

Everyone is Welcome at Any of These Churches On the Sabbath Day

Urges More Prominent Place For All Teachers of Humanity

The sermon given by Rev. J. W. Graham, D.D., Sunday evening at Centennial Church, the subject of which was "The Teachers of Humanity," was delivered with freedom, and showed originality and regular development of the theme.

"Why not put the teachers in a corner?" asked the speaker, proceeding to describe the position of the teacher in the community and the home. "The teacher must necessarily occupy a place of prominence, of central attraction. The teacher is the exponent of all knowledge, without him or her the great part of today's common knowledge would lie dormant just as the solution of some of the world's problems are sought for in vain. Schools are useless without teachers. Now the educational system of Canada is an organization of no small dimensions, but without the teacher, this invaluable asset of our country would count for naught. Still again, speaking strictly, the resources of the Dominion could not have been devoted to their present state without the teacher. In this the teacher has a vital application, but how development of the kingdom of God is teaching its finest, widest, and most beautiful application, in that it is a most important factor in bringing souls to Christ."

Discusses Facilities. Mr. Graham then entered upon a general discussion of the training facilities for teachers of tomorrow. He was opposed to the plan of the Roman Catholics, that not only should they have separate, high and public school boards, but should also receive part of the taxes for maintenance, but backing up his argument with the fact that the Methodist Church had today many schools of its own, the cost of the entire upkeep of which this organization bore alone.

"But to return," he went on, "I hope that I have made clear to you how indispensable is the teacher, and therefore make clear to you the fact that, given good reason why the teacher should not be placed in a corner. By teacher I do not mean

ASKS AID FOR UNFORTUNATES

During the course of his sermon, preached at King Street Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening, Rev. J. McKillop, B.A., minister of St. Paul's Church, West London, referred to these unfortunates of London who cannot afford to purchase warm clothing, and urged the congregation to relieve such distress to the limits of their ability. He declared that this action is but one part of the activities required to promote further warmth in the Christian church, which at present is far below normal. "Taking for his text, 'Who Can Stand Before His Cold,' he said in part: 'At this time of the year I think it appropriate to speak on the power of frost. There are so many homes without coal, so many houses with broken window panes, children with no mittens and men without overcoats. We should think of these unfortunates. How is the world to be warmed up?' asked the speaker. 'It is a great question, and it is only by the furnace of Christianity. If we think kindly and warmly of our unfortunate fellows, the furnace of Christian sympathy has many pipes through which the heat goes out.'

"Many Christians are as cold as icebergs, and their hands shake as cold as that of a polar bear. The temperature goes down when they enter prayer meeting, and they have icicles hanging from their eyebrows. They have been a hindrance to the Christian church all through the ages, but there are other Christians," continued Mr. McKillop, "with the smile of the morning, good fellows and God's own gentlemen, without whom the furnace of the church would go out. I hope this church has many of that type of men." He then illustrated his point by everyday incidents, demonstrating true Christian worth, one of which was a comparison of a man who sends a check to the church, but never attends, and the plodder who takes part in all Christian endeavor, despite inclement weather.

"We have not yet started with our Christian activities. The climate of heaven is ideal, with no frost. If you and I ever get to heaven it will be because God marks our papers early and winks at our intimacies. I hope when you go home this evening, if you have anything to snare in your clothes' closets you will think of some poor unfortunate and see that he or she gets it. Christ came to us to make the world warm. The church is the world's hearthstone; its great fireplace. Don't you think the man in the cold who has money and is stingy with it? Some crucify their families."

"You know those men. They will soon be dead and their wives and sons will spend their money quickly then. I hope they squander it. Feel toward your heavenly home as you do toward your own home. Come in out of the cold into the warmth and splendor of the great fireplace."

WAR VETERAN DIES. THAMESFORD, Feb. 19.—Bruce Carter died at his home in the village Thursday. He was one of the earliest recruits in the 15th Battalion and saw long, hard service overseas. He was wounded three times, and his long illness and death were the results of his wounds overseas. He is survived by his widow, two brothers, three sisters and his parents. Interment was made in the Methodist Cemetery, Thamesford.

