

EVENING DISCOURSE BY REV. DR.

Rev. E. W. Hill, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, occupied his pulpit last evening, speaking from the text, John xvi:12-13, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

"Sir Isaac Newton stands at the head of the world's natural philosophers. Hume, the Historian, said of him: 'He was the greatest genius of his age, and rose for the ornament and instruction of the human species. And Newton is the man who said: "We account the scriptures of God to be the most authentic records of His will, and the only authority in the Bible than in any profane history whatever." Scientists never tire of praising the greatness of Sir Isaac. Bacon, whose system of philosophy produced the complete evolution in the world of science. One of the encyclopedias speaks of him as having an intellect at once one of the most spacious and the most penetrating in the world among men. And who was Sir Francis Bacon? He was a Christian who repeatedly affirmed his belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ. His investigations have made a sorry mess of things, until such religious men as Copernicus and Newton and Bacon have happened along. The fourth chapter of this new book should be read by every Christian, and every student of Skepticism." It is sometimes assumed that organized Christianity has largely monopolized such despised terms as narrow-minded bigotry, intolerance, and enemies of the Christian faith. But there are free thinkers, broad-minded and liberal men. They never grow tired of talking about the inquisition and the burning of the heretics. They are full of the most unbelieving world. Let the investigator continue his journey beyond inquisition

different translations need no hindrance to us in our biblical study, the meaning is sufficiently clear. In the text the Lord Jesus reminded that Christian life consists entirely of strict attention to duty, an adherence to the example set for man by Christ of constant effort to be constant service for others. The Christian life thus defined, is eminently unselfish one.

"The weariness referred to does not mean that of the body alone, but of the mind as well. Man is admonished not to grow weary, and not to be weary, for in due season he shall reap the fruits of his toil. When once we start on the path to eternal life there is no weariness, for the constant effort for constant effort is the only royal road to success.

"All, doubtless, have studied the rose as it develops from the bud into the full-blown flower. The horticulturist knows that when the rose is half-blown some accident occurs which prevents the bud from bursting into bloom. In this case the horticulturist term the half-blown rose a "half-bloomer." In the green rose. Many similar illustrations also be mentioned of other fruits and flowers failing to mature as the Creator decreed they should. And these cases are due to some cause, blight or weariness in well doing.

Not every bud becomes a blossom, and there are fewer blossoms than buds. There are fewer fruits than seeds, and time and the harvest, and many times occur during that period which make

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W. E. B. Du Bois, the negro writer on economic subjects, is a native of Massachusetts. He was educated at Harvard, and is now professor of economics and history at that university.

years ago, and another for this later on. The first one is the one that I hope you will get out of the woods before the other four years comes around.

"My friend, I fear you are too pessimistic in your expectations and prognostications. The time has not yet come for our country and people in even of the present Administration of affairs being informed and continued for another four years. Remember that during the campaign of 1896, I was elected President of a seven-page letter of the most awfult rant about the 'crime of 1873,' the 'dollar of our dads,' the dreaded 'gold standard' and prophesied the utter ruin of the country if silver was not put on an equal basis of free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Free silver failed and the gold standard was made the legal basis of emancement, and prosperity resulted. It is a wonder that we are still here.

"This year you come at me with a new book of lamentations and prophecies, and, ignoring the free silver issue entirely, you are imperialism, militarism and autocracy. The gold standard, the Constitution, destroy our liberties and deliver us bound hand and foot to the tender mercies of syndicates and militarism. But that is your old story. The last four years ago proved so completely wrong the mark; you will forgive me if I fall to take stock in your latest ones, and will walk with equanimity the outcome of the next year.

"Now, a few words to these three subjects that cause you so much solicitude.

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