

### OLD PICTURES PUT INTO NEW FRAMES

Dr. Edgar P. Hill Begins a Series of Sermons on the Ten Commandments.

### MANY CONCEPTIONS OF GOD TO CHOOSE FROM

The Selection Must Be Made in Accord with Reason and Revelation.

Dr. Edgar P. Hill last evening began a series of sermons on the ten commandments, under the general topic of "Old Pictures in New Frames."

"Mrs. Malaprop, the lady who always says the wrong thing, and does the wrong thing, buys a picture for twenty-five cents and then spends three dollars of her husband's hard-earned money for a frame. Then she sits before the combination in happy meditation. The frame advertises its value. One can see at a glance that it cost several dollars. As Mrs. Malaprop's chief concern is to impress upon her home the fact that she is a lady, she looks upon her purchase with no attempt to conceal her satisfaction. The most casual visitor will say at once 'What a fine frame!'

"In the Dresden art gallery is a picture which the wealth of Rockefeller could not buy. If it were announced that Raphael's picture, 'Madonna,' had been sold, the emperor would issue orders that the treasure would not be allowed to be taken from the empire, even if the army had to be mobilized. How much did the frame of that picture cost? It is almost impossible to ask such a question. I saw the picture a few years ago, but I have really forgotten whether it has a frame.

"A great picture does not need much of a frame. And yet a frame has its use. It should not be intrusive. It should withdraw attention from the picture itself. Its use is to shut off everything else, so that attention may be directed to that which is essential—the picture.

"The same old as humanity. This evening I propose to draw your attention to the first of a series of pictures, or themes—old themes, about as old as humanity. I am going to give them a new setting. I am going to put new frames on them; not to draw your minds away from the old themes, but to emphasize them. I am going to take ten words written 4000 years ago and give them the setting of the twentieth century. This is the reason I have given them the general topic, 'Old Pictures in New Frames.'

"After describing the circumstances under which the ten words were first spoken and drawing attention to the remarkable fact that in the midst of the grossest superstition this lofty conception of God and duty appeared, Dr. Hill went on to say:

"The first commandment, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me,' meant something to the Israelites encamped in the wilderness of Sinai, and, indeed, to the people of Israel all down through their career in Canaan. Again and again they relapsed into the heathen worship of the nations round about them. Solomon had almost as many kinds of heathen worship in his household as he had wives.

"But how does this apply to us? Have we a collection of gods from which to select? Not exactly. But in these days there is a collection of ideas or conceptions of God, and from these we must select. Some, following the leadership of Matthew Arnold, speak of God as a power that makes for righteousness; others say God is a principle, and our great task is to get into harmony with it; others define God as law, the spirit of life, the over soul. From this collection of ideas we are to make a selection.

"Three things characterize a true conception of God: First—He is a person—not a principle, not a formula, not a blind force. He is not all things; he is everywhere, but not everywhere. At the threshold of the commandments we are not ushered into the presence of laws, but of a law-giver—I am the Lord which brought thee out of the land of Egypt. Second—God has moral attributes. Even an agnostic must admit that it is 'incomprehensible to think of Him as cruel or unjust. We respond at once to the stately definition of the old catechism, 'God is a spirit infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.' Third—God is self-revealing, since he has made us in his own image, has given us powers to be used according to His will, and will hold us responsible for their right use. He must show an interest in us; he must show us how to live.

"Selection in Accord with Reason. 'He must make His will known. His will is His law.' Listen. 'And God spoke all these words, saying, Listen again: 'God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spoke in times past unto the fathers by the prophets both in these last days spoken unto us by His Son.'

"My friends, God commands you and me as truly as he did the children of Israel to select a God, and turning from all false conceptions of Him to select that which is in accord with reason and revelation. Remember that the true God is a person; that he is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works; and that He hath made himself known in the person of Jesus Christ, his son, our Savior."

"The speaker then drew attention to the new atheism, which leads men to leave the divine out of their consideration to buy and sell as if there were no God looking on; to plan campaigns as if no unseen watcher might interfere and bring their schemes to confusion. He quoted from the writings of the author of 'The Golden Legend,' and Mr. Zangwill, dwelling especially on the latter's dreary line, 'And man is left alone with man. Mention was made of Tolstoy's recent message in which, in explaining the unrest and confusion of the nations, the Russian sage says, 'Your real disease is that you have lost God.' Dr. Hill closed by saying:

"Tolstoy adds a word which ought to catch the ear even of this impatient money-getting, pleasure-loving west: 'Behold you, bethink you.' And that is exactly what we are not doing. 'We do not think men are atheists because they do not think. Men plunge into sin because they do not think. Men give themselves up to pleasure without restraint because they do not think. Think, my friend, for what reason you have been placed in this world. Think how desolate life would be if you could really drive God out of it. Think of the day just ahead, when on life's farthest verge you will lift the foot for another step, and no visible place will be there on which to stand. And would you know God and serve Him? And are you wondering where He may be found? 'Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.' Jesus saith unto him: 'Have I been so long time with you and yet thou hast not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father.'

