

THE PULPIT.

A SCHOLARLY SUNDAY SERMON BY DR. CURTIS LEE LAWS.

Subject: Christianity and Business.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The Rev. Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, in the Greene Avenue Baptist Church, preached on "Christianity and Business."

The text was from Deuteronomy 8:18: "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth."

When a man becomes a Christian he does not sever his relations to the world in which he lives. He is given to Christ by the Father as a personal and perpetual possession.

But when Christ sends the saved man back into the world, He sends him back as a new man. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

The greatest problem for the Christian man is to adjust himself to the callings and pursuits of this life, that he may best serve God, his fellow men and the highest interests of his own soul.

But, again, the Christian man can engage in no business which will harm his fellow men, whom he has been sent to win to Christ.

Business activity brings wealth, and this is an incentive which ought to be desired by every man, because wealth is a mighty factor in the world in which we live.

Think of what wealth can do for the individual. It can give opportunity to acquire high and noble tastes. It can give leisure for study and research.

Think of what wealth can do for the family. It can surround our loved ones with books and paintings and statuary.

Think of what wealth can do for the church. The cause of Christ is languishing all over the world because there is not money sufficient to carry on Christ's work to the glory of God.

If they had more money, our missionary societies are all poverty-stricken. The missionary force in the great fields on the frontiers and in heathen lands would all be doubled in twelve months if we had sufficient means.

Business men, I exhort you in the name of the King to be diligent and self-denying and frugal that success may crown your efforts.

Let us now consider the perils of business success. I have exhorted you to fidelity, persistency, energy in your business life.

I have told you of the glory which comes with wealth, but I would be false to your highest interests if I did not hold up before you some of the awful perils which confront the man who makes a great success in business.

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" No man can gain the whole world or a millionth part of the world, but if he gains the whole world at the cost of his soul it would be a calamitous bargain.

Jesus said: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

Unanswered Prayer.

An unanswered prayer is no proof of an unhearing God. There may be reasons in the great purposes of our heavenly Father why a petition should fall of a direct answer.

But if the direct answer to the petition has been withheld we believe that in some way there will come a blessing and a cause for it.

Profitable Things.

The sooner we are impressed that this present life is uncertain and very short, and that the future life is sure and endless, the better it will be for us.

Be a Soul Winner.

It is easier to preach publicly to a great congregation than to win one soul by private means.

The Snake's Whistle.

I found myself somewhat muddled and breathing a little hard, but I was not wholly chastised.

The Sunday-School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JULY 19.

Subject: Samuel Warns Saul and the People, 1 Sam. 12—Commit Verses 23, 24—Commentary.

TIME.—1923 B. C. PLACE.—Gigil.

EXPOSITION.—I. Obey the voice of the LORD, 12-15. Samuel had spent a little time in dwelling upon his own fidelity (vs. 2-7), but he quickly passed to a recital of the mercies of Jehovah (vs. 6-12).

The evil cannot inherit the Kingdom, not because God shuts them out, but simply because they are not the sons of it; they have chosen another adoption. Let no one expect it to be easy to break with the bodily passions and worldly lusts; it is a real crucifixion.

Illustrations.

Be the Columbus of the young and discover their lives for purity; that is so much better than a war of conquest.

Moderate drinking is letting a man fire a shot at you while you will not let him fire a cannon ball. The best way to lose a city from burning is not to let the first house get aflame.

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II. Samuel Prays and God Answers, 16-19. Samuel sees the deed that the people are brought to a deep realization of their sin. A sign is needed and he has faith in God that He will give it.

III. Fear Not, the Lord Will Not Forsake His People, 20-25. God's oft-repeated message to His people is, "Fear not." Here He says, "I will be with you, and I will be your God."

Make Fire Extinguisher.

Have at hand small fire extinguishers made in the following inexpensive manner: Take some common lime, twenty parts; common salt, five parts, and water, seventy-five parts.

Serious gastric troubles among workmen in large electric plants are attributed by a German authority to ozone poisoning and not to electric radiations.

Never mind, dear," he said, reassuringly, as she raised her sweet face from his shoulder, and they both saw the white blur on his coat; "It will all brush off."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

JULY NINETEENTH.

Topic.—Temperance Meeting: How to Promote Total Abstinence.

Gal. 5: 16-24. Appeal to civic motives. Prov. 31: 1-5. The example of the Nazirites, Num. 6: 1-3.

Denying lusts, Rom. 6: 12-14. Christ's example, Matt. 4: 8-10. For better warfare, 2 Tim. 2: 3-5. Surrendering lawful things, 1 Cor. 10: 23-29.

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RELIGIOUS READING FOR THE QUIET HOUR.

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OUR TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

REPORTS OF PROGRESS OF THE BATTLE AGAINST RUM.

He Scourged Them—What Judge Collins, of Iowa, Kansas, in Passing Sentence, Said to Some Boot-Leggers.

