

THE PULPIT.

A BRILLIANT SUNDAY SERMON BY REV. JOHN WESLEY HILL, D.D.

Text—Rom. 8: 28. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

We have here Paul's epitome of Providence, his summing up of human suffering and experience under the superintending hand of God.

Under Divine Protection.

Note the boldness of this Pauline declaration: "All things work together for good."

Glorious truth! We are not alone in life's vicissitudes! God's eye is upon us, and His arms encircle us.

Harmony and Co-Operation.

Again, let us notice the law of this Providential process: "All things work together."

Light is beautiful, but light cannot form the exquisite picture. Shadows must lie there, a dark background upon which the light can pencil its beauty.

All things work together. The lightning in its vivid rage only purifies the atmosphere; the thunderbolt that prostrates the giant oak, beneath which many found shelter, lets the sun shine upon a spot of earth that had hitherto been full of darkness.

Strength and Love Through Suffering. Then, again, we should remember that things are not always as they appear. The sun appears to rise and set, but science places it in the centre of a family of worlds.

He against me," explained Jacob, "are the outcroppings of Providence were no longer discernible."

A Divine Hand at the Helm.

It is hardly possible for us to appreciate the force of the original verb, "work together."

"God Thinks of Me."

It is this thought that gives to me my position in the universe. If God thinks of me, loves me, and watches over me, it is because I am a part of His plan.

Worrying About the Undone.

"It isn't the work that broke me down," said a certain minister who suffered from temporary collapse.

Piled-up work unaccomplished is more wearisome, as every worker knows, than any amount of work which has been turned off.

Chief of Mariners.

Drink is the moral enemy of peace and order; the destroyer of man's life; the terror of women, the cloud that shadows the face of children.

A Pointed Question.

Given the fact that the Nation is satisfied that the use of alcoholic beverages is likely to shorten the life of the individual.

Temperance Notes.

Whisky brings gray-headed mothers down in shame and sorrow to their graves.

European Dress Recommended.

The Kuan Chi-Chu (the War Department) has sent in a memorial to the officials and individuals of the Chinese empire to adopt the dress of foreign style by wearing short jackets.

The Sunday-School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMITTEES FOR FEBRUARY 20.

Subject: The Golden Rule—Temperance Lesson, Matt. 7: 1-12. Commit Verses 7, 8.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

Exposition.—I. The Sin and Folly of Judging Others, 1-5. Judgment is God's work, not ours (Ro. 14: 4-12).

II. The Folly of Feeding Hogs Pearls, 6. There is a proper sphere for exercising our powers of discrimination. When we give out truth we should seek to give it to those who will appreciate it.

III. The Wisdom of Prayer, 7-12. Jesus begins His stirring words on prayer with three commands, each of which is accompanied with a corresponding promise.

THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

A Curse to Humanity.

The following is an extract from an able and interesting address, by Mr. Guy Hayler, of England, International Electoral Superintendent of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

How long, how long is the liquor traffic to go on cursing humanity and hindering the march of progress and civilization? Its evil has been proved up to the hilt over and over again.

While the wealthy merchant and the prosperous tradesman and the skilled workman have been transformed into drunkards through the medium of the traffic in alcohol, the drunkard-maker has been elevated to positions of leadership, protection, the traffic by law and terror.

IV. The War on the American Saloons. In two-thirds of all the territory of the United States the saloon has been abolished by law.

V. The Greatness of Little Things. Have courage enough to review your own conduct, to condemn it where you detect your faults.

Servants of Christ. Profitable or unprofitable? is what every servant of the Lord is called to ask concerning himself.

Spiritual Destiny. Each of us, all of us, have an immortal spiritual destiny. The grave has never been the final goal of humanity.

Harmony. There would not be so many divorced people in America if they had learned patiently to put up with each other's faults.

THOUGHTS FOR THE QUIET HOUR

WHEN THE ANGELS CAME.

