

"AFTERWARD"

Brilliant Sunday Sermon by Rev. J. H. Lockwood.

Discusses that the Whole Enigma of Life is Solved at Once When You Hold the Key-Word.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The Rev. J. H. Lockwood, pastor of the Naugatuck (Conn.) M. E. Church, preached Sunday morning in the city of New York in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. John E. Adams, of Lockwood, is well and favorably known in Brooklyn and on Long Island, where he has spent the greater part of his life, and is a graduate of the University of the City of New York and of the University of the State of New York.

Let us consider the single word "Afterward" as our text. If you grasp that word and its meaning, you will have caught the whole message of the sermon, and you will possess a most valuable key to the perplexing, and often distressing, problems of life.

Human life is a mysterious enigma. It has successfully baffled the efforts persistently made by the profession of natural science to solve its riddle. "What is life?" is the still puzzling question of questions. As the biologist and his fellow scientists have failed to solve it, the philosopher, the poet, the seer, the prophet, the philosopher, nor even the philosopher, has been able to tell us what it really is.

Here is this strange thing we call life, with its many and varied phenomena, and we know it so profoundly and comprehensively that we are able to describe it in terms of a few simple words. There are experiences positively joyous and experiences positively painful, and there are experiences positively neutral.

And in the second place we have the answer of philosophic optimism, which asserts that this is the best of all possible worlds; that, whereas life today is far better than it was 1000 or 10,000 years ago, it will be far better 1000 or 10,000 years hence.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

November 29—"A Mission Study of India." Zich 8:1-8.

Daily Readings.—A land of famine. Joel 2:18-29. A gracious prophecy. Micah 7:16-20. Returning to God. Isaiah 1:16-23. Plenty and peace. Isaiah 31:3-9. From the east country. Matt. 2:1-12.

These mission subjects will yield us the best profit if we give them careful study. For this we need literature, and it will be a profitable investment for every society to own at least the beginning of a good missionary library.

The Indian Empire, Sir W. Hunter. Modern India, Sir Geo. Campbell. History of the Indian Peoples, Hunter. The Parsis, Doshobadli. The Religions of India, Barth. Religious Thought and Life in India, Williams.

"Brahmanism is the original religion of India. Brahm, after whom the religion is named, is the chief god of all. Great as he is, the people do not pray to him, because he is in a deep sleep from which by no means will awake and speak to his own people."

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS. November 29.—The Use of Prayer.—Luke 10, 2; Heb. 4:16; James 4, 8; Col. 1, 9.

The Scripture lessons here selected illustrate four kinds of prayer: Contrition, Supplication, Cooperation, Intercession. James would have the inner trust God sufficiently to come near to him in penitence, with the assurance, "He will draw nigh to you."

At first sight it seems strange that we should be asked to pray God to furnish laborers for his own work. He is not to do it of his own accord? Surely, but he must have our aid.

Perhaps the most difficult problem we have to solve in our Christian life is how to relate the duty of self-interest to the duty of self-devotion. When yielding to a strong impulse to devote ourselves, and when coming under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we are apt to neglect our self-development.

Meanings of words are not accidental. Words like pebble by the roadside, are words in themselves. The words "faith" and "faithfulness" seem different at first, as if the added syllable had changed the meaning of the original word.

Thoughts For Me. I must humbly repent of all my sins. I must honestly confess my sins to God. I must ask the Lord to forgive me and make me pure.

Female Financier. Tomdix—as a promoter Mrs. Catchpole—Why, how's that? Tomdix—Her daughter's husband is worth half a million, and the old lady arranged all the details of the merger.

A Wise Teacher. At an examination of applicants as teachers before the Minnesota state board, one of them, when asked what country kangaroo leather came from, answered: "Kangaroo is produced in Kangaroo."

THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

Poem: The Two Glasses—Foe to the Human Race—Alcohol Has Carried on Its Work Throughout Centuries—Why Wrecklings Are Born Into the World.

There is no unbelief! Whoever plants a seed beneath the soil And waits to see it push away the clod, Trusts to its God.

There is no unbelief! Whoever sows "nearly winter's field of snow The silent harvest of the future good, God's power must know.

