

GOD'S GREAT GENEROSITY

MAN SHOULD FEAR IT, SAYS REV. J. H. ODELL.

In a Sermon Delivered Last Night in the Second Presbyterian Church, He Declared That God Deals Too Lavishly with Man in Allowing Him the Fulfillment of All His Desires—Success Without the Attainment of Character Is Valueless, He Said.

Rev. Joseph H. Odell, pastor of the second Presbyterian church, delivered a sermon last night before a particularly large congregation on "The Triumph of Success," basing his remarks on a text taken from the psalm, "He gave them their own desires." He spoke, in part, as follows:

I am afraid of the generosity of God. Our fathers were afraid of the narrowness of God but I am afraid of the broadness of God because He is so lavish, so almost recklessly lavish. It seems as if it would be better if God were not so generous and if He would not fulfill our desires. It seems to me sometimes as if it would be better if God would take away our desires entirely. Life would then be so much simpler.

How much better it would be if He would treat us as the mother treats the child and not place everything within our reach. How much better if He treated us as the doctor treats his patients telling them what things are bad and harmful. God is too generous for our good. If He were only less kind, if He restricted His gifts and narrowed the opportunities for evil life would be much simpler but that is not God's way.

Gave Us a Mind.

God has given us a mind and placed within it every power for good, but we may use it to plan to rob the helpless and to crush the weak. Why has He been so lavish? Why has He not given us a mind capable of thinking only good thoughts and of planning only acts of benevolence and love?

God has given us bodies which are perfect organisms, sensitive to the weakest touch and yet strong enough to bear the burden of years. These bodies are capable of prodigies of virtuous labor and yet they can be perverted into arenas of sensuous sensation and of satisfaction of the most evil desires.

God has given us souls that can hold up to us visions of the Almighty; souls that may become the homes of visiting angels; souls that may be the cradles of immortal glory or morgues in which dead virtues lie almost past identification, souls veritable prisons in which noble powers have settled into ruin and decay; souls like sackcloth cities in which gems and art treasures are trampled in the mud.

Why has not God given us a door to our souls to keep out all evil? God will fulfill my desire. My wildest dream may come true. All the roads in this vast universe are open to me. I can walk upon them, I may find flowers or any fruit that grows along the wayside but some are poisonous and killing. I may live in any place in any home—rich but some are haunted and when once in there is no way out.

We May Reach Our Ideal.

Do you not fear, then, God's generosity? He gives us all our desires. It is true it is a general proposition that everything within the limit of possibility which we may strive for is attainable and that we may, if we will, reach our ideal. There are a few things that men have sought for and not found because they do not exist. Men have sought the philosopher's stone and the elixir of life and the land of Utopia and have not found them because these things are not, but as a general rule men may find what they seek and may satisfy their desires. Where they do not it is either because they do not strive or because they do not properly the means at their disposal.

Rev. Mr. Odell at this point cited at length examples from history to prove this general rule showing how penniless waifs have risen to be men of wealth and power and how peasants have become emperors and laborers popes. Continuing he said:

This is the tragedy of success. The mere fact that men may attain their desires has nothing to do with the value of the things attained. It is as easy to attain the success which is valueless as to attain the success which is valuable. We may succeed but our success may be the most pitiful failure we could ever possibly realize.

Judas succeeded. He wanted his thirty pieces of silver and he obtained them but he counted not the consequences of his act. He obtained his thirty pieces of silver but he betrayed Christ and turned his conscience into a hell. He won success but men hate and scorn and revile him.

Are Our Desires Right.

We may realize our ideals but are our desires right. Will their attainment pay? God is terribly generous in giving us the power to attain our every desire that we should examine ourselves and purge from our minds all unholy desires. Success is easy if we bend all our energies towards its attainment but it is worth while to gain success without love and its transmuting power?

We can get wealth if we pay the price. I feel confident that I could go out into the world tomorrow and obtain riches but what would they be worth if in getting them I paid no attention to character. If I sought not to obtain that character against which the tides of public opinion might beat and leave unharmed; that character which the fortunes of war cannot denigrate and which even the sabre wing of death cannot shadow.