ADVISES CHURCH CARE FOR NEEDY

"Am I my brother's keeper?" was the keynote of Dean Tucker's sermon at the morning service in St. Paul's Cathedral, Sunday, Feb. 19. "Shall we remain comfortably in our homes, and nurse our individual interests, leaving outsiders either to sink or swim?"

Sebagastina Sunday in the Anglican Church is specially set apart for social service contributions, and Dean Tucker spoke forcefully of the work being carried on in Canada by the great army of social service workers.

"The question of social service is as old as the church itself. It has always been the duty of the church to care for the poor and needy. Christ himself was of the poor, and his personal wants were supplied by a few of the faithful, particularly women. St. Paul collected money on his travels to aid the poor. It is and has always been the duty of the church to bring consolation to the sick, the orphan and the widow, as old as the church itself. It is not the question which is new, it is the method of dealing with it which is entirely modern. It has been proved time and time again that indiscriminate charity does more harm than good, and it is the aim of modern social service workers to help men to help themselves, and to solve the problem of unemployment."

"Members of the medical profession are exploring all avenues of science. It is their aim to prevent rather than to cure, and slowly but surely plagues and pestilences will be a thing of the past. Child welfare societies are accomplishing a vast work. Years ago we were pallied at the rate of infant mortality, but through the efforts of these workers care and proper feeding are exercised, and thousands of precious lives saved to the community. It has been recognized that much of what we call juvenile delinquency is directly the result of the natural ignorance of the young, and gradually steps are being taken to find a proper means of outlet for this spirit. Numerous organizations are flourishing in the church which interest the young men and women and young boys and girls, and not only keep them from amusements of a harmful nature, but stimulate their interest in the better things of life. Where juvenile delinquency is concerned, the community is at fault. When there is no provision made for this natural exuberance of youth, the community in the long run is bound to suffer."

The dean drew attention to the system of the government in providing pensions for widows in order that children instead of being taken from their own mothers might remain with them, receiving not only the benefits of being well cared for but, in addition, the home life and mother love to which each child was entitled. Work of this sort carried on by the government, supported by public funds, was bound to have an effect which would greatly benefit the community.

"The question again arises: 'Am I my brother's keeper?' The world is on the brink of an abyss, and there is only the one means of saving it, and ourselves, by service and sacrifice. Everybody must work. Just as one nation must help another to recover from the years of death and waste of the war, each man must help another. Social service work must be carried on by every individual."

SEEKS MEMORIAL FUNDS. SIMCOE, Feb. 19.—The soldiers' memorial committee has issued a call for \$10,000 additional subscriptions. In the opinion of the committee \$25,000 will be required to finance such memorial as Simcoe should erect.

ARRANGE FOR LENTEN SEASON

London Catholic Churches Prepare for Advent of Easter.

The approach of the Lenten season occasioned the choosing of the subject of "Fasting," mortification of the body, for the sermons in the Catholic Church on Sexagesima Sunday. The second Sunday before Lent and generally referred as 60 days from Easter.

The Epistle of the day was from St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians, Ch. xi, 19-23. Father A. P. Mahoney, the speaker at St. Peter's Cathedral, explained the history of this Epistle. A schism had occurred in the church. St. Paul had apologized to these people and a few he had left. Word had reached him that teachers, jealous of the apostle's authority over the people, were causing trouble. He wrote to them and that letter makes up a part of the Epistle of the day.

Father Mahoney pointed out that St. Paul's appeal was based on his life of love for Christ, his loyalty to Christ. He spoke of his miracles and other wonderful things which Christ had done through him. He cited as another test of his loyalty to Christ, the fact that he had fasted. This was a test of his orthodoxy. Father Mahoney here pointed out that the law laid down in the course of sermons that the day was appropriate for a recital of the advantages of fulfilling the Christian precept of fasting.

