim your presence while I propose to address a few words to you on this very interesting and solemn occasion.

Perhaps I may just say a little before calling your minds to a portion of God's word, that may be regarded as a bit of history. One hundred and forty years ago my grandfather, Handly Chipman, was born in the State of Rhode Island.

I felt some little uneasiness this morning as my esteemed brother, the Doctor, was addressing you, for he was going very close upon a few thoughts which had arranged in my own mind and purposed speaking upon and presenting for your consideration, and I humbly trust your acceptance.

There must have been on the mind of this great Architect at that time what would seem to us to be a mass of confusion, but out of which the beautiful earth and the stars and everything that you see so grand and good, has been made.

I stand before you and proclaim unto you God's blessed truth. It is not trite with any here. I respect you as fellow-sinners and you can be saved alone by the grace of God; but where are you, and who has made you to differ, and why are you so comfortably placed in such an exalted position as are so many as are constant in the Church of Christ?

I have been more than half a century—five years more than half a century—in the ministry, and I have tried to preach God's Gospel. I have wept for my fellow-sinners; I have sought to increase the number of God's people by trying to be faithful. I humbly trust that God has used me as an instrument to his glory. I am the simple means used when he wishes me. You know there is a great difference between the earthen vessel and the treasure con-

tained in it. I am, and so are you, but earthen vessels; and the treasure we have in the vessel, and we carry only the crude vessel that holds the treasure. There are grand vessels too. I mean to say that we are just what God has been pleased in his purpose to make us by his grace, and so we must look for more from the church, and more from the man who has been provided for carrying on church work in the Holy Ghost and His regeneration; for no man can regenerate save God alone.

I saw a man some time since, an offender in the judgment of all Christians, who was very much carried away with Romanism, and I was trying to impress upon this dying brother that I, or any one else, had just as much power as the mighty Redeemer, or any person, anywhere; that the church was not to be thought of as the one Saviour who is able to save.

Now, just let me remark to you in respect to this, that the omnipotent power of God has purposed to impart something to the church, and that something is the love of Jesus Christ; and do you know that it is said in the Apostle's teachings that we were chosen in Christ before the world began, and every stone that was there, and every stone that was to be set in the building, was set before the world began.

I saw the plan of this house before it was finished. A picture was made—a design that had to be followed. It is very probable that the architect, understanding his business, had almost every piece marked and fixed in his mind before setting about his work; its dimensions, length, breadth, height, every part, and so the preparation could be made for the work after his plans were made understandingly. Now is that possible, do you think? I learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it two years. My employer had to erect a building, and we were to do the work of erecting it. I could not square a piece of timber himself, but he knew perfectly in his own mind just how it ought to be done; so he told us what to do, and we did it, and it came together so nicely, just as if every joint had been fitted or tried.

Now just let me remark that there is one grand fact told with reference to this point, and that is, these very persons are represented who constitute this glorious building; they are represented as being in Christ Jesus in this respect; sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. And God loves these old-fashioned revivals, and instructs his children to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Oh, yes, in these grand uprisings, spiritual uprisings, Christ manifesting himself, man in the enjoyment of the peace of God that passes all understanding, we find heaven is begun below. I have sat in my seat and waves of glory have rolled over my soul. I have felt that there was but a little space between here and the home of God. Sitting together in heavenly places; in the sweet places of consecration, where his people retire for communion with him in their closets. But it is only in the Apostle's day? Was it only among the followers? It is not possible for you now? Do you not experience it occasionally here? I know you do, and individuals have experienced it. And having experienced it in a measure, what will it be in a greater degree in the glorious hereafter?

"Ye also are builded together for an habitation of God." How solemn! how important. "Are ye builded together for an habitation of God." It is meant that we in this matter are just as the material, the brick and the stone, there and that we are here as the cement that is employed to unite them together. In this way do we come together in the construction. Christ is here tonight; he is here now with us, but he is not occupying a pew with us; he is not here in his divine ministry. "I," he says, "I am with you always." He is here in the heart of all who believe on him; and my dear fellow-sinner, he is waiting for you to open the door of your heart unto him. I will not hesitate to bring these facts before you. God fills us with his presence, so that there is no room for individuals. The home of the Spirit is filled with the presence of God. Oh, know what it is to experience the peace and presence of God; and I know I have the sympathy of them that have experienced the love of God, and I want my fellow-sinner to know its sweet blessedness. I would like to persuade men to become reconciled to God, and that they might be filled with the presence of God, the unseen one. He dwells in the heart. Do you want the truth? What do men think of this? A word from the scriptures: He says in the prophet of Isaiah, dwell in the high and holy places, with him that is pure of a conscience and humble spirit, and to revive the spirit of the contrite ones."

