

Dr. Lockhart chose as his text the third verse of the one hundred and third psalm, "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that they youth is renewed like the eagles." His theme was God's promise of everlasting youth.

It is not pleasant to think of becoming old, to think of the sting of mortal things. There is nothing greater to think than that God will keep us immortally young. Jesus said He had eternal life to offer which is "to know Him the only true God." Physically, man *must* grow old. Try as he may the most he can do is to keep off the inevitable hour. "So far as I am animal I am old even when young; so far as I am spirit I am young even when I am old."

Everlasting youth can be obtained only through the "new birth." It is hard for us to comprehend the meaning of this metaphor, but we may think of it as a change from one state to another. A man may be reborn a demoniac as well as God-like. He may come to that state where his whole purpose is to find his body with vituals and his soul with revenge. Contrasted with such a life is one that is born from above and which feeds on the things of God. The speaker said he knew of no other way to be born into that happier realm than to believe in Jesus and his gospel. The "new birth" is God's life in a man.

Childhood and youth resemble immortal life in two ways, in growth and in trust. The trust in parenthood in a child becomes hero worship in a young man. True hero worship is the worship we give to the free soul in its victory over sin, death, and meanness. When the soul grows up it rests on divine fatherhood in the great eternal, divine fact; and that spirit of divine trust keeps us everlastingly young. Here the speaker talked of faith, and went on to say that faith is the belief that the invisible is just as real and far more real than that which is tangible. Its complement is the hope for the final triumph of God over evil. He then went on to prove that faith has its basis in fact. The great power from which all things proceed must either be spiritual or material. We are convinced that there is rational mind in the world, and it is far more reasonable than not to believe that that which produced the rational mind must have been a rational spirit. But reason can carry us only a part of the way and then we must rest on faith.

The next point which the speaker set forth was the way in which the spirit works to keep us young. The Christian life delivers us from degrading sensualism by teaching us to explore the empire of the soul. Whatever we learn to do with the soul keeps us young, for the soul never grows old. If we love with the soul we love for-