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The following sermon was preached September 25th, by the Rev. Irving A. Searles, in the Christian church on Oakwood boulevard:

He took Peter and James and John and went up into a high mountain to pray; as He prayed the fashion of His countenance was altered and His raiment was white and glistening.

Erom the mount of transfiguration and practical lessons of the Christian system. This sublime scene throws tion of friends in the life to come. one as Moses the other as Elias. Notwithstanding they " appeared in glory" once stood foremost in the Hebrew appear in glory," in robes outshining says: the sun in its nooday splendor, but that does not imply such a change that triend cannot recognize friend. It Moses and Elias could be recognized after so long an absence from this world, may you not recognize that

to come? This transaction teaches that Christ, not Moses, is now to be heard. " And party. The horses are urged forward tude where the atmosphere is too thin then came a voice out of the clouds at their highest speed. Soon the whole for them to live, and they die. saving. This is My beloved Son; hear pack of the pursuers, gaunt, hungry and Him; and when the voice was passed terocious, have overtaken the fugitives, tical, part of religion that is most dif-Jesus was found slone." The Hebrew and are about to leap into the sleigh. people had heretofore heard Moses. The mother seizes her youngest child in a revival than to go home and put He was their law-giver. The Jew who and throws it out into the midst of the up a stove and fit the pipe without at wishel to know the will of God con- howling beasts. To kill and devour least thinking swear. It is related of a cerning him went to Moses for instruct- the helpless innocent delays the wolves deacon in one of the New England ion. This was proper. But a new dis- a tew moments, and the remainder o states that he would, in prayer-meeting. pensation is now to be inaugurated, and the company hurry on. Again the pronounce the words "blessed Jesus" another lawgiver announced to the world. The voice from the unseen child is thus sacrificed. Another and congregation to tears. That same man glories say not "This is Elias, hear another is treated in the same way until has recently been arrested for stealing him ;" not " This is Moses, hear him ;" but these two characters are removed It is said that when she related to her Jesus" on Sunday, and another thing from view, and as Jesus remains alone

break silence with the utterance " This

is my Beloved Son; hear Him."

Testament. I would in no sense depre- tent heaven. ciate that portion of God's word. It is valuable for its history, for its types, for its delineation of human character, and for its practical lessons. But it is not that part of revealed truth which tells you and me in this age of the world what we must do to be saved. Christ, not Moses, now announces the terms of pardon. In the chapter of the last book of the Old Testament is this statement: "Remeber ye the law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded unto him in Hereb for all Israel." It was the law of Moses, not the law of Christ. It was for all Israel, not for all the world. The New Testament contains not the law of Moses, but the law of Christ. It is not for all Israel only, but reads, "Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Travelers down the St. Croix river, as they reach the line between the United States and Canada, find a monument upon one side of which are the words, "The United States," and upon the other side the inscription, "The Dominion of Canada." While they read "United States" they know that they are under the laws of this country. but after they have passed along until they read "The Dominion of Canada" they know that they are then under another form of government. Upon the line between the Old and New Testament towers as a monument the cross upon which the Messiah died. Upon one side of that monument is the word "Moses;" upon the other side the word "Christ." For centuries the na- deak decorum forbids a reply. The tions coming down the stream of time congregation say: "Oh, that is reli- whimpered Jessie, beginning to cry. read "Moses." Then they were under gion; let it go." By a tacit underthe law of Moses. But by and by the standing between pulpit and pew, the line between the two great dispensations audience feel in duty bound to swallow

ment, but to the New.

