

THE GREAT THING IN THE WORLD

A Brilliant Sunday Sermon by Rev. Daniel MacLaurin.

The Distinguished Divine Delivers a Sermon Which is as Scholarly and Readable as Any of Recent Years.

NEW YORK CITY.—Dr. Donald D. MacLaurin, of Rochester, preached Sunday morning in St. John's M. E. Church to a large audience. His sermon was the first in a series on "The Greatest Thing in the World."

I have most earnestly sought to bring you on Sunday the best that I have yet been able to give you, that your lives may be broadened and deepened and lifted up into higher realms of spiritual achievement.

This chapter has been in all ages of the church especially admired; would that it could be read to every man, woman and child.

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The position of the psalm in the book in which it is found is the effect. You find it in the midst of lengthy argument. It reminds us very much of an oasis of towering palm trees and springing fountains amid the burning desert in the midst of a desert of sand.

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