

SUNDAY IN THE SANCTUARY.

Sermons Preached to Omaha People From Various Pulpits.

A TALK TO WIVES AND MOTHERS.

Rev. J. M. Wilson on Vitalized Christians—A New Presbyterian Pastor—The Pope's Coming Jubilee—Religious Notes.

To Wives and Mothers.

Rev. C. W. Savidge preached to wives and mothers at the Seward street M. E. church last evening, taking for his text, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." The text draws the likeness of the true wife and faithful mother. Her children call her blessed and her husband cannot help but speak her praise. We have in mind now such a wife and mother. She stood at the marriage altar with her young husband more than forty years ago. She was very young. The old ladies of the neighborhood said she ought to be playing with her dolls yet. But she took up the heavy duties of the wife and mother as though she had been born for the place, as indeed she was.

She and her husband started with nothing, so she was given an opportunity to be a real helpmeet to the man who walked by her side. One child after another came and she was given a gift from heaven. They moved to the far west and performed the labors incidental to a new country. The war came and the wife told her husband to go and fight for the flag, while she kept the children at home. When the morning and evening candles she reads in the bible and she and the children pray. The years go on and the husband comes back. The sons and daughters struggle for an education and then go out to life's work, all this time being a mother's sympathy and help. Do you wonder now that the sons say, "I wish you knew my mother; she is splendid," or is it a surprise to you that when the husband, now past sixty, comes in and does not see his wife he asks, "Where is mother?" No wonder, for she has been a help and an honor to him for more than forty years.

Again, I have seen a wife and mother who has been the possessor of about all the goodness there was in the home. The man twenty years ago promised to love, honor and cherish the wife until death came, but he has been false to his vows many a time. He has spent more evenings at the saloon than at home so the wife has borne the brunt of the battle. Though her husband has been unworthy she still loves the man she promised to, though it is impossible for her to love the thing he has become. This woman whom I am now describing, as you may know, is a dressy little thing of no consequence. But after she had walked with her husband a few years God took him away. The little woman kept the children together, brought them up to obey the laws and God, and lived a brave and noble life till the end. Nothing can compare with the silent work in obscure dwellings of faithful women bringing their children to honor, virtue and piety.

The picture I have drawn of the true wife and mother suggests its opposite. There are wives and mothers living near us, walking our streets and coming to our churches who are false and untrue, and I want you to develop to the thought I before I give you two reasons for this. First, every woman had her ideal husband she would die before she would be untrue to him, but now after years have passed her husband seems so unlike what she thought he would be, consequently she becomes wretched. Or I may say she has not God in her heart or life. He is not in all her thoughts. Then naturally enough she becomes utterly dissatisfied with the company of her husband and children. She identifies with a gentleman friend and in this way her husband finds it out. She seeks company which is not the best, she talks snut, she drinks wine, she does many things which send souls to hell. She keeps going on for some time longer. You see how she through her wicked flirtation on the street and on the trains. The shutters of her house are turned a certain way when her husband goes to his work, and the lamp is placed in the window at night as a signal that she is in the house. She is not in the house, what is wonderful age does not destroy the possibility of wrong doing. We have known mothers who have stood high in society and in the church, whose sons were grown, who would walk so near the precipice that they could not grow dizzy as we looked at them. Such wives and mothers live within a half mile of this church or perhaps they are your next-door neighbor, or are you sure I am not drawing the likeness of some of you?

The text points out results. It gives us a glimpse of the blessings of the true wife and mother. What blessings are of whom this text can bespeak! Happy wife and mother. Her husband is a king and her children are the possessors of untold wealth. They go out into the world with good poimpe and with precious memories of home and mother. John Rustin had such a mother, for he says, "The most precious part of my education was given me by my mother."

Thomas H. Benton said, "When I was seven years of age, my mother asked me to take a triple pledge against tobacco, gambling and strong drink. We are told upon good authority that he never broke that pledge. The mother of Philip Doddridge, when her son was quite a little boy, used to teach him scripture history from the Dutch titles of the fire-place on which were pictures of subjects taken from the Bible. He never forgot those early instructions, and probably to them under God his future character and usefulness may be traced.

