

OLD SERMON STILL APPLIES

Discourse Delivered Fifteen Years Ago Has Virtue and Force Yet.

EVER NEW LESSON OF THE PRODIGAL

Rev. Dr. Turkle Reads Sermon of Rev. George F. Steiling as a Feature of the Kountze Memorial Lutheran Anniversary Celebration.

Rev. A. J. Turkle of Kountze Memorial Lutheran church yesterday morning occupied the unique attitude of preaching a sermon written by another minister. But Mr. Turkle was not plagiarizing anything. The sermon was prepared and delivered in the old Broadway theater at Fifteenth and Farnam streets fifteen years ago by Rev. George F. Steiling, who was at that time pastor of Kountze Memorial church, and who died in January, 1883, while the present church building was in the course of erection. This being an anniversary week for the church, Rev. Mr. Turkle read this sermon as one of the features of the celebration, the copy being placed in his possession a few years ago by a nephew of the deceased pastor.

The text of the sermon was laid in Luke xv. 11-16 and the discourse was upon the line that man cannot escape the retribution of his sins. "As true as philosophy," the sermon read, "whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap. When a man spends his energies in a good way the rewards coming to him will be measured as to the extent of the good he has done. When his force is consumed in evil ways the penalty of his sins will surely be visited upon him. The reaping of our good or evil ways may not come at once, or as soon as we expect, but come it will sooner or later.

"He who sows in wickedness may think to dodge the consequences, but he will be mistaken. He will suffer for it in this world, but there will be plenty of room in the next. Death may be the destruction of the body, but it does not destroy the soul. The story of the prodigal son indicates how fearful is the punishment meted to the transgressor.

"A man may be away from home among strangers and without money. Yet his life and character, his health and hope remain, and with these as a capital stock he goes to work to recuperate his fortune. So will the prodigal son, who has become so, but Providence will see to it that he will not be left to add to his suffering a great famine come upon the land. There were no harvests. The fields were bare. Begging was low. Retribution was hastening to come. The seeds of riot and debauch were bringing forth fruit. For the first time he felt hunger and his pants were worse because of his past luxury and ease of living.

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"But this is not the single story of the prodigal. It is not an example of extravagance of years ago. It is a lesson for every young man in this world who follows in the footsteps of such dissipation, licentiousness, extravagance and greed. Sin treats its victims as the world treats the prodigal. When he had funds he was petted and feasted, but when penniless he was left to fend for himself as best he could and no man to give him anything. These are the results of sin in the present life, but they are not all. Sufferings from sin are two-fold—those in this life and those in eternity—and sin will surely reap the reward of his wickedness."

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was willing to serve others as demonstrated in the case of the blind man or the impostor man at the post. He explained all things that Nicodemus desired to know concerning life in Christ. The loyalty of Nicodemus is spoken of afterwards when he defended the Lord in the courts and when he went to tender his assistance in the burial of the Master.

His thoughtfulness for others in their sufferings and His desire to alleviate them are shown in His treatment of the widow of Nain and His raising of Lazarus. On the cross He directed the attention of John to His mother and then prayed for forgiveness for His persecutors because "they knew not what they did."

The speaker thought the man the greatest who serves others. He is nearer to them in humiliation. He may find his Gethsemane a gateway to paradise. He believed that men failed to apprehend Christ just as they did when He was on earth. They misunderstood Him, but it is possible to know Him and find what an aid He is in time of need.

He believed that men should live as examples to each other. They should remind each other of Christ. They should prove that a life in Christ is the world's greatest glory.

SUCCESS FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY.

Dean Fair Calls Attention of Wealthy Parishioners to Their Duty. "You will tell me that no man who desires work need be without work," said Dean Campbell Fair to his congregation at the morning services at Trinity Cathedral yesterday. "I will send men to you here in Omaha who want work and cannot find it. They do not want to be paupers. But they are perhaps delicate or advanced in years and no one will give them employment here. The result of our good or evil ways may not come at once, or as soon as we expect, but come it will sooner or later.

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work of instructing them, who came to hear the address by Superintendent A. W. Clark on "Fidelity in Life as Taught by the Example of Christ." The choir, consisting of a quartet and choir of boys who are inmates of the institute.

