

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

AN INTERESTING DISCOURSE BY THE REV. DR. H. C. SWENTZEL.

Subject: The Divine Carpenter—Christ Belonged to the Grand Army of Self-Respecting Workmen—His Life Condemns the Sinfulness of Idleness.

DAVIDSON, N. Y. An interesting and powerful sermon was preached Sunday morning by Rev. Dr. Henry C. Swentzel, rector of St. Luke's Church, Clinton avenue, near Fulton street. The subject was "The Divine Carpenter and the Grand Army of Self-Respecting Workmen."

The glorious Son of Man was a mechanic. It is well worth while to consider those eighteen years which he spent at Nazareth, concerning which we would dearly love to know so much, but of which it is possible to learn so little.

During the period which began when the Christ Child went down from among the doctors in the temple to the Galilean home to prepare for His public life there is only one bit of definite information concerning Him, and that is furnished almost accidentally in the text.

The people who had known Him all along were astonished when they heard Him sayings and working. The record which He made among them in bygone years was worthy of Him and ought to have prepared them to expect large things of Him sooner or later.

Our Lord was a workman. It must not, therefore, be supposed that He held a brief or thundered a bull of excommunication against rich men. He had something to say against mammon worship. He warned against the temptations of opulence, but He never branded wealth as essentially evil.

And yet Jesus did not accept the state of squalid poverty. He was no pauper. The purpose of infinite love which brought Him hither could not be satisfied in the state of such a forlorn character.

belonged to the grand army of self-respecting workmen. Not from a palace nor yet from a hovel, but from the workshop of an artisan does Jesus of Nazareth make common cause with all the people of this passing generation.

How surely our Lord condemns the sinfulness of idleness, and how sublimely does His example urge the employment of His energies. He might have maintained Himself without work, but to have done so would have been to set the seal of His sanction upon the very spirit that prompts the average individual to get through this world with as little effort as possible.

The Lord has a strong word for labor. He is the fellow and the champion of all toilers. He has a message for all who work with their brain or with their hands, for all such are workmen.

The Nazareth Carpenter teaches that idly placed is itself not working. A man may be a man wherever he is, and labor is honorable whatever it may be. Station or the lack of it does not make the man or his life. The people of lowly degree may likewise learn precious lessons of the Galilean artisan.

Amid the employment of His trade Jesus prepared Himself for His public life. He settled the test one for it was a curse in the beginning, it is a blessing now. It is one of the best tonics. It is scarcely less than a sacrament. It may be debased, even as may the sacrament of the altar in which one may partake and drink damnation to his soul.

Holiness and Humility. The highest lesson a believer has to learn is humility. O, that every Christian who seeks to advance in holiness may remember this well! There may be intense consecration, and fervent zeal, and heavenly experience, and yet, if it is not prevented by dealings of the Lord, there may be an unconscious self-exaltation with it all.

The Little Jap Fighting Man

By RALPH D. PAINE

WHEN the allies had to fight hard at Tien-tsin to escape being whipped by despised Chinese troops, the Americans and Europeans believed that they had heard of the quality of the Japanese fighting man.

In the Chinese War one of the national heroes of Japan was in command of a tin pot of a merchant steamer which had been pressed into service as a transport, mounting a couple of rapid-fire popguns.

Another torpedo boat shot out of the creek and let go her torpedoes at point-blank range. "Here is where we all go up in the air together," said Captain Kabayama.

Vice-Admiral Togo, now commanding a squadron almost sure to be engaged in the next great naval fight, was a captain in the Chinese War. He commanded a second-class cruiser, the Naniwa, which was in more hot fighting than any other ship of the Japanese navy.

The Kowshing was ordered a little later to follow the cruiser, but the pirate-stricken Chinese would not let the British skipper obey the command, and threatened to murder him if he did not turn tail and run for it.

Songs are sung and stories told to this day of a Japanese sailor in the Yalu battle. While standing on the rail of his ship he was struck by a fragment of shell, fatally torn and knocked off into the sea.

happened at Wei-Hai-Wei. Said the lieutenant:

"The fire was very heavy. The two torpedo boats nearest mine were riddled and sank with all on board before they were within striking distance. We were hit many times, and had some killed and wounded.

The immortal deed of the Japanese private who blew open the Tien-tsin gate, when it was certain that he would be blown up with it, had an earlier counterpart in as desperate a feat of valor at the siege of Ping-Yang, in the Chinese War.

The Chinese warriors within were shouting over their triumph, when Harada sealed the wall unseen and dropped into the midst of a hundred of the defenders.

