

GREAT ARE THE WORKS OF GOD

Inspired Words from the Lips of the Venerable Bishop Foster.

ELOQUENT IN THE WORK OF THE LORD

Beautiful Thoughts Expressed in Glowing Words—A Multitude Listens to Him—Celebration of the Third Anniversary of the Epworth League.

Without disparaging other notable sermons that have been preached by eminent Methodists in Omaha during the present conference, it is no exaggeration to say that the superb effort of Bishop Randolph S. Foster yesterday morning in the First Methodist church, was the greatest discourse yet delivered since the conference began.

Bishop Foster is considered by many to be the greatest living preacher in the Methodist church and the number who think that way was doubtless increased by the great sermon of yesterday.

The church was filled from pulpit to the doors with all the people that could find room to sit or stand. They were expecting to hear a great sermon and they heard it.

At the outset the bishop's voice was apparently feeble and many began to fear that he could not sustain it.

But his voice gained strength, his patriarchal face began to light up with the spiritual fire within, and the sublimity of the thought and tenor, coupled with the eloquence of his language, seemed to lift the audience into a state of profound ecstasy.

When he had spoken for an hour and had finished the first division of the theme, he remarked that he was taking too long.

It was a great theme to begin with, "Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God, almighty," are the words that are found in the fifteenth chapter of Revelation, and they formed the keynote of the theme.

The bishop also read the latter half of the fifteenth chapter of Revelation, a chapter which is worthy of a great deal of study.

God's Greatest Work.

"God's greatest work was the creation of man, because man could understand more of God's laws and will than any other creature on the earth. God was simply building a home for his children when he created the earth. Man was the son of God, and his course had to be made in his image. We can't see God, neither can we see man. People talk about seeing each other, but they only see the tabernacle where the real man dwells. Nobody ever saw a man."

"There are two congregations before me," said the speaker. "There is a congregation of angels that are here, and they will perish after a few years and return to the dust from which they came. Then there is another congregation of sinners. I cannot see them, but I know they are here, for we realize their presence by the presence of the bodies which they inhabit. You think you have come to me today, but you have not. This is only the house which I inhabit. It is a mistake to say that man has a soul. Man is a soul. This muddy drapery which wraps after while and the soul will return to its Maker."

Then the speaker pictured the new babe in his mother's arms thinking that first thing that came into his mind was to cry. "There was an interrogation point," he said, "in the little one's eye. Who am I? Where am I? Where are the thoughts that filled his tiny soul? The new-born soul was laying hold of the first round of a ladder that reached to the throne of the Infinite."

Bishop Foster followed, hastily, the steps of development and learning through which the mind of a human being might pass and finally reach the throne of God.

At the conclusion of the sermon a subscription was taken for the benefit of the First church, which is heavily in debt. About \$1,000 was realized from the effort.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ANNIVERSARY.

Distinguished Speakers Talk of the Society's Works and its Aims.

The third anniversary of the organization of the Epworth league was celebrated by a large mass meeting at Exposition hall yesterday afternoon. The anniversary occurred last Sunday, and the meeting was postponed in consequence of the storm of the Sabbath observance committee.

It lacks in dramatic situation and quick action, there are many dainty bits of versification and conversation bodied forth in this latest effort of England's greatest poet.

"The Foreresters" is a thorough English air, and English as well as upon the personages engaged with Robin Hood throughout the development of the story. Lord Tennyson in his capacity as laureate has written much that is a less well known man would be promptly relegated to the waste basket, but in this dramatic tale, which was written for Mr. Duffy and then adapted by Mr. Lovejoy, there is still apparent, the ability and power to do great things.

Among many dainty bits in which the book abounds the following, a song by Martin, is particularly well told: "Love flow in at the window. 'Ye wealth walked in at the door. 'Ye have come for ye saw wealth coming.' said I. But he uttered his wings, with a sweet little cry. 'I'll cleave to you rich or poor.' Wealth dropt out of the window. 'Over the hill ye would fall, ye would fall. 'Well, now you would fall, ye would fall.' said I. But he uttered his wings as he gave me the lie. 'I'll cleave to you all the more.'"