MATERIAL WEALTH IS NOT ALL.

Rev. J. W. Jennings Points Out Desirability of Mental Attainments. At Trinity Methodist church yesterday Rev. J. W. Jennings delivered a very interesting discourse which referred mainly to the best objects which should be kept in mind in the effort at self-improvement. His principal point was that the possession of material wealth is not in itself an indication of a successful life.

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The speaker called attention to the material change that has been effected in Christian sentiment in regard to many of the accessories of life. When he was a boy it was considered a venial sin to read a novel or a comic paper. Now it is understood that right principles can be inculcated in novels as well as in more serious compositions. He declared that evil is not to be overcome by direct opposition. It must be crowded out by putting something good in its place.

In this general line books that are full of Christian sentiment are side by side with what was once known as the yellow covered literature of the period. This is bringing Christ right into this line of literature and it is the true principle of moral progression. So the violin was once believed to be an instrument of the devil. But there is no sin in the violin nor in its harmony. It should be brought into the church and the old fogy idea should give place to the sentiment "Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord."

Referring more especially to the subjects of living, the speaker said that national life does not consist in what it possesses. He portrayed the glories of Babylon, when Nebuchadnezzar looked over its magnificent palaces and luxuriant gardens and knew that all its boundless wealth was an instrument that recently the entire site of the city had been bought by two speculators for a song and it is not worth as much as a corner lot in Omaha. On the other hand, Greece put her wealth into men, and so today the faces of Plato and Socrates are added and adored on the pillars of every public library in the world. The result is that we honor Greece for her men, and there is not a university in the world today that has outstripped the teachings of the old Greek philosophers.

The same principal obtains in municipal life. Tyre and Sidon were great commercial cities, but they are only remembered for what they contributed to the building of the temple, Jerusalem has been destroyed seventeen times and is now one of the filthiest cities on earth. It is the place toward which every Christian heart is turned because Jesus Christ lived there.

An Indian prince expended \$200,000 in the erection of a gorgeous palace, but its magnificence aroused only a passing interest. But there is a little hut in Scotland which is not worth over \$50 where the people from every part of the world love to go because Bobby Burns lived there and there wrote verse that is immortal. Truly a man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a mother's standby. It cures that cruel cough.

TO THE EDITOR.

Proposed Greater American Colonial Exhibition. OMAHA, Dec. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: Having been a commissioner at many exhibitions in the United States and Europe and learned, as others have experienced, that national or world's exhibitions or expositions are a good thing, and that between the countries participating therein, I am of the opinion that the scope, plan and purposes of those proposing to utilize the reputation and present facilities offered to conduct a colonial exhibition, as it were, at the great center of this continent are not understood.

As I understand the proposition more enterprising, energetic and patriotic people desire to have utilized the buildings and grounds of the late Transmississippi and International Exposition and bring together therein the manufacturing and industrial interests in the United States, the Central American countries, Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands, the four latter probably destined to become wards to a certain extent of the United States. The latter involves problems to be solved by wise and patriotic management. To remind the solution can be most quickly resolved through trade and commerce. The United States has the capital, manufacturing energy and facilities and products that they require and can utilize. And we should secure the trade and commerce which are largely sought and to a great extent obtained by England, Germany and France. It requires no argument to demonstrate that trade and commerce bring prosperity, enlarging our markets and giving employment to labor.

mand the interest and attention of the transportation lines as to their location, having the buildings and facilities on the lines from Atlantic cities, Gulf ports and Pacific coast are tributary.

"The Quality of Mercy."

OMAHA, Dec. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: In all that we have heard of the proceedings of the Paris exposition, I have been amazed that there seems never to have been a thought of mercy. We have heard all about carrying out the strict wording of the protocol, so far as it was decided in advance, and as to the question relating to the Philippines, which was left as a subject of negotiation, we hear of telegrams, ultimatums and repeated telegrams of refusal of the administration in insisting on them, but not a word to indicate a concession of any kind. In fact, the whole treaty seems to have been dictated absolutely by ourselves and on the strictest and hardest lines.

