

THE NATURAL MAN

Strong Sunday Sermon Entitled: "Man's Condition; God's Remedy."

Delivered at the Midway Conference by Sir Robert Anderson, K. C. B. L. D.

LONDON, ENGLAND.—The following address, entitled "Man's Condition; God's Remedy," was delivered at the Midway Conference by Sir Robert Anderson, K. C. B. L. D.

The special subject assigned to me is "The Spiritual Helplessness of Man by Nature, and the New Birth From Above. I am not here to defend the dogmatic...

And this should be our position in regard to all the great doctrines of faith. The age of creeds is passed. In days of charity, when men had respect for truth...

A natural man, i. e., a man who has not experienced the new birth, and who has not the Spirit of God, may live a life of the highest morality and rectitude...

Neither is it an objection that such a case is exceptional. Any man has done men may do. If the Fall made it impossible for men to live pure and upright lives, it would be unjust in God to judge them for their inability.

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The first three chapters of Romans call for notice here. The first chapter describes the condition in which the mass of the heathen world was sunk even in days...

These things need stating if we are to understand aright the closing chapters of the first epistle to the Romans. The vices of the heathen world were not due to ignorance. They knew that their deeds were evil. They knew the judgment of God, that they were unrighteous...

But the case of Saul of Tarsus was wholly different. Saul of Tarsus was not a heathen; he was a Jew. He was a man honestly believed to be right, his was a perfect life. As a Jew, he had the human standard, Saul of Tarsus was a pattern saint; but as judged by God he was a pattern sinner.

There are many who are always looking on the backward path and mourning over the things that have passed. They pass and they are forever looking at them. Why are they looking at the things that have passed? They are looking at them because they are looking at them with a wrong eye. They are looking at them as if they were sins, whereas they are only things that have passed.

Let our prayer be ever for more holiness and more fitness for the kingdom. They shall the tabernacle of God with us and we shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with us.

Five years ago the attention of American importers was called to the value as an astringent and drier in varnish, for the finer kinds of furniture, of the product of the Chinese wood oil tree.

Since then several American firms have established branches at Hankow, China, for the exportation of the oil, and one of them has shipped nearly 200,000 gallons since last fall.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 6.

Subject: Joseph, the Boy King, II Kings xii, 1-10—Golden Text, Prov. xxix, 23—Memory Verse, 10-12—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

Introduction.—Our lessons now return to the kingdom of Judah. Last quarter we saw how Jehoshaphat, in his deep peace with the northern kingdom, made the fatal mistake of uniting his son Jehoram to Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel. Athaliah was the image of her heathen mother, and the union was disastrous in the extreme to the kingdom of Judah.

Commentary.—I. Athaliah usurps the throne (II Kings 11:1). Athaliah, Jehoram's widow, knew that her son Athaliah's safety rested with her. She was wicked and unscrupulous and endeavored to make her title to the throne secure by ordering all of the male members of the royal family to be put to death.

II. "The water of purification." In Matt. 23:28, the time of its fulfillment. My readers may conclude that no such place unsearched, but a place where beds were stowed away. "Was with her." That is, his nurse. "He is six years old." His mother was in the chambers which ran around the temple on two sides and one end and which were variously used as warehouses or as dwelling-places.

III. The plan to make Josiah king (II Kings 11:1). The seventh year. The seventh year of Josiah's age. Josiah was brother-in-law to Athaliah, and therefore uncle to Josiah. In the revolution which he planned he showed great tact and ability.

How can our work be done more effectually than by a Mission Study Rally Sunday? Why could there not be such a rally in every Methodist Episcopal church on this continent? It could be if only a few live Epworthians in each society would determine to have it so.

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

HE clouds do not make the night. The affected day is worse than lost. Every lovesick day is worse than lost. Working is the best way of watching. Most of our "can't-no's" are "will-no's."

True watch dogs do not waste their breath barking at flies. Loss of revenue accounts for much loathing of righteousness. There's a lot more light in a tallow-dip sinner than in many a star preacher. The devil always endorses the man who doesn't need to go to Sunday school.

