

THE PULPIT.

A SCHOLARLY SUNDAY SERMON BY THE REV. F. F. SHANNON.

Subject: The Thousandfold Man.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sunday morning, in Grace M. E. Church, the pastor, the Rev. Frederick F. Shannon, had for his subject "The Thousandfold Man."

World building is not so interesting as man building. Some philosophers held that tasks are interesting in proportion as they are difficult to perform.

Yet man is God's human—greater than any star-world twinkling in space, because he thinks, loves, feels and wills.

Our text asks for a consideration of the thousandfold man, and the reason for his multiplicity.

Strictly speaking, then, what is meant by one man being a thousand? Does it mean that one man, by his physical prowess, can drive a thousand men before him?

Moreover, the thousandfold man is the man God waits for. It has ever been "one man of you" who has opened the largest doors of opportunity and achievement in the history of the world.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

APRIL TWENTY-THIRD.

"The Power of His Resurrection."—Rom. 6:3-13; Phil. 3:10. (Easter meeting.)

Bible Hints. To be buried with Christ (Rom. 6:4) is to pass with Him out of the atmosphere and power of worldliness and into the atmosphere and power of heaven.

There is no entrance into Christ's life but the portal of Christ's death (Rom. 6:8).

Those that have known the resurrection from the death of sin need no other assurance of immortality.

Every strong man wants power; and no power that man can gain is equal to what one obtains from Christ's resurrection.

Children are often afraid of the dark, but they are holding father by the hand.

There is a high, impenetrable wall around the next life, but Easter is a door left ajar.

Just as our rising from the death of sleep is a daily experience, so we renew every day the joy and the power of Christ's resurrection.

Quotations. If the resurrection of Christ took place, then all the other miracles became possible.—Francis L. Patton.

Epworth League Lessons. APRIL TWENTY-THIRD. The Power of His Resurrection.

This lesson from Romans is a part of that argument of Paul's on exemption from the necessity of sinning based on the power of a risen Christ.

There is one passage in our lesson of profound significance. We refer to the eleventh verse of the sixth of Romans. It is an impassioned appeal to the persons addressed to realize their condition of freedom from sin through the power of the risen Christ.

Being dead unto sin. Holiness is more than ceasing from sin; it is doing good. Not only is it death to sin, it is active service in righteousness.

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WILD ANIMALS NOT TO BE FEARED.

That is, If You Let Them Alone They Will Not Trouble You.

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"Some of the men that come out there to hunt think that if they stir 100 yards away from camp they must be armed to the teeth for fear of being attacked by a bear or a painter and killed.

"I've hunted through the best districts for big game in this country, and I've seen a good many grizzlies, but I've never seen one of them go after a man unless he was cornered or wounded.

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"No, ma'am," he answered, with public school politeness. He did not need to add that he was afraid.

"You're not afraid, are you? Don't you bathe at home?"

"Yes, ma'am," he answered, proudly. "I get an all-over wash every week in the wash-tub."

"G'wan!" said the bigger boy who had run up dripping and shivering, just in time to hear the little fellow's answer. "Yez means the dishpan."

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LANG CRITICISES THE DOG.

The Writer Declares the Canine to Be Entirely Misjudged.

Andrew Lang, who was at some pains a while ago to explain why he did not like George Ade, is now at equal pains to explain why he does not like dogs.

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