

EXCORIATION OF CREED FADDISTS TO BAD WATER

Rev. William Parsons Takes to Task Teachers of Non-Reality of Evil.

Salem Authorities Disregard Warning Concerning Impure Supply.

Taking for his text Psalms, 43:1, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him," the Rev. William Parsons, D. D., preached a sermon at the Third Presbyterian church, East Thirteenth and Pine streets, last Sunday morning, in denial of the creeds which teach the personality of evil and the personality of the soul. Dr. Parsons says that an earnest hope and faith in a personal God is better in combating evil than any "counterfeit of this hope," which denies that the evil exists. Dr. Parsons said in part: "The words of this text are the expression of a man whose hope grew out of his faith in God, and whose faith was founded on a profound and varied experience. As he was fleeing from Absalom there was nothing in his earthly condition to warrant this hope. It was purely the logic of faith. That logic is simple. It hangs first on a belief in a personal God. Then on the fact that he exercises a beneficent providential care over all his works. That he has promised to make all things work for good to those that love him. Then when we are confronted with this chain of the consequences that we have honestly attempted to fulfill all the conditions of his favor, every one of us ought to say in the midst of any and all difficulties, 'Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him.' You can't come to any other conclusion by the logic of faith. Pessimism and hope are the antipodes of the inner life."

"Let me warn you against the counterfeit of this hope. There is a phase of thought that denying the reality of evil and the personality of God hypnotizes itself with iteration of 'never mind.' Be oblivious. There is a careless logic that ignoring the personal consequences of this logic of faith and while indifferent to the promises murmurs, 'God is in the heavens, and all's right.' Either one of these counterfeits are the grip of an idiot that cuts his finger and don't know he's hurt. They are a danger. It may be a stone or a scorpion. God knows, and will be kind in spite of our mistakes. But it most often breaks down at the point of personal contact. Having been careless about our relations to God in times of prosperity, when trouble comes there is no experience to strengthen faith in the hour of need."

"What is desired of every Christian is that he first get hold of this chain of truth by the link of a personal obedience to the will of God, in his acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour, and in an honest effort to fulfill all conditions. Then is when the hopes of youth are disappointed."

"Yet in the winter of your age, Forever green will be your trust in heaven."

"If wealth disappears you will learn the value of simple service. If health fails you will appreciate Crockett's Sticker minister, and be like him. If your usefulness is providentially destroyed, as was Milton's political usefulness, you will turn to better lines of service. If the cause for which you would die is defeated you will remember Lowell's lines:

"For evil's triumphs are her endless loss,
And sovereign virtue wins the soul at last."
"If loved ones are lost either through death or wrong doing, we can still sing: 'Give to the winds thy fears. Hope and be undismayed; God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.'"

SLICK LITTLE GAME ENDS IN A FIGHT

New York, Dec. 20.—Traffic around Columbus circle halted where two men, one large, the other small, were engaged in a fight. More than a hundred persons witnessed the struggle, and several men leaped at the larger combatant and struck him.

The large man was Thomas Saunders, chauffeur, of 363 East One Hundred and Tenth street. Both were taken to the West Sixty-eighth street police station, and there the chauffeur told this story:

"A year ago I was on Wall street when I saw a pocketbook on the sidewalk. I started for it, but this chap got there first. He said, 'We were pretty close on that, so we'll go halves.' He opened the pocketbook. A diamond ring and a quarter were in it. He went to some man to pawn the ring, but this man said, as Gorman had found it, he couldn't take it. So Gorman and I went out, and at his suggestion I gave him \$20 as security, and went back to pawn the ring myself. The pawnbroker told me the ring was worthless. When I went back to look for Gorman he had disappeared, and that was the last I saw of him until I came upon him while he was dropping a pocketbook at the place where we had the fight today."

Gorman was held on a charge of assault and petty larceny. Saunders was released.

