

# WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

A Brilliant Sunday Sermon by Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst.

Why So Many People Get Tired of Being Christians.

New York City.—Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, pastor of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, preached Sunday morning...

Christ means to you something; what is it? Christ Himself asks this of His disciples...

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A Duty to be Pleasant. We are apt to think that our being happy or unhappy is something that affects only ourselves...

Birds That Blush. An observer finds that some birds blush. He writes: "We have a very fine specimen of the blue and yellow macaw which displays this trait not often..."

Wrote After Many Years. Mrs. Lucy A. Davis, of Canton, Me., has received a letter from her brother, George Butterfield Smith, who for over thirty years has not been heard from by his relatives.

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 3.

Subject: The Boyhood of Jesus, Luke II, 40-52—Golden Text, Luke II, 52—Memory Verses, 49-51—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. The growth and advancement of Jesus (vs. 40, 52). "The child grew." From this verse and verse 52 we learn that Jesus had a human body and soul...

II. Jesus in Jerusalem (vs. 41, 42). April, the Pentecost near the first of June, and the feast of the Tabernacles in October...

III. Jesus' last (vs. 43-45). "Had fulfilled the days." Eight days in all—the Passover, and seven days of unadvisedly profane utterance...

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# CHRISTIAN ENDAVOR TOPICS

JANUARY THIRD. "The Kind of Growth I Need in 1904."—Eph. 4:11-16.

Scripture Verses—John 22:24; 15:2; 2 Cor. 9:8-11; 12:7-10; Eph. 6:11; Col. 3:16; 1 Tim. 4:15; 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:1; 2; 4:16; 12:11.

That is an erroneous view of religion which looks for sudden bursts and violent changes in the spiritual life of men; the growth of genuine piety is gradual and almost invisible...

After all the researches of philosophers, not one has been able to tell the way in which the grain grows. They can observe one fact after another...

It is no use denouncing sin before you renounce it. The offense of the Cross is the Christian's best defense. There is nothing pleasanter about the savor of a dead piety.

Prayer is rarely a privilege where it is a duty. The great Passion subdues all our passions. Psychological research never sought a soul to save it.

God's love is not intensified by our limitation of it. You cannot hide poverty of thought with polysyllables. An entertaining preacher may be a detaining leader.

The best in this world never find their best in this world. A hand in the pew is often worth ten arguments in the pulpit. The garment of truth cannot be used for the cloak of pretension.

# THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF IMPERTEMPERANCE.

A Striking Article on the Eating of Candy in Which is Found Up a Most Remarkable Temperance Lesson.—The Young Man Who Craves Sweets Is No Drinker.

The news stands in railroad stations and ferry houses sell among other things individual pieces of candy at one or two cents each. There are huge chocolate drops, as big as the end of your thumb, other large drops, filled with sweet, thick cream, and so on...

There are no more wholesome food than sweets. The candy which comes nearest to being wholesome is the licorice candy, which is made of licorice root, and is a very healthy and pleasant food...

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# COMMERCIAL

General Trade Conditions. R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Business is decidedly better than at any recent date, and the improvement is not confined to activity in holiday goods.

The steel markets have been in a state of uncertainty, owing to the numerous meetings in progress for the settlement of price lists and wage scales. Failures this week numbered 329 in the United States, against 257 last year, and in Canada 20, compared with 18 a year ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 3,361,035 bushels, against 4,599,530 last week, 3,256,077 this week last year, 4,338,832 in 1902, and 4,123,359 in 1900. Corn exports for the week aggregate 637,877 bushels, against 659,225 last week, 1,226,241 a year ago, 330,941 in 1901 and 5,605,578 in 1900.

Green Fruits and Vegetables.—Apples—Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, packed, per bushel \$1.50-2.25. Beets—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Broccoli—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Cabbage—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Cauliflower—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Celery—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Carrots—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Grapes—Concord, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Horseradish—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Lettuce—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Peas—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Potatoes—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Spinach—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. String Beans—Florida, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Turnips—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25.

Potatoes.—Maryland and Pennsylvania, good to choice, per bushel \$1.50-2.25. Sweet potatoes—North Carolina, yellow, per bushel \$1.00-1.25. Eastern Shore, yellow, \$2.00-2.40; Eastern Shore, red, \$2.00-2.40; Eastern Shore, white, \$2.00-2.40. Turnips—Native, per bushel \$1.00-1.25.

Cheese.—Fancy, September made, large and small, 12 1/2 lbs. per cwt., made October, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2 lbs. per cwt. to quality.

Chicago.—Cattle—good to prime steers \$5.00-5.75; stockers and feeders \$3.75-5.00; cows \$1.50-3.00; heifers \$1.75-5.00; canners \$1.50-2.00; bulls \$1.50-2.50; calves \$2.00-2.75; Texas fed steers \$3.65-4.00. Hogs—Mixed and butchers \$4.35-4.50; good to choice heavy \$4.50-4.65; rough \$4.00-4.25; 450 lb. light \$4.50-4.50; bulk of choice \$4.45-4.55. Sheep—Lamb steady; good to choice \$4.75-4.90; fair to choice mixed \$3.00-3.75; native lambs \$4.00-5.75; fed Western yearlings \$4.70.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Cattle slow; choice, \$5.00-5.75; prime, 4.75-4.85; fat, 3.75-4.75. Hogs high; prime heavy \$4.70-4.75; mediums, \$4.00-4.65; heavy Yorkers \$4.50-4.60; light Yorkers \$4.45-4.50; pigs \$4.15-4.40; roughs \$3.00-3.15. Sheep firm; prime weights \$3.85-4.00; culls and common \$2.25-2.50; choice lambs \$5.35-5.50; veal calves \$7.00-7.50.

# RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

THE only doubts to be ascribed to the way in which the grain grows are those you are proud of. Free lusts make fast links. The purposeless is powerless. Preaching down never lifts up. The wastes of wealth lead to the wall of want.

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A hand in the pew is often worth ten arguments in the pulpit. The garment of truth cannot be used for the cloak of pretension. The devil weeps every time a saloon is closed. Pools always try to retrieve folly with falsity.

The wise man fears pride when he hears praise. The doing of a duty sows the seed of a delight. God's silences may be as instructive as His speech. The bribe-bruc of life makes its greatest burden.

# HAS SCHOOL FOR PARROTS.

Philadelphia Woman's Ingenious and Novel Scheme. One of the strangest schools in the world has been established in Philadelphia by a woman. It is a school for parrots, where the birds are taught to speak by a phonograph.

For an instant salivation had seemed possible to her, although she knew not how. But the moment of hope had passed like a black jet of lightning, and she found herself wrapped in a cold, icy shroud and hid her forehead from the eyes of those who might have rescued her.

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# PERSONAL MENTION.

Major Frank J. Jones, president of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio University, has returned home after a long stay abroad.

Congressman Ollie James, of Marion, and David Highbaugh, of Hodgenville, are called the David and Goliath of the Kentucky delegation in Congress.

Major General John C. Bates will, on January 15, open offices in St. Louis making that the headquarters of the Northern division of the army.

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