People tell the story yet, With the pathos of regret, How along the streets one day, Unaware from far away, Angels passed with gifts for need.

It has been and will be so: Angels came and angels go, Opportunity is never so near, 'Tis the morning and the night With their messages divine.

The Death of Conversations.

The death of conversations is a striking and serious fact that calls for immediate action on the part of the Church of Christ.

Oh, for a new confidence in the solemn splendor and trustworthiness of the Gospel of God! Oh, for a united, intelligent, loyal presentation of it throughout the realm!

But, it may be said, "the need of power is admitted; yet, despite our praying, it does not come." It may be that the wills we cry for power, the Lord is calling for purity!

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

FEBRUARY TWENTIETH

Topic—Intemperance and Other Sins of the Body, Rom. 8: 1-14. Drunken folly. Esth. 1: 10-12. Wine's weakness. 1 Kings 20: 10-21.

A solemn warning, Eph. 5: 3-12. An unruly member, Jas. 3: 2-12. A threefold foe, 1 John 2: 15-17. The body is sure to die, and when it dies it pulls down with it whatever is bound to it, even the soul (v. 6).

Whatever causes one to lose control of one's self is intemperance; it may be alcohol, it may be a bad dress.

Every intemperate act makes a groove in the mind, and at last the discloses to us the Master whom we thought cannot be turned out of them.

How to Pray—Luke 11: 1-13; Mark 11: 24, 15. The rabbi gave prayer formulas to their pupils. John Baptist taught his disciples to pray.

Quick was the glad response, and "the prayer that teaches to pray" came from the Master's lips.

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THE EPICURE'S CORNER

In arranging a bowl of fruit it is not necessary to limit one's self to bananas, sweet oranges, grapes and grapefruit. Put in a few kumquats and mandarins, also two or three Japanese persimmons and fresh figs, and use red bananas instead of the yellow because they have a finer flavor.—New York Tribune.

Tomato Soup With Cheese. A clear tomato soup is improved in both flavor and nutritive value by the use of cheese.

Cherry Cobbler. Pitted cherries mixed with sufficient sugar to sweeten. Make a paste of one pound of whole wheat flour and three ounces of olive oil, or butter may be used instead.

Asparagus and Cauliflower. This is a delicious combination. Cook together in very little water so that when the vegetables are tender there will remain less than a cup of liquid.

Chicken a la Marengo. Cut up a chicken as for fricassee. Put a gill of olive oil in a saucepan. Let it become very hot. Then put the pieces of chicken in it, being careful that they do not overlap.

CROUTONS. Croutons for soup brown better if the bread is buttered on both sides before putting in the oven.

STEAMED BREAD AND PUDDINGS can be cooked in coffee cans. Fill the cans three-fourths full to allow for rising.

ALMOND MEAL in the water removes the protecting cream with its accumulation of dirt after a dusty ride much better than soap, and leaves the skin soft and smooth.

DELICIOUS SANDWICHES for afternoon tea are made of raisins and nuts chopped together very fine, moistened with a little whipped cream and seasoned with a little salt.

For a refreshing dessert partly fill sherbet glasses with vanilla ice cream. Put over each service a spoonful of very sweet currant jam and cover with a pyramid of whipped cream.

Instead of pouring hot water over the frozen faucet fill the hot water bag with hot water, insert the faucet in it and fasten securely. This heat will soon open the faucet if it is not too badly frozen.

Milk jars in which the milk has soured can be most quickly cleaned by putting first under the cold water spigot, then filling with hot water in which has been dissolved a liberal amount of washing soda.

Before using plates, pie dishes, etc. for cooking purposes, it is a very wise plan to put them in a pan of cold water. Place over the fire and let the water come to the boil. By so doing you will find the heat of the oven will not crack the dishes so easily.

An old-fashioned rule for preserved currants is the following: Pick over and wash seven pounds of red currants. Add three pints of currant juice, a pound of raisins and seven pounds of sugar. Cook the whole, stirring frequently, for ten minutes, and seal.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS