

"PLEA FOR SIMPLE LIFE"

Sunday Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Donald S. Mackay.

It is the Duty of the Pulpit to Sound a Warning Note in Regard to Modern Extravagance in Living.

NEW YORK CITY. — At the Collegiate Church, Fifth avenue and Forty-eighth street, Sunday morning, the minister, Dr. Donald S. Mackay, presented a strong sermon on "A Plea for the Simple Life." The text was from Matthew, vi. 31-33. "Take no thought for your life, what ye eat or what ye drink; nor for your wherewithal shall ye be clothed?"

For comfort, being as I am oppressed with a hat that no longer protects me. For show; mean handwork of dressmaker, cook. For grooms! We must run glittering like a brook. In the open sunshine, or we are unblest! The wealthiest man among us is the best! No grandeur now in nature or in book. It is idolatry, and these we adore. Plain living and high thinking are no more.

The remarkable thing about these lines is that although describing the follies of 100 years ago, they are exactly applicable to the conditions of life to-day. What Woodworth criticized so forcefully in 1863 is the prevalent mode of the period which was the vain progress of the nineteenth century, notwithstanding the enormous advance in every sphere of human activity.

These are some of the things which stand in the way of the simple life here in New York. The pleasures of the flesh and the world are so many that they are almost insupportable. Pleasure has become an essential part of life. It is a part of life, and it is a part of life. It is a part of life, and it is a part of life. It is a part of life, and it is a part of life.

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THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

International Lesson Comments For April 12.

Subject: The Resurrection, I Cor. xv. 20, 31, 55-58. Golden Text, I Cor. xv. 20. Memory Verses, 55-58.—Commemorating on the Day's Lesson.

I. Christ's resurrection affirmed (vs. 20, 21). "Now is Christ risen." Paul begins this famous chapter with a marshaling of the proofs of the resurrection of Christ. He brings various reasons, even 300 at one time, who, during the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension were touched, heard Him, heard Him talk, and read the scriptures. He brought 300 at one time, who, during the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension were touched, heard Him, heard Him talk, and read the scriptures.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

April 12.—"Christ Teaching about the Resurrection." John xi. 21-27, 40-41. (Easter Meeting.) Daily Readings.

April 6. Old resurrection truths. Ps. xlii. 13-15. April 7. The Jews' faith. Dan. xii. 1-3. April 8. Dented by the Sadducees. Matt. xxv. 33-35. April 9. A reasonable doctrine. Acts xxv. 6-8. April 10. Preached by Peter. Acts iv. 1-3. April 11. The blessedness of it. Rev. xx. 1-6. April 12. Christ's teaching about the resurrection. John xi. 21-27, 40-41. Scripture Verses.—Mark vii. 34, 35; Luke ix. 25, 24; Acts xv. 25, 26; xx. 24; Rom. vi. 10; I. Cor. x. 31; II. Cor. v. 15; Phil. i. 20, 21; Rev. v. 9, 10; xii. 11.

Lesson Thoughts. We must look to God for our future and spiritual life just as we have derived from him our present natural life. "Still seems it strange that thou shouldst seemst live forever? Is it less strange that thou shouldst live at all?" —Young.

Christ's resurrection means our resurrection; for he has promised: "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." There is a certain resurrection that believers have now, without waiting for the death of the body—a resurrection from the death of sin to the life of holiness.

Selections. "The not the thought that Jesus died for me, but that he died for the world." "But, more than all the world beside, That evermore the Christ doth live." "Easter is absolutely uncompromising. It will not admit even the slightest excuse for misery. The last enemy has been conquered—death. This means that there is no enemy left, and therefore there is nothing but treason in a furrowed brow or a worried heart—treason, foul treason to the Lord of Easter tide."

Many persons want to rise above sorrow and cares, and worries; but that is not the risen life. The risen life rises above sin. And when we rise above sin, then we rise above sorrow and worries and cares.

Longfellow, with great insight and perfect glory, compares our life to a tarrying in the crypts of some vast cathedral. We can hear the organ above us, and the chanting of the choir. As some friend goes up before us we catch a gleam of light streaming through the door. Shall we be afraid when our turn comes to mount the dark, narrow staircase that leads us out of the crypts into the cathedral's glory above?