Certainly a great nation can afford to be magnanimous to a fallen foe who has sued for peace. We might have given them a helping hand. Yet we have had it all our own way, even to taking from them the last of their colonial possessions of 300 years, worse than useless to us and damaging them at least in their pride of possession. Here at least was a chance for a generous consideration toward a nation reduced to beggary.

Let us look back a little and see if Spain has deserved all of this. In the Century Magazine for the current November is an article on "James Russell Lowell's Impressions of Spain," which is very interesting, though I can give only the slightest extract now. It was written from Madrid when he was the United States minister there. Speaking of the straightening out of a Spanish minister in connection with the Spanish minister for foreign affairs Mr. Lowell says: "Yesterday Mr. Silveira called upon me. He spoke again of the great effort he had made to promote friendly feeling on the part of the United States. He wished me to obtain the analogy between the situation after that of the United States immediately after the civil war. He urged the advantage to both Spain and the United States of a treaty of commerce and navigation, for which the occasion was favorable."

In addition, Mr. Silveira asked me to remember I could not help recalling that of the western European powers certainly none fulfilled her obligations toward us during our civil war more faithfully than Spain.

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The "standing room only" sign was hung out at the Creighton-Orpheum theater last evening before it was time for the curtain to raise and after the first number on the program it was at a premium. Omaha theater-goers realize when they have the opportunity of seeing artists of national reputation for a small bit of money and take advantage of it. Pauline Hall, who is too well known to need any introduction, was the feature of last evening's very strong bill. Miss Hall has appeared in this city many times during her career, but always before as a comic opera star at the head of a company. Last evening she sang five numbers, including "All in a Lifetime," "Doll's Song," lullaby from "Ermeline," "Baa, Baa" and "Pumpkin-Colored Coat," in a manner that shows she still retains her splendid voice; if anything, it has improved since she was last here. Her costumes, which were different in each song, were beautiful. Perhaps the next in merit was the Nelson family of acrobats and tumblers, comprising three men, three boys and three girls. They are the most clever performers of their kind ever seen in the city, their work being simply marvelous. Miss Beatrice Moreland, the well known dramatic star, who has been seen in this city with Sol Smith

any person from any part of our city should not get to South Omaha for one fare. In the north end of town we have a monumental disgrace in the shape of a stub line to accommodate the people. The Dodge and North Twentieth street line, instead of running on to the end at Thirtieth and Bristol streets, stops at Twentieth and Lake street for a five-minute rest before returning down town; time enough to run to the end of the line. There the passengers for West Lake and North Thirtieth streets are dumped out to wait for the "Overland" stub, as it is called, to come along and take them on the balance of the way home. There is no reason for this break, only to save a dollar and to discommode the people. If this line were made continuous it would take a great deal of the travel from the overcrowded North Twenty-fourth street line and save the people a great deal of inconvenience by having a straight line down to the business district.

In connection with this grievance I would like to call the attention of the city council to another great big expense to our city, the direct cause of which is made by the magnanimous Street Railway company. The deplorable condition of downtown streets is caused by the Omaha Street Railway company scraping and sweeping off the middle of the streets on each side of the tracks and into the gutter, causing each side of the street to be almost impassable to either man or beast. We understand it is necessary to clear the tracks, but why should the company not be compelled to help clean up the streets along which its tracks extend? The tracks are the direct cause of the condition of the streets. The city treasury should be relieved somewhat by exacting of the Omaha Street Railway company a good share of the expense of cleaning up the streets traversed by its tracks. It is about time there should be something done. People are getting tired of the street cleaning corporation. Let us make it do something to pay for its keeping. Herein are good reasons for municipal ownership of the street railway, the sooner the better for a suffering people. One word to a few councilmen should be enough. Let us have our rights in our own house. Yours truly, D. W. TILLOTSON, 2723 Ohio Street.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of bad matter. De Witt's Little Early Biscuits will remove the trouble and cure sick headache, biliousness, inactive liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar-coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. Gid. E. and Alice Johnson, osteopaths, Suite 515, N. Y. Life Bldg.