You may have peace from the devil who you are wholly possessed by the devil. The best way to drive your children to sin is to keep your religion for company. There's a good deal of difference between the charity that shines like a lighthouse and that which glares like a billboard.

Holliness is the only living of heavenliness. A man shows his real self in the way he treats a child. Only the devil can make a dime look like a dollar. Iron character does not come from easy circumstances.

Nature reproves with death that which does not improve. The pessimist should never go into politics; he starts out with too much truth in his pack. One of the finest echoes of which we have record is mentioned by Barthius in his notes on the Thebas of Statius.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

THE STUDY OF MISSIONS.—MISSION STUDY RALLY DAY.—(ISA. 60:1-19.) NOVEMBER SIXTH.

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Interest in these courses is intensified by the united pursuit of these studies by both Epworth Leaguers and Christian Endeavorers. Hosts of young Christians from these two classes for the study of these same valuable and entertaining works.

Men and women must bend their backs and look up with a troubled eye and say: "I always was so and always, no doubt, will be so." The last trouble we have on earth is what we are getting out of it. If we are to have no more trouble, we must die as we should not our troubles will have only just begun.

Little troubles are sometimes a nuisance. Not large enough to weigh us down, but just large enough to spoil the day and rob us of sleep at night. A few nights ago I was troubled about almost nothing, but it would not leave me and was strong enough to toss me about on my bed.

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The Sunday Breakfast Cable

A Prayer of the Hill Country. "And the strength of the hills is His also. Lift me, O Lord, above the level plain. Beyond the cities where life throbs and thrills, And in the cool airs let my spirit gain. The stable strength and courage of Thy hills."

They are Thy secret dwelling places, Lord; Like Thy majestic prophets, old and hoar. They are assembled in divine accord, Thy sign of established power forever more.

Here peace finds refuge from ignoble wars, And faith triumphant, builds in snow and time. Near the broad highways of the greater stars, Above the tide line of the seas of time.

Lead me yet further, Lord, to peaks more clear. Until the clouds like shining meadows I may tread. Why through the depths of sadness I may bear. The thunder of Thy legions marching by.—Meredith Nicholson, in American Cultivator.

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THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTERPERANCE.

The Enormous Profits of the Liquor Traffic and How Its Manufacturers Are Enabled to Live on Incomes Derived From Its Sale—Men in Trade.

In former Governor of Illinois John P. Altgeld's new book, just published, "The Cost of Something for Nothing," the passage concerning the liquor traffic, which might have been written by one of our own reformers.

"In America the liquor traffic has yielded enormous profits both in manufacturing and in retailing, and men engaged in this business, some of the most palatial mansions in the country belong to brewers and distillers, their equipages are the best, and their manner of living is sumptuous."

"Why should a bright line be drawn here? It is a moral stain in the business that comes home to them with its trail of death. Why say moral stain? Because the effect of the whole business, in the hands of men of kindly impulses and inclined by nature to be generous and some of them possess a considerable culture."

"But the manufacturers of liquor want to make money. They want to get rich. They want to open up saloons. These saloons become the most demoralizing agencies in the community. They are destroyed, where hundreds of drinking and carousing are formed that will do more to injure the individual than his family, and his wife."

At a temperance meeting held some years since in the State of Alabama, Colonel Lehoucq, a Frenchman, one of the men who had served many years in Bonaparte's army, addressed the meeting. He arose before a large audience, tall, erect and vigorous, and in a few minutes he was up on his feet and said: "You see before you a man over fifty years old. I have fought 200 battles, have fought wounds upon my body, have lived through the horrors of the war with the bark of trees for bread, snow and ice for drink, the canopy of heaven for my covering, without stockings or shoes on my feet, in all my life."

This is the kind of thing that is done next to the kind providence of God, I owe my preservation, my health, vigor, up to this fact that I never drank a drop of liquor after that time. I was once told that "Baron Larry, chief of the medical staff of the French army, has stated that as a fact that the 6000 survivors who safely returned from the battle of Waterloo, I was next to the kind providence of God, I owe my preservation, my health, vigor, up to this fact that I never drank a drop of liquor after that time."