good for us to be here, and let us make duties of life. But his request is denied three taberuscles, one for Thee, one for him. Sometimes in revival meetings come some of the most precious truths Moses, and one for Elias." Let us put you have felt the same way. Sermon, heaven all to ourselves. Peter forgot ligious nature to its very depths. You light upon the doctrine of the recogni- the other disciples, the great world be- have said: "Oh, that this meeting neath, and the generations yet to come. might always continue; oh, that I And behold there talked with Him He was willing to have a heaven that might live forever amid these surroundtwo men, Moses and Elias, who ap- would contain only a half-dozen persons, lings, and in this frame of mind!" But peared in glory." While Christ and provided he could be one of the halfthe three disciples are on this mound dozen. How narrow and insignificant are duties outside of the revival. tain there appear among them these this proposed heaven compared with two visitors from the unseen world. the one that the Patmos exile saw. Moses, the great lawgiver, had been wherein was gathered a "multitude that banner and begins the ascent of a moungone fifteen hundred years, and nine no man could number!" But Peter is tain. He gradually leaves behind him centuries had rolled away since the not the only one follower of Christ who the fields, the workshops, the dwellings voice of Elias, the prophet, had been would be satisfied with a little three- the neighbors. As he rises higher and heard by the children of Abraham, tent heaven. Call on some people to higher he shouts "Excelsior!" His Though so long absent from earth, the help in preaching the gospel, and they voice grows fainter and fainter until three disciples are able to recognize the say we expect to reach heaven our- heard no more. He has gone so high selves, and what care we for the rest of that the atmosphere in which he moves mankind? In fact, if not professedly, is so thin it will not sustain life, and he they are identified as the two men who this is the position of many. Such a dies. So it is no uncommon thing to spirit is the death warrant of all mission- see professed Christians taking the bannation. The saints of all ages " shall ary enterprise. It is this spirit that ner of the cross in a revival, and crying

O Lord, bless me and my wife, Brother John and his wife, Us four and no more.

four little children, in a sleigh, were to such matters as telling the truth passing through one of the dense forests keeping their temper, restraining the of Russia. They have been visiting a tongue from slander, and paying their loved one when you enter that life neighbor, and are returning home. As debts. They have become too religious night comes on the howling of wolves to give attention to these things. But in the distance is heard by the little this class of persons soon reach an altiwolves surround them, and another in a tone so pathetic that it moved the the mother alone reached her home sheep. It is one thing to say "blessed husband the story of her escape he to let the sheep alone on Monday. It in supernatural splendor the heavens seized an ax and split her head open, is one thing to be religious on the mount asserting that a mother who would save of transfiguration, and another thing her own lite at so great a sacrifice was not to deny our Lord in the world be Notwithstanding this plain state not fit to live. This judgment was too low. Instead of this balloon religion let ment, it is not uncommon to find relig- severe. But what shall be said of that us have one that touches the ground. ions teachers still calling upon the person who, it he is only able to gain world to hear Moses instead of hearing heaven himself, is quite willing that all Christ. Those seeking the terms of sal- the rest of the world should be excludvation to day are told to read the Old ed? Away with the idea of a three-

We learn from this incident that some people talk very crazy on the subsect of religion. "Let us make three tabernacles, one for Thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias, not knowing what much there is of this "not knowing shape, what he said." There is more downright nonsense talked regarding religion than concerning any other theme. You will observe this in our Sundayschool literature. Some little boy or girl is portrayed as an angel, never disobeyed parents, never told a lie, never did anything wrong. If we read such a story in The New York Ledger we say it is a lie, and hurl anathems at a Bonner who will persist in publishing fiction! When the same narrative appears in a Sunday-school book we say, well, it may be a lie, but it is a pious lie, anyway, and let it go.

This tendency is seen in our talk of special providence. A child is taken very sick, and the father, instead of employing a physician, secures the services of a quack. The treatment is opposed to all medical science. The child dies. The minister standing over the little coffin, says: "A mysterious providence bath done this." It is a lie;

a quack hath done this. No other public teacher is permitted to say so many manifestly absurd things unchallenged as is the preacher. When nonsense finds its way in the editorial column, into our courts, on the platform, it meets with exposure. When known absurdities come from the sacred that would hurl back the development | Peter, "not knowing what he said." up anything le had set his mind upon my brother, I could follow l'lack Pete strange land

of the flow of salvation until the world | Learn from this subject that the shall read "Moses" again. Such teach- arousing of religious emotions is not all ing is eighteen hundred and seventy- there is of the Christian life. Peter is the use of it. nine years behind the times. Send not in ecstacy amid these surroundings. He the inquiring sinner to the Old Testa- is desirous to remain on the mount forever. He says in rapture : "It is good From this incident we learn that some for us to be here." He would rather are very selfish in religious matters, remain there than go down from the Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is mountain and engage in the practical up three tents, and we six can have a song and prayer have stirred your re- fully, as he took up the elegant little religion involves more than that. There