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strong rays of light in yellow, red and blue, her fancy draperies were transformed into a smoldering fire that gradually and naturally burst into a lurid flame which completely enveloped her form. The Akimov's royal troupe of Japanese presented new and thrilling marvels of proficiency and daring in balancing and perch climbing, renewing the triumphs of last week. Edward R. Lang's convulsing and poetic sketches and his characteristic impersonation of the prince of Wales won pronounced favor and repeated recalls. The clever club swinging of the three Barretts and the unique manner in which it is done was a distinct novelty that was appreciated. Erlene Verone's clean-cut character sketches evidenced her keen sense of art. The dancing and other original sketches of Odette Seymour and the cack walk by the diminutive tota of the Breton-Runkle trio were notably amusing. The house was filled to the doors and rewards were mutual.

Boys Who Insect Office Buildings. The police have many complaints made to them regarding boys who enter downtown office buildings and sleep in the hallways during the night. A vigilant watchman is unable to be on all the floors, so the boys have no trouble in evading him. The story told by the majority of the boys is that they wanted to be out early in the morning to sell papers. Saturday night several boys were run in and yesterday more than one anxious mother was down looking for her lad. She said it was the first time he had stayed out and she was sure he would never do it again if permitted to go this time. Nearly every boy promises the same thing and the court is beginning to instruct the janitors to boot them out of the buildings.

DEATH RECORD.

Homeer Murray Washburn. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 11.—Homeer Murray Washburn, vice president and manager of the Continental Wall Paper company, which a little over a year ago absorbed seventy mills of the country, died suddenly in his home in this city tonight of Bright's disease, aged 52 years.

Steamers Fast in Ice.

AMHERSTBURG, Ont., Dec. 11.—There is a solid mass of ice at the mouth of the Detroit river. The Thompson and two whaleback barges attempted to force the passage last night. The barges were stuck and the steamer returned. It left again today to try to go on with its tow. The steamers are in sight off Colchester and all are fast in the ice.

Hospes's Holiday Heading.

Shrewd Shoppers' Reasonable Suggestions. This early, but it takes time to make picture frames; stock is complete, styles new, prices right. Buy your frames of us and we will ship free of charge presents for out of town. We have only two hundred of the pretty designs of frames for the Lazonon Picture, only \$1.00 picture and frame. Same thing you paid \$2 for. Have you seen the new calendars and Xmas cards? Half former prices.

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McCLURE'S MAGAZINE

FOR THE COMING YEAR. In previous announcements we have told you of the splendid series of stories by Kipling that McClure's Magazine will publish beginning with December; the articles on the WAR WITH SPAIN AND ITS LESSONS; by Captain Mahan, the foremost living naval authority; the completion of the great BIOGRAPHY of Columbus; and the most important articles on the LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF SCIENCE. We have not yet spoken of our

Short Stories

They will come from such writers as Rudyard Kipling, William Allen White, Hamlin Garland, Stephen Crane, Shan F. Bullock, Robert Herr, John A. Hill, Catelike Hyne. There will also be stirring

Stories from Real Life

Sea-Builders The United States government maintains more than 1,100 light-houses. The history of the building and maintenance of these abundant in stories of heroic human endeavor and endurance, and this is all exhibited in a very interesting way in an article prepared for the Magazine by Ray Stannard Baker, with the above title.

Life in the Deepest Mines

The deepest mines in the world are the tin mines to Cornwall. Some of them are 3,000 feet deep and lie in part under the Atlantic ocean, one of them a mile out from shore. It is a strange life, as well as one of constant danger, that the men who work these mines lead. R. H. Sherard has written for the Magazine an article describing it and telling many curious stories regarding its hardships and dangers. The article will be very fully illustrated.

Menlik and His People

This is a most interesting account of the personal characteristics of the Christian king of Abyssinia—a strong, bold warrior, a firm, far-sighted ruler, and a man, half savage though he is, of as many mighty and picturesque qualities as Bismarck was.

Stories of Real Railroad Life

Mr. John A. Hill, the author of "A Legged Romance" and "Jim Wainwright's Kid," published in former numbers of the Magazine, will continue his stories of real railroad life for several months to come.

Hamlin Garland's Indian Stories

Following "Custer's Last Fight as Seen by the Moon," published a few months ago, there will be other true stories of the Indians, recorded by Mr. Garland in the Indian's own words.

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