

Wesley Church Notes

Through the courtesy of exchange of pulpits Wesley Church congregation had the privilege last night of hearing a most impressive and eloquent discourse delivered by Rev. Mr. Power of St. Andrew's Kirk. His subject was "The Separating Power of Sin" and the text, "And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord." In opening the preacher drew an entrancing picture of the Garden of Eden filled with surpassing beauty, flowers diffusing their fragrance, and happiness abounding, but into this Paradise sin entered, and immediately all lost their fragrance. God had walked in the cool of the day with our first parents. It was the sweetest fellowship the world had ever known; but one evening when God came as usual Adam and Eve were nowhere to be seen, they had hidden themselves. It was the first evidence of the separating power of sin. And next we see this sad and tragic incident when Cain slew his brother and instantly he became a fugitive and a vagabond upon the earth, without a house or a friend. Shut out from God's presence with a mark on his brow that no man could efface, Cain became an outcast. Men shunned him, women withdrew from him, little children hid from him as he wandered to and fro, but every sound that told of love and home were not for him.

Perhaps there are no sadder words in all the Bible than the preacher's text, and when stated with intense pathos to a gripped audience as it was last night, the effect was very marked. Henry Drummond in the Assembly Hall of Edinburgh preached to hundreds of students from the words "He made his bed in Hell," and when on his way home suddenly in the darkness a young man rushed to him crying "Oh preacher, I have made my bed in Hell" and then disappeared in the darkness. Drummond said afterward that the lonely misery of that cry would ring in his ears until his dying day, and the speaker remarked "there was a loneliness like that on Cain." True there is a sense in which every man is lonely we have our own burden to bear, battle to fight, temptation to overcome, and in a very deep sense our master Christ was lonely for instance in Gethsemane when the pale moon looked down, not a leaf stirred, his disciples a stone's cast away. He was alone, kneeling, but what a world of difference between the two. Christ drinking the cup alone, bearing His cross alone, suffering for others. Cain had sinned against his brother, with every hand against him, and now going out into a strange land, an alien. The continual effect of sin is to intensify the isolation and estrangement from God, and all that is best and purest in fellowship and love.

The next point emphasized by the preacher was "Sin separates a man from his ideals." Almost as soon as a boy can talk he will tell you what he is going to be; one a captain, another a doctor, or a minister, and with an ideal one can never be lonely, waking or sleeping, it will hold him, and lead the ideal but a dream, men will fight for it, and in fighting the heart will forget its loneliness. Quotations from Tennyson and Sir Walter Scott aptly illustrated this point. Sin clips the wings and takes away the desire to fly. The instance of a talented lad whose desire and aim was to be a doctor was vividly told. He studied while others played. He followed the gleam, and for a time all went well, but alas sin clipped his wings; the clipping began at college. Although he had great ability, he barely scraped through with a pass, disappointed his friends and soon disappeared. Many men commence well, build up a lucrative business, but something goes wrong, and many promising careers end in failure, disgrace and tragedy. Sin has held them back from what they could have been, the beckoning hand had vanished by separation from God. Cain could have been a successful farmer, but work gave place to envy, and when the morning of the rejected sacrifice came, the brooding scorn gave place to anger, the murderous blow was struck, and this time separation was complete and final, it did more than divide the brothers, Cain went out from the presence of the Lord.

The fear of trespassing upon your space and kindness forbids further expansion of my notes. May I finish by saying that the reverend gentleman's closing exhortation was most forceful and solemn. He reminded all that God has established numberless relationships in human life and means that we are to be friends, brothers. God is love, the source of all righteousness and inspires all love, but sin destroys all love, separates parents and child, husband and wife, renders family relationships, creates division in the state, disturbance among the nations. There is no tie so tender or bond so strong that sin will not sever leaving those affected sadder, poorer, and lonelier as in Whittier's beautiful story of the friendship of Rabbi Nathan, so fittingly told by the speaker. But the most terrible separation of all will be to fall away from the fellowship of God. We recognize Him the great world around, sea, sky, we detect His presence in conscience, and feel His power in our lives, and with Him sliding we can

never be lonely, it is the sweetest fellowship, full, true and tender. But sin can ruin all that, and send us into darkness worse than Samson's blindness or the despair of Judas. What can cause this change? Love of pleasure, liquor, drugs, gambling, immorality, sending those who shut out God, to be in everlasting punishment with no hope and to realize like Cain the separating power of sin.

