CHILDREN'S DEBTS TO PARENTS BEYOND THEIR POWER TO PAY

Self-Denial of Mothers and Fathers for Their Progeny Pictured in Lenten Sermon by Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman

GRATITUDE RECOMPENSE

Striking word-pictures of self-denying mothers and fathers, whose "up-to-date" children are ashamed of them, were drawn today by the Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman in his fifth Lenten address on "The Christian Family" at St. John's Lutheran Church, Race street near 6th.

"Children think their cost is little, and, reassured by the standard of money, the child is not so expensive," he said. "But when the standard is parental solicitude and sacrifice the child is simply precious beyond language to express.

"The price which mother has paid no arithmetic can calculate. Observe her face and her form, watch her step, note the hardness of her hands, look at her attitude toward the pleasures of the children. She wears a hat and a dress which are out of style and have been made over many times; she is old-fashioned and a bit behind the latest on the street, and she realizes, often has the suspicion, if not the realization, that her up-to-date children are ashamed of her.

"Father," continued the speaker, "is old and bent and the stamp of toil and of tears is apparent. He does not stand erect as once he did; his step is not elastic as once it was; his clothes are worn and ill-fitting and his enthusiasms are gone. For whom are these sacrifices made and these 'print of the nails' of suffering borne?"

The children, who move in circles of society which are far beyond anything of which the parents dreamed, owe debts to their parents which cannot be paid, the Rev. Mr. Hoffman said. He named gratitude as the best pay and urged reverence of speech and gesture, tenderness, deference, obedience, good character, ambition and imitation of parental virtues.

Disobedient children, he said, are the fruitful cause of domestic distress and failure to maintain needy parents is a plain violation of the laws of God and man."

POPULAR RELIGION WANTING, BISHOP WILLIAMS SAYS

Intelligence and Social Vision Necessary, Lenten Speaker Asserts

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Williams, Bishop of Michigan, declared today in a Lenten sermon at St. Stephen's Church, 10th street above Chestnut, that much of the popular religion stirs the emotions without strengthening the will.

"This sort of religion," he said, "contains no discipline. Conduct and character require more of the judgment, the intelligence and the will than they do of the emotions and the impulses."

After pointing out that the world has developed a passion for social service, social reform, social justice and righteousness, Doctor Williams said:

"But more attempt this task than are fitted for it. The only equipment they bring to it is a few good intentions, noble motives and a burning zeal. But often it is a zeal without knowledge, motive without intelligence and intention without wisdom. The world has suffered as much from blundering beneficiencies as from intentional knavery."

Doctor Williams stated that there was an imperative need for real leadership in social service work. He said this leadership could not ordinarily be found among business men, because they are too concerned in their own affairs to have any vision.

"They can prophecy the financial or political weather," he said, "but they are often wholly ignorant of the higher demands of the age. They are masters of the technique of their trade and the ins and outs of the market, but they are sometimes stupidly ignorant of the great trends and tides of public opinion and social movements that surge about them. They often do not know what the very men who work for them are thinking and planning—the most vital element in their business.

"It is plain, then, that we must look to our scholars and educated men for leadership. That is what our universities are for— to furnish the leaders for this democracy."

Doctor Williams declared that it requires intelligence and skill and strength to be good.

"Any fool," he said, "can be bad. Any idiot or fool can go the fast gait. Any weakling can make a wreck of himself. It is as easy as sliding down hill or falling into a ditch. You can do it just by letting go. The really strong and manly man is the man who holds his passions under the control of a wise intelligence and a right will, as the engine's full head of steam is controlled by the skilful hand at the throttle."

"VICTORY SURE IF WE TRUST," SAYS REV. FLOYD W. TOMKINS

"Defeat May Seem to Shadow; Light Shines on Mountain Top"

Victory coming in apparent defeat was described today by the Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, in a noonday Lenten address at St. Paul's Church. "This Is Victory" was his text.

"The man who finds his longings satisfied by Christ, and who learns the joys of Christianity and gives himself wholly to God and seeks to serve Him, finds that victory is sure, even although the contest is long," he said. "There can be no failure for the man who trusts and loves. Defeat may seem to shadow for a while here and there along the way, but on the mountain top the light is shining, and there the victory will be complete.

"The Christian must feel the strength of victory, even when he is in the midst of the battle. It is the bringing of the future into the present, and living by it that gives life and courage. Even in our daily contests frequently what seems a defeat is a victory. Socrates conquered, rather than his enemies. Christ was a victor on the cross. In many of our most trying experiences we are really crowned with success.

