

THE PULPIT.

AN ELOQUENT SUNDAY SERMON BY
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Subject: Christian Character.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church on the theme, "Christian Character," the Rev. I. W. Henderson, pastor, took as his text I. Peter 2:9: "That ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

He said:
Character is determined in the terms of an exercised moral and spiritual consciousness. Character at its highest is conformity to the best moral and spiritual consciousness that is within us. It is based on the summation and the limitation of the will of man. It is not only a matter of the outward life but it is also the indication and the manifestation of an inward grace. Character is the sum of any man's characteristics of soul and social life.

Motive is in the last analysis, more of account than the outward act. Feeling is a factor in the human life. Intentions must be counted. Desires may draw down or up. But with all these in the tally, you are what you will be. More than your will desires you will not become.

Character is not only what you wish you were, nor yet what you consider yourself to be; but what you are. It is neither your reputation nor your record, save as those two align to the measure of manhood according to the rule of God.

Character is the mark of inner worthiness as well as the emblem of a good life before the open eyes of men. Character is not merely honesty, it is more. It is not only outward purity but also inward cleanness of heart. It means not only to walk just within the statutes of the penal code, and just beyond the changing iron of a prison door, but rather to love righteousness and to practice uprightly because they are right. Character is virtue, honor, integrity, godliness. It is deserved reputation and the glory of a well-spent life. It is a mark and the testimony of moral worth. More to be desired is it than great riches and its ripe, rich, satisfying fruitage is peace and quietude of heart.

Christian character is conformity to the character of Christ. It is to bear the express image of the saving Son of God in the inner man and through all the problems of the social life. As the Saviour bore the impress of the divine will of our common Father; as the faithful Friend the manner of our God, so must we as true men and women, disciples of our Lord, be sealed with the evidences of divine guidance.

The highest character of this life and for the world beyond is that which finds its resting place in the harmonious working of the will of man with the divine. Character, as we Christians view it, is concerned not only with the Christian's conduct, but also with his personality and to his God. Christian character includes, for it can never exclude, a due and a willing regard for man's obligations toward his Maker. It affirms the basic necessity for absolute and unswerving loyalty to self, to God, and asserts that motive is more than manner, while demanding that all social responsibilities be met squarely, honorably, manfully and in the fear of God.

The character of Christ is positive. It is remarkable that He refrained from doing but rather is He ideal in the acts of nobleness, virtue, good-heartedness which He did. His was no puny soul. Obeying the words that came out of Sinai's mighty glory, He went beyond the law. Keeping within the requirements of Pharisaic legalism, He pushed on and out and up, above and beyond and ahead of all the self-complacency and moral blindness of the ecclesiastics, and did things positive and powerful for men and for God. Feeling within His heart the call of immortal duty the Christ exemplified in His own life those qualities of character which have for all time secured Him in His proud place as the ideal man and proved to a multitude in His sinning world His Godhood and His grace divine.

To you and to me the call comes down the centuries bidding us "to show forth the excellencies of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light." Having accepted the Christ and been sealed with His love, we must bear in our lives the express image—that is to say the signet stamp, that is to say the character—of the Son of God.

The character of the present is to us a double study and it serves to us a two-fold duty and example. Within the characteristic attributes of holiness and righteousness are comprised all the qualities that pertain to the Saviour in His social sphere. Holiness toward God, righteousness toward self and society, these two are the broad truths that come to us from the character of the Christ and which summon us to show forth His glory and His love. Spirituality and morality. A sanctified sense of oneness with the Father, a courageous determination to stand square before society and upright at the bar of his own conscience, these are the two great lessons for us from the character of Christ, and the mighty truths within which all else in the world of human conduct is embraced.

To be holy is to be sanctified—that is to say pure. Not merely purity before men but a radical purity that really goes back to the root of things and that enables the man to be fit through the grace of God in Jesus Christ, to stand before His Father and His Maker and be glad. Purity is not merely a matter of soap and water but of inward wholesomeness. Christ cares not whether your hands are dirty with the molder's clay, He does weep over a soiled and sullied soul.