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Impure water is the cause of Salem's typhoid epidemic, but the fault for the condition rests upon the Salem authorities, according to members of the state board of health. Examination of three samples of water tested by Dr. Ray C. Mason, state bacteriologist, shows the presence of colon bacilli in great numbers. This report is in accord with numerous former statements of Dr. Mason regarding the Salem water. The bacteriologist, in common with the members of the state board of health, is convinced that Salem's typhoid epidemic will grow alarmingly worse unless a change of water supply is made.

That Salem authorities have disregarded repeated warnings from the state health board concerning the impure water supply is the grave charge brought against them by Dr. Robert C. Yennet, state health officer, and other members of the board.

"We have made a number of journeys to Salem and have each time reported the water supply dangerous," said Dr. Yennet. "Our bacteriologist has always reported from his tests that the typhoid germs were myriad in the water. But the officials have gone along with a happy disregard of scientific investigation and discovery, believing that the water which did not kill their parents is certainly good enough for them. In exactly the same way the people of Eugene went happily along regarding our warnings until they experienced the worst typhoid epidemic in the history of Oregon. Then when it was almost too late they were very glad to listen to us."

Dr. Pierce and other members of the state health board are more or less in favor of bringing the Salem water supply from the Breitenbush springs. There are, however, some arguments against this supply and in favor of the supply which may be brought from the Sammamish river. But all are agreed that Salem must change its water supply or experience a typhoid epidemic, compared to which the present condition is an incident.

BIG CROWDS HEAR SINGER

First Sunday Concert in Portland Meets With Favor.

By G. I. W.
Just as discriminating and enthusiastic as the last week's audience was the company that greeted Dr. Wuellner the tenor, in his return recital at the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon. The concert was interesting from a twofold standpoint—as the installation of the Sunday afternoon concert program, and as the return concert of this remarkable artist. In regard to the first, though the attendance was not so large as at the first concert, it was satisfactory. In regard to the second, Dr. Wuellner presented an even more interesting program than before with less of the hackneyed in song.

Schubert and Schumann were again well represented on the program; two interesting singing numbers were added; a delightful group of Hugo Wolf songs, scintillating with humor; two Strauss numbers repeated by request from his last program; a Rubenstein and a Loewe number. The Wolf numbers were favorites and were delightfully given with pronounced rhythmic measure. "Der Rattenfänger" and "Epiphanias" were especially good. The Singing "Ein Weib" had to be repeated with its almost diabolical humor. Singing's other number, "The Grave Digger's Song" was good. The final number was a huge dramatic song, "Archibald Douglas" (Loewe) which gives the voice its full range and covers the whole gamut of emotions. A charming Scotch melody running through it adds grace and beauty.

"Due Lied des Steinklopfers," "Cacelle," "Der Doppelgänger," and "Erlkönig" were repeated by request from the last program. His interpretations are just as vital as ever and effective because so utterly natural. It is Dr. Wuellner's earnestness and naturalness that makes his methods art with him, which in another would be mere charlatanism. His remarkably strong personality infuses everything with vital meaning. Conrad V. Bos, the accompanist, received much appreciation yesterday. Especially in the Wolf and Strauss songs was he given opportunity to show the finish and sympathy of his work.

It is with real regret that Portland must let this great interpreter pass on his way, for conservative Portland has shown what is really necessary to the best interpretation of song—not voice alone, but brain and heart.

COULDN'T BUY WEDDING PRESENT; KILLS SELF

(United Press Special Wire.)
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20.—Because he found himself financially unable to purchase a wedding present for his daughter, who was married about a week ago, is the reason assigned today by his friends for the suicide of E. A. Olson, a former Tacoma tailor, at Eatonville.

Olson's lifeless body was found suspended from a 10-penny nail driven into the wall of the back room of his tailor shop in Eatonville yesterday morning. About his neck he had placed a strong cord. Attaching the cord to the nail in the wall, Olson had slid down until his feet rested within a few inches of the floor. Death is believed to have come through strangulation, although no report has been made by the county coroner.