"We must remember that our victory is gained through Christ's victory, 'Because He conquered, I shall conquer.' There is no such thing as individual and separate victory for us. We conquer in Christ and by the strength of the Cross, and by this victory will be universal. The whole world will be ruled by the King. Toward that glorious day we press, and to bring it speedily we struggle."

CITY'S DREDGING PLANS

Include Deepening Docks and Work on Schuylkill Channel

The season's dredging by the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries will begin next week, if the weather permits. The municipal dredging plant, which has been lying at the House of Correction wharf during the winter undergoing repairs, is being used to deepen the docks between the new municipal piers, Nos. 34 and 48 South Wharves, at the foot of Reed street. As soon as this work is completed the plant will be used to deepen docks at privately owned piers.

The work of dredging a deeper channel in the Schuylkill River along its navigable reach will be started when the dock work is completed. Preparations have already been made to prepare a depositing basin for the material removed from the stream.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER IN GAELIC

AN ʒLÉÓ-BHAT NEALT-JOÑNAIC.

Le W. J. Mac Cantaiʒ.

Ar deaṅcaṅ cú ar ṅíoṁ le caṁóiṅ ar láeṁ
Le luaṫ ʒáiṅ ar aóiḃiṅeaṙ do ṡaṁ-luiʒeaḋ a ṗéiḋiṅ liṅ,
Nealt-ʒlíṅce le nuṡdeaṁ cóṁ-ṅiaṅċa aiṅ ʒaċ taóiḃ
Ar daiṅʒean ar ċalaḋ bo ṁaireaċ aiṅ ṙséiṅliṅ?
Laṁaċ-ṙlaṅʒaċ raṅ aéṅ ar céiṅcneaċ raṅ ṙséiṅ,
Da ḋeiṁniuʒaḋ raṅ oíḋce na'ṅ h ḟrleaḋ aṅ n-ʒnéiṙ.
'S ar ʒléo-ḃrat néalt-ṡoṅṅaiċ go m-ba bróṅṫaċ a ṗéiṁ
'Ór ceaṅ calaṁ 'na raóiṅreaċ 'ṙ na d-ċióraċaiḃ d-ṫréan?

Bheiċniṡ aiṅ an ṫraiṡ tre ceó-ḃraon na ṙraiṡ
Man aḃ-ṙuil ar ṙluaḋ díoṁ-raċ 'na láiḋe ʒomeanʒ-ṡuaṅ ṁaṙ
Cread é ṙúd a taói 'ṙíoṅ-luarʒa le ʒaoiċ,
Man éniocaṅ aʒ ṙille leac noċdaiṡṫe cóṅaiḋ.
'Noiṙ ʒabaṅ le ʒnéiṅ no maiṅe ʒaċ céiṁ
'N a láṅ-ʒlóiṅe lé'ṅ aṁaṅc raṅ abuiṅ ʒaṅ beiṁ.
'Sé ar ʒléo-ḃrat néalt-ṡoṅṅaiċ go m-ba bróṅṫaċ a ṗéiṁ
Ó'ṙ ceaṅ calaṁ na raóiṅreaċ 'ṙ na d-ċióraċaiḃ d-ṫréan.

Ó ca'ṅ ʒaiḃ ar ʒanda ʒaṡṅ-ṁúiḋeaċ do ṁóid
Le h anacra an aṅ ṙ ir lé h-anaiʒṫe ar cóṅcuiṙ,
Na beaḋ ṙían-ḃoċ na ṙeaṅn na'ṅ realḃ go deó,
Go ṙuiṙeaċ do ṡolcaḋ a ʒ-coṙa ʒuṅ-ʒúcaċ.

Ní'l coṙ-naṁ na ṙaṙ don n-ḋíolṁaṅaċ ḋraiṙ,
Ó anacra ṙʒéiṁle 'ʒur ṙʒaṁal ar ḃaiṙ.
'S ar ʒléo-ḃrat néalt-ṡoṅṅaiċ go m-ba bróṅṫaċ a ṗéiṁ
Ó'ṙ ceaṅ calaṁ na raóiṅreaċ 'ṙ na ċióraċaiḃḋ-ṫréan.

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ROOT AND EDISON AID BELGIAN SMOKE FUND

Total Collected for Warriors Now $9043.60—200,000 Soldiers to Benefit

Elihu Root and Thomas A. Edison are among the latest contributors to the Belgian Soldiers' Tobacco Relief Fund. Their combined contributions will enable 160 Belgian warriors to try to forget their troubles in the soothing aroma of tobacco. The Belgian soldiers have no source from which to obtain their tobacco, it is said, other than through outside agencies. Belgians are said to be the most confirmed users of tobacco in the world, and they have suffered more than any other of the wounded by the lack of "smokes."