I have carefully observed the crumbling fragments of the wrecked lives upon either side of the dark stream of intemperance, and I have noted well the effect of the hellish stuff upon its victim since I have been judge of this court.

We have now to deal with a class of new and degenerated lawbreakers commonly known as bootleggers, and you who are now awaiting the decree of this court belong to that vile horde.

I would have you know that there is no siniferous act that contributes more to higher crimes and lower qualities of low and vicious audacity, contemptible, despicable and detestable meanness than the selling of intoxicating liquors in defiance of the laws of our country.

Your business is a stench to the nostrils of society, and the law-abiding and law-supporting men and women of our community intend to train the conquering arm of law and the chain lightning of law-enforcement against you until reformation is secured, or until not one of you is left within the borders of our city outside of the prison walls.

You are trying to live in unlawful idleness while you decorate the hovels of your putrid souls with raiment and jewels bought with money which your patrons should have spent for garments to cover the shivering bodies of innocent, helpless and half-clothed children.

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5500 ACCIDENTS A MONTH.

Every citizen should know what a corporation like the Metropolitan costs the average man. In "Great American Fortunes," in McClure's, Burton J. Hendrick sums up the case very clearly.

Probably no street railway capitalists ever had so rich an opportunity for legitimate profit. The income from nickel fares amounts to \$37,000,000 a year. In spite of this, the whole Metropolitan system is in a condition of deplorable decay.

The surface cars are not provided with the most ordinary safety devices. New York is the only large city in the country where the old-fashioned hand-brake is still in use. The Third Avenue road, where the Metropolitan acquired it, used power brakes on all its cars; the first act of the Metropolitan, when it assumed control, was to remove these safety appliances, and the explanation usually accepted is that the management feared that the successful use of power brakes on one railroad would cause the public to demand that the reform be extended to all the lines.

This failure to use proper safety appliances and the inexperience of the employees makes the casualty list a heavy one. An investigation recently made showed that in twenty-seven days there had been 3500 accidents on the street railways of New York City; forty-two people were killed outright, ten skulls were fractured, ten limbs amputated, forty-four limbs broken, while eighty-three other passengers were seriously injured. In proportion to the traffic, the New York street railways killed eight times as many people as those in Liverpool. Their record is surpassed only by the Widener-Elkins roads in Philadelphia, which killed 801 passengers last year. As a result of its accidents, the Metropolitan spends annually nearly a million and a half dollars in damage suits.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Saintliness does not grow by sighing. Doing is a safe path to any doctrine. Love lifts the lover more than the loved.

Selfishness short-circuits any prayer. It's a poor kind of good cheer that makes others sad.

You cannot possess any more religion than you practice. Genius is simply making the most of whatever you may have.

Crowns on the head are not won by wearing frowns on the face. You cannot grow in grace while you're fattening old grievances.

When the preacher is fishing for praise he does not catch souls. Woeful looks are sure to come from too much looking within.

He who makes light of love soon loses himself in the night of hate. Respectability is Satan's best present-day substitute for righteousness.

There's little virtue in abstaining from the evil when we ought to oppose it. In the light of the larger life we will be able to measure our gains by our losses.

The man who wants to be first in the parade never wants to be in front in the battle. The preacher who rides a hobby seldom tries to harness it to the Gospel wagon.

When a man scoffs at good things he may be trying to appease envy with derision. It's the little sins we cherish that at last set us around chasing to do their bidding.

When a man looks on repentance as a city of refuge for the future, he is likely to find he gate locked when he gets there.—Home Herald.

The Slippery Pronoun.

Many are the circumstances which have been devised by civilized races in order to avoid the bluntness of direct address. In fact, it may be said that at the moment when a nation standardizes its language it begins to have trouble with its pronouns.

"Thou" has, of course, become obsolete, except in prayer, although it flourishes colloquially in the north of England. The second person plural is substituted. In parts of the South "you all" is heard, a further step toward refined elusiveness.

In France and Germany "thou" has been retained in familiar or semi-contemptuous speech. In Spain and Italy, on the other hand, the third person is substituted habitually in place of it.—Harper's Weekly.

The Citizen and the Press.

"The papers are afraid to say anything," sneered the first citizen. "Some people don't let that say about it," replied the other. "Ever run for office?"

"No; but I wrote a letter roasting some fellows that needed roasting and the paper didn't print a line." "Did you sign your name?"

"Certainly not. D'ye think I'm a clump?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Philadelphia's Anti-Saloon Parade.

Two thousand school children of Philadelphia paraded a few days ago through the leading thoroughfares of that city, in protest against the saloons. It was a pretty sight to witness these enthusiastic young crusaders bearing their banners and marching proudly to military music. Great crowds lined the sidewalks along the route and cheered the children.—Christian Herald.

In New Hampshire the liquor licenses for druggists have been abolished.