

LIVING GOD IS RELIGION'S NEED

Rev. Benjamin F. Young Preaches on Valid Reasons for Faith.

PASTOR TAKES HIS TEXT FROM ST. PAUL

Apostle's Use of Word "Therefore" Appeals Particularly to Him—Word Made Vibrant With Great Missionary's Personality.

"Valid Reasons for Faith," was the topic upon which Rev. Benjamin F. Young, D. D., pastor of Taylor Street Methodist church spoke to his congregation yesterday. His text was from I Timothy IV:10: "Therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God."

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a man who uses this word 'therefore.' It is one of the evidences of strong mentality. Argue with a man and hear him come down on the counter of debate with a 'therefore' and it gives one a shock. There is a positiveness about the use of such a word which is really inspiring. Often we catch back of it solidly in logical statement, keenness of thought and virile power. As used in the text this is especially true. It is a favorite word with Paul. One seems to catch the ring in his voice and to see the positiveness of his manner as he says, 'Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.' There is—therefore—now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. These therefore of the great apostles are vibrant with the personality of this great missionary.

Not a Mere Myth.
"Jesus Christ was not a mere myth. He is not a hazy, indistinct character developed out of the traditions of the people. He is the Christ of God who has come into the world to save men from their sins, the Christ of God whose compassion reaching out with great and heroic love for human life. He has labored and suffered reproach. A great love usually issues in great deeds. This was very true in the life of this man. In scope of genius in breadth of learning or in the sublime quality of his life he will seldom be surpassed. His character and his wonderful work were the products of his intense love.

"See that man in the heart of Africa amilton to death by the forest fever. Slightly and treacherously he attacks and departs from him. He is jealously guarded by a few faithful attendants who have the love of him for what he has done for them and for what he represents from the lover of the world. With brooding heart he sees his strength leaving him and when he dies the light of their lives goes out. They bury his heart in the forest but across plains and through dark forests and over mountains and across broad rivers they bear his body to the sea and guard it to its resting place in the great Abbey. The love of Liv-

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PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON

Rev. E. S. Muckley Leaves Pulpit of First Christian Church.

Rev. E. S. Muckley delivered his farewell sermon at the First Christian church last evening, and will take a rest of a year before again entering upon ministerial duties. Mr. Muckley's sermon has not been definitely decided upon, but it is quite likely that Rev. W. F. Reager of Sacramento will accept the call. Rev. Muckley said in part last night:

"If you have something which the world does not possess you are under obligation to give it to those who are less fortunate than yourself. I am not talking about things in general. You should not use a superior education to prey upon your fellows. If you know of a great opportunity you should share it. The community should have the benefit of it. You don't need to think about salary nor about ambition. Remuneration and fame will take care of themselves.

"The woman who is sometimes called a 'kitchen mechanic,' who cooks better pastrty than the millionaire's wife, is a

GENEROUS STRANGER GLADDENS HEART OF PATCHIE, THE NEWSBOY

One little newsboy whose street name is Patchie was glad yesterday afternoon. Until 4 o'clock he regretted the snow storm several times every minute. Then a man came along, bought a paper, talked with him and it has looked very different ever since. Patchie was blue with cold when the man came down Morrison street. His teeth chattered as he carried his papers. His clothes had been new once, but that was a long time ago.

All the explanation the man gave the youngster was that he had been in a warm country for years and years and that the snow looked like home to him. This was what happened: He found out that Patchie's luncheon had been very

light indeed, so he took him to the hotel. Portland girl Patchie began to think he was asleep and dreaming. But the things they gave him to eat in that grill were not dream things by any means.

Then the man from the warm country took the boy to a department store nearby. There Patchie was outfitted with a stout overcoat, a pair of new shoes, a pair of mittens half a dozen pairs of warm stockings and a cap with ear muffs.

It wasn't for the new clothes Patchie should be sure that wonderful dinner in the big hotel was a dream. But the clothes prove that it was no dream.

ington for Africa and the love of these men for Livingston has written a bright chapter in the volume of missionary heroisms and noble deeds.

"Some of Mrs. Browning's best work was inspired by her love and sympathy for the Italian people in their struggles for freedom. Lincoln's love for the federal principle helped to make him great. Somehow the great commoner got hold of the truth of the inviolability of the union as a statement of his time. The lesson taught by the forensic eloquence of Webster he had thoroughly learned. The love that burned within him for the principle of federal union inspired him to put on the page of national patriotism some of the finest passages ever written in any language. The later years of this heroic figure glow with rare beauty and are virile labors done because of his deep love for the nation.