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My husband's friend with the chronicle nose, while you are stirring up the sugar in a pot of passion, let me give you a word of advice. You are stirring up the sugar in a pot of passion. You are stirring up the sugar in a pot of passion. You are stirring up the sugar in a pot of passion. You are stirring up the sugar in a pot of passion.

Many years ago Mr. Gladstone heard of two young men in the village who had become notorious for their drinking habits, and he determined to make an effort to do something for them. He went to them at the table, and there in "The Temple of Peace" as his library was called, he impressively appealed to them to change their ways, and to abstain from wine and fermented liquors, and to abstain from all other things that which had hitherto done them so much harm. The sequel cannot be told better than in the language of one of the men concerned, who says: "Never can I forget the scene, and so long as I live the memory of it will be indelibly impressed on my mind. It was the only time that I was moved by the intensity of his solicitation. My companion is now a minister, and neither of us have touched a drop of liquor since that day."

Convincing Testimony. Bishop Millspaugh, of Kansas, says: "The largest wholesale grocer in Kansas is a prohibitionist, but he is not a teetotaler. He gives it as his judgment that the business man that there is twenty-five per cent more business done by the grocery, dry goods and hardware trades in Kansas than there was before prohibition was established."

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COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

R. G. Dun & Company's Weekly. Review of Trade says:

"Trade reports are more encouraging each week, while the feeling of optimism regarding the future is becoming general. With its customary disposition to discount commercial prosperity, Wall Street has lifted the average price of the sixty most active railway shares above par for the first time since May of last year. Manufacturing plants steadily increase output, a particularly gratifying feature of the week being the large tonnage of steel purchased by the railways and the advanced prices for pig iron suggest that the depression in that industry has run its course."

"Textile mills are doing more work, even in New England cotton centers, reports showing a prostration among buyers, which is the more noteworthy because the new contracts were placed at a time when the raw material was declining. Shipyards are more fully engaged and structural work assumes more normal proportions. Retail distribution of merchandise is increasing. Payments are still somewhat irregular, yet there are comparatively few complaints. Failures this week numbered 215 in the United States, against 272 last year, and 20 in Canada, compared with 20 a year ago."

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ended October 20 aggregated 1,066,475 bushels, against 1,357,175 last week, 4,265,800 this week last year, 7,066,137 in 1902, and 4,052,134 in 1901. Corn exports for the week aggregated 797,898 bushels, against 857,517 last week, 1,869,885 a year ago, 84,264 in 1902, and 1,188,288 in 1901."

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Baltimore, Md.—FLOUR.—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 4,292 barrels; exports, 148 barrels. WHEAT.—Strong; spot, contract, 1.18 1/2; 1902; spot No. 2, red Western, 1.20 1/2; 2001; 1902; October, 1.18 1/2; 1901; November, 1.18 1/2; 1901; December, 1.19 1/2; 1901; May, 1.22 1/2; 2001; steamer No. 2, red, 1.13 1/2; receipts, 9,430 bushels; Southern by sample, 80 1/2; Southern on grade, 1.08 1/2; 1901; January, 49 1/2; February, 49 1/2; 1901; receipts, 100 bushels; Southern white corn, 55 1/2; Southern yellow corn, 52 1/2.