"What an antiseptic," says Lowell, "is a pure life." What possibilities indeed for good and for uplift and for God are ever within its power.

But it must be healthfully, honorably pure, with the richness of holiness all about it ere it can count for most and reap a heavy harvest unto God.

Righteousness is rectitude. That is to say, erectness. Righteousness is uprightiness. Uprightness is straightness, moral rectitude. Righteousness means not only to pay your debts promptly, to keep well within the limits of the law, not only to respect the rights of others and the mandates of society through fear of the consequences of sin, but rather to seek to do good because it emboldens, to think of the needs of others because they are our brothers in Christ. Righteousness is uprightiness in the home, in the church, in business, in politics, secretly, socially, in sunshine and in shadows, everywhere and at all times.

Righteousness is virtue. To be virtuous is to be a full fledged man. Virtue is vigorous with virility. Etymologically it is sprung from the loins of Latin manhood. Virtue is goodness which has stood the strain, which has weathered the trials of temptation, which has fought a manly fight, and won out. It is the glory of a good man's life. Virtue has grit. It is no weakness to be pure. True men do honor to a blameworthy name and only a fool will laugh at nobleness of heart.

Righteousness is justice. Legality and justice are not co-terminous. Justice is the ideal of law. Justice co-ordinates the right. The law often hardly approximates it. Justice enquires not what are my rights man sympathizes with the longings and the needs of men and sustains their aims. The "legal" man may off forget that God exists and right should reign that law may be evaded.

In the apocryphal Wisdom of Solomon we find these words: "Honorable old age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor is its measure given by number of years, but understanding is gray hairs unto men and an unspotted life is ripe old age. Virtue, justice, uprightiness, these are the things that count for righteousness and the man of years is the man who is goodly."

Christian character is the need and it should be the hope of us all. To the men who are Christ's is given the leadership of the world. Let the leader retain its savor and all the leaves of its uplifting power. If we are Christ's let us show forth His holiness and righteousness. If we are to lead, let us be fit. It has been well said, that "immoral men are the leader of the people is more perilous than a whole street full of impurities in the lower quarters of the community."

Character counts. Christian character is the consummation of human power and of human beauty. To bear the impress of the character of Christ is to be worth while to men and to God. Holiness brings happiness. Righteousness is more of account than riches. Purity is peace. Virtue is vigor and strength and the mark of moral decency. Justice is profitable and well-pleasing to God. Moral rectitude and a holy life are the riches of the soul laid up in the treasuries of heaven. Character is good. Christian character is glorious. To "show forth the excellencies" of Jesus is the business of His church.

The Soul's Growth.
Temptations do not decrease, but rather increase, with the growth of the soul. The little man fighting his little battles wishes that he were a great man so that the more easily he might overcome them; but when he becomes great himself he sees that storms circle the higher altitudes that make the petty battles of the lower level seem insignificant.

Many seem to think that temptation lays its hands only upon our weak spots. But think but a minute. Here is a lawyer who has little ability, seldom wins a case, always gets on the off side of a jury, and is notoriously incompetent to plot a case or plead it. Does that man know what it means to have a confessed criminal offer him a hundred thousand dollars to get him clear? Does he know what it is to have a princely fortune dangled before his face if, in legislative halls, he will stand on the wrong side of the question for just one hour? He knows absolutely nothing about it.

So it is in the Christian life; the stronger we grow to be, the stronger will be our temptations. The nearer we grow into the likeness of Christ, the fiercer will be the onslaughts of the enemy. We cannot escape life's battles by moving into a different or higher sphere. Each stage or sphere has its own temptations. As Jesus was tempted, so will be His disciples. But, as He was made perfect through sufferings, so our trials, which are but for the moment, will work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.—Ram's Horn.

Winnowed Wheat.
A good man does good merely by living.

You are not very holy if you are not very kind.

God often comes to visit us, but generally we are not in.

What is each man but one little thread in the loom of God?

Bind together your spare hours by the cord of some definite purpose.

No grip is so hard to shake off as that of early religious convictions.

Our remedies frequently fail, but Christ as the remedy for sin never fails.

God's silences may be long, but they are never the silences of forgetfulness.