"The apostle to the Gentiles went out desiring the Christ message. He had to combat a false religion and a society. He found it necessary to hurl anathemas against an idolatrous system. Customs which had become laws had to be broken. He had to contend with false philosophies. He was often in grave peril, persecuted and stoned and his life threatened. Death seems inevitable but he ceases not to teach and to preach the doctrines of the Nazarene. His passion for the cross flamed out in glorious achievement and in noble character.

"He had a good reason for his toil and sacrifice. He trusted in the 'living God.' The 'living God' was the ground of his activity, rather like that expression of his faith: 'It is a good creed and may do for a system of theology.'

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SERMON TOPIC "YOURSELF"

Dr. G. A. Soltan Talks at Y. M. C. A. Men's Meeting.

Dr. G. A. Soltan of London spoke at the men's meeting held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon. He said that men should rise above their personal interests and must change many of their opinions. His topic was "Yourself." Next Sunday he will talk on "The Other Fellow."

"The self-made man is the one who is controlled by his own opinions," said Dr. Soltan. "He is morally good, but there are tons of religion these days, tons of being good, and it doesn't count at all with God. The men who have made themselves white are no more fit for God than those who have never tried. Then there are the lower self men, whose heads control. They are the lowest. They are not, however, the most difficult to help.

"Men to rise above yourselves you must change your minds about many things you have been thinking. In other words you must repent. Then your minds can be filled with God's spirit. Christian Science would supplant the simple gospel. No God, no body, just nothing. You are reduced to a duck's egg, a nobody. That's called Christian Science. What rot! How men will follow a woman when they won't follow Christ!"

servant; she occupies a higher position than does her more wealthy sister. As we recognize the principle of service we lift the world to our level. How else could the world be lifted except by that system? Was it not by the other method that it was stayed in its progress? There is no advantage in maintaining a disparity between classes of society; in having one man well educated and another ignorant; one immensely rich and another poor. It is not by contrast that we become great.

"Our Democratic form of government we are approaching the principle laid down by Christ. We do not have a democracy because of any line of descent; we have ministers. I want President Roosevelt, Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Landis because of any line of descent making our laws in Washington, Salem and Portland—to understand that they are not to serve only a few is not as great as the man who serves the many. Nor is he the greatest who is served by many."

BROTHERLY LOVE GROWS

Dr. Corby Cites Relief Given Earthquake Sufferers.

The brotherhood of man is no longer an iridescent dream, said Rev. J. D. Corby of the Church of the Good Tidings (Universalist) in his sermon yesterday. Dr. Corby cited the recent voting of \$1,000,000 by the United States government because of the new Italian earthquake sufferers to show that brotherly love is increasing, not only between individuals but between nations. Speaking of the new faith he said:

"While we are thankful for the suffering and dogmas that have crumbled away under the impetus of a growing knowledge, we can be more happy over the blessed truth that the new faith is more helpful than the old. The old prayer is still potent to make the weak mighty; that Sunday can have no nobler use than to consecrate its hours in your Father's house. Because we are called of God to take a forward step and be more helpful to humanity, we have to him, we must get together more in home and church. Our workers must have a path to the abode of the lonely and the stranger. I get weary of hearing folks say the church is my field; force, a power house whose prayer illumined men and women carry light to those who sit in darkness, carry power to those who are without hope in the world and carry warning love to the tired, chilled soul treading its solitary way."

OFFICERS FIND TRACE OF STOCK STOLEN FROM BONANZA COUNTRY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 11.—Trace of a large bunch of horses stolen from the upper country, near Bonanza, has been obtained. The animals were found to have been shipped to Mount Hebron. A sale was made and the money less commission is said to have been forwarded to Walter Welch, who lives at Dairy, Or. Welch has since disappeared.

Horse and cattle stealing on a large scale has been going on for some time around Bonanza, and the country is aroused. Charles Liskey and Alf Wallick are now out on bail, having been arrested on a charge of cattle stealing. The cattle are said to have been traced to the Liskey place, where it is claimed they were slaughtered.

Roy Vestal, a young man working on the Wallick place, has been missing since November 23 and it is thought the cattle and horse stealing has a bearing on his disappearance. The carload of stolen horses were shipped from



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