

SERMONS OF THE WEEK

Hope.—It is natural for men to hope. From the beginning until now man has always dreamed of the Golden Age. Sometimes he had called it the Golden Fleece, and sometimes he had called it the Holy Grail.—Rev. N. M. Waters, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Peace.—There are two ways of getting peace. One is to work on the thing until you come to an agreement, and the other is to say you do not care. Indifference is really the true explanation.—Rev. F. L. Patton, Congregationalist, Princeton, N. J.

Religious Liars.—The world is full of religious liars, men who are like a watch well made and wound, but whose face and dial hands point to 3:30 at 10 a. m. They were made right and wound right and keep going, but they have never been set right.—Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus, Independent, Chicago, Ill.

In the Church.—There are Christians who are not church members and there are church members who are not Christians. What is the difference? Well, it is the difference between character and costume, between seemingly and reality, between facts and appearances.—Rev. B. Craig, Disciple, Denver, Colo.

Sin.—Sin is the most subtle and insinuating thing in the world. It insinuates itself so gradually and slowly into the habits and principles of men that they know not its progress and strength until the nature is so corrupt as to be capable of the darkest deeds.—Rev. J. W. Hill, Methodist, Harrisburg, Pa.

Christianity in Politics.—There is no occasion for forcing a distinctly Christian test into political life, but there is every reason for demanding that a sound and honest morality which is fostered by it, and which is now being stimulated by it, should be recognized and honored.—Rev. J. S. Lyon, Presbyterian, Louisville, Ky.

Life's Essentials.—If you have charity, love and benevolence toward your fellow man you possess all there is essential to eternal life. Love supplies the place of all other virtues, or rather, embraces them all. Love, therefore, is the shortest, safest and surest route to heaven.—Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic, Baltimore, Md.

Pastor and People.—The people must be one with their pastor. Half a dozen decayed apples will spoil a whole barrel. Six disaffected persons can disrupt a church. If the pastor is behaving himself and is indeed an example to the flock, give him all the liberty he wants.—Rev. Charles Herald, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Simple Life.—Charles Wagner is right in preaching the Gospel of the Simple Life. It is a matter of rejoicing that his appeals are awakening such general response. The genuinely simple life is always the nearest Christ's life, and that means it is the closest union with God.—Rev. F. B. Cherington, Methodist, Los Angeles, Cal.

Rich and Poor.—Poverty is a prolific mother of great men. Therefore our ancient Jewish sages urged that we be very cautious of the children of the poor. The great hustlers in our colleges are commonly poor boys. The idlers, the rounders and the sports are abundantly recruited from the ranks of the rich.—Rabbi A. Lyons, Hebrew, Brooklyn, N. Y.

God's Message.—God never gives His complete and final message to any man at one time, never more than a rough outline at first. The trouble with the conscientious man who sets out to save souls and the traditional minister is that he cares more for his program than to follow God's leading.—Rev. W. D. Hyde, Presbyterian, New Haven, Conn.

DIG INTO ANCIENT CRAFT.

Tunnel Workers Find Hull of Ship in Brooklyn's Excavation.

Eighteen feet below the street level the diggers of the Brooklyn tunnel have come upon the hull of an old ship, says a New York special to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The remnants of the vessel must have been where they have now been found for at least 100 years.

They are putting down a shaft at Furman and Joralemon streets to meet the tunnel, which is being run out under the East River from a point far more inland than Furman street. The tunnel is so far underground that it went under the old ship. The shaft struck the ship close to the side of the hull. The workmen first of all came to what appeared to be a black oak floor. Chopping through it they came to the curved black oak ribs of a ship. They would have found rock more easy to dispose of. The timbers were as hard as stone itself and were very much harder to break up. They could not be blasted and ax after ax was dulled in getting through them.

Word got around in the neighborhood of the discovery of the ship and a great horde of souvenir hunters descended on the works and carried away chips. So very little of the ship was exposed by the shaft that not much can be learned of it, but it seems to be lying across the street with much of its length running under the buildings on the south side of the street. At the time the foundations of these buildings were dug, so far as one can remember, there was no trace of the old ship found.

All sorts of romantic stories are being invented to account for the presence of the ship there. Certainly the oak timbers are all fastened together with wooden pins, and ships have not been put together without metal for many a long year. Then, too, Furman street was filled in 50 years ago, and there was no ship there then, so that the hulk must have sunk under the mud before that time. The generally accepted explanation is that when the Brooklyn water front was merely a swampy mud bank the hulk was run in there and abandoned. It sunk under the mud and the piling in of refuse to make the bulkheads gradually buried it.

WOOLING IN FACT AND FANCY.

Dialogue in Novels and Real Life Presents Some Differences.

The "Dolly Dialogue" style of hero and heroine conduct their wooing in this sort of sparkling repartee:

Her—You're just like allover men—you want the earth!

Him—I acknowledge it—you're all the world to me, and I want you!

Her—As a piece of real estate I may come higher than you can afford to go.

Him—At any price you'd be dirt cheap.

And in the old-fashioned novels like this:

Parmela—You must pardon my ignorance, sir, if I appear to misapprehend the drift of your expression of regard; I can not but think, however, that you presume too much in thus addressing me at so early a period of our acquaintance.

Leonardo—Believe me, dearest madam, when I say that if I seem too impetuous it is only that the depth of my feeling overcomes my natural regard for the conventionalities. Ah! do not turn aside, fair maid—my heart and fortune are lying at your feet!

But in real life would not a photograph reveal something like this?

"Why, Jack Peters, how dare you?"

"Aw, now, you're not going to get mad about it, are you? Honest, Sade, I couldn't help it!"

"Well, I'll have you understand that I—"

"Now, what's the use? You know how I feel, and you've known it all along, and you can't bluff me. You love me, don't you? Cht that talk out and quit jerkin' away!"—Cleveland Leader.

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Fooled.

A regiment of soldiers was drawn up for church parade in the barrack square, but the church was being repaired and could only hold half of them.

"Sergeant-major," shouted the colonel, "tell all the men who don't want to go to church to fall out on the reverse flank."

Of course a large number quickly and gladly availed themselves of the privilege.

"Now, sergeant-major," said the colonel, "dismiss all the men who did not fall out and march the others to church; they need it most."—London Standard.

Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.—Disraeli.

Warranted a Speedy Cure.

Dr. William Osler, in one of his Baltimore lectures, recited a quaint old cure for the gout—a cure, from a seventeenth century medical work, that was designed to show gout's hopelessness. "First pick," said this odd cure, "a handkerchief from the pocket of a spinster who never wished to wed; second, wash the handkerchief in an honest miller's pond; third, dry it on the hedge of a person who never was covetous; fourth, send it to the shop of a physician who never killed a patient; fifth, mark it with a lawyer's ink who never cheated a client; and, sixth, apply it, hot, to the gout-tormented part. A speedy cure must follow."

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