A little thorn may rend the finest fabric; so may a little sin mar the fairest soul.

There may be movement, but there can be no progress, in traveling without God.

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul, and the heart of man knoweth none more fragrant.

We sleep in peace in the arms of God when we yield ourselves up to His Providence, in a delightful consciousness of His mercies; no more restless uncertainties, no more impatience at the place we are in, for it is God who puts us there and who holds us in His arms. Can we be un-
satisfied where He has placed us?

BETTY THINGS TO WEAR

New York City.—Every variation of the shirred blouse is and will be in vogue. The one illustrated is made with a deep narrow yoke and with absolutely new sleeves. In the case of the model the material is corn yellow chiffon cloth, with a yoke of cream colored lace over chiffon and trimming of silk banding and little buttons, but every material that can be shirred successfully is appropriate, and the list of such is a long one.



one. Crepe de chine, louisine silks, Oyama crepe and a host of other things might be mentioned, while the chemisette always can be lace or in lingerie style as preferred.

The waist is made with a fitted lining and consists of front and back. The lining is faced to form the chemisette, and the waist itself is shirred on the shoulders and again on the centre front and at the waist line to

The Sailor Serviceable.
A trim round sailor with fluttering streamers is one of the jantiest and most serviceable of hats that can be chosen for general wear for little folk.

Bands For the Neck.
A stitched band, decorated with French knots or tiny embroidered figures, follows the edge of the neck opening of some of the blouses worn with a gump. A circular band fits the round opening nicely.

From Plain to Dainty.
There are so many pretty embroidery bands for collar and cuffs that it is a very easy matter nowadays to transform a plain waist into a dainty garment by this simple means.

Girls' Russian Blouse Suit.
There is no dress that more perfectly suits the needs of the school girl than the one made with the Russian blouse. It is exceedingly stylish in effect, it is very generally becoming, at the same time it allows perfectly free movements and is simple as all girls' dresses should be. This one includes some novel features and is trimmed with banding at the edge of the front as well as on the sleeves. In this instance royal blue serge is trimmed with a pretty banding and collar and cuffs of white, but blue is well liked it is not obligatory and other plain colors and checks will be greatly used throughout the coming season.

The suit consists of the skirt, the body lining and the blouse. The body lining is smoothly fitted and the straight skirt is gathered and joined thereto. The blouse is entirely separate and consists of fronts and back. It is closed at the left side and is finished with a hem on the lower edge, in which is inserted elastic that regulates the size. The sleeves are



form the girdle, the closing being made invisibly at the back. The sleeves extend a little below the elbows in conformity with the latest decree of fashion and are shirred and finished with roll-over cuffs and frills of lace.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is four yards twenty-one, three yards twenty-seven or one and three-quarter yards forty-four inches wide, with three-eighth yard of all-over lace and one and seven-eighth yards of binding.

Crossover Belts.
Deep crossover belts of silk or moire are useful substitutes for the corset of cloth which economical folk are severing from their early spring purchases in readiness for the first snap of autumn. These belts are made, of course, on the bias, and at the point where the folds cross in front the belt is drawn down slightly and finished sometimes with ornamental buttons, sometimes with bows, or with a buckle.

Buttonholed Scallops.
Wide scallops buttonholed with contrasting silk outline the shaped neck opening and the short sleeve caps of a school girl's frock. This is not an altogether new idea, but a very simple and pleasing means of decoration.

Vest and Girdle.
Cinnamon brown serge, black velvet for vest and girdle, and gilt buttons in three sizes, are the materials from which a charming suit is developed. The nine-gored skirt is accompanied by a nobby little pony coat.

moderately full and can be finished either with turn-over cuffs or the bands.

The quantity of material required for a girl of ten years is five and



three-quarter yards twenty-seven, three and five-eighth yards thirty-six, three yards forty-four inches wide, with three-eighth yard for collar and cuffs and five yards of banding.

Popular Science

Birds differ very much in the heights to which they commonly ascend. The condor, the largest of all vultures and of all flying birds, has been observed soaring over 29,000 feet, or about five miles and a half above the level of the sea.