This is a fact that is gospel, and the prophet proclaimed it into an ear. And now he says what the Lord says to us, "If any man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." Yes, and sisters too, and every person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ.

My dear brethren, when your pastor was so kind as to ask me to come here and to take part in the opening services of this beautiful new building, I hesitated some time as to what subject of thought to pursue, and after carefully considering the matter decided on this chosen of God or Christ. I looked over the beautiful earth, the fields, the sun, nature in all her grandeur, and said "The field is very large, and I need a large field, because I cannot enter upon a small field," and I prayed to God most earnestly before I left my home that it might be his pleasure that I might drop a seed on this soil for his glory. You understand what I mean.

I preached a few years ago on these words of Christ, and there was a young lady in the congregation, and when I said "Why cannot I be saved?" I tried to represent to her the grand truth that God was rich in mercy and to ask Him to direct and guide her. From that moment she had no rest until I had spoken a year ago at the dedication of this church, and when I saw her I quoted that passage, and she said to me "Is not that a dead passage of scripture? That is what led me to seek Christ." Another brother said to me "I was a drunkard, and when I saw her I quoted that passage, and she said to me "Is not that a dead passage of scripture? That is what led me to seek Christ."

After his baptism he loved me, and I loved him, and he was a convert. I was not let you overtake him any more. When you are found in the church you are unworthy, and you are unworthy when you come to die, but God loves you and will forgive you if you will but seek his face.

THE CROSS AND CONSECRATION. The Cross is the key to Consecration. Nearly all written on Consecration is on the superficial side of separation from the world. Let us grasp the higher thought of separation unto service.

Fellow-Christians, when you died with Christ on the cross you died to the world that you might live again to God. Consecration is the surrender of your life to the Lord who may save Him in the ministry of our life.

"Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy Cross I cling," is the proper attitude for prayer. But if you are going to be a religious person all your days; if you are simply to look for a reward, you are not going to be a religious person. Your idea of religion is exhausted by coming to God in prayer and in faith you are not worth redeeming. Yonder in a tree is a little nest, and in the nest half a dozen eggs; and soon there are as many little birds. How beautiful they are, simply appetites up in a tree. Day by day the mother bird brings the needed food and drops it into the open bills. The little bodies round out, take on feathers, develop strength, tumble over the edge of the nest, and are on their wings, and are gone out to build their own nest and rear their young. In prayer the soul is like the newly fledged bird. Looking to God, it cries for bread from heaven. But when the food comes in for us to bring our full hands to the service God through the service of humanity. The soul that never develops the power of wing or of song, the soul that never leaves its nest and ministers to others, is unworthy the heavenly food. Yonder in a tree is a bird, the Palm's Celery Compound strength, the Palm's Celery Compound strength, and acts as a tonic and stimulant to all the organs of digestion. The great medicine gives clearness of brain and intellect; it gives that vim, and energy that is needed in every branch of the workshop, office, counting-house, and in the home circle. It makes the weak strong, by bracing up unstrung nerves, building up flesh, bone and muscle. In your Palm's Celery Compound used in summer, every trace of disease is banished, and every prevailing pestilence and plague is avoided.

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is God's, while he is simply God's steward. He says "For he is from me to glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world hath been crucified unto me, and I unto the world." R. G. Cooper, Monks, Lyons, N. Y.

THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY.

Our faces darkened by the shade of sin, And by the sorrows that with life begin; Upon the resurrection day will shine In all the grandeur of the Light Divine.

And as we bear the earthly image here With all the ills that man has learned to fear, So shall we bear the Heavenly Image there In all the joy that heavenly ways declare.

But of that joy the keenest mortal eye Or fancy winged to soar above the sky, The faintest mortal thought cannot attain; Or touch the ecstasy that's unobtain.

ADDITION F. BROWER. Lookport, June 18, '98.

The supreme court of Indiana has decided the consolidated liquor cases, involving the constitutionality of what is known as the Nicholson law. The law is found to be valid. It provides that liquor selling may not be carried on in the same room with other business, and gives the county commissioner discretion to inquire into circumstances in passing on applications for license. The court holds that the re-licensing feature of the law which the liquor people denounced as virtual local option is valid; re-licensing must be applied against applicants and not general, but signatures to re-licensing may not be withdrawn when the case has been submitted.

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