Garden of Paradise. The principle of fasting, he said, dated back to the Garden of Paradise, where the fall of the first parents, when they ate the "fruit of the tree of life," sin became more prevalent, it became pre-eminent as a means of mortification. The speaker cited Moses fasting 40 days, and also before he got the Ten Commandments. King David, and in fact all the prophets fasted, while the Jews had weeks set aside for periods of fasting.

Father Mahoney said that when Christ came to earth a much higher motive was given to fasting. This was especially true of the apostolic days when the apostles fasted and prayed. And so it came down throughout centuries. Today we hear that it was all right to fast then, and it is all right to fast in monasteries, but that it does not apply to ordinary every day life.

This the speaker declared to be false. It does apply today, and especially during the Lenten season. There were certain advantages in following the strict law of the church.

Before proceeding to outline these, Father Mahoney stated that there are other kinds of mortification besides fasting, but that the church deems this the best, the most sacred and pre-eminent among those leading to God. Frequently, said the speaker, the body wins over the soul. There was a tendency to pamper the body. He cited St. Paul's method in which he chastised his body.

"Does that make any impression?" asked the speaker after quoting the Jews' words, "Thou shalt not let us make a fast, for we have eaten and drunk, and we hear no more light and hands, no shuffle of the foot in the dance, of all the thousand voices that laughed and sang with us, not one left. Markets closed, lights out, curtains drawn, life over, what then?"

Good Means of Paying. Fasting, said the preacher, is a good means of paying that temporal punishment which must be met either in this world or the next. He had studied the matter carefully and concluded it was easier to pay here. How many pay nothing while on earth? he asked.

This mortification of the body had a third benefit. It raised the mind to things spiritual. He remarked that when men "fast in deep mid-winter, open-doored to Heaven" then they come to know how tribulation is something to glory in. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

The second problem that oppresses us is that of our own worth and the worth of our endeavors. We look at the heavens and we ask, "What is man?" Conscious of our frailty and feebleness and of the brevity of our lives we wonder if we are worth while. But God has declared his faith in us and the cross of Jesus tells us something of our worth to God. When a man realizes that he is immortal being and redeemed not with silver nor gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, then surely he will begin to live as an immortal.

So also the question of the life everlasting is only answered when men stand in the presence-room of God. Science has no sure answer to the question, "If a man die shall he live again?" Philosophy is not proof positive. But the man who dwells in God's presence has a sure word. "God is not the God of the dead but of the living" and "He would be ashamed to be called our God if he had not prepared for us a city."

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SEES MENACE TO YOUTH IN BRIGHT LIGHTS OF CITY

"Our Boys Down Town" was the title of the sermon preached by Rev. G. A. Leichter at Adelaide Street Baptist Church Sunday evening to a very full church. Taking for his text Psalms i, 1, "Blessed is the man," and Hebrews ix, 27, "It is appointed unto a man once to die, after that the judgment."

Mr. Leichter said that "the boys who are trooping in and out of the homes of today, care free and careless, are to be the future men of the nation, and the logical outgrowth of the type of nation this shall be in the future depends on the type of boy reared today. Furthermore, the activities into which he enters down town will determine largely the type of life he shall develop."

"I need not say again that the modern city has increasing dangers," said Mr. Leichter. "I need not say in many relationships of present day life, the fellow who takes no moral risks is thought of as a dud and out of date. The 'real fellows' laugh at the lad who hesitates to take the plunge into the abyss. The fastidious of the city challenge all the animal in a man's nature, and if he does not accept the challenge and go the pace he is out of date. These things are all true of this day and age. They are the marks of the time."

"Do not forget that the price of riotous living is as steep as the Alps and as rugged and a lifetime of happiness is 'if far' greater value than a few days of indulgence. 'Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.'"

"Hollywood, America's moving picture cesspool, is proving that the corruption of practice is eventuating itself in its inevitable fruitage. 'The way into final darkness and defeat is skirted by bright lights and melodious with the song and story, ribaldry and indulgence, but the end thereof is death.'"

