

SUNDAY'S SERMON TODAY

"THE SECOND COMING"

"Text: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.—I Thessalonians, v. 17-18."

"This meeting mentioned in the Bible is the greatest that ever will be held in all the world. There have been many wonderful meetings. It was a wonderful meeting when the children of Israel met at the Red Sea after the host of Pharaoh had been destroyed, and Miriam, the sister of Moses, led the people with singing and with timbrel as they rejoiced. It was a wonderful meeting at the foot of Mt. Sinai when Moses descended with the commandments given to him by God in the midst of fire and lightning and thunder. It was a wonderful meeting at Mt. Carmel, when Elisha slew 450 of the prophets of Baal.

"It was a wonderful meeting when David came and danced before the ark of God. It was a wonderful meeting when Solomon dedicated the temple. It was a wonderful meeting on the banks of the Jordan when God's Bon-hearted preacher, John the Baptist, preached the truths of God, and the Bible says his clothes were of camel's hair and he was fed on locusts and wild honey. It was a wonderful meeting when Jesus preached the sermon on the mount and fed 5000 with a few loaves and fishes, and Moses and Elijah appeared on the mount. It was a wonderful meeting at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down as a mighty wind and 3000 were converted. It was a mighty meeting when the Christians went to Jerusalem to demand the Christians from the infidel Turks. It was a mighty meeting in the day when Constantine saw the cross in the sky and a mighty wave of Christianity swept over Rome.

"It was a mighty meeting when Savonarola stood in the square of Florence and buried the truths of God in mud until they caught him and led him to a stake and burned him, until he was incinerated. It was a mighty meeting in the days of Martin Luther when he converted others to justification by faith in the Saviour instead of justification by faith in the church. There were mighty meetings in the days of Wesley and Whitfield, and Calvin and Knox, and in later days Flinney and Moody, and today—Torrey—as they spread the gospel. But these cannot compare with the meetings of Jesus when the Lord comes again. That is the one meeting for which all are preparing, and all of these other meetings are but simple preparations for the meetings that take place in the air.

JESUS WILL RETURN.
"Jesus not only foretold His going away, but said He would return. Watch, for you know not the hour or the day in which the Lord cometh.

"There is no prophecy yet to be fulfilled before the Lord comes back. Jesus said in Matthew 24: 'And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come.' There is not a nation on earth where the gospel has not been preached. It says preached in the nations, and then the end shall come. It does not say that shall all be saved, and then the end shall come. That's what I am doing here—preaching.

"The second coming of Christ has been the pole star of religion. I was talking to one preacher and I said: 'Do you think that Jesus Christ will come back to earth tonight?' He thought a minute, and said: 'No.' That's the trouble; many people don't know what it means. Watch and pray, for ye know not what hour the Son of Man cometh; and yet so many preachers say nothing about this. Would you go by them? Would you travel on a train where the engineer did not read his orders? Would you travel on a steamship where there was no pilot or compass? Call it rubbish if you will, but Peter said, 'James and John called it a "Blessed Hope."

Many preached anseringly and scoffingly to me. 'Oh, it's nothing to me. I'm not interested in it.' Then you should get out of the pulpit if you're not interested. Would you board a train when you knew the engineer had refused to accept his orders?

"There's no word in the Bible which says to look for the second coming. There can be no millennium until Jesus Christ comes. His very presence will bring the millennium.

"Many think the millennium will come gradually, by everybody getting better, but the Bible doesn't teach any such thing. It says the world will grow worse, the lawlessness will grow worse. In the days of Noah as it is today. There was robbery, thievery, murder, adultery and fornication. The flood came and wiped it all away. So it will be again. I don't know whether it will be pestilence, flood or fire; but it will come.

"Many think the millennium will come by an increase of knowledge, culture; with the discovery and invention of all ships, radium, liquid air. They think these things have more to do with the millennium than Christ has. It's all hot air. The personal reign of Jesus Christ has nothing to do with an airship. It's all poppycock and nonsense, and Jesus never intended any person to preach any such stuff and pretend to get 't out of the Bible. It's the personal reign of Christ that brings the millennium, not a gasoline engine.

"The trouble today is that many preachers, instead of going to the Bible, go to books and take their opinions for what the Bible says of Jesus Christ. That's why they get their candy.

"The fact that Jesus Christ wasn't recognized when He came the first time shows that it is dangerous to trust to tradition. To a great many they are as dangerous as they were to Nicodemus.

The big bugs in the church are just as often mistakes as the little bugs. The safest pilot is not the man that knows the channel and how to steer clear of the rocks. Some people think it is, and that's the same trouble in the church. They follow these men and try to find Christ and the way to eternity.

WHEN BODY IS COMPLETE.

"When Jesus Christ comes—I don't know when that will be—no one knows when that will be, but He will come—when Jesus Christ comes He will reveal Himself to members of His body, and only those who are truly saved are members of the body of Christ. Every member of Christ, but every member is not. Only members who are truly Christians are members of the body of Christ. That's the work of the true Christian; and when the last soul is converted, to complete the body of Christ, then Christ will be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed for a little season."