It behooves us, then, to scrutinize carefully with a view to our best interests everything that bids for our attention as a desire to be attained if we would win success and to test and measure it for it may contain the germ of the very deepest and darkest failure.

When we have made this examination it is for us to make up our minds as to what ideals are worth following and what goals are worth striving for and when we have found the desires which will be crowns of glory for us we should work body and soul to attain them and thus realize the best, highest and truest success.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

The third and last week of the term of common pleas court will open this morning.

A rule to take off non-suit in the case of Jesse Travis against Mrs. A. P. Clark was argued Saturday before Judge Weard.

James W. Sullivan, by his attorneys, H. D. Carey and J. H. Burns, brought a suit against the borough of Mayfield on Saturday to recover \$2,000 damages. He claims that while driving along the old Carbon-dale road within the borough limits, his horse became unmanageable and backed over a declivity thirty-five feet high. He claims to have received permanent injuries and holds the borough liable for damages because no guard rail was placed along the edge of the road.

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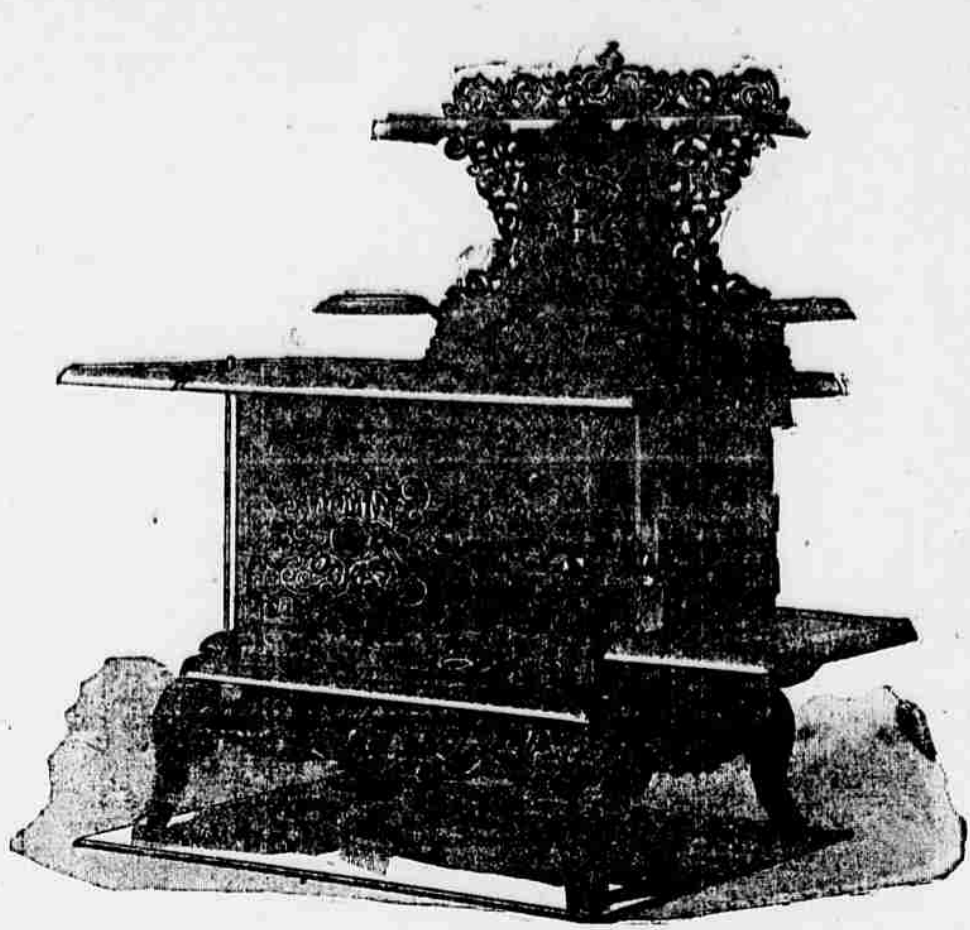
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