The mothers of Japan have played their part in the heroic annals of their soldier sons. When an infantry regiment was marching through an inland village on its way to the front in 1894, a woman insisted on seeing a lieutenant of the company in which her son was a private.

"I have come to thank you for your kindness to my son, and to ask you to see that he does his duty well. I am a widow, and he is my only son, but I have told him that when he goes into battle he must be quite willing and ready to die for his Emperor and his country.

Another mother, whose son was her sole support, was told that her son must return to the colors when the recent mobilization was ordered, in preparation for war with Russia.

Humboldt's Emerald Sold at Auction. "A gigantic emerald" is the title which the auctioneer in his catalogue bestowed upon a precious stone just sold at an art auction in Berlin.

Voices Made to Order. The highest lesson a believer has to learn is humility. O, that every Christian who seeks to advance in holiness may remember this well!

KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS

SOLD COCAINE TO BOYS.

Suit for \$50,000 Damages for Loss of Life in Elevator—Two Children Burned to Death.

Lewis Swatzer and John Mahey, of Erie, lost their lives by the explosion of a locomotive on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad near Kane.

Michael Pallone, an Italian, was hanged at Brookville, for the murder of Rosco Roceto, a fellow-countryman, last June. The crime was committed at Anita, a mining town near Punxsutawney.

The greatest meeting of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign was held Sunday afternoon at the Alvin theater, Pittsburg, when 1,000 men and boys expressed their intention of entering the Christian life.

Five outlaws attempted to rob the Baltimore and Ohio railroad station in Butler. Night Agent Charles Postlewait shot through the door at them once and in reply bullets crashed through the window and door, barely missing him.

Mrs. Sarah L. Hay, widow of Maj. Samuel W. Hay, a veteran of the civil and Spanish wars, has filed a statement in a suit against Ella, William, James W., Charles F. and Albert Arrott, trustees of the estate of James W. Arrott.

Charges of mismanagement have been preferred against Miss Irena Fallon, superintendent of the Westmoreland hospital. An investigation has been begun by Thomas Lynch, Murray Forbes and J. Howard Patton, the executive committee of the board of directors.

Ed. Smith, a negro, charged by Hamilton Boothem, of Charleroi, with giving his son Maurice Boothem cocaine, pleaded guilty and sent to jail without bail. It is alleged he furnished it to a large number of boys.

A stubborn fire in Second avenue, New Kensington, which was started from a defective flue partially destroyed the plumbing shop owned by Michael Lancelotti and an adjoining residence occupied by William Weiland.

William Poff, of Plymouth, Luzerne county, was instantly killed on the Pennsylvania railroad, near Johnstown. The unfortunate man had been in the West looking for work, and was returning home to join his family.

The annual Sabbath school convention of the Pittsburg synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church will be held in New Castle March 8 and 9. Delegates from more than 30 churches in this vicinity will attend.

Valuable papers and blue prints in the engineering department of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, at New Castle, were destroyed by a small fire in the freight station, before the flames could be put out.

Solved Problem in His Sleep.

Representative John J. Gardner of New Jersey, is no dreamer.

less, he has evolved a plan to work out "catch-problems" in his sleep. As the remarkable story goes, this industrious chairman of the labor committee works them out correctly. A few nights ago Mr. Gardner worked at one of these perplexing problems for several hours, finally deciding to sleep over it.

Field for Women in Japan. The Japanese government railway bureau proposes to employ young women to sell tickets at the central station at Yokohama, and if the innovation proves a success all the male ticket sellers on the government railways will be displaced by the other sex.

William T. Richards, the celebrated marine artist, will erect a unique summer residence on a small island off Newport. The rocks and deep foundation will be blown out and the entrance to the place will be from underneath the building.

J. T. Clary, chief master-at-arms on the United States battleship Nevada, with service stripes on his arms, noting 28 years of naval service, recently completed 100 trips around the world.

There are thousands of bicycles being sold through the Southern States, where the bicycle craze has struck the negroes, and the wheel has almost been abandoned by the whites.

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The most valuable feathers are those of the mirasol, a bird of Argentina. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures colic, etc. 25c. bottle.

Copenhagen has the largest enclosed deer park in the world. Its area is 4200 acres. Not So Bad. On an average five editors a week are sent to prison in Germany for the crime of lese majeste.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube.

An Astonishing Comparison. If the newspapers circulated in the United States in a year were printed in book form they would make 4,000,000,000 12 mo. volumes. For 30c. and This Notice. The John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., will send free 1 pkg. May lat Carrot, 10c.