The fund being raised in this country, it was announced today, has reached the sum of $9043.60. Contributions are being received in Philadelphia by Drexel & Co. Arrangements have been made with large American manufacturers by which it has been made possible to purchase tobacco at less than half of the regular cost. For every contribution of 25 cents it is possible to send to a soldier at the front a package of 50 cigarettes, a large packet of smoking tobacco, a box of matches and a reply postcard, on which will be the name and address of the donor.

There are said to be 200,000 Belgian soldiers in need of tobacco, and it is estimated that if 200,000 smokers in this country would average 25 cents a week in contributions the lot of the Belgian soldiers would be much more cheerful.

Joseph H. Choate is president of the Relief Fund. He announced that a check for $250 had been received from the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad, with the compliments of President William T. Noonan.

The following contributions were received yesterday:

Mrs. Walter T. Baird, Merion Station, Pa.	$50.00
C. W. Wager & Co., Bourse Bldg., Philadelphia	5.00
M. Earle, 2139 Locust st., Philadelphia	2.00
Anonymous	1.00
A. C. Yarnall, 306 Chestnut st., Philadelphia	1.00
Gustav Lambert, 4514 Parrish st., Philadelphia	1.00
G. J. Griffith, 5527 Addison st., West Philadelphia	.25
	$40.25

C. H. EWING WILL FILL A. T. DICE'S OLD POST

General Superintendent of P. and R. to Be General Manager of System

Charles H. Ewing, general superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, has been made general manager to fill the place vacated by Agnew T. Dice, who was elected to the presidency of the road on Wednesday. At the same time J. E. Turk, superintendent of the Shamokin Division, was promoted to the place of general superintendent to fill the place made vacant by the advancement of Mr. Ewing.

Mr. Ewing was a Chester County boy, born May 26, 1866. When only 17 he entered railroad service as a rodman in the construction department of the Reading. By the time he was 20 he had become an assistant engineer of construction. He became roadmaster in 1889, and three years later division engineer. From 1893 to July, 1902, he was chief engineer of the Central New England Railway. Mr. Ewing returned to the Reading as division engineer of the Reading and Lebanon division, became engineer of maintenance of way, then superintendent of the Atlantic City Railroad, and, on January 1, 1913, general superintendent of the system.

Mr. Turk was born in 1855 in New York State. His first service was with a road in Ohio, now part of the Baltimore and Ohio. In 1885 he was principal assistant engineer in the construction of the Chesapeake and Ohio Line into Cincinnati. In 1889 he went to the Reading as supervisor of the Reading Division. Next, in 1901, he became superintendent of the Wilmington and Columbia Division, and on May 1, 1903, was promoted to superintendent of the important Shamokin Division.

"LEST WE FORGET"

Lenten Preacher Urges Attention to Religious Duties

The interest and attention which all men should have in their religion are to be obtained by proper investment, said the Rev. Edwin C. Van Etten, of Christ Church, New York, speaker at the noonday Lenten service at the Garrick Theatre today.

"Queen Mary said, 'When I die you will find Calais written on my heart,'" he said. "That is a fine expression of interest and attention. Such devotion is rare today. Everything tends to scatter and dissipate our interests and enthusiasms.

"How can a man get this interest and attention? By investment. The old Romans took hostages from conquered towns. When one has made an investment in his business, or his education, or his amusement, or his religion, he will not forget. He will have written the word on his heart."

The speaker closed by repeating Kipling's recessional, "Lest We Forget."

WOMAN FINDS HUSBAND WED TO HER FRIEND

Wife No. 1 Has New York Man Arrested on Charge of Desertion

NEW YORK, March 17.—On the complaint of his first wife, Mrs. Jessie E. Hipkins, Howard Hipkins, once a captain in the 71st Regiment, N. G. N. Y., was arraigned yesterday on the charge that he had deserted her, and—although this was not part of the charge—that following the desertion he had married in Houston, Tex.

Mrs. H. No. 1, who is 35 and lives at 501 West 156th street, was married to Hipkins in 1899. She is a suffragist.

Mrs. H. No. 2, who was Miss Elsie A. Smith, of 285 Richmond turnpike, Tompkinsville, S. I., and a stenographer in the same office where Hipkins formerly was employed, was married to him in August, 1914. She is an anti-suffragist, according to Mrs. Hipkins No. 1.

