

LIFE'S WORK IS PASTOR'S SUBJECT

Rev. Benjamin Young Delivers Masterly Sermon at Taylor Street Church.

'MYSTERY OF THE UNFINISHED TASK'

Large Congregation Hears Brilliant Address on Lives of Great Men and the Lessons They Teach to Present Generation.

The mystery of the unfinished task was the subject of the sermon delivered by Rev. Benjamin Young, pastor of the Taylor Street Methodist Church, Sunday morning. A large congregation listened to one of the most masterly of Dr. Young's sermons. It followed:

"Behold thy days approach that thou must die"—Deut. 31:14. "Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither: unto the land which I give the children of Israel"—Deut. 32:52. "These words were uttered to Moses as he stood by the border of the promised land. For many years he had toiled to reach that point with his people. He had given his strength for them. No man had ever done so much for a people as had this leader. Even today his influence is seen in Hebrew law and his spirit lives in Jewish poetry. His great love is seen in his admonition to Joshua and in the final blessings which spring out of his soul like the water from a deep, strong fountain.

Moses had laid many plans for his work in Canaan. He had dreamed of this land and the struggles and defeats in the wilderness seemed to indicate this. He had talked and sung about it. He had buoyed up the hopes of the wearied ones by stories of its fertility. His dreams are now about to be realized and his hopes fulfilled. In a moment all is changed. He is comparatively speaking a young man, for his eyes were not dim nor his natural force shaken. His step is elastic and his hand is firm. His thought is clear and his plans evince the robust wisdom of one in his prime. Suddenly a message comes to him that his end is near, he must die. In the pride and the glory of his manhood God takes him from his work. It does not seem to be right, but we believe it is just. It does not seem to look like love but love is back of it.

Typical of life. "Now this experience is typical of all life. We have often seen it. Just when the plans are completed the disaster comes. Just as we had perfected our plans and were about to reap the results of legitimate effort, then are we laid low. When we had reached the promised land and our vision was thrilled with the majestic view does the message come changing all our plans and telling us that our feet are not to tread the promised land.

The artist speaks his strength in the years for the opportunity to put on canvas the ideal imprisoned in his imagination. He gives himself to his task. One touch of gold to that cloud and a little blue to that sky or a line to that figure and the picture is done. After tomorrow it will be a masterpiece, but that night a fair breeze seizes him and palette and brush are left where he put them. His work is done and the picture is never to hang in the gallery. "In Death and the Artist," Daniel C. French represents an artist youthful

and courageous, zealous and inspired, grasping his chisel and mallet with the ardor of a master, singing to himself as he leaps to his task, because as the stone takes on its image, his life work develops. But alas! near him stands the figure of an angel with sable wings. The angel touches the glazer's hand holding the chisel. The mallet falls as does the chisel. The artist totters and there, amid the chips and the dust of his life work he falls and dies. What mystery the artist has chiseled into this famous sculpture.

Mystery of Task. "Oh, the mystery of the unfinished task! Alexander is dead at 34, Raphael goes at 37, Shakespeare is taken just turned 60, and Dickens and Thackeray not far from the same period. Keats is dead at 24 and Shelley at 30. Byron's star has gone out in a wild night of storm at 37 and Burns, who sang himself into the common heart of the race is called at the same age. Robert Louis Stevenson is never able to work out 'St. Ives' because he hears the call. Joseph Rodman Drake is dead at 24 and Sidney Lanier, one of the princes of American song, at 35, renders up his soul to God. Again and again have men come to the border of a promised land. Others have dreamed of victory, yet in life they have met nought but failure and defeat. Men have sometimes laid large foundations but the superstructure has been lifted by another. But this is life. We are baffled by it.

"There is much that we cannot fathom in human life. Reason is sometimes driven back upon itself. Sorrow is here and misery and sometimes it seems as though the light of the sun had gone out. It has been so from the beginning. In the primeval day the patriarchs were baffled by many things they could not understand. In prophetic times it was so. Job cries out from the desolation which has come upon him. From every side is the smitten. Great sorrows tug at his heart. At times he seems to be as helpless as old mad Lear in the immortal tragedy. Yet, though baffled by strange experiences and tormented by false friends, he manifests a sublime faith in God. It is true today as in the past and it will be true tomorrow as it is true today. You will find it in the career of the great apostle and we can all see it in the life of the Master.