Letters found addressed to Olson and translated into English, apprised him of the marriage of his daughter. It is known that the unfortunate tailor had mentioned the fact that he was too short of funds to make the young woman a suitable wedding gift, and this is believed to have so preyed upon his mind as to drive him to desperation.

MIXED DATES CAUSE DELAY OF NEW PLAY

Through a conflict in dates at the German Theatre yesterday, the German Theatre company was not able to present its drama, "Eva," during the afternoon as scheduled and advertised. A prior contract had been made with the German Theatre company, giving it the right to place its scenery for "The Yankee Prince" during the afternoon. This precluded the presentation of the German drama and the managers

of the theatre company secured Arion hall for their play in the evening. Miss Orman, the leading lady for the German company, declined to play on the Arion stage and the presentation had to be cancelled. The management of the theatre company announces, however, that in the future the company will continue its Sunday afternoon performances at the Bungalow, arrangements to that effect having been made. Next Sunday afternoon the musical comedy, "Der Stabs Trampeter," will be given.

WHITE SLAVERY ON INCREASE, SAYS WOMAN

New York, Dec. 20.—Miss Maud E. Miner, probation officer of the night court, who at the annual meeting of the New York Probation association said that the white slave traffic had spread to every section of Manhattan, declares she can prove her charges. Agents of the traders, she said, frequently moving picture shows and other places where young girls congregate,

while others ply their trade in real estate offices, as chauffeurs of taxicabs and bartenders in Italian law hotels. Two of these hotels, she said, are distributing centers and evidence against them is being gathered. She also said that girls who are arrested and arraigned in the night court are being held in Waverly house as witnesses against these places.

The association's meeting was held in the Colony club, at 122 Madison avenue, on the invitation of Mrs. Payne Whitney, and Miss Miner's announcement caused a stir among the two score men and women present.

District Attorney Robert Charles A. Whitman, president of the association, presided. He praised the work done at Waverly house, where girls are saved from going back to the streets after being released in the night court.

"Of 200 girls who have been cared for there," he said, "119 are known to be leading respectable lives. The probation system is infinitely better than the old way of inflicting penalties prescribed by law. Fines only added to the troubles of the unfortunate, and when sent to the workhouse

they often came out more evil than ever. But probation is in its infancy and it will be greatly improved."

PREFERS CARNEGIE TO BOSS CROKER

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott addressed the Yale men on "Socialism," in Woolsey hall. More than 1500 heard him. Discussing the subject of the government owning the tools of production, Dr. Abbott said it would mean the combining of the industrial and political boss into one.

"As for myself," he said, "I would greatly prefer to work under Boss Carnegie than under Boss Croker." He spoke of the coming of industrial democracy as evolution, but called socialism a revolution. "So long as socialism is a protest, I favor it," he said; "but so far as it is a program, I am opposed."

Skating in Dayton's Streets.
Dayton, Wash., Dec. 20.—For three days sidewalk traffic has been suspended

ed here and school boys have converted the wide Main street walks into an ice skating rink. Nearly a half inch in thickness, a solid sheet of ice covers everything inanimate in the Touchet valley. Fog of extreme density has hung over the valley for five days, and the thermometer standing below zero, has caused this strange state of things.

ELECTIVE SYSTEM AT HARVARD ABOLISHED

Boston, Dec. 20.—The elective system instituted at Harvard by President Eliot and copied throughout the country has been smashed. President A. Lawrence Lowell is responsible for the change and the faculty has by a vote approved his stand. Those men now in college are not affected.

A strict adherence to at least one subject and proficiency in at least one line of study is the keynote of the new system, which may take its name from the new Harvard president. If a freshmen elects to study lan-

guages, he will, under the new system, be unable to give up that course and get a smattering of another at the end of a year, but will have to stick to languages so that he may know something about them. The same rule will apply to literature, mathematics, philosophy and other courses.

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