"All this is true, and at the end of

the millennium the devil will get out of the pit and for the first time he will look upon the world bereft of sin, and you'd think that if the devil ever turned, he'd turn then; but the devil can't stand to see men decent, women pure. He will be loosed. I don't know why this is. It's none of my business. God's business. He'll be loosed and he'll go and tempt people, and he'll gather flowers, and then fire will come down from God's heaven and consume him.

"Then judgment will come; then comes the end. We don't know what this will be like. Doubtless God will have many surprises for us. Think of being with Christ, think of being with Philip. Think of hearing the story of Jesus from their lips! Think of meeting Joseph, who begged the body of Christ! Think of knowing Mary Magdalene and the woman who was healed by the touch! It means that we shall be for a thousand years with the Lord.

"When we come back we shall not be subject to corruption. We won't have to walk. I can go to the other world and come here. I expect to come back with Jesus, and I expect to come back here to Philadelphia. I'll come back to all the places I've been and I'll see this old scene here where the tabernacle stands. Jesus wasn't limited after His resurrection. He could come and go, but no one else. His friends could see Him, Thomas and Elijah, and limited. You're going to meet with Christ. If you've been faithful the Lord will let you reign. I don't know but He may let me reign over the Philadelphia district. I'm going to be with Him. The very thought fires me to the end of my toes. If I do, there'll be something doing.

WORLD A PARADISE.

"We will have faculties a thousand times more fit for enjoyment. The millennium will be the greatest age of men; it will be the fulfillment of our dreams. The world will bloom and be likened unto a paradise; the barren fields will blossom like a rose; instead of thistles will bloom a fig tree; instead of briars will be the myrtle. Conditions will change, revolution, climatic, and the old world will reach the millennium in truth. You think this is great today, but just wait if you want to see something. All this is merely getting ready. Think of it, no poverty, war, pestilence, no devil. No! No! Think to come back when you have no trouble. Think to come back when you are not subject to the laws of this old world; to come here in a glorified body, when the devil has no power, to reign forever with Christ.

"A man walked down a national park when he was a boy. He trudged 100 miles through the dust, looking for work, stopping to rest, begging food by the roadside. Then he prospered. Grew to be a multimillionaire, bought a limousine and drove sleek over this road. Looked at the people where he had stopped to rest and the houses he had begged food. He had never such a good time in his life as going over the places he had trudged 25 years before. Think of coming back as a member of the body of Jesus Christ. My God, I can't see why you hold your seat. It means you're going to be suitably rewarded for all we have done. And understand why you don't accept Jesus Christ.

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WE SHALL BE CHANGED.

"We shall all be changed in the twinkling of an eye. It means that our bodies shall be forever young. Feebleness and wrinkles will disappear. We will no longer be subject to death. We will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, in a moment, for this has all been arranged. Some will give up old age and become young, some will go from sick beds to their health, some will go from pain from which they thought they could never be cured.

"Imagine how the angels will crowd to the battlement of heaven and look down when the event takes place. Look around you and see how the world is changing. It looks as though the end would never come to man knows the hour. An hour before the Galveston flood no one thought of it. An hour before Mt. Pelee erupted no one thought of any danger. An hour before the earthquake at San Francisco, no one imagined it would happen. But the Bible doesn't teach any such thing. It says the world will grow worse. In the days of Noah as it is today. There was robbery, thievery, murder, adultery and fornication. The flood came and wiped it all away. So it will be again. I don't know whether it will be pestilence, flood or fire; but it will come.

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NO. 34 ASTHMA SIMPSON, THE VILLAGE QUEEN—MAYBE ASTHMA'S FEARS WERE A SHADE OVERDRAWN!!!



AT THE TABERNACLE TODAY.

2 p. m.—Mr. Sunday preached his sermon, "The Second Coming of Christ."

7:30 p. m.—Mr. Sunday repeats the afternoon sermon.

STATISTICS.

Attendance.

Yesterday afternoon 16,000

Last night 19,000

Approximate grand total. 1,125,000

Converts.

Yesterday afternoon 47

Last night 152

Total to date 16,478

Collections.

Yesterday afternoon \$475.00

Last night 839.05

Grand total 40,079.86

Sermons.

Preached to date 61

Remaining to be preached 56

SUFFRAGISTS AT REVIVAL

Out-of-town Delegations to Hear "Billy" Sunday.

Delegations of out-of-town suffragists will attend the service conducted by "Billy" Sunday at the tabernacle on Thursday afternoon, February 18. These will join the body of Philadelphia suffragists, who will attend also, in Logan Square. From there they will proceed together, displaying little yellow "votes-for-women" flags and distributing "literature" en route to the tabernacle. One thousand seats have been reserved for the suffragists at that service.

There will be a delegation from Trenton, N. J., under the leadership of Mrs. S. Norris Craven; another from Morrisania, led by Miss Anna B. Thomas, while a third will attend from Lancaster and will be under the guidance of Mrs. John W. Hopper.

There will be a meeting of the Main Line Branch of the Equal Franchise Society at 11 a. m. in Narberth Y. M. C. A. building.