Pictures Judgment Day. "When the great day comes and God asks for settlement you will be granted no reprieve. The architect lays aside his pencil and his plan, the carpenter his adze and apron, the merchant his bank book, the lawyer his brief, and the preacher his sermon; not one bargain, though a million voices were bidding. We shall have settled business upon our heads. We hear no more light and hands, no shuffle of the foot in the dance, of all the thousand voices that laughed and sang with us, not one left. Markets closed, lights out, curtains drawn, life over, what then?"

DECLARES FAITH ANSWER TO ALL

In Robinson Memorial Church, Sunday morning, Rev. W. L. Hiles took for his subject, "The Need of Viewing Life in the Light of the Sanctuary of God." Taking his text from Psalm 73: 16 and 17 verses, Mr. Hiles showed how the psalmist had found his way through a despairing mood to faith in the goodness and justice and love of God.

The old problem of the suffering of the righteous and the prosperity of the wicked was the problem for which the only answer seemed to be a denial of the existence of the God in whom he had been taught to believe. But when he went into the sanctuary of God then he understood. It is only when men stand in the presence of God and see life from the standpoint of the eternities that they can interpret life aright.

Mr. Hiles spoke of the problems that were very painful until men looked at them in the light of the eternal. This problem of the suffering of the righteous and prosperity of the wicked with which the psalmist was dealing. How awful life would be if men lost faith in the love and goodness of God. But when men "stand in deep mid-winter, open-doored to Heaven" then they come to know how tribulation is something to glory in. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

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URGES CHURCH TO GREATER ACTIVITY

Rev. Judson Kelly Emphasizes Need of Spiritual Revivals.

Rev. Judson Kelly, taking his text from the 15th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, delivered an inspirational sermon entitled "The One Lost Sheep." The speaker declared that the recovery of lost property was a natural trait with every human being. It is not a sin to do so, but it is a God given principle. Furthermore, it is not natural for man to sin. It is not sinful to wish to recover lost property because God owns everything. He owns everything, not with the idea of merely owning it, but he owns it so that it may be blessed. Some say that the devil has wrested the reins of power from God, but the devil has only allowed so far as the human race allows him to rule them, and as much as God allows. The devil has not even the key of hell, so little does he own. He has neither the power to lock or unlock its doors.

The speaker declared that this world may be represented as a lost sheep. He wondered if, as often stated, there were other worlds, if these other worlds had gone astray like this one had, or if they did not need a Christ to save them.

Mr. Kelly asked, "Why has man gone astray? Why do men do wrong? It is not that man is a mismanaged angel. God made man in his own image. He has made him a divinity. God has given him the power, and if man has gone wrong it is because man will go wrong. It is sometimes thought that when a man's meanness are found, then the man is found, but such is not the case. Man is only found when he is grasped by the hand and one looks into his eyes with the eyes of love."

The preacher declared that the church has failed in not going out after men. The only business of the church is to save men. The only business of a preacher should be to save men. The greatest thing in the world is to save a soul, and humanity fails in its duty to God if it fails to do this. It is only when men feel the breath of God playing on his heart strings that he can be truly said to be saved. It is only by love that you can touch a man's heart and until that is so man cannot be saved to be saved.

Mrs. Wyatt sang in a sweet and pleasing voice the story solo and the hymn "There were ninety and nine."

At the close of the regular services a social hour was held in the Wesley Hall, conducted by the choir, to which all were invited.

Sunday was the anniversary of the educational society in connection with the Methodist churches of the city of London, and it was intimated that the sum of \$800 had been raised at the morning service. The objective desired by the First Methodist church is \$1,200.

OUTLINES WORK IN CHURCH COLLEGES

Prof. W. A. Potter of Victoria College, Toronto, spoke in Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church Sunday morning on behalf of the educational fund, and in a very able and pleasing manner explained the work being done in the Methodist colleges. Rev. R. J. McCormick, pastor of the church, preached in the evening on the "fold Pull of the Church," and expressed the thought that the people needed the church and the church needed the people.

HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET.