Agnostics or Stokers. "What is the way out? Shall we become agnostics or stokers? In the face of this mystery or of this unfinished task in life shall we take refuge in the philosophy of negation? In doubt or an interrogation point a good pillow for an aching heart? Study the Christ life and find the answer. Hear the Christ word and catch the Divine comfort. Go with him along that strange pathway. See him in Gethsemane with the cup pressed to his lips. Hear him cry out as the burden rests upon him. If it be possible let this cup pass, nevertheless my will but thine be done. Mark his attitude in the last hours of his life. Note his confidence and his courage. Listen to his prayer. There was a Father for him in the dark hour. In Jesus Christ's death there is blessing for the world, but in the attitude of the Master to these darker things which issue in life is there blessing and inspiration for every burdened soul looking his way. The mystery of the unfinished task finds a solution in the word and the life and the death of the Son of Man."

CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS

Bishop Smith Speaks on Subject at Mass Meeting.

Bishop Charles W. Smith of the Methodist Episcopal church delivered a convincing address on civic righteousness and the striking elements a light for its cause, yesterday afternoon at a mass meeting held at the Swedish M. E. church, under the auspices of the Civic Federation. Unity was the keynote of his discourse, unity among all the factions looking for ultimate good, and he said that only through united power could they hope to win against the united forces of evil.

Bishop Smith spoke of the strength of Tammany in New York, and said that it resided in the thorough organization

that marks that body. It is a benevolent and charitable organization that looks after its voters in time of illness or trouble, and so centers its union. Only when all the forces of good unite against it is Tammany beaten, and then the latter collects its forces for another battle. This the speaker said, is a momentous example of what exists in almost every city, though the organization is not always so well defined.

There are patriots who serve their city or country well and honestly," Dr. Smith said, "and they are not in the council without pay. They are clean, honest men and deserve well of their fellow citizens. There are salaried men who are also honest and serve their country faithfully and honestly. They are men who perform the duties for which they are paid without graft. They should receive the support and respect of their fellow citizens. They should have the support of the church and they should be made to know that their efforts are appreciated by their fellow citizens.

But there is another class who seek office for graft, and as such should receive the condemnation of all good citizens and if they cannot be sent to the penitentiary, ought, at least, to be drummed out of the community. That kind of man should be scorned and exposed. Their only regard for office is that it affords them opportunity to graft. It is truly said that the saloon is the enemy of civic righteousness and the hotbed of political corruption. A gigantic system of grafting is maintained by this class of men through the saloon from the lowest brothel on upward. There is an organized system of graft.

For outlining these conditions, Dr. Smith said too much was expected of the church alone, that people looked to it for salvation from civic corruption, but that the church was not numerically strong enough in itself to bring about a change, for they have not even 20 percent of the vote. He said all righteous elements should unite with the church toward its one common aim, of wiping out civic unrighteousness.

SERMON ON FAITHFULNESS

Dr. Dyott Scores Roosevelt for Hinting in Africa.

"Faithfulness" was the subject of Dr. Luther R. Dyott's sermon yesterday at the First Congregational church in which he scored ex-President Roosevelt for unfaithfulness to his trust in setting out to despoil life merely for fun. "An ignoble spectacle," Dr. Dyott called it in referring to Roosevelt's hunting trip through Africa, and said it was enough to make loyal Americans blush for shame; that to kill for fun is gross infidelity.

"Unfaithfulness is the one awful thing that despoils life," he said. "Faithfulness is the one divine thing that holds God and man together in the in-

terest of life and all of the best things of life." Dr. Dyott scored as much the cynic and pessimist who accuses all men in business, politics and the home of unfaithfulness as he did the unfaithful ones themselves. He called attention to the fact that there is so much more good than evil in the world, that crime and not well-doing still constitute news. He scored politicians who are a liars to the word statesman, and spoke stinging of traitors to their cause, but rejoiced that there are many faithful to their mission in life, and said it is the work of the small poisoned souls to be little the faithful few because of the shortcomings of others.

DR. HILL PREACHES

Former Pastor of Portland Speaks at First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Edgar P. Hill, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, held a religious service at the McCormack Presbyterian Theological seminary of Chicago, occupied the pulpit of his old church last night and yesterday morning in the absence of the regular pastor, Dr. William Hiram Boukous.