The purpose of the meeting is to further interest in the equal suffrage question and to organize branches in the Narberth section. Miss Adelia Potter will make an address. She has been delegated by Mrs. Anna M. Orme, leader of the 7th division of the Woman Suffrage party, to organize branches in Pennsylvania. Miss Mary K. Flannery will preside.

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he jumped to the platform today, and by his words and his athletic demonstrations of his sermon points, he won the applause and laughter of the multitude.

As usual, the singing of the popular revival hymns, under the leadership of Homer A. Rodeheaver, Sunday's choir leader, was a feature of the service previous to the sermon.

Tomorrow afternoon the services will be for children only. Homer A. Rodeheaver, the choir leader, is planning many meetings for High School boys, and this work is expected to bear much fruit during the remainder of the campaign.

Among the guests last night was ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart, who shook hands with the evangelist after the meeting.

The biggest delegation at last night's service was composed of shipbuilders from New York, children only. How strong it was! It was 1700 strong. The next largest delegation was that of Philadelphia Rapid Transit employees numbered nearly 900. Gimbel Brothers' store was there with 800. Other delegations, ranging from 25 to 300 members, were on hand from the following:

Jacob K. Altemus, Blaylock & Flynn, Burke Electric Company, Butterworth & Sons, City Water Works, Darlington & Co., Fidelity Storage, and Warehouse Company, Ford Motor Company, 49th Street, Fisher House, Foss-Hughes Company, Gas Consumers' Association, McCann Sugar Refining Company, Millbourne Mills, Merchants and Mariners' Association, Philadelphia Navy Yard, Philadelphia and Reading employees from the office of the superintendent of Transportation; Scott & Co., Inc.; Steelman & Archer, Young Men's Bible Class, Clothiers Salesmen of Philadelphia, Schecter Company, S. L. Hayes and Cotton Yarn Traders.

"MEANEST THIEF" SENTENCED

Magistrate Scores Prisoner Who Stole Benefactor's Clothing.

"To steal clothes from the man who sheltered and fed you for three weeks is the meanest trick I ever heard of," said Magistrate Emely to John Henderson, in the 11th and Winter streets police station today. "I sentence you to three months in the House of Correction."

Henderson testified that he had been out of work for five months, ever since he and the complainant, Peter Medinger, 28 North Franklin street, had lost their positions as orderlies in the Episcopal Hospital. He met Medinger again three weeks ago and the latter, who had obtained another position, told him for him to get a job, but he, too, should obtain work. Yesterday, while Medinger was at work, Henderson is alleged to have stolen his benefactor's clothing.

MR. FOOTE'S LEGAL FEAT

He Has His Name Changed to Robert Seabury Wentworth.

Persons with unhandy names often have them changed by the Court. Today a man named Foote accomplished the feat of having his name switched from Robert Seward Foote to Robert Seabury Wentworth. It was learned, too, that Mr. Foote was a man in good standing and in the running, so far as general progress was concerned.

But he not only changed Foote to Wentworth, but also had the "Se" of Seward replaced by the "Sea" of Wentworth. But the "Sea" and the "Bur" of Seabury create an impression of sadness which lingers the punch of the name Foote.

At any rate, Court of Common Pleas No. 1 said that he could have the longer name, which he will use shortly.

WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY PLANS

The Washington Birthday Committee, composed of representatives from all fraternal and patriotic organizations of Philadelphia and vicinity, which is planning an elaborate celebration of Washington's birthday, February 22, will hold its second meeting tomorrow night at the headquarters of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, 81 North Broad street. All organizations wishing to participate are invited to send representatives to the meeting.

Director Norris Addresses Yacht Club

Director George W. Norris, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, and one of the governors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, spoke at the meeting of the new bank to members of the Ocean City Yacht Club at a luncheon today at the St. James Hotel. Alexander Lawrence presided at the meeting.

LESSOR.

Dr. George L. Porter to Lecture

Dr. George L. Porter will deliver an illustrated lecture at the Drexel Institute, entitled "The Tragedy of the Nation," tonight. This is a narrative of the last days of Lincoln's life and personal reminiscences by one whom the President commissioned in 1865.

NATIONAL GUARD TO HAVE INCREASED ARTILLERY FORCE

Reorganization Plans Now Under Way to Be Submitted to Legislature at the Present Session.

A plan for the reorganization of the present division of the National Guard in Pennsylvania is under way and will be decided upon before the present session of the State Legislature terminates. The War Department is insisting that the 10,000 officers and enlisted men of Pennsylvania shall be a well balanced tactical division, having in it the proper proportion of field artillery, the signal corps which confronts high ranking combat officers, with whom will rest the drafting of necessary bills to be presented to the legislature.

The State has Battery A at South Bethlehem; B at Allentown; C at Philadelphia; D at Williamsport; Pittsburgh wants to organize Batteries A and C and Colonel Caldwell K. Bidle, of the 3d Infantry, of this city, is anxious to turn his entire regiment into field artillery.

TRANSFERS EXPECTED.

If these changes are made, it is said that the transfer of Brigadier General William G. Price, Jr., from the 1st Brigade to the artillery brigade might be a possibility.