**WOMAN'S NATURAL RIGHTS.**  
Dr. George C. Cressy Says Nature Has Neutralized Man's Injustice.

"The Natural Rights of Woman" was the theme of Dr. George C. Cressy's sermon at the Unitarian church yesterday morning.

"From the point of view of ease and luxurious comfort, woman occupies the extreme of human life," said he. "Another help, and no visible place will be there on which to stand. And would you know God and serve Him? And are you wondering where He may be found? 'Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.' Jesus saith unto him: 'Have I been so long time with you and yet thou hast not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father.'

"Judged by common, external standards, women are better than men," he continued; "yet when the momentum of evil purposes overcomes the natural barriers of her sensitive, refined and self-sacrificing nature, it is not strange that it sweeps on to the extremes of reckless iniquity.

"It is a common criticism of conventional life that in all things pertaining to chastity, purity and cleanliness of living, women are judged by a higher standard than men, and thus sustain the weight of injustice. The statement is true and the inference is true, in part; it is one phase of that lack of equity which seems inevitable in an imperfect and progressive world. Would it indeed, that man might be judged by the same standard as woman, but God forbid that woman should ever be judged by the same standard as man. It is the tribute which a traditional idea of vice pays to virtue; but be it so forever, rather than we should abate a jot or a tittle from the instinctive estimate which we place upon womanhood."

In speaking of the small compensation received by women for work, he stated that the indictment is presented against mankind in general that woman has had no opportunity in the past and thus labors under a mortgage, which only time can remove. He said this appeal to heredity is groundless; that woman inherited equally with man from the father and mother. Nature neutralized the injustice which the brutality and unwarranted assumption of man have inflicted on his co-partner in life during the centuries which have gone.

**RELIGION IN THE HOME.**  
Subject of eloquent sermon by Rev. Dr. J. P. Calhoun of Pittsburg.  
Dr. J. P. Calhoun, pastor of the Home-wood Avenue Presbyterian church, Pittsburg, Pa., addressed a large audience at the First Congregational church yesterday afternoon. Among the ministers who took part in the services were Dr. E. L. House, Dr. E. P. Hill, Dr. J. W. Broughton, Rev. Henry K. Wood, Rev. W. S. Gilbert and Rev. W. W. Hays. Dr. Calhoun preached on the need of religion in the home. When the evangelistic services were begun next spring,



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### INTEGRITY IN OFFICE.

Rev. Arden M. Rockwood Denounces Corruption Among Politicians.  
"Men in Portland are trying to profit at public expense, buying the officials and getting the fat contracts," said Rev. Arden M. Rockwood of the Highland Congregational church last night in a sermon on the "Race Question." He referred to the public improvements in this city and the corruption by which property owners suffer.

"Here are city officials conniving with contractors at frauds which cost the city much money and endanger the lives and health of many. It is no credit to us that conditions are as they are. Political dishonesty is just the thing that drives men to socialism as a remedy."  
"We need to be constantly on the watch, or we shall lose some of our most valued privileges. Our hope now lies in the triumph of fair dealing and integrity in political life."

### BENEFITS OF TEMPERANCE.

Judge George Addresses Grace Methodist Sunday School on Self-Control.  
At a temperance meeting of Grace Methodist church Sunday school yesterday, Judge George spoke upon the importance of self-control in the use of intoxicating liquors. He said the time would come when the state would punish

### ST. DAVID'S ANNIVERSARY.

Celebration of the Founding of the Parish With Prayer and Thanksgiving.  
The thirty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the parish out of which grew the present St. David's Episcopal church, East Twelfth and Belmont streets, was celebrated in that church yesterday. Rev. George B. Van Waters delivered the sermon, and the musical selections, which showed by a large under the direction of Frederick W. Goodrich. The first church was built on the northeast corner of Grand avenue and Morrison street in 1871, and was enlarged ten years later. The present handsome stone structure was begun in 1882, and was rapidly completed. But two pastors have had charge of the parish—Rev. John Bellwood and Rev. George B. Van Waters.

### DESPERATE FIGHT WITH CRAZY WOMAN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal).  
Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 22.—Four strong men battled with Mrs. Hattie Brown colored woman, who suddenly became violently insane and made an attack upon the members of the family where she was employed. Allen B. Love, president of the Love-Johnson company, by whom the woman was employed, called the police, but before the officers arrived the woman ran into the street, attacking every one she met. Policeman George L. Smith happened to be passing on a street car. He was off duty and was accompanied by his wife. Jumping from the car he took the frantic negroess by the arm. She turned upon him and a desperate struggle began. The powerful officer was no match for the mad woman and three citizens volunteered assistance. After a prolonged effort they managed to subdue the unfortunate creature, and she was taken to jail. She still fought on the way to prison, using hands, feet and teeth. Before reaching the jail she suddenly collapsed and was carried into a cell limp and helpless.

### ARRACON FLOATS OFF.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal).  
Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 18.—The big British ship Arracon, which has sustained a series of mishaps recently—the latest being to stick in the mud last opposite the city, is again afloat. She came off the flats unaided, and is but slightly damaged. Captain Kelk takes it all philosophically, and says he will yet take out the cargo for which he came.

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