

DR. YOUNG TALKS ON RELIGION OF COMMON SENSE

"Great Defects in Modern Life" Are Moral and Spiritual, Says Pastor of Taylor Street Methodist Church.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me. Acts 1, 8." was the text of the sermon on "Common Sense in Religion," delivered by Rev. Benjamin F. Young at the Taylor Street Methodist Episcopal church yesterday morning. He said in part:

"The world has an abundance of theories. The scheme hatched in the brain of the wildest fanatic finds adherents. There is no superstition so ugly, so foul or so absurd that it cannot find a following. We have some high sounding 'systems of thought' and some heavy and morbid philosophies. In parts of the world there are devil worshippers and in one American city there is the 'church of this world'."

"We are not suffering an intellectual dearth. If we have brains enough to read several worlds a good deal larger than this mundane sphere. Of the making of books there is no end. There are books to champion every variety of the human mind. We have some blood stirring detective stories and we can find theologues which cannot be read without physical torture."

World Moving Upward. "There is manifest progress on the part of great civilizing forces. The world is moving upward. He who says it is not wearing his spectacles on the back of his head. One could name a vast number of things which are important to the world and sources of great blessing to human life."

Defects in Modern Life. "All about us are many things to inspire men and of course some things which prevent eternal flight. There is more put into this world than at any previous period of human history. The giant of civilization is swinging on with rapid strides and the times are big with the pregnancy of progress."

Factors in Commercial Life. "In many parts of Asia and Africa the physical fabric of civilization has gone but the moral and spiritual lumbers along far behind. But it is not only true in the missionary sphere, it is true in the great centers of our nation. Portland, Seattle and San Francisco are splendid cities and because of their strategic positions are becoming mighty factors in the commercial life of the nation but in their development the material outruns the moral, educational and spiritual."

Common Sense Religion. "The great need of the world today is common sense practical religion. Knowledge is valuable and will always be recognized. The world knows. It lacks an example beautified and purified by the Christ life. There is a better way for a man to help his fellows than by living before them in the sphere in which he is called to move, the simple sacrificial life. As one looks at the frantic luxury which finds expression in many avenues one wonders what the end of it all is to be."

Religion Stands Investigation. "I do not want to be misunderstood. I would not depreciate knowledge. Jesus Christ appeals to the intellect of every man. He asks for a man's best thought. The man who says religion does not stand investigation, that it seeks to crush out the spirit of progress, that it resents the conclusions of honest, scientific criticism, that it is bound hopelessly by musty tradition, is not very wise. But our need is for the great stirring truths, which were taught by the greatest teachers of our age, to be set before men in human life, made palpable by human example, made workable and radiantly beautiful by the active man of the age."

Best Taught by Character. "Shakespeare acted is more than Shakespeare read. Jesus Christ was a revelation to men, but he was also a revelation to God because of that which was in him. Religion is best taught by character. We have, perhaps, been too much concerned with the apologetic side of Christianity and not enough with its practical side."

"Do not argue so much for Christian evidences, but live the Christian life. A consistent Christy life is worth more than a logical argument. The world asks not for your logic, it does plead for your helpful service. Do not dogmatize and hurl anathemas, but keep a level head and a clean heart and a sweet spirit. Let love be regnant and by Godly conversation and magnanimous action show that religion is a genuine thing."

"The test," says Amiel, "of every religion is the man it makes." The test of religion is the man it makes. If your religion sends you away from the seething, reeking disorders of city life to dream in the quiet of your own room or to commune with God in your own closet with your ears stopped to the city and the misery of the world, or if it causes you to be lost in some mystic imagining, rapt ecstasy or rich experience and indifferent to the burden of life the world will spurn it; for it will catch its false ring, detect its hypocritical prayer and see through its miserable sham and emptiness. It will be an impractical, useless profession, revealing the selfishness of a little man and become an embarrassment to God himself."

DOGS VERSUS CHILDREN Preacher Says Canine More Valuable Than Child in San Francisco. "I was glad this morning to see so many of the little children in the Sunday school come out for God. I pity the one who does not like children. Do not let a canny bird or a pup make the place of children in your affections. I like dogs and I like to hear a canny dog bark, but they cannot take the place of the children. Why, in San Francisco they actually place a higher value on dogs than on children. For while they advertise dogs for sale at so much you will see beside it an advertisement of some child to give away. They don't want them, don't want to be bothered with them. May God pity the people who do not love children."

CALLS TRUSTS OUTLAWS Rev. W. T. Euster Says Lust for Money Behind It All. Rev. W. T. Euster, pastor of the Sunnyside M. E. church has begun a series of sermons on present day economic conditions. The sermons are being preached from the general text given by Christ, "Ye can discern the signs of the weather, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

Struggle for Existence. He holds that unless the church, in this struggle for existence, proves that it sympathizes with the oppressed and down-trodden and is interested in this matter of the struggle for existence it cannot win the good will of those who are undergoing trying conditions today.

Take Care of Present. The sphere of the church is in that circle inside of which are found all the questions of the present life of the people as well as with their future welfare. The gospel has the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

Disciples Elected Matthias. "When Judas betrayed his Lord, the disciples met and elected Matthias to take his place, but Jesus called another to take his place and that man was Paul. So I will write this salutation to the Romans, a people whom he had never seen, and to whom he was to carry his gospel. He was on his way to Damascus to despoil the church when the Lord called him. He recognized the call, and in great earnestness asked, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?' He immediately made bold to declare that he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, whom he before had been prosecuting."