There is now hardly a town or even a village in the district of Bilboa, especially when situated in the vicinity of running water, where electric light is not used. A great use has been made during the year of electric motors for small industries and workshops, these replacing in many cases small steam engines. As far as Bilbao is concerned, some further 4000 horsepower was introduced from Guipuzcoa, while 1906 will see some 8000 horsepower more employed.

A naturalist relates that the appearance of perch, bream and crayfish in newly cut dams near the Macquarie River, in New South Wales, was at first a perplexing mystery, the fishes even being noticed after the first rains in the dams, and for some years spontaneous generation was regarded as the only possible explanation. Then came a simple and credible solution of the problem in a Sydney zoologist's discovery of half-hatched fish ova on the breast and wings of a wild duck.

Our much neglected sense of smell can be put to important uses. When well developed it may serve in medical diagnosis, and some English physicians have pointed out lately that diabetes, enteric fever, acute rheumatism, plague, abdominal fistula, undressed cancers, erysipelas in some cases, gangrene of the lung, pyaemia, septic mouth, bleeding hemorrhoids and undressed varicose ulcers are among the disorders that emit characteristic odors, and that can be recognized by smell alone. Care is necessary, however, as the physician, after influenza or the taking of alcohol himself, may fancy his own odor to be that of his patient.

Records show great risk to workers in caissons at pressures of four atmospheres, and by divers at depths of 100 to 150 feet, and the British Admiralty has fixed the limit for divers at 120 feet. The most daring pearl and sponge fishers reach 145 feet, accidents being frequent. Lambert, who brought \$500,000 from a depth of 160 feet, remained below twenty minutes each trip, taking an equal time in ascending, but at last he was permanently injured by too long a stay below. The deepest recorded dive is 204 feet, but the diver died from too rapid ascent. Two recent British investigators of the effects of high pressure have shut each other into a steel cylinder of a capacity of forty-two feet, with a pump raising the pressure to seven atmospheres in forty minutes. In this pressure they suffered no harm when decompression was gradual and circulation was aided by movements of the body. The conclusion is confirmed that fatal results to divers are due to the rapid decompression.

EIGHT CITIES SUPERPOSED.
Gezer Built on Homes of Cave Dwellers as Old as 3500 B. C.

Excavations of the ancient city of Gezer, mentioned in early sacred and profane history, carried on by members of the Palestine Exploration Fund for the last three years have developed numerous "finds," according to advices from Jerusalem published in the number of the Biblical World recently issued from the University of Chicago press.

Eight cities have been found, superimposed upon each other, on the side of the old defense to the western road to Jerusalem from the mountains of Judah. The culture, history, religion and customs from as far back as 3500 B. C. have been revealed by architecture, jugs, weapons, masonry, etc.

Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, a member of the excavating party, writes as follows:

"The earliest inhabitants lived in caves and made all their weapons and instruments of flint. In the middle period bronze is the only metal known, while at a time roughly synchronous with the coming of Israel, iron appears and gradually replaces bronze.

"Work of excavating is temporarily suspended, as the three years' Turkish firman has expired. It is hoped to get a new firman, when the researches again will be resumed."

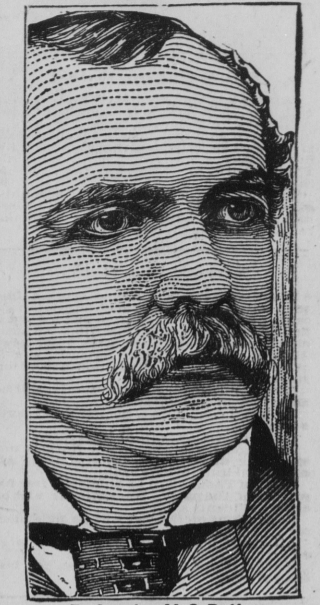
Beyond Him.

In the staging of one of his earlier plays, Joseph Jefferson, accompanied by a friend, attended a rehearsal, at which a lively disagreement arose between two of the actresses as to the possession of the centre of the stage during a certain scene. While the manager poured oil upon the troubled waters Jefferson sat carelessly swinging his feet from the rail of an adjoining box. The friend could stand it no longer.

