

THE PULPIT.

A BRILLIANT SUNDAY SERMON BY THE REV. T. C. McLELLAND.

Subject: What is Christianity?

Brooklyn, N. Y.—In Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday morning the pastor, the Rev. T. Calvin McClelland, Ph.D., preached on "What is Christianity?"

The name Christianity is not in the Bible. Before the religion of Jesus was molded into a creed or organized into a church it was called simply the Way.

In a little book called the Acts of the Apostles we have pictures of the lives of these first Christians, and these pictures show a likeness in their way of living, and that way they had in common.

First, the first Christians lived as servants of Jesus. Second, these first Christians lived in devotion to the common duties.

Third, these first Christians lived in devotion to the common duties. They were not masters, directors, chiefs, or even superiors.

Why did they call Jesus? They had no theology of His person. You begin to see the reason for this from the beginning to end without finding any speculation about the second person of the Trinity, or the deity of Jesus.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JULY 9.

Subject: Hezekiah's Prayer, Isa. xxxviii, 1-8—Golden Text, Ps. xli, 1—Memory Verses, 4-6—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. Isaiah warns Hezekiah of approaching death (v. 1). "In those days," this may only mean in the days of Hezekiah.

II. Hezekiah prays in great distress (vs. 2, 3). "Face toward the wall." He prays so that he might pray more freely and collectedly.

III. God's promises to Hezekiah (vs. 4-6). "Then came," etc. God spoke to Isaiah immediately (2 Kings 20:4).

IV. The sign given Hezekiah (vs. 7-8). "A sign," Hezekiah asked for a sign (2 Kings 20:8). Asking for a sign is a pious or a wicked act according to the spirit in which it is done.

V. The shadow on the dial (vs. 9-10). "Shadow of the degrees." The shadow on the dial is a miracle.

VI. The secret of courage (vs. 11-12). "In the faith that, although life is a mystery, it is not a riddle, for God is the Father of the Fatherless."

VII. The comfort of God (vs. 13-14). "The final comfort is God, and He relieves the soul always in its suffering."

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IX. The comfort of God (vs. 17-18). "The final comfort is God, and He relieves the soul always in its suffering."

X. The comfort of God (vs. 19-20). "The final comfort is God, and He relieves the soul always in its suffering."

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XII. The comfort of God (vs. 23-24). "The final comfort is God, and He relieves the soul always in its suffering."

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XIV. The comfort of God (vs. 27-28). "The final comfort is God, and He relieves the soul always in its suffering."

XV. The comfort of God (vs. 29-30). "The final comfort is God, and He relieves the soul always in its suffering."

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XIX. The comfort of God (vs. 37-38). "The final comfort is God, and He relieves the soul always in its suffering."

XX. The comfort of God (vs. 39-40). "The final comfort is God, and He relieves the soul always in its suffering."

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, JULY, NINTH.

The Indwelling Christ: Col. 2: 6-10; 3: 8-16.

In this lesson Paul exhorts, the Colossian Christians to stablish living, based upon their experience of salvation.

Jesus taught that the kingdom of God was within us; that it was a subjective kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

The tongue is an index of the heart. The speech manifests the spirit. Lying is to give place to untruthfulness, filthy communications to uncleanness and purity, blasphemy to prayer, and anger to kindness and charity.

There will be a radical change in the life of a man who has been converted. He will go to different places; he will associate in different places; he will associate in different places.

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THE WASP MOTHER IS A MIGHTY HUNTRESS.

Makes Raids Upon the Spider Realm, Captures Her Prey and Entombs It in a Mud-Daub Prison.

When summer warmth has awakened the maternal instincts of the insect world the mud-dauber wasp may be seen gathering mortar at the margin of stream, pool or puddle.

Then her huntress instinct awakens and her raids upon the spider realm begin; for within this cylinder the mother mason will put a single egg.

War Relics Not Highly Regarded. A Washington veteran, who recently visited historic South Mountain, in Washington County, Maryland, found that there are many grim relics of the sanguinary battle of Antietam.

The "strangest part of it," said the Washington man, "is that these relics are regarded by the natives as of little value. In one place, not far from Eagle's Mill, a farmer has a beautifully engraved Masonic sword which has been used as a plaything by the children of the neighborhood.

The farmer who owns this relic related that his father detached it from the body of a dead Confederate officer, who, after being shot at the Battle of South Mountain, crawled into a thicket to die.

Canada Prepares to Arm. The Dominion Government is about to enter upon the construction of gigantic military works in the city and district of Quebec, which will involve a very large expenditure of money.

Explosions on Old Battle-Fields. The forests in the mountains known as London Heights, opposite Harper's Ferry, took fire recently and burned with great intensity.

