

Religious Thought

The Holy Scriptures are able to make us "wise unto salvation" only as we receive the truths they make known into good honest hearts. Knowledge of the Scriptures as literature may be never so perfect, if it do not make them a lamp to the feet and a light to the path, they are of more spiritual value to us than the case of Hammurabi or the Hindu Vedas.—The Examiner.

Jesus' spiritual interpretation of life actually translated into a present-day program becomes a change of emphasis. It may read: "Let your thoughts be not so much on acquisition as on stewardship; not so much on your rights as on your duties; not so much on compulsion as on kindness." It is a new standard of values, says the Sunday School Times.

The best test of truth, we may briefly say, and the surest guaranty that our light and not darkness, lies in the satisfaction of the inward and spiritual life of the soul of man. There is no surer refuge from all that is false than that which comes from culture and growth, from the satisfaction of the demands of the Spirit and the growth into a pure and holy life. Become nobler and your darkness will be less dark; your light more surely a celestial radiance, for evermore is the perfect vision the reward of the perfect life.—The Universalist Leader.

In a sermon printed in The Leader, entitled, "A Plea for the Simpler Life," Rev. Frank O. Hall, D. D., says with the directness of clear conviction, "In undertaking to solve a host of religious problems men have forgotten to be personally religious. But what is the essence of religion after all? Just to be kind to those who need kindness, and to keep one's heart free from hate and his soul unstained with sin. That is it. How simple it all is! It is not necessary that you should settle, even in your own mind, the doctrine of the Trinity. It is not necessary that you should determine the degree of inspiration and authority of this book, or whether Moses wrote the Pentateuch. It is not necessary that you should determine whether this or some other is 'the true church.' Your simple religious duty is to love God, to be kind to God's children

everywhere, and to keep your soul clean."—The Universalist Leader.

The Boston Transcript quotes the following from the Baccalaureate address of President Hadley at Yale:

"Show in your lives that the honor of a gentleman is not for sale, the faith of a Christian something more than an empty form of speech. Do not be disturbed if your scientific investigation has rendered it impossible for you to subscribe to some of the old creeds. Jesus of Nazareth himself rejected many of the formulas which the churches of his day deemed essential to salvation. Two religions are today struggling for the mastery. There is the religion of Mammon, whose dominant purpose is selfishness and whose creed is indifference to moral considerations, except so far as they may be regarded as instruments of individual advancement. There is the religion of God, whose purpose is service and whose creed is loyalty to something larger than yourselves. The religion of Mammon appeals to those who value the external evidences of success—the pomp and the luxury of the title and the show. The religion of God appeals to those who value life for the work that it brings and measure success by the honest effort that a man has made to do his work. It appeals to those for whom wealth and power and professional eminence are not ultimate ends, but means to larger service and sacrifice. It appeals to men who will not sell their honor, no matter how high the price, nor betray their friends no matter how great the advantage. These were the ideals of Christ, which he held through temptation and suffering."

For Tennis Championship.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 13.—On the courts of the Seattle Tennis club play was begun today in the 15th annual tennis tournament for the state of Washington championship. The tournament will continue through the first three days of the coming week. The winner of the men's singles will hold the championship of the state of Washington and the Carter challenge cup, which is now in the possession of L. B. Freeman, of Pasadena, Cal.

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VETERANS MEET AT BOSTON

National Encampment of Old Soldiers Will Talk Over Old Times

Boston, Mass., Aug. 13.—Boston today has capitulated to the advance guard of "Grand Army" veterans, the forerunner of the tens of thousands who will be here during the coming week for the annual national encampment. These, with the ladies accompanying them and the immense throng of visitors attracted to the Hub by the encampment and low railroad rates, have swelled the city's population to such an extent as to cause one to wonder if all the inhabitants of Greater Boston have been forced inside the city's limits.

All day long delegations have been arriving from north, south, east and west. By hundreds and fifties they have come, in coach, parlor cars, sleeper and special until by tonight there will be assembled here an army the like of which has seldom been seen before in Boston.

The entire city has donned a holiday dress and on every hand flags, banners, gaily decorated streamers and flashing lights greet the eye. Immense numbers of incandescent lights have been arranged to represent every known emblem of the Grand Army and its affiliated organizations. The illuminations, to be seen tonight for the first time promise to surpass anything of the kind ever attempted here before. The principal illuminations will be on Commonwealth avenue, where thousands of electric bulbs have been strung from tree to tree across the avenue mall. At various intervals electric badges of the Grand Army and the Relief Corps have been suspended across the walk, forming archways for pedestrians.

The Public Gardens will be ablaze with electric lights and decorations. Over each entrance of the Gardens are festoons and drapings of bunting. A continuous line of red, white and blue electric lights extends around the Gardens, interspersed with appropriate designs. From Charles street as far as West street the historic Common is decorated and at night will be resplendent with thousands of lights.

All the halls and hotels that will be used during the week have been handsomely decorated. Mechanics hall, where the grand campfire is to be held, has received thousands of flags, both on the exterior and interior. Oil paintings of famous veterans of the civil war adorn the walls and galleries of the hall. Faneuil hall, "The Cradle of Liberty," and Tremont temple, where the convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held, have been tastefully decorated.

About the corridors of the Vendome hotel, where encampment headquarters were opened today, much gossip was heard among the veterans already arrived concerning the contest for Commander-in-chief to succeed General John O. Black of Illinois. So far there are but two active candidates in the field, but the contest between them promises to be very spirited. They are General W. W. Blackmar, commander of the department of Massachusetts, and Past Commander John C. Shotts of New York.

One Woman Among the Thousands.

We received a letter from Waycross, Ga., from a woman who had been troubled with female complaint for a long time, until she was reduced to almost a shadow. It effected her mind she could not remember anything, would get confused and so nervous and irritable she could hardly sleep. She described her case as one similar to thousands of other women, and then ends the letter by saying she had gained 18 pounds last month and never felt better in her life, having no trace of her former troubles, slept well, ate her meals with a relish. She commenced the use of Dr. Gunn's Blood and Nerve Tonic just six weeks before she wrote the letter from which we copy the above. This tonic is in tablet form, and should be taken right after meals. It turns the food you eat into strong, rich blood, feeding the nerves and curing disease by making healthy flesh. Sold by all druggists for 75c per box, or 3 boxes for \$2. Pale, thin people should use this Tonic. For sale by Dr. C. S. Stone, druggist.

Deitrich Family Reunion.
Kutztown, Pa., Aug. 13.—Deitrichs from every section of the country are here attending the annual family reunion. The first reunion was held last year when 400 members met and formed a permanent organization for the purpose of collecting information

for the publication of a family history. Their investigations showed that the Deitrich family is an extremely old one. They are mentioned in the annals of the German Empire since the time of the great Deitrich von Bern, 454-526, who was the king of the Ostrogoth. The first members of the family to emigrate to America was Johann Christian Deitrich, who landed in New York in 1710.

Racing at Anaconda.

Anaconda, Mont., Aug. 13.—The eight days' racing meet for which preparations have been making for some time opened in Anaconda today under favorable auspices. The stables are filled with fast horses and if the weather next week is favorable the success of the meeting is assured. In addition to the regular program, special features will be pulled off daily, including pony races, gentlemen's driving races and a ladies' relay race.

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