Longfellow in one of his poems pictures a youth who in winter seizes a "Hallelujah!" "Amen!" rise higher and higher emotionally, until they leave behind this practical world. They One winter's evening a mother and are too high up to give much attention

It is not the emotional, but the pracficult to observe. It is easier to shout

## A Little Heroine.

It was a paradox of ours that Jessie's strong point was her weakness. She was a pretty little thing, as timid as a mouse. She was atraid of thunder, of the dark, of rats and of spiders. She busy within doors. was atraid of policemen, of being left alone, of getting run over, and she was Dorothy," had been Jessie's last comhe said." In religious matters how especially afraid of firearms in any

She was a beautiful, tender-hearted to love mine:

child, and simplicity itself. No one could be much annoyed by Jessie. Alf was sincerly sorry, however, that she it well that women should know how to use a pistol.

Men, he said, thought it desirable to learn how to handle one, yet no oftener called to protect themselves than are women. He considered it a rare and valuable accomplishment in a lady. Yet no urgency could prevail on Jessie to touch one.

"I don't know anything about re volvers, and I don't want to know, Alf, dear," she would say appealingly, tears of actual distress in her pleading eyes when he scolded her, reproaching her with the usefulness of his lessons. "But I'll get you a pretty little pis-

tol, my dear-a mere toy," he said.

-would be delighted to be taught the use of, and own a pice one, Jessie." "I know I am a dreadful coward, dear, I don't wonder that you don't love me, and prefer girls of more spirit,"

"Oh, well, there, there," soothed soft-hearted Alt.

At length he brought home a little along every inch of the white winding revolver and tried to tempt Jessie into road.

interceded in her behalf.

protect her?"

"But I should think she would like to use this!" rejoined Alf, rather fretinstrument.

"As Jessie and I never expect to fight a duel, or shoot a bandit at fifty informed, my dear." paces, we don't see the fascination as you do," I said, still parrying on Jes- time passed the station. sies side, for she was looking rather dismal after her scolding.

e loved Alf devotedly, and it I did not know what frightened the with horrible alarm.

She loved nothing so well as gratifying Alf; nothing depressed her so much as disappointing him.

"Oh, I wish I wasn't afraid !" she cried, so pathetically that her husband leap without a thought. As for me, took pity on her, and caught her up in being a woman, I could do nothing but his arms with a kiss.

any more. I'll try to always be on out on the piazza and gave one wild. hand to do your fighting for you," he cry-

He put the pistol on the mantlepiece, warning us not to touch it, as it baby carriage stood at the open roadtroubles in this direction had come.

All Summer we had expected at Cyprus Lawn, the visit of a school in the direction of the station, and we triend of hers, and, a few days after could see the little, dimpled, white this, a note came from Miss Fairlie, hand tossing in the sunshine, while we' saying she would be with us the tollow- knew the terrible horse must reach the

As the young lady was a beauty and sided with us, to get themselves up in ly. their most killing style.

come of Lillie's coming down here to was something in that small, white. visit us, boys," she said. "I shall be jeweled hand; I did not see what, beau her about, you know, Chris. story! Carl, I know she will be wild to go out in your boat after water lilies."

them, who solemnly promised to put the road on their war paint and feathers upon Miss Farlie's arrival.

Jessie's baby was but four months old-a very tiny bit of wax-work-and road. the next morning the young mother bathed and dressed it carefully, with a brave show of embroidery and blue sash, and put it in its carriage for Dorothy, the maid, to wheel up and down the road while her mistress was she gurgled, as she lapsed into a faint,

two hours. "Don't take the baby out of sight,

"She'll tall asleep, the darling, the Jessie was my younger brother's fresh air always makes her drowsy, you to lay Jessie on the bed by the openwife. Alf used, more than any of us, know, Esther;" she said to me. "And window where we used our greatest to ridicule her timidness. But I don't then she'll be just bright from her nap efforts to resuscitate her for a long know that we liked her any the less for Lillie to see first. Lillie used to be while. delighted with babies, and I want her wild eyes at last, and screamed until

And then Jessie must needs put on the roof rang. She clung with hysteric her pink cambric wrapper; "because force about her husband's neck until" Lillie was so fastidious," and when the some one thought to bring her the was so alraid of firearms, for he thought house was put in exquisite order, and haby. every vase under the roof was filled with flowers, Alf drove to the station face, she snatched the little form, and to meet Miss Fairlie by the eleven o'clock train.