Done to a Crisp. A small boy was undressing the other evening before the open fire in his nursery, says the New York Tribune.

Controls the Elements. According to the Pekin (China) Times, the viceroys of Kwangtung province "has taken in hand the control of the elements."

Relief. Mrs. Ethel Pitts, a bride of seven weeks, was burned to death in her home at Philadelphia.

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An unknown man, supposed to be a foreigner, was killed by a train near Du Bois. His clothing had no marks of identification.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

HOSPITAL AUDITS ORDERED

State's Traveling Auditors Directed to Examine Books of Institutions Every Three Months.

The traveling auditors of the Auditor General's department have been directed to examine the books of private hospitals receiving State appropriations every three months.

J. Hampton Moore was appointed permanent receiver for the City Trust, Safe Deposit and Security company, of Philadelphia.

The Brookline school board has selected the following teachers for the coming term: Principal, S. E. Downs; assistant principal, Earla Mitchell; High school, Hattie McAninch, Mary Rodgers, Frances Carroll, Wilda Irwin, Ada Northup, Bessie Corbett, Anna Henderson, Bess Hamilton, Margaret Scott, Carrie Brady, Corine Johnson, Emma Eisenman, music and drawing, Gertrude Stephens.

Acting Secretary Oliver of the War Department has referred all the papers in the case of the Union bridge, which crosses the Allegheny river at its junction with the Monongahela at Pittsburgh, to the Attorney General for legal proceedings to compel the bridge company to raise the bridge, so that it shall not interfere with navigation, in accordance with the requirements of the War department.

The Attorney General's department has instructed Auditor General Snyder that the \$150,000 appropriation made by the Legislature of 1901 for the erection of a Pennsylvania monument on the Gettysburg battlefield becomes available as soon as the Commission organizes and is ready to begin work.

Antonia Sissitka, shot and killed a four-year-old boy in Annadale, 20 miles north of Butler. After the shooting Sissitka boarded a train, rode to Branchton and took the train for Erie. The authorities were notified and word was sent to the chief of police of Erie to arrest Sissitka.

Mrs. Ethel Pitts, a bride of seven weeks, was burned to death in her home at Philadelphia. Her clothing caught fire from a gas stove, and, despite the efforts of Thomas Farren, a plumber, to save her, she was so badly burned that death resulted. Farren was severely burned.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Dumas Brake Beam company, at Sharon, causing a loss of about \$25,000. The fire, started in the boiler house, The Erie-Railroad company's several cars destroyed which were near the plant. The insurance is \$6,000.

Isaac F. Pershing, an engineer employed by the Pennsylvania railroad, is dead at Derry, from injuries sustained about six months ago by falling into an ash pit. He was 45 years old and leaves a wife and six children.

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Robert Baird dropped dead in his garden at Adrain, Jefferson county. It is claimed that he was 104 years old.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

SUNDAY, JULY 9.

The Indwelling Christ: Col. 2: 6-10; 3: 8-16.

For Christ to dwell in us means that much else must not dwell in us—whatever would displace Christ.

If we would receive the Christ, we must first receive the Bible through the Spirit, who will take these things of Christ and show them to us.

There is no such thing as an indwelling Christ without an outwelling Christ.

Whatever you lack, whatever with a godly mind you want, you will find in Christ as certainly as you find oxygen in fresh air.

Suggestions. This one thought, fully apprehended and followed out, would make a perfect Christian: I must make my life fit for the indwelling of Christ.

If Christ lives in us, we shall be pleasant for others to live with.

Let us make our hearts not only places where Christ will endure to live, but places where He will delight to live.

Do not try to understand how we can dwell in Christ and He in us. Live each truth out, and you will readily understand it.

Illustrations. No king will remain in a house where he is not the chief guest. And Christ is the King of kings.

Some guests are a constraint upon the household, but Christ in our hearts introduces us to ourselves and to one another.

We have "company behavior" and "home manners." Christ recognizes only the latter.

Where heat is, cold cannot dwell; where you would have Christ, you must banish sin.

Out-Door Work. It is a beautiful custom to hold an occasional prayer meeting out of doors. A sunrise or sunset meeting on a hill-top is especially impressive.

Some societies have organized Endeavor cycle clubs, that travel on their wheels and hold evangelistic services in neglected places.

Christian Endeavor flower gardens have been made in many places to furnish all the flowers needed for the church.

An Endeavor field-day might be held once a year, with a series of athletic contests carefully planned and carried out with spirit. Fix it for some patriotic holiday.

Christian Endeavor walking clubs will strengthen the body, develop delightful companionships, and bring the society into all the most beautiful and interesting spots of the community.

Secret of Courage. In the faith that, although life is a mystery, it is not a riddle, for God is the Father of the Fatherless.

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