A Horrible Law

Editor Evening Telegram

Dear Sir.—The person who perpetrated the Liquor Law was a sad humorist. Parts of it, were they not so tragic, would be most laughable. Imagine Judge Morris, with a grave face, telling a gentleman before him for the third time for having drunk not wisely but too well, that the fine is two hundred dollars or, in default of payment, three months with Mr. Parsons. It is so ridiculous! If the fine were paid, Judge Morris would receive an irrecoverable stroke. If it were paid, it would be monstrous, for that would be almost a year's earnings for the class of gentleman I have in mind. It must be remembered that it would not be a fine for the two hundred dollars of a hair, for the two hundred dollars would not come out of his pocket, but would deprive his wife and family of that much groceries, clothing, etc., of which they are so badly in need. Should the loving wife by any means raise the fine and her erring husband once more lapse from virtue and again come before His Honour, and was asked to pay the thousand dollars for the fourth offence, he might just as well be asked to buy out the Bank of Montreal or some reputable financial institution. He certainly was a humorist of the first order whose brain ways put that law on the long-suffering and marvellously tolerant people of this country. To illustrate the sad side of the joke I will give you an instance, of what happened to a gentleman friend of mine. He came before Judge Morris for the third time since this iniquitous law was sprung on the community. The first time he was, as the Act peremptorily lays it down, fined the modest sum of two dollars. He probably raised the amount himself. The second time he was fined ten dollars which, with difficulty, and the help of her neighbours and friends, the afflicted wife scraped together. The third time the Judge said the fine was two hundred dollars, and the comic tragedy began. The rotten part of the law is that Judge Morris, the one man in this country who knows these people and knows how to administer the law so that the punishment will not fall on the wrong person, is allowed no discretion. If he were, he would moderately fine the poor devil whose only recreation from raising a large family is to occasionally load up. A new sensation is what people to-day are after. Think of the fappers with their cigarettes and cocktails. Think of those more fortunate in this world's goods when spifflicated, being sent home in a taxi by a good-natured policeman. It is only the poor devil with many hostages to fortune who is flogged to the "pen" and put away in the morning before Judge Morris. He naturally goes down for the third offence. This friend of mine who has on other occasions accepted Mr. Parsons's hospitality, was sentenced, bowed to His Honour and, with a sense of irresponsibility, like one going on a holiday, left the Court Room, went down the stairs, and was waited to the Penitentiary where, for the next three months, relieved of the harassing care of providing for a wife and seven children, one of whom is eight months old, relieved of the burden of paying rent, taxes, and many of the other ills that flesh is heir to, will fatten under the food provided by a paternal Government which gives plenty, even though it cannot truly be said that the variety is charming. Of course the first fifteen days are not too pleasant, but a fortnight passes quickly under such pleasant circumstances, company and surroundings. There is very little class distinction there and most are half-fellow well met and so the three months pass delightfully. In the meanwhile what about the wife and seven small children? That is where this laughable law is seen in all its tragic humor. She has no reputable earning power, and if she had, could not use it, for she is tied to the home with the baby and the other children. In the case I am illustrating, the eight months' baby is very sick, the wife has no money, no food, no fire, and little clothing. Can you beat it? Imagine if you can, the suffering brought about by giving the cause of it a three months' rest cure! The innocent wife and dear little children are not only deprived of the companionship, guidance and moral support of their husband and father, but also deprived of earning power, which but for an occasional burst from a monotonous existence, is promptly placed before his loving wife. What would you do under such circumstances? Can you wonder at wives similarly placed, going wrong, chucking up the job of trying to live respectably, clearing out of the home they are no longer able to look after, abandoning the children and for a time leading the life of wild women? What else is there for them to do? One may of course, apply for charity to some institution, or to her neighbours, but think of a poor proud hon-

est struggling woman being placed in that position. Is not that enough to break her spirit, and when her spirit is broken any consequences are likely to follow. These are not suppositional facts. These things actually happen. Thanks to Mr. Brownrigg, five dollars' worth of groceries were sent on Saturday to the starving wife and family. Otherwise the consequences must have been horrible. It is too terrible to contemplate.

