

SUNDAY SERMON

A Scholarly Discourse By Rev. C. R. McNally.

New York City.—Sunday morning, in the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, the pastor, the Rev. Charles R. McNally, preached on the subject, "The Spirit and the Letter." The text was from John 1:23-24: "The hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

The religious impulse, however, has always been an integral part of human life, and has been its highest expression in the ornate formal worship of Judaism. The religion of the law with all its material accompaniments was the effort of the human mind to grasp the thought of God in the terms of the material.

The conversation of Jesus with the woman at the well is interesting and instructive in many ways. She was a woman and the strain of human nature was very marked in her life as is shown by the fact that when Jesus had her cornered and face to face with her sin she was like many who have followed her, anxious to divert their attention from considerations of such a personal nature to a religious argument.

It takes the world a long time to outgrow its materialism, and to grow into the thought of Christ. The path of history has led us down the valleys and over the mountain peaks. There have been times when it seemed that the race was about to move out into a more spiritual thought of God.

Under the leadership of a Paul, an Augustine, a Calvin, a Luther, or a Wesley, the dawn of a brighter day seemed at hand, but from these mountain peaks the pathway has invariably led down into the low valleys of the material and the earthly.

We have been, indeed, we now are, for the dawn of the brighter day has hardly appeared, in one of those materialistic swarms from which arise the miasma of selfishness, worldliness and sin. That this is peculiarly true of America is not without cause and explanation.

It is the surprise of life always comes in finding that the things that have been laid nearest to us; how we have gone far away to seek that which was close by our side all the time. Men who live best and longest are apt to come, as the result of their living, to the conviction that life is not only rich, but that it is essentially simple.

ACTS WORTH REMEMBERING. Oregon is larger than New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey together. Near the Panama Canal exist gold mines abandoned by Spain centuries ago. The will soon be reopened.

THE FARM

Good Breeds in Swine. Too many farmers work on the plan that a pig is a pig regardless of breed and as a result they continue line breeding until they have little left in the pig except the form.

at the season named better than larger and more fleshy lambs which would naturally become high conditioned at an earlier season. In all the States of the Northwest lambs could be fed and managed thus.

Something of the extent of horse-breeding by public authority and under public supervision, referred to by a horse-breeding paper, is to the effect that the French authorities own some thirty three thousand stallions, half being of the high-stepping and coaching type, the others being thoroughbred and draft horses.

The driver of every team should be supplied with a bag of some kind for holding feed for his horses, as he seldom is sure where he will be when feeding time comes.

How to Fatten Chickens. The fowls that are to be fattened should be shut up; the pen or coop should not be too large, and it should not be too tight and close.

A Practical Farm Bridge. On the majority of farms there is need for one or more bridges. Too often they are poorly constructed and not kept in repair.

Poultry and Eggs Pay. Every year demonstrates that the egg market is never fully supplied. We are compelled to import eggs to keep pace with the demand.

Why Mr. Pinero is Not an Actor. That Mr. Arthur Pinero was once an actor is recalled by the death of Henry Irving, recalls the life of the dramatist.

Lambs in the Winter. The plan has been adopted by certain Michigan feeders during recent years of purchasing lambs in the autumn and carrying them through the winter on rough feed with a moderate allowance of grain.

Big Blueberry Pans. The blueberry canning factory at Island Pond, Vt., has just shut down after a successful season of production.

POPULAR SCIENCE

It is a remarkable fact that blind horses never make a mistake in choosing their diet when grazing. Professor Cook, of Northwestern University, has shown that there is sufficient radium in pitchblende to make it possible for a photograph to be taken by it directly.

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The alligator cannot long escape practical extermination. Already they are becoming scarce and the price of hides has gone up enormously in the last few years.

How the American Citizen Has Endured This Abhorrent For Years. The American citizen is more tolerant of public nuisances than any other civilized being.

Continental fruitfulness—is not this condition of the trees in heaven to be also the condition of the people of heaven, always happily at work and always with blessed results?

Rich men on earth pay taxes in many cities, but the citizens of heaven may have no divided interests.

The value of all that a citizen owns—his parks, his schools, his libraries, his expensive public buildings, and other belongings, is all a part of the property of each citizen, and all citizens share alike.

Some Pleasant Socials. A botanical social, with contests in the identification of common plants, and with a microscope exhibition and talk.

High Levels Reached by Man. The highest point at which mountain climbers have stayed for any length of time is 20,922 feet on the Himalayas, where an exploring party painfully stayed for six weeks in 1902.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10.

The City of God.—Rev. 22, 1-8. Our lesson is from that wonderful description of the holy city, the New Jerusalem, which John saw in apocalyptic vision.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 10.

Subject: Reading and Obeying the Law, Neh. viii, 8-18.—Golden Text, Luke xi, 28.—Memory Verses, 17, 18.—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. Studying God's word (vs. 1-8). The people were gathered in this great meeting from the surrounding country from 20,000 to 50,000 in number.

8. "So they read." Ezra and thirteen representative men from Jerusalem, standing upon an elevated platform, read the Scriptures, in turn, for six hours or more.

9. "Nehemiah—the Tirshathu." Hitherto Nehemiah has called himself pehth—the ordinary word for "governor." Now he is called Tirshathu, a more honorable and reverential title for governor.

10. "Eat and drink." Observe God's appointment. They should testify the genuineness of their repentance by the faithfulness with which they kept the feast.

11. "Levites stilled all their lamentation." Emotion needs control when it is in danger of running into mere physical excitement.

12. "Because they—understood." They now knew God's will and their own duty, which they resolved to practice.

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15. "The roofs of the houses were flat and easy of access." "In their courts," etc. There were booths everywhere; the city was filled with them.