"Good Lord, Jefferson," he exclaimed, "this will ruin your play. Why don't you settle matters? You could if you would!"

Jefferson shook his head gravely, but with a twinkle in his eye. "No, George," he replied; "the Lord only made one man who could ever manage the sun and the moon, and you remember even he let the stars alone."—Harper's Weekly.

UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM SOUTH CAROLINA PRAISES PE-RU-NA.



Ex-Senator M. C. Butler.

Dyspepsia is Often Caused by Catarrh of the Stomach—Peruna Relieves Catarrh of the Stomach and is Therefore a Remedy For Dyspepsia.

Hon. M. C. Butler, Ex-U. S. Senator from South Carolina for two terms, in a letter from Washington, D. C., writes to the Peruna Medicine Co., as follows:

"I can recommend Peruna for dyspepsia and stomach trouble. I have been using your medicine for a short period and I feel very much relieved. It is indeed a wonderful medicine, besides a good tonic."

CATTARRH of the stomach is the correct name for most cases of dyspepsia. In order to cure catarrh of the stomach the atarrh must be eradicated. Only an internal atarrh remedy, such as Peruna, is available. Peruna exactly meets the indications.

Tax Keeps Chinese Out.
The \$500 Canadian head tax on Chinese immigrants is causing a scarcity of unskilled labor at Victoria. The British Columbia salmon cannery men are petitioning for a reduced head tax in order to permit Chinese to enter the province.

Drought and Locusts.
Drought and the invasion of locusts are causing damage to the grain areas in the province of Santa Fe, Argentina, reports Consul General Cole. The drought is so bad in whole that one meat-freezing company has had to suspend killing, due to a shortage of suitable animals.

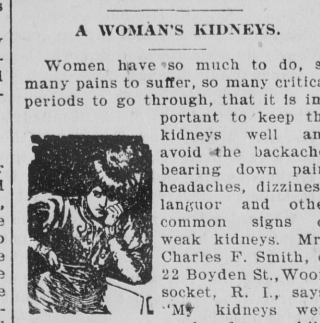
SAVED BABY LYON'S LIFE.

Awful Slight From That Dreadful Complaint, Infantile Eczema—Mother Praises Cuticura Remedies.

"Our baby had that dreadful complaint, Infantile Eczema, which afflicted him for several months, commencing at the top of his head, and at last covering his whole body. His sufferings were untold and constant misery, in fact, there was nothing but misery to have done with him. We finally procured a full set of the Cuticura Remedies, and in about three or four days he began to show a brighter spirit and really laughed for the first time in a year. In about ninety days he was fully recovered. Praise for the Cuticura Remedies has always been our greatest pleasure, and there is nothing too good that we could say in their favor, for they certainly saved our baby's life, for he held prior to the treatment of the Cuticura Remedies. Mrs. Mabelle Lyon, 1829 Appleton Ave., Parsons, Kan., July 18, 1905."

How to Save Millions.
The United States imports annually about \$60,000,000 worth of drugs and dyes made from products that could be grown in the United States just as well. Camphor now sells for 25 cents a pound, and while not an ounce of it is grown in this country the government has demonstrated that camphor trees are successful here. Licorice root is another thing that possesses great possibilities. The Department of Agriculture has demonstrated that the licorice plant is hardy as far north as Pennsylvania. Belladonna has also been shown to do well in good garden soil. The only way to determine absolutely whether these various special crops can be grown successfully is to try them and it is well to do this in a small way at first.—Farming Magazine.

A WOMAN'S KIDNEYS.
Women have so much to do, so many pains to suffer, so many critical periods to go through, that it is important to keep the kidneys well and avoid the backache, bearing down pains, headaches, dizziness, languor and other common signs of weak kidneys. Mrs. Charles F. Smith, of 22 Boyden St., Woonsocket, R. I., says: "My kidneys were weak from childhood, and for eight or ten years past my sufferings were terrible. My back was very painful and I had many annoying symptoms besides. When I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills I weighed only 120. To-day I weigh 165, and am in better health than for years. Doan's Kidney Pills have been my only kidney medicine during four years past. They bring me out of every attack."



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