CAYUGA, Feb. 19.—The winter supper of the Cayuga branch of the U. F. O. and U. F. W. O. was held in Humphrey's Hall on Thursday evening with more than 200 members in attendance. After supper the Rev. E. W. Thompson occupied the chair, and Mrs. Thompson briefly welcomed the assembly. Speeches were given by the district agricultural representative, Mr. Frey, and Inspector J. L. Mitchener. Miss E. Lent gave a vocal solo, and Miss L. Little a violin selection. Mrs. B. Humphrey acting as accompanist. Euchre and dancing were enjoyed after the program.

Declares St. Peter Delivered Ministry of Rome to Linus

Using as his text, St. Mark, xvi, 15, Rev. W. L. Armitage of St. James' Anglican Church took occasion Sunday evening to reply to the Father A. P. Mahoney's challenge of his previous Sunday evening's sermon, the matter of which was based on the newspaper heading, "The Mantle of St. Peter falls on Basil." During his first sermon the rector claimed that such a statement was erroneous and gave authentic proofs of such error.

Fearing lest absolute silence might be taken for acknowledgment of defeat, Mr. Armitage referred to the subject again Sunday evening. "The only orders given the church were marching orders issued to all believers, by our great head of the church, Jesus Christ," he said. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," was the command. All of the apostles received this same order, which is to be carried on to the end of time.

All Were Missionaries. "The early church members were all missionaries. They went everywhere, no-ones were established. The Ignatius Father Mahoney referred to wrote seven epistles, but only one mentions St. Peter in one of them. These words: 'I do not, as St. Peter and St. Paul command you. They were apostles, I am a condemned man; they were free, but I am even to this day a servant; but if I suffer, I shall then become the freeman of Jesus Christ, and shall rise free' (Chap. iv). There is no personal claim to such a position as bishop of Antioch."

Treacius, bishop of Lyons, born 59 or 60 years after the death of St. Peter, writes: "The blessed apostles, therefore, Peter and Paul, having founded and built the church (at Rome) handed over the ministry to Linus, the same mentioned in St. Paul's epistles to Timothy."

"St. Paul writes in the epistle to the Romans within ten years of his death, and up to that time had never been to Rome; the letter was addressed not to a church, but 'to all that be at Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints.' These saints met wherever they could."

Sort of Prerogative. The Catholic Church seems to be a sort of prerogative of the Roman Church, whereas it is the term for a universal church. The Jewish church was a national church. Men rose up early in the church with views other than orthodox, and they were known by the names of the leaders of such thoughts, Aryans, Macedonians and later, Calvinists, besides many others. These added to the creeds and doctrines of the church, and brought in various kinds of errors. The true Catholic church is where the pure word of God is preached and the sacraments are duly carried out. Baptism and the Lord's supper being the only sacraments as instituted by our Lord. The work of the church is to preach. All the truth to all the people. There is supreme power for all the church, for all the time. May we be found faithful when our Lord shall return," concluded the preacher.

STRESSES IDEAL OF HOME-MAKING

"Many daughters have done virtuously but thou hast excelled them all," was the text taken by Rev. William Beattie, in the fourth of a series of sermons on the making of a Canadian home, at the First Presbyterian church, Sunday evening.

Rev. Mr. Beattie spoke of the debate that was held at the church last Monday as to whether women should receive the same wages as men. "One thought that was advanced by both sides, was that women should be in the home as they had the instinct of home making," stated the pastor.

That every woman has the right of making herself independent of marriage was emphasized by Rev. Mr. Beattie. "There are millions more women in the world than men and therefore the opportunity of marriage is denied to many women," declared the pastor.

Training Begins Early.

"The training for home making begins in the earliest infancy. It is significant that a boy of four years will ask for a hammer and saw, where a girl will ask for dolls and the paraphernalia of housekeeping. This indicates that God gave to man a sense of home building and to women of home keeping," stated Rev. Beattie.

To the bachelor girls, Rev. Mr. Beattie advised the federation of kindred spirits, namely, four or five

WILL CHECK TAX ARREARS.

STRATFORD, Feb. 19.—In future persons who are in arrears for taxes here will be notified annually by the tax collection department, it has been decided. At present arrears are allowed to run three years before notice is given. The rate of discount will be graded each month instead of bi-monthly.

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