Yours sincerely,
GEO. W. B. AYRE.

Sept. 27th, 1925.



A Message to Everyone Interested in Education

At the opening of the United Business College recently a message on the value of education was emphasized by the Principal, Mr. P. G. Butler, M. C. S. The question was asked: "Are parents equipping their children for the future?" and a research made by Dean Lord, Boston University College of Business Administration, was read, showing that business education pays big dividends for life:—

"The average yearly income of the untrained man is \$1,000; of the high school graduate \$2,000; of the college graduate \$3,000. The untrained man goes to work as a boy of fourteen and reaches his maximum income at the age of thirty. The figures show that more than 60% of untrained workers are dependent upon others for support at the age of sixty." The conclusion is: Classical education pays well, but business education best of all.

Hubbard, a philosopher, who was drowned in the Lusitania, was right when he wrote, as follows:—

"A classical education may or may not help you to earn a living, but a business education always does. Graduates of good business colleges, positively without exception, have paying positions awaiting them. They do not have to borrow, beg or stand in the bread line."

Business education emphasizes not only the possession of knowledge, but the ability to think and reason for oneself, to bring out earning power, business tact and ambition to succeed. Perhaps no subject develops this more than Business English, especially Debating and Sales Correspondence. While Rapid Calculations, Stenography and Accounting quickly develop accuracy and dispatch so essential to success.

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"Spring Cleaning, the comedy presented, is most entertaining, particularly as it is out of the ordinary run, with modern ideas, dealing with its subject in a masterly and clever manner. It is thoroughly up to date, having plenty of dialogue such as to keep an audience thoroughly interested to follow the lines. It will be known to some movie followers who have seen it under the title of 'The Fast Set'."

It is the style of play that would fall in the hands of other than talented performers, and their splendid presentation and the general comments of satisfaction from the large audience was a tribute to their excellence, the performance running with such smoothness as to make it surprising when it was known that this was the first time the company appeared publicly together. The company is particularly well balanced, each adapted to their respective parts. Miss Deane gives a most delightful and a charming and artistic portrayal of the lengthy and difficult role of Margaret, the wife. There was no attempt to overdo, no effort for dramatic effect, but a thoroughly natural portrayal, just as in real life, and she has a pretty English accent which adds to the pleasure of her performance. She fascinated her audience with her talented work, while she looked well and dressed handsomely. Joseph Selman, who played the husband with such success, was here some years ago, and for the past nine seasons has been in New York productions. He is a superb actor, handling his role with that skill that is possessed by the best professionals, and he played the lengthy part in a manner that showed his marked ability. Frederick Neilson is a newcomer who at once stamped himself a favorite. He presented his role of the man who was estranging the wife from her husband, not in the customary somewhat distasteful manner, but with a coolness and plain spoken terms that brought about the unusual happening of the audience being pleased with the villain. Joseph Demter supplied the real comedy in a clever way, and Messrs. Benware and Rogers were also good in their roles. Jas. A. Bliss, who was here quite a few years ago, demonstrated what a good actor can do with such a small part as the servant.

A featured portrayal was Mona, by Miss Mary Jepp, speaking her lines with such distinctness, displaying careful ability, showing both sides of the character effectively, and kept the part within bounds, when there were so many opportunities to make it otherwise. Her fine appearance also added to her presentation.

The Company has a capital ingenuity in Doris Haslett; bright, pleasing, with lots of life in her work, she captivated as Fay Colleen, and Miss Eugenie DuBois, who was here some seasons ago and became very popular, was a splendid Lady Walton, giving a thoroughly good performance. All the ladies wore handsome costumes, the scenery and stage settings most striking, the orchestra under Harry Cochran as entertaining as ever, and the whole production such as ensures most attractive performances during the engagement. There will be matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

Reserved seats now on sale at F. V. Chesman's, Water Street.

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Home From Official Visit

TO ROTARY CLUB IN ANCIENT COLONY.

John A. Young, district governor of the Rotary clubs in the Maritimes and Newfoundland, and L. G. MacKay, a member of the Sydney club, returned on Tuesday morning from Newfoundland, where Mr. Young paid an official visit to the St. John's Rotary Club.

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