There is no unbelief! Whoever trusts "To-morrow," "the unknown," "The future," trusts that power alone He dares disown.

There is no unbelief! The heart that looks on when dear eyes And dares to live when life has only words, God's comfort knows.

There is no unbelief! For thus by day and night unconsciously, The heart lives by that faith the lips deny, And dreads to lose when life has only words, God's comfort knows.

Does fretting make us the least more prudent? Does anxiety make us the least more industrious? On the contrary, writes Charles Kingsley, I know nothing which cripples a man more and hinders his work more than anxiety.

Alcohol excites the mucous membrane of the stomach. The first to suffer are the glands, and the thickening of the tissues, the result of this thickening of the tissues, the red corpuscles, or causing them to shrink. Healthy protoplasm is essential to life, and the production of disease, the result of this thickening of the tissues.

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COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions. R. G. Dun & Company's "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Readjustment of wages and abnormally warm weather are not calculated to stimulate distribution of merchandise, especially wearing apparel and fuel.

Flour—Spring clear, \$3.85@4.05; best Patent \$5.25 choice \$4.35. Wheat—New York No. 2, 87c; Philadelphia No. 2, 83 1/2@84 1/2; Baltimore No. 2, 85c.

Corn—New York No. 2, 54c; Philadelphia No. 2, 50 1/2@50 3/4; Baltimore No. 2, 49c.

Green Fruits and Vegetables—Apples—Maryland and Virginia, per bushel \$1.00@1.25; do, fair to good, 75c@80c; do, extra, 80c@85c; do, extra, 85c@90c.

Onions—Maryland and Pennsylvania, yellow, per bushel \$1.25@1.50; Florida, per bushel, as to size, \$2.25@3.00.

Live and Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, young, 7 pounds and over, 13 1/2@14; do, old, do, 20@21; do, small and poor, 10@11; do, medium, 10@11; do, small and poor, 9@10; do, old roosters, each, 25@30; young, good to choice, 11 1/2@12; stags, 10@10 1/2; do, rough and poor, 8@9; Ducks—White Pekings, 4 lbs and over, 12@12 1/2; do, mixed, 11 1/2@12; do, 4 lbs, 11@12; do, 3 lbs, 10@11; do, 2 lbs, 9@10; do, 1 lb, 8@9; Guinea fowls, each, 20@25; do, young, 10@12; do, 20@25; do, 10@12; do, 5@6; do, 4@5; do, 3@4; do, 2@3; do, 1@2.

Chicago—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$4.75@5.25; do, medium, \$3.25@4.25; do, stockers and feeders, \$1.75@2.45; cows, \$1.50@2.40; heifers, \$2.00; calves, \$1.50@2.40; bulls, \$1.75@2.45; Texas steers, \$2.75@3.50; Western steers, \$3@4.50; Hogs—Receipts today, 10,000 head; tomorrow, 18,000; opened steady; closed lower; mixed and butchers, \$4.60@5.05; good to choice heavy, \$4.65@5.05; rough heavy, \$4.20@4.60; light, \$4.45@5.05; bulk of sales, \$4.60@4.90.

Industrial and Scientific Notes. A child of nine should weigh sixty pounds. A heavy dew is the sign of a southerly wind.

A big American shoe store is opened in Vienna. Mexico produces more silver than any other country.

A high grade of paper is now made from cotton seed. Chile exported 1,668,486 tons of nitrate of soda last year.

A number of steam wagons are in use in London for heavy hauling. The sediment from strawboard mills kills fish by gluing up their gills.

The average weight of the negro brain is four ounces less than the white. The average Italian immigrant has \$11 in his pocket; the average German \$34.

The potato crop of Germany is nearly ten times as great as that of the United States.

Units of tin oxide have been discovered in the Trausvaal which yield 50 per cent. tin.

The imports in livestock from England have fallen in ten years from 5,000,000 to 2,000,000.

Underfunded Methods of Liquor Men. Reports come from many towns in Ohio and Indiana, where saloons were recently closed, that men are secretly made drunk and then turned loose in the streets to create the impression that more liquor is used under the reign of prohibition than under that of license.—National Advertiser.

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