Dr. Hill will be in the city for three weeks and during the time is to be the guest of H. C. Campbell at Twentieth and Carter streets on Portland Heights. He is to be extensively entertained during that time, the first reception to be given in his honor by the Ladies' Aid society at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday evening.

YEAR'S LABOR IN VAULTS OF COUNTY

Hood River, Or., July 26.—The several tons of transcribed records of Hood River county, taken from the records of Wasco county, and which it has taken a large force over one year's time to complete, are lodged in the vaults at the county seat of Hood River county. Before the matter can be closed, however, it will be necessary for the county clerk of Hood River county to verify the records. This he will not do until he has re-read them and compared copy. County Judge A. J. Derby and Commissioners Hill and McKeasack take the position that it will not be necessary to have the records re-read, in view of the fact that this has been done by the copyists and all corrections in transcript made.

DROWNED IN LAKE

Seattle, July 26.—Lake Washington, in the vicinity of Madison Park, is being dragged for the body of Jesse W. Bissett of Hillman City, who lost his life yesterday while attempting to give aid to a young woman whom he thought to be in danger. The drowning occurred within 30 feet of shore and in sight of several members of a picnicking party. Seeing a young woman pushing a raft about near the shore of the lake and believing her to be in peril of her life, Bissett started to the rescue in a canoe. Before he had gone far a squall arose and the canoe was overturned. Unable to swim, Bissett sank for the last time just as one of the men from the shore reached his side.

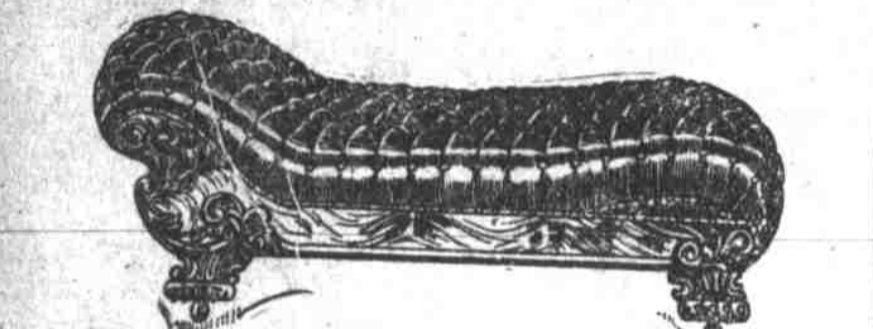
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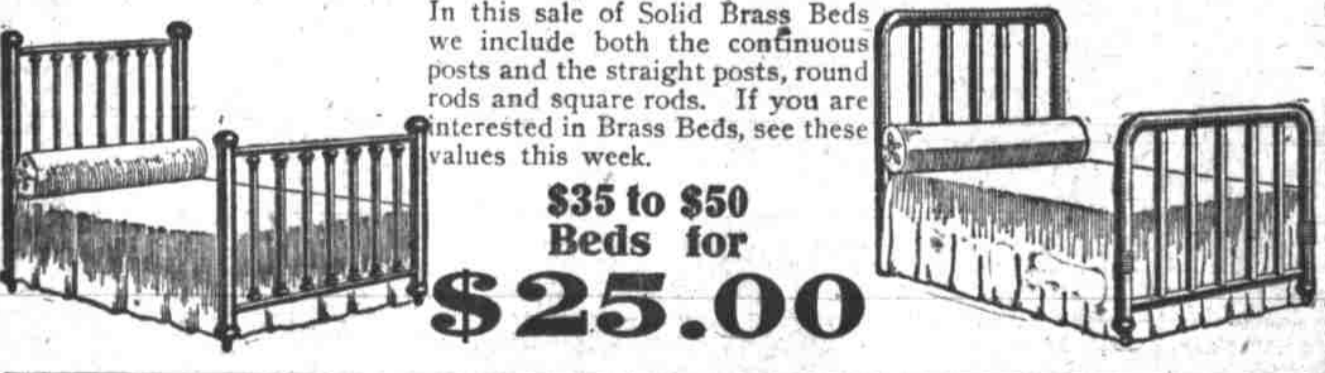
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