Suggested Hymns. As lives the flower within the seed. Christ has risen! Hallelujah! The call of God is sounding clear. Take my life and let it be. He dies! He dies! the lowly man. He lives and loves, our Savior.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS. April 12.—The Danger of Idleness.—(Prov. 24, 30, 31; Rom. 12, 11).

"It was all grown over with thorns, the face thereof was covered with nettles." (Prov. 24, 31). Nature has a way of passing a verdict, and writing our lives in the book of life. How quickly will he begin to point out the habitations of a sluggard, or the farm of a drunkard. Perhaps nature needs to keep a stock of thorny bushes, weeds, and thistles, just to be able to express her opinion of people.

There appears to be slight danger in many cases that the leaders in Christian work and the officers of churches and League should be idle in the present conception of duty or of what is demanded for the good of the cause, far too large a share of activities falls to a few. To inspire a change new ideals are needed. Devotion should be given, not so much to the church as to the kingdom, not so much to the society as to the Christ.

"Why stand ye here all the day idle? Is the question asked in the parable of the laborers (Matt. 20, 1-16). "Because no man had hired us," is the answer. Let us see that nobler motives appeal to those who seem to stand inactive in the market place, and that their invitation to enter the vineyard of toil comes from sympathetic hearts, determined to give each one a chance to serve, even at the eleventh hour.

Service is often performed upon too low a plane. An unending round of mere outward and material tasks, such as are involved in suppers and entertainments for money raising, can not give the soul of any worker the thrill of delight and reward that comes from genuine Christlike work. Open up the fresh fields of the "Forward Movement." Guide your forces into mission and other great beneficent activities, into Bible study, Christian stewardship, personal evangelism, and they will taste, perhaps for the first time, the joys of utterly unselfish service.

Christ's thought of discipleship includes service: "to teach one his work" (Mark 13, 34). "One who made no use of his 'talent' was 'wicked and slothful servant, and the command was given by his lord, 'Cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness' (Matt. 25, 26, 30). There is immeasurable danger in spiritual idleness. How the world around us cries out and appeals to us for the love of Christ can give. And often we "know what to do," but are not alert enough, not made wise and free by love, so that we can speak the right word and do the right deed at the moment. All at it, and always at it," is a Methodist motto that ought to be taken from his retired list and unanimously elected to office.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Little Stories Tending to Weaken Some Popular Theories.

I watched my wife dressing her hair the other evening. By Jove, her hair is longer and darker than it was when we were married. "The teacher asked us to-day if there was ever a greater man than Abraham Lincoln, and I told her 'My papa.'" This at dinner, from Mollie, our eldest, aged 6. A neighbor brought my wife tickets for a swell musicale recently. On the night it was to come off I went home not particularly uplifted in anticipation. At dinner my wife said: "We won't go out to-night, dearie. You look tired. What do you say to a rubber of cribbage?"

Jack Davis, an old buddy of mine, came out to dinner the other evening. Really, everything did run smoothly. I went to the door with him. He whispered: "Say, old man, for ravish ing cooking, an ideal end and the candy outfit all through you've got the world beat. And say, pardon and all that, but this is from an old pal. The missus is one of the finest little women I ever saw."

Last week my wife's father phoned me to hustle over to his office. "My boy," said he when I arrived, "you've got two hours and a half to scrape to gether every piece of collateral in your name—150 minutes—there's something doing." It only took me a half hour. This morning, referring to me, one of the papers printed the following: "The street is recognizing a new Napoleon of finance in the person of young Mr. —, who has just turned a mighty lever and exceedingly profitable deal."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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Magnanimous Boys. Horace Mann says: "You are made to be kind, boys; generous, magnanimous. If there is a boy in school who has a clubfoot, don't let him know you ever saw it. If there is a boy with ragged clothes, don't talk about ragged clothes, don't talk about ragged clothes, don't talk about ragged clothes. If there is a dull one, help him to get his lessons. If there is a bright one, be not envious of him; for if one boy is proud of his talents, and another boy is envious of them, there are two great wrongs, and no more talent than before. If a larger or stronger boy has injured you and is sorry for it, forgive him."

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