Although the book market has been flooded with love stories within the past two decades, yet there are some that are genuine, true, with real, old-fashioned, sturdy and true blue lovers in it, will rejoice at the appearance of "The Foreresters." Most of the principal buildings of the city are included in this collection, such as the New York Life Insurance building, court house, city hall, Paxton building, Young Men's Christian association, new postoffice, Paxton hotel, High school, old school, Presbyterian Episcopal church, Brown hall, First National bank, Barker block, Boyd's New theater, Omaha National bank, United States National bank, Union Stock & Bond National bank, Washington hall, First Methodist Episcopal church, Trinity Episcopal church, general offices Union Pacific, Union Stock & Bond National bank, St. John's church and Creighton college, Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran church, Swedish Evangelical church, First Congregational church, St. Joseph's hospital and Academy of the Sacred Heart. In addition to the pictures of these magnificent buildings are many beautiful views of different parts of the city and a number of private residences, and likewise a pictorial representation of the Linker Art gallery. The book lacks in dramatic situation and quick action, there are many dainty bits of versification and conversation bodied forth in this latest effort of England's greatest poet.

Mr. R. T. Quiller-Couch, better known to his readers as "The Quiller-Couch," has just published a new book, "The Splendid Spur," "Naughts and Crosses" and "The Astonishing History of Gray Gables." Any anything new from his pen is welcomed by the novel reading public everywhere. "I Saw Three Ships" and "Other Winter Tales," has just been published by the Cassell Publishing company as No. 109 of the Sunshine series, which thus far has contained very little that is not good. "I Saw Three Ships" is a Christmas tale of one of the oldest and best fables, which abounds in the quaintest humor and is filled with a very human interest. Without any word painting the author has a knack of transporting his readers with a few bold strokes into the fish-smelling streets of Ruan Lanhale, or into the miry streets of the black walled sea cliffs.

The other stories of the volume, "The Hallowed Dragon," "The Pantomime," "The Two Householders" and "The Day of the Party" deal with the supernatural and ghostly and are among the few really good stories which have lately appeared. Some of them have led to a nodal sort of existence previous to this, but they are none the less welcome in their present form. Published by Cassell Publishing company, 104 and 106 Fourth avenue, New York.

The North American Review, in its May number, furnishes, as usual, its rich contribution to the discussion of the leading topics of the day. The rounded and ample manner in which important subjects are analyzed, by men of distinction, whose opinions are authoritative and to whom the public eagerly listens, gives peculiar weight to the editorial publication. In the first article, "The Man, or the Party?" significant, entertaining, and instructive expressions are scattered throughout the volume. Found in Senators Quay and Vest and from Representatives Boutwell, Burrows, Wilson and Kilgore, in "The Democracy," John Burroughs has said some kind things of Walt Whitman, and Lady Jane, whose receptions are so agreeable and noteworthy a feature of the social season, has written a very attractive paper on London society. Hon. John Russell has an able article on "The Expansion of the Empire." Mr. Gladstone's conclusion in his series of articles on "The Olympic Religion" and the remainder of the number is filled up with well written articles on timely topics.

"His Bold Experiment," by Henry Frank, is a semi-realistic novel which finds its characters and scenes in the heart of the West. It is a young Methodist preacher whose pastorate is a frontier Kansas settlement. The heroine is his pretty but frivolous wife, and there is a motley of characters, including a couple of border ruffians, a presiding elder, a bishop and the inevitable sturdy and honest farmer. The plot is simple and fairly well worked up. The climax is reached in the session of the general conference when the hero triumphs very properly and his foes are duly punished. Published by the Minerva Publishing company, 45 University place, New York.

"Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. Lennox" is the title of a really capital novel, but as the author gives no name the public is left to guess who wrote it. There are some fine passages in it and the characters are delineated with fidelity to nature. Of course there is a good deal of sentimentalism in the novel, but it is interesting without it. Published by Cassell Publishing company, 104 and 106 Fourth avenue, New York.

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