"He must take this wrapper to pro- with hidden face, while we looked tect Lillie's dress-her traveling cos- pititully at each other. tume is always so exquisite," she said running to the door just as he had ed her ill for a week. Alf hung over

Then she called out : "Oh, Alf, why have you taken Black Pete? I fear Lillie will be atraid to ride behind him!" My brother had harnessed up a fiery blooded horse he had just broken-a magnificent creature, whose yery whinny Jeisie shuddered at, and she would sooner have been taken to drive with a

"Some girls-girls of pluck and courage whirlwind. "Oh, no, she won't. She isn't a lita girl of courage."

out of the yard. The station was a mile and a half And then perhaps he would refrain away. We could see the train come

"You will see him coming back when "Please-please excuse me, dear!" the train is in, and you must tell me if she cried so earnestly that I pitied and he has got Lillie, Esther," called Jersie from her room, where she was put-"Don't tease her so, Alf. Where is ting on some last touches to her dre-s the need of a woman learning to pro- placing a white rose at the throat. tect berselt when she has a husband to and another in her hair. "You are sharp-sighted; I am afraid she won's come."

> "Chris, and Carl will watch if I co not," I laughed, for Carl, the youngest. was in especial killing array, and his mustache blacked. "You shall be duly

Soon the train came, and in a brief

In a moment I see Alf's carriage turned toward home.

wounded her tender soul to have him horse then, but the next instant I saw displeased with her. She stood, with him leap upon his hind feet, and franvarying color, wishing no doubt, that tically paw the air, then in a flash of the neisy thing did not fill her heart time, he was tearing madly up the

My brothers precipitated themselves to the ground. I think the piazza must have been fifteen feet from the sward of the lawn, but they took the tremble, weep and ring my hands, I "Well, Jessie, I won't plague you thought. Not so Jessie. She sprang

"My baby."

Ah, heavens above! The dainty was loaded, and poor little Jessie's re- side, right in the path of the maddened liet was evident, as the end of her animal. The maid having gone a few steps away to gather some clematis.

It was about a rod from the house little helpless thing before we could.

But Chris, tried frantically to save neiress. Jessie laughingly warned my his pet in the face of hopelessness. I wo marriageable brothers who re- saw him start toward it shouting wild-

Then little Jessie stood beside me "For there's no knowing what may with one little arm extended. There busy with baby, and you will have to But the short, sharp explosion told the

my distended eyes saw the horse fall, I could not but notice that these and the light carraige reel, and then hints were not thrown away upon came to a stand still in the middle of Her aim had been strangely true;

A scream broke from my lips, and

The animal was shot through the heast and his reddest blood pooled in the I turned and caught her as she was

sinking senseless on the floor of the "The baby-the baby is saved!" from which we could not rouse ber for

Fairlie were in the Louse. The latter proved a sensible girl. She helped me Poor little Jessie! She opened her

In a few moments Alf and Miss

At the sight of its fair, innocent broke into tempestuous weeping, which gradually softened. At last she lay quiet.

Her terrible strain of nerves renderher devotedly, proud as could be ofhis "little heroine," as he called her.

"Bles that little right hand-it saved three lives !" he said, kissing it. "Poor little baby! You know she could not help herself at all!" Jessiewould say, with a quivering lip.

It was Jessie' first and last shot, for she never would touch a pistel again.

Civil Rend, Douglas county, correspond "Well, be careful, dear Alt," she

Civil Rend, Dongins county, correspondence: From a party of prospectors just in from Rogue river and the Big Mendows, I learn that a dr of Chinamen was found on the trail leading from the Big to the Little Mendows, just opposite Bottle Bar. When found he was wrapped up in his blankets as if asleep, with a pipe and some bottles and a satchel by his side. The "Yes, yes," he answered, whirling boys sent at once for some Chinamen to take charge of his remains. He was supposed to have been dead some three months, but there was nothing about blue is crossed, and now we read the word everything the minister says. Let us from returning to the attack for nearly in across the level, unbroken country, from,—nothing but the poor, cold remains to tell the story of his wretched and trage.

"Christ." Erroneous is the teaching stop talking on religious themes as did a week, for it was hard for him to give and, sitting on the upper plazza with call death on a wild and lonely trail, in a-