Mrs. Jessie Hipkins told Magistrate Cornell in the Domestic Relations Court yesterday that on the morning of January 24, 1914, her husband, leaving the apartment, said he was going to do some marketing. He did not return.

For some time Mrs. Hipkins was unable to learn why Hipkins remained away. At length, placing a couple of numerals in juxtaposition, a light beamed.

ALL BECAME FRIENDS.

For five years Miss Smith and Hipkins had worked, desk to desk, in the office of the Superintendent of the Singer Building. In this way they got to know each other. And ,in course of time, Mrs. Hipkins became acquainted, on the most friendly terms, with Miss Smith. They wrote letters to each other and exchanged Christmas gifts. And in January, 1912, when Mrs. Hipkins' only child, a boy, died at the age of 12 days—so Mrs. Hipkins No. 1 said last night—Miss Smith sent Mrs. Hipkins a letter of condolence.

Soon after Mrs. Hipkins reached the conclusion that her husband wasn't coming back, she started to look for him. She traced him to Philadelphia and to Washington, but was unable to get definite information. Recently she learned he was living at 2 Jones street, Jersey City. She waited until she could land him in this city.

AT LAST THE OPPORTUNITY.

The opportunity came on Wednesday afternoon. He was preparing to leave his place of employment, the office of L. F. Dommerich, at 254 4th avenue, on a business trip, when she effected his arrest.

Hipkins said he had served his wife by publication in a divorce action, alleging desertion. A decree had been granted by a Houston Justice. Two days later he and Miss Smith were married, he said.

Hipkins spent Wednesday night in jail. His second wife tried to obtain his release on bail yesterday, but the security she offered was not acceptable to the court. Mrs. Hipkins No. 1 said last night that the medium of publication service in Hipkins' action was a labor paper of small circulation.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT PROJECT WILL BE RUSHED

Condemnation of Land Along the Delaware First Procedure

The condemnation of a large tract of land adjacent to the Delaware River, south of the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge, near the line of Allen street in Port Richmond, is asked by Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, preparatory to starting work on a new sewage disposal system for the city. An item of $3,200,000 is a part of the proposed $80,800,000 loan set aside for the new system.

The ordinance, which was introduced in Councils yesterday, will result in several streets being removed from the city plan between the boundaries of Erie avenue on the south, Richmond on the west, Allen on the north and Delaware avenue on the east. Balfour, Wheatsheaf lane, Carbon, Juniata, Orthodox and other streets are included within the tract.

The plans filed by Director Datesman, who made a study and report of the sewage requirements after a trip abroad during the Blankenburg administration, are in the hands of the State Department of Health and the plant at Delaware avenue and Allen street is the one to be constructed first by agreement with Health Commissioner Dixon. The plans include the purchase of the land for which the ordinance was introduced.

In the last few weeks Director Datesman has appointed several clerks and draftsmen, who will be employed exclusively on sewage disposal plans, and

NICHOLSON ATTACKS UNJUST EMPLOYERS; ASKS SQUARE DEAL

Evangelist Assails Unfair Owners and Workers Who Labor With Eye on the Clock, in Sermon

PLEADS FOR SACRIFICE

Employers who fail to give their workers a square deal were assailed by Evangelist William P. Nicholson in the Nicholson-Hemminger tabernacle in Darby this afternoon. He preached on "Soul Saving," and urged that employers try to get their employes to hit the trail when he made the assault.

"The employer who goes to church and claims to be a good Christian, but fails to give his employes a square deal, cannot hope to win them," he said. Then he turned the tables, and declared that "no worker could hope to win his employer as a convert if he was continually watching the clock."

It was announced today that Mr. Nicholson would give his conception of hell at the 2 o'clock service Sunday afternoon. Cards are being distributed for the meeting.

In his sermon this afternoon the evangelist said in part:

"What hast thou done? Man, if you are saved you cannot be absolved from your responsibility as a soul-winner. You were not saved simply to be happy, but to be helpful; not to get to heaven, but to save others unto heaven. The Lord is depending upon you and me each day. Every one of us is called to be a soul-winner. Pontius Pilate washed his hands and said 'I am innocent of this matter.' Some of you are trying the same trick.

"I say, if you are gifted enough to be saved, you are gifted enough to work. You are saved for service. You say, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' God says, 'Exactly so; what have you done?' You, mother, what have you done for your children? Your daughter? Or have you taught them to attend the dance and the theatre; taught them the etiquette of society; taught them to worship the man who has wealth? Father, what have you done for your boy? Ah, you have taught him to lie and to steal and to cheat and to break the Sabbath, and neglect the Bible, and make light of the church and religion, with the result that there are today home-made hypocrites and rascals. And God cries, 'What hast thou done? Thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.'