Dr. Johnson said he distinctly remembered the time and place where his mother first taught him of heaven, a place where good people go, and of hell, a place where bad people go. Out of 120 candidates for the ministry, it was found that more than one hundred attributed their religious experience to the example and prayers of their mothers. The result is happiness to the mother, prosperity to the husband and untold good to the children. The result which comes to the false wife and mother can never, fully be told. The wife cannot be happy. She sees her wrong doing in the look of every honest soul. She makes a mighty effort to be jolly, but she weeps and re-

lives in secret. The husband and other is wretched. When he loses faith in his wife he loses faith in everyone. Wealth and friends are nothing if the woman he trusted is not good. The awful results are seen in the children. Byron's mother was not good. She called that handsome, talented, club-footed boy "the lame brat." What sorrow and shame must fill the heart of a child when it comes to know that "mother was bad."

I would in closing give some words of counsel. To the good I would only say, be good. "The path of the just is as a shining light, which shineth more and more until the perfect day." May your life grow better till with your loved ones you stand in the presence of the king.

To the husbands of bad women, I would recommend you to adopt the plan of Lorenzo Dow, when he raised the devil. "Dow stopped at a certain house all night. He was put in a loft above the main room to sleep. The husband called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band. A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave him alms to the people, and prayed to God always. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him he was afraid and said, 'What is it, Lord?' and he said unto him, 'Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter. He lodgeth with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside; he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.'"

"Cornelius," said the speaker, "was a commandant of the post of Caesarea. His name is familiar in Latin history. He was of an old and honorable Roman family and stood high in the social scale. This chapter gives us an insight into his character. Observe what is told of him. He was first: devout, that is, prayerful and reverent. From that sinful frivolity that commonly marks men. A man of strong religious feeling and spirit. One of those broad minds that rising above all educational and unfavorable surroundings, reaches out after God in yearnings to find him. He had a heart that God had forsaken idolatry; had voluntarily turned to Judaism. His broad mind had accepted the lofty teachings of the Jews without accepting their ceremonial. His devotedness had a happy influence on his household, and on his soldiers. Second: He was a powerful man. Not a day passed that did not see him trying to draw near to God. He was characterized by prayerful efforts to be guided by Him in all his affairs and in his spiritual life. In particular, he presented a charming appearance. Mixed up with error, but he prayed on. Third: He was a liberal man and gave not merely to the poor in general, but to the religious causes of the Jews, among whom he lived, and in particular, he was liberal to the poor and needy. This was a beautiful and touching trait of character in a Roman soldier, and this does not prove the man to be religious, but shows that he was not mean spirited and there was hope for him. Fourth: He was reputable and had gained a good name among the Jews, and among the right-thinking and noble men. He was trusted and beloved, even by those who were his national enemies. Now, that is the ideal of a Christian, and liberal and reputable.

THE UNCONVERTED. Divine grace and mercy was preparing him for the reception of the gospel, but he had not yet come into its light. The Lord was looking for him, and he needed the sealing of the divine spirit on his soul. That God led on in this is seen in the fact that he was told to send for some who could enlighten him. We see from this that good men are not to be despised, and that the light of heaven, if we use the light we have, He will give us more. "To him that hath shall be given, etc."

Every day of the year brings to light instances where God has signalled this truth. And lastly, we are arrested by the means which God used for his enlightenment. The human and the divine con-join. It is always so, God could have sent an angel, but he put the treasure in all our hearts. God sent Peter instead of an angel to bear the message to this honest Roman soldier who was seeking the light. Peter calls his attention to three points: First, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Second, the Holy Spirit, who is led by prophets. Third, that He is led to judge and savior. While Peter is speaking these words Cornelius receives them and believes them, and is made full of the joy of the Lord. So Christ can save you now, if you are open to this message, if with the same honest heart as Cornelius, you receive Him as your Lord and Savior.

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