

THE PULPIT.

A SCHOLARLY SUNDAY SERMON BY DR. CHARLES EDWARD LOCKE.

Subject: The Universal King.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Dr. Charles Edward Locke, pastor of the Hanson Place M. E. Church, preached Sunday in the New York Avenue M. E. Church on "Jesus Christ the Universal King."

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JUNE 10.

Subject: Peter's Great Confession, Matt. xvi, 13-28—Golden Text: Matt. xvi, 16—Memory Verses, 24, 25—Topic: Confessing Christ—Commentary.

I. Different opinions concerning Jesus (vs. 13, 14). 13. "Caesarea Philippi." It seems that Jesus did not enter this city, but in its vicinity.

14. "Some say," etc. People held different opinions concerning Christ. Some said John the Baptist had returned to life. Some thought that He was Elijah (the Great) or Elisha.

15. "Whom say ye?" Notice the pronoun "ye," plural; Jesus speaks to all His disciples. 16. "Peter answered." He answered as spokesman for all, as he did in many other cases.

17. "Blessed art thou, Peter." The apostles were blessed because they had broken away from Jewish prejudices and had accepted Jesus as the Christ.

18. "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." The word for rock properly denoted a congregation or assembly of people.

19. "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven." The apostles had knowledge and authority which on one after the other can rightly claim. "Shalt bind." This is an explanation of the gift of the keys.

20. "Tell no man." Galilean enthusiasm might now endeavor to make Him king if this announcement were made openly.

21. "Whoever shall deny Me before men, I will deny Him before My Father who is in heaven." The idea of a suffering Messiah was abhorrent to Peter and to all the apostles.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

JUNE TENTH.

Christ's Life, VI. His Relations to His Disciples, and What He Expected of Us.—Matt. 10: 16-33.

Whomsoever Christ sends forth is as safe in the midst of wolves as of lambs. Our testimony will be given us without our preparing only when we have had no chance for preparing.

Christ does not promise His disciples peace, but better than peace: victory! Christ has promised to be with His disciples always; that promise includes all others.

There is no way of being delivered from this life of self but one: we must follow Christ, set our heart upon Him.—Andrew Murray. We must walk so close behind Christ that people will not see us, but Christ.—Bishop Thoburn.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 10.

Christian Education a National safeguard.—2 Chron. 17: 7-9; Deut. 31: 11-13.

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Education is development. It may become either a blessing or a curse. The things Paul condemns, in one of the Scripture passages given for reference, are things which develop the power of evil in the life.

Education that is not Christian is one-sided, and of doubtful value in the end, both to the individual and to the nation.

San Francisco is one of the few large cities of America which have no debt.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE

HABITS OF THE HOUSE FLY.

Harold Somers, M. A., Tells Whence He Comes, Whither He Goes.

The common house fly (Musca Domestica) is a creature of such secretive habits, that although from the very earliest times he has been with us, and the most ancient writers have mentioned and described him, still very little was known of his origin and history.

It remained for the eminent Boston biologist, Dr. A. S. Packard, in 1873, to make known his origin, habits and transformations from the egg through the larva state with its two changes to the pupa state, then to the perfect fly.

Near the first of August the female lays about 120 eggs of a dull gray color, selecting fresh horse manure in which to deposit her eggs, and so secretes them that they are rarely seen; it takes only twenty-four hours for them to hatch into the first form of larva, a white worm one-quarter of an inch in length and one-tenth in diameter.

The whole time from the depositing of the egg to the perfect fly is not over ten days in duration. Many persons who observe small flies in midsummer suppose they are the young, but such is not the case, they are flies that are imperfectly nourished in the larvae and pupae states, and do not attain full size, in fact, they are the dwarfs of their race.

Another enemy in the form of a fungus often attacks the fly in the early autumn. This makes its appearance as a white swelling and the white spores of the disease can be seen penetrating the body of the fly, which it finally distends and ruptures.

The fly hibernates in winter, but with his usual secretive habit, it is very difficult to find him in his winter quarters. With the first chill of autumn the flies feeling the cold, seek temporary warmth in houses, and cluster together in great numbers in the corners of walls and other places.

In recent years, the medical profession has demonstrated that while the fly itself does not propagate disease, it is one of the most industrious carriers of disease germs which by contact adhere to his feet, hairy legs and body, distributing them to innocent victims.

Chicago is to have the largest electric light and power station in the world. It will consist of a steam turbine plant, and all the boilers are to be equipped with automatic stokers, so that no manual handling of the coal will be necessary.

A CURIOUS COUNTRY.

They tell the same jokes the Assyrians told.

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