CORN.—Steady; year, 50 1/2; 1901; receipts, 100 bushels; Southern white corn, 55 1/2; Southern yellow corn, 52 1/2. OATS.—Quiet; No. 2 white, 34 1/2; No. 2 mixed, 33 1/2; receipts, 15,000 bushels. RYE.—Steady; No. 2 Western, 80; receipts, 8,888 bushels. BUTTER.—Firm, unchanged; fancy imitation, 17 1/2; fancy creamery, 21 1/2; 1901; 17 1/2; 14 1/2; 15; store-packer, 14 1/2. EGGS.—Firm, unchanged; 21; 1901; 21; medium, 14 1/2; 1901; 11 1/2; 1901. NEW YORK.—FOUR.—Receipts, 23,521 barrels; exports, 8,121 barrels; sales, 3,800 packages. Market steady, with fair demand. LARD.—Firm. Western steam, 7.70; 1901; 7.70; 1901; Western, 16.00; 1901; clear, 14.00; 1901; mess, 12.50; 1901; prime, 12.50; 1901. POTATOES.—Firm. Long Island, 1.75; 2001; State and Western, 1.35; 1901; Jersey sweets, 1.25; 1901; 1.75. PEANUTS.—Dull. Fancy hand-picked, 3.50; 1901; domestic, 3.60; 1901. CABBAGES.—Steady; per barrel, 50; 1901.

EVAPORATED APPLES.—Easy, with outside figures rather extreme. Common are quoted at 44 1/2; prime, at 44 1/2; choice, at 51 1/2; fancy, at 61 1/2. BUTTER.—Firm; receipts, 3,500; Street prices, extra, 20 1/2; 1901; 20 1/2; 1901; extra, 13 1/2; State dairy, common to extra, 13 1/2; 1901. CHEESE.—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 3,821. EGGS.—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 3,671. POULTRY.—Alive, weak; Western chickens, 13 1/2; 1901; Western, 13 1/2; 1901; 12; 1901; fowls, 13 1/2; 1901; 13 1/2. LIVE STOCK. Chicago.—CATTLE.—Market too lower; good to prime steers, 5.70; 1901; 5.70; 1901; medium, 5.50; 1901; 5.50; 1901; stockers, 4.50; 1901; 4.50; 1901; heifers, 4.00; 1901; 4.00; 1901; calves, 2.00; 1901; 2.00; 1901; Texas fed steers, 3.75; 1901; 3.75; 1901; Western steers, 3.00; 1901; 3.00; 1901.

HOGS.—5c. to 10c. lower; mixed and butchers', 5.15; 1901; 5.15; 1901; good to choice heavy, 5.50; 1901; 5.50; 1901; 5.00; 1901; light, 5.15; 1901; 5.15; 1901; bulk of sales, 3.50; 1901. SHEEP.—Sheep, strong; lambs, weak; good to choice wethers, 3.50; 1901; 3.50; 1901; fair to choice, mixed, 3.25; 1901; 3.25; 1901; lambs, 4.00; 1901; 4.00; 1901; Western lambs, 4.00; 1901; 4.00; 1901. NEW YORK.—BEEVES.—Medium to good steers, firm to 10c. higher; common, more active, and firm; bulls, strong; cows, steady to strong; native, 4.00; 1901; 4.00; 1901; halfbreeds and Westerns, 3.00; 1901; 3.00; 1901; oxen, 3.00; 1901; 3.00; 1901; bulls, 2.50; 1901; 2.50; 1901; cows, 3.15; 1901; 3.15; 1901; dressed beef, steady; exports, 3.00 quarters of beef, tomorrow, 3.50 quarters of beef.

CALVES.—Veals, barely steady; grassers, unchanged; Westerns, lower; veals, 5.00; 1901; 5.00; 1901; here; grassers, 3.00; 1901; 3.00; 1901; Westerns, 3.00; 1901; 3.00; 1901. HOGS.—Market too lower; prime State and Pennsylvania hogs, 5.90; 1901; 5.90; 1901.

WORLD OF LABOR.

There are said to be over 300 successful co-operative stores in the United States. Printers in Marinette, Wis., and Menomonee, Mich., have secured an increase in their pay. French trade unions include almost one-sixth of all the workmen engaged in French industries. Efforts are being made to induce the National Shorthand Reporters' Association to affiliate with organized labor. A rigorous organizing campaign has been decided upon by the district leaders of machinists' unions of Massachusetts.

Of last year's 9,840 casualties in railway accidents, 3,666 were employees and 355 were passenger patrons of the railroads. The Printing Pressmen's Union will probably locate the proposed international office and headquarters in Boston, Mass. Thomas I. Kidd, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, has announced his decision to return from labor circles.