

SARAH D. LOWRIE'S SATURDAY EVENING TALK

Short Sentences of Easy Words That Tell the Truth Make the Best Preaching

I WENT down to the village church this week for the first time this summer. It is not always easy to go to the village church, because it is where city preachers show off to summer boarders.

Not that they mean to show off, but most of them fall unconsciously into the temptation of preaching "a box-wool, quick-quick" sermon for an occasion rather than for plain folks sitting in pews.

On my walk through the meadows to the village I heard the church bell and I realized I would be late. So I did not hurry, but I went on, going up the path in the opposite direction, a man who was ordinarily on other summers a sort of front row stand-by.

One gets as well as gives much by an act of worship, but listening to most sermons is not an act of worship. That is about as far as I had got in my desecrated and not original reflections when I came almost abreast of the village church.

They like us up here. I guess, she went on. "And they trust my husband and seem willing to have us stay on, but they do not come out to church. And he preaches and preaches to empty pews most all the time after the summer folks go."

WHEN I reached the church, sure enough it was full, and as the ushers had subsided into seats and were

listening, too, I walked in and gazed inquiringly at full benches after full benches until I reached the very most front, one directly under the preacher's nose.

He was saying as I sat down: "Did you ever read the life of Jesus, with the thought back in your mind of the places in which He chose to seek and choose His followers? Did you ever consider that there is no record of His finding one of them in a synagogue? Some of them were playing their trades, some of them were starting at Him among the crowd, and one of them was sitting under trees resting, one had climbed a tree to observe, some of them were sick on their beds, some feasting in houses, some passing on the road."

That sentence just continued my inward questioning. The rest of it was really a very interesting lot of thoughts and impressions that he had strung together, and one realized at once why his church in New York and this church in the village were full of persons eager to hear him. He was in touch with the life, he was not using up eloquence in drawing pictures of what it ought to be, but he thought was to the point, effective, and what he said was put into short, compact sentences. His first aim had been!

Indeed, he was so intent upon what was happening all about him that when the young girl who is likely to be a good one else, went very willingly and unhesitatingly, he cut it short as being not worthy of the God to whom it was presented.

I have felt great curiosity about him ever since, and at dinner I found myself repeating some of his observations and noting with amusement how, even if he had, they made a lively and keen debate.

MEN can wield great power in the pulpit and by sermons, even yet, if only they practice the art of saying true things with a few words.

The phrase "in a nutshell" really expresses the kind of portable thought that is needed to carry truths that eventually move others to action.

Dame Fashion in capricious mood designed parasols in varied styles. One of blue taffeta she embroidered with bright erise, lining it with ruchings of the same shade; another she formed like a pink rose of georgette crepe, with a ribbon rose at the top; while a third was also made of taffeta with three ruffles of white, all scalloped in Wall of Troy design of striking black.



WHAT'S WHAT By Helen Decie



Want Boys to Call

Dear Cynthia—We are three young girls between fifteen and seventeen years of age who have made the acquaintance of some boys about two years ago and who used to come with the crowd to our houses. But they dropped off somehow, and we haven't seen them for some time around again.

Very Interesting

Dear Cynthia—Just one of your thousands of readers, and I have never yet taken pen in hand to thank you.

She is Perplexed

Dear Cynthia—I shall feel indebted to you if you could enlighten me on this question: I am a young girl, nineteen years of age, and have been married two years.

Has Ink Spot on Dress

Dear Madam—I would appreciate your advice in removing an ink stain from a white silk dress with a blue figure pattern.

About Height

Dear Madam—When you please best me with your advice on growing and when does a girl stop growing?

A Helpful Suggestion

Dear Madam—If Mrs. G. will so kindly send me a copy of the book on the refrigerator, and clean it thoroughly of the red ants already there, I think I shall be very grateful.

Antoinette Donnelly's Advice on Beauty

EILEEN—No, my dear, foolish little girl, do not try your eyes. If your eyes are fair and your lashes, too, and your skin undoubtedly, corresponds in coloring with hair and eyebrows, you will make yourself look like a hardened, weather-beaten old girl.

To Clean White Hats

First of all remove all the trimmings from the hat. Then strain the juice of two lemons and stir into it enough dry low sulphur flower to make it the consistency of thick gravy.

FR—A girl eighteen, 5 feet 4, should weigh about 120 pounds. A good quality of rouge would not have that effect on the skin.

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Please Tell Me What to Do

By CYNTHIA

To "Minnie J."

Dear Cynthia—I am a very good-looking fellow, nineteen years old. I want to say to Minnie J. that I think she is right in what she says about her visit.

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Adventures With a Purse

IS THERE any one who hasn't owned a pet string of beads and had them break and the beads roll merrily into the four corners of nowhere? And after much dusting of the floor with one's knees the stray beads were collected, only to confront the problem of restraining with something which wouldn't break again.

Fancy lace stockings, usually so expensive, can be found in a funny little shop tucked away in the most unexpected place, for 1.80. And the little stocking with the garter attached to the top, said top reaching the knee, several different lace patterns, for \$1.00.

For names of shops address Women's Page Editor to show Without Title or Main 1001 between the hours of 9 and 5.



The Wife Cheater

By HAZEL DEYO BATHCHELOR

Joan Stockbridge marries Norman Wayne in spite of many warnings from her friends. She chooses him in preference to Herbert Livingston, a man who loves her devotedly, but who lacks Norman's charm.

Edith was in a state of excitement. It would be nice having Edith with me, and then suddenly I saw her, and the next minute I had my arms around her and was kissing her tenderly.

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Can You Tell? By R. J. and A. W. Bolmer

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A Reader Thinks That Jeanne Might Better Be Thankful for Her Work

She Feels That a Summer of Interesting Occupation Is Better Than Three Months of Idleness at a Resort Every Year

READ your article on the case of Jeanne, the girl who was tired of work and responsibility. I am a reader, and while all you say is true, I should like to say something about the other side of the case.

You go to some hotel, she continues, "and you park there for the summer. At first it's all right. But then after you've read every book in the hotel and every book you can get hold of from anywhere else, there's nothing to do but sit on the porch and rock."

There's logic in this, too. It's hard to any which would be preferable, nervous prostration from overwork or anemia from too much idleness.

And a whole summer of just killing time would get unbearably dull. Still, idleness is not so irreparable as too much responsibility.

There's nearly always the possibility of making something to do. If reading grows tiresome, there's knitting.

When you have made all the sweaters you can use to wear or give away or sell, there's sewing.

It's much nicer to sew when you're away at some nice cool place, than when you're suffering from the heat in Philadelphia.

But perhaps you don't know how to sew or hate it.

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