

WEEKLY SERMON.

The Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman on "The Way of Excellence."

The Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, pastor of the Central Congregational church, Brooklyn, N. Y., preached an Advent sermon on "The Way of Excellence." He took his text from the First Corinthians xiii:1: Covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet I shew unto you a more excellent way.

The scripture before us turns our thought toward that series of sprinkled ideas.

Lily on lily, that'er lace the sea, And laugh their pride, where the light waves lip, "Grece."

But the Corinth of the Apostle's day was, and yet again was not, the Corinth of the Achaean League. Destroyed by the Roman soldier in 146, it had lain in ruins for exactly 100 years, when Julius Caesar, who desired a balance of power in the province to check the growth of Rome's influence as the capital city, rebuilt it.

These capacities were to be justly coveted; in pursuit of them minor obligations were to be properly neglected.

OUR BEST GIFTS. In the more excellent way, Apollo, whose illustrious name is identified with the church and this epistle, was a half-enlightened philosophical believer whose renown as a sacred orator was enhanced by his discourse with the apostle. Little is known of him; if more could be ascertained we should be better able to trace the history of his life.

Neither was St. Paul's message in his day easily understood. As a matter of fact, it was actively resisted. The letters bear marks of warfare.

What, then, were the best gifts? St. Paul exhorts men and women to covet. They encompass all the great endowments which attended the distinct beginning of the Christian religion.

This central declaration kindled the imagination, which in turn, lighted the new luminaries of mankind. It created those splendid tributes we call the Gospels and the Epistles. It went back to Jewish prophesy and boldly showed it to be predictive and prophetic, and it interlocked the covenants of history in one great song of breath and sweet melody which chanted the sacrament of a loving God to all nations.

Good Appetite, Good Digestion and Good Sleep Follow the use of

For man is a cosmos in himself, and the wisest wretch carries in his broken spirit the remnants of infinity. He is no particular satisfaction to you and me to know that we are atoms buried in the reef although on that reef a greater man, or a greater race of men may build and flourish.

THE LIFE OF MAN. burns low in the socket, faith grows exsiccated and morbid and needs new objectives, new alliances or lapses into scornful hesitancy and, worse still, it fixes itself on all sorts of delirious stages of decadence and dignifies them with three honorable names and offers them a prostituted adherence.

Such an Advent circles around the antique person of Jesus. We are on the apostolic side of that circle in our study of this Corinthian letter. But it is yet an Advent. When the Eternal Spirit enthroned Himself in the conscience of the race and silently bore witness that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

AND AGAIN. on Pisgah's Mount, close by Moses' unkindly grave, he took up his burden and sang, "God is not a man that should die; neither the son of man, that he should repent."

HOW our feebleness, our doubt is to use such heights and accomplish these wonders. Some have asserted that the character of men of our own century is the apostolic band and that no bright success is known.

Belief in God and in Christ as the Son of God cannot be displaced without shattering the past and wrecking the future.

AND WHOSE GOAL. is never in doubt. One of the puzzles of life is in its spaces peopled by the commonplace, those interstices which seem lost in their subordination to mighty epochs.

THE SOUL'S TRAGEDY. The agony and corruption of the environment of these gifts, its dark night of baffled desires, made a background against which they shone with

of the text. How the highest is the lowliest and the humblest is the holiest and that Jesus stood to rise and was buried for the coronation of living authority.

THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM. Tread this path in patriotic effort and our country would cease from her mourning. Let charity be the companion of freedom, and our power to bear liberty and use it aright is increased apace.

TURNING FROM THE INFLUENCES of charity in the social organizations of countries and communities, its originative power should be admitted more freely in the church.

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declared. "We shall see face to face." Think of the joy of that sight! Face to face. Then "we shall know even as we are known."

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ST. VOL. 26. ALMS HOUSE Commissioners Visited Institution Saturday Afternoon. Christmas Tree Provided for Children and Gifts for the mates—All Given a Splendid Time at the Home.

The Alms House commissioners and other citizens visited the Alms House Saturday afternoon. Christmas tree was provided for the children.

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