"A great many who are in the churches go about the work of their Master as though they would rather not do it. By their actions, which speak louder than words, we know that they are ashamed of their Christ. "I can see pictured before me a man bearing upon his back the scars and stripes made by the thoughts of the whip. I can see him as he moves along to the place of his crucifixion, bearing upon his shoulders the heavy cross, and enduring the scoffs of the mob."

And when I realize that all this suffering was borne for me and for all mankind, I will have the courage to speak out for Christ. What we need is a little more backbone for the right. It will pay us in every way."

stantly cornering the necessities of life should be proclaimed as outlaws by the church universal. They are the most cowardly kind of robbers. Wall street is a robbers' den pure and simple. To combine in the interest of increased cost of living is a crime, no matter whether it be a few stores combining here in Sunnyside or all the business houses in Portland.

"The inhuman greed and lust for money is at the bottom of it all. That greed may be as strongly felt in the heart of the small business firm with a very meager capital as it is in the heart of Armour or any other outlaw in this whole country. It is not high handed robbery so much as underhanded robbery, but it is nevertheless robbery pure and simple, and robbery under the protection of the law oftentimes. The church must stand against this. It matters not what her conditions of support may be. She has no right to keep her mouth closed simply because some of her chief supporters belong to certain combinations and uphold certain ideas of corporate greed."

PROMINENT EDUCATORS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 28.—The lobby of the Claypool hotel, which is the headquarters of the annual convention of the department of superintendence of the National Educational association, was thronged today with prominent educators who have come from all parts of the country to attend the meetings. Secretary Irwin Shepard expressed the opinion that several thousand educators would be in attendance. The sessions will begin tomorrow and will continue until the end of the week. The differences of children in mental alertness, moral responsibility and mental attitudes, tastes and tendencies are the chief topics scheduled for discussion. There will also be special sessions for the discussion of industrial education. Tomorrow night the convention is to be addressed by Senator Beveridge. Oklahoma has sent a large delegation in an effort to influence the selection of Oklahoma City as the meeting place for the general convention of the National Educational association next year.

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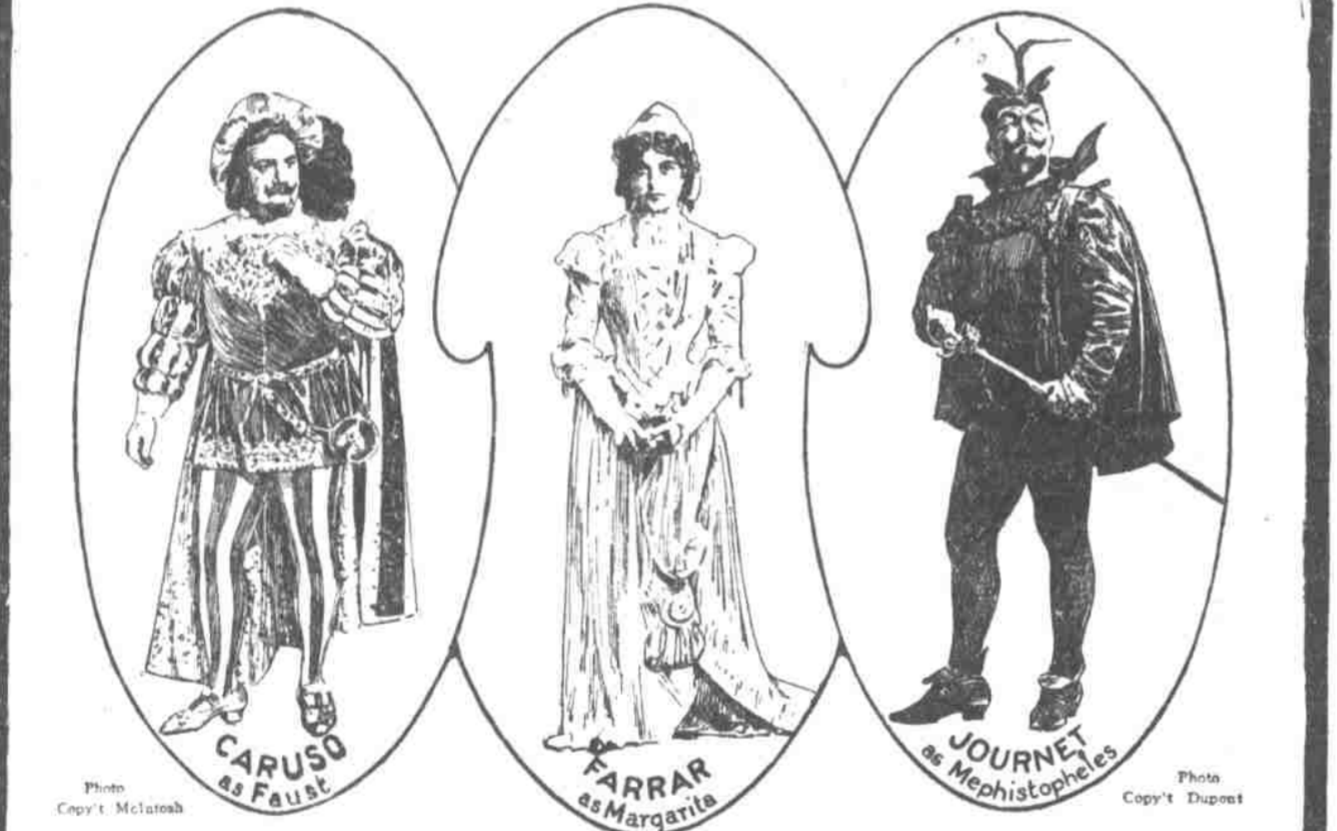
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