"Sunday school teacher, what have you done? You have had the young lives of your class for years. What have you done? Up in Shamokin, a young man was convicted of murder and was hanged for his crime. That young man had been in a Sunday school class eight years. Do you think that God will require none of the young man's blood at that teacher's hand? Oh, brother, God is not dead. The judgment day is not a myth. It is a solemn thing to be saved. Salvation does not mean merely to be saved from sin; but to be set on fire to save the other fellow. Where is thy brother?"

"The church seems to be busy at almost everything but the very thing for which God intended her, and the one thing that counts. Oh, may God arouse us soon to see the one thing that matters! We will sit up all night to save our neighbor's baby, and do nothing to save that neighbor's boy. Man, if you never have a desire to make converts you are on the way to the lost. The very first instinct of a saved soul is to save some one else.

"Who are the wise men? He that winneth souls is wise. Who is the wise man? Some say the popular preacher, who preaches eloquently and easily. He may never be known in heaven. Some think the man of millions, who endows this and that institution with millions. But millions do not count in heaven. They are the gutters and streets in heaven trampled under feet. Who will shine? They who turn many unto righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever. They will not be very popular here. But when God comes to rearrange things and work justice among His children, he that winneth souls shall shine as the stars.

"God has placed you in a home. Is there anybody in that home saved? How about the servant who has lived with you for eight years? Did you ever ask about her soul? Are all the boys and girls saved? Oh, what a field of usefulness in the home. Do you come together each day to commune with God? The church is God's earthly home and you are there to be a worker. You have said, perhaps, 'I am not going back to the church; I get no good out of it.' Bless your soul, it is the business of a leech to suck all the blood out. You are not saved and put in the church to be a sucker, but a soul winner. The church is not a nursery, but an army; not a combination for hangers-on, but a fighting force.

"Your inconsistency will drive the man you seek the faster to the devil. If you do not appreciate the religion of Jesus Christ, the world does. If you don't know how you ought to live, the sinner can tell you. Listen. The church of Christ stands for honesty. Here is a woman who must keep up with her neighbor, and if her neighbor's husband buys an automobile, her husband must mortgage his insurance and buy an automobile, and the butcher and baker and candlestick-maker are not paid. Do you wonder that people are not saved? You must be clean and consistent. The workman, whose eye is always on the clock instead of his work, cannot hope to win his employer. The employer who refuses to give his workman a square deal cannot hope to win him. You must give your brain, talent, ability, time, money, position to Him, and He will use these to win souls."

WANT GOVERNMENT EXHIBITS FOR EXPOSITION HERE

Pennsylvania Congressmen Seek Federal Aid in Philadelphia Enterprise

Congressmen from Pennsylvania have signed a petition to various Government department heads, asking that some of the exhibits of the Panama-Pacific Exposition and the Safety First Convention be sent to the Philadelphia "Today and Tomorrow Civic Exposition." It is expected that the department chiefs will co-operate with promoters of the Philadelphia exhibit and send at least part of the exhibits used in the Safety First Exposition.

The movement for Government co-operation was set in motion by Albert B. Rogers, director of the exposition, who delivered an address to the Pennsylvania delegation in Washington yesterday. The project already has the indorsement of the City Club, the Civic Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the city administration and many churches, together with more than 200 civic and welfare organizations in this city.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Meyer Levin, 632 Pierce st., and Jennie Pincus, 619 Mifflin st.
St. Clair Avery, 1523 S. Darrance st., and Amelia Lewis, 1337 S. Opal st.
George Tassoto, 1701 S. 9th st., and Anna Flynn, 1114 McKean st.
James Welch, 2632 Filbert st., and Julia Wells, 1915 Titan st.
Edward C. Cismer, Norristown, Pa., and Hannah M. Baker, Norristown, Pa.
William H. Beckefeller, 2031 N. 9th st., and Edna E. Stewart, 2031 N. 9th st.
Joseph Engle, 656 N. 53d st., and Goldie Rosenthal, 2339 N. 30th st.
John H. Dykes, 1510 Latimer st., and Ada B. Taylor, 1323 Pine st.
James H. Jordan, Camden, N. J., and Caroline Hanson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Robert H. Swartz, Jr., Harrisburg, Pa., and Anna V. Carter, Wheatford, Pa.
Abraham Liebsem, 1630 Arch st., and Gussie Berkowitz, 1630 Arch st.
Franklin Hampson, 2715 Cambridge st., and Martha Spalinger, 228 Diamond st.