

MANKIND NOBLER IN AGES

Rev. Oella Parker Woolley Discourses on the History of Humanity.

SACRIFICES MADE AT GOD'S BEHEST

Moses a Bright Example, but There are Modern Instances as Luminous if Not So Widely Advertised as His.

The pulpit of the Unity church was occupied yesterday morning by Rev. Oella Parker Woolley of Chicago. Her discourse was a historical review of the men and women of ancient, mediæval and modern times who have made noble sacrifices to obey the divine call and an appeal for emulation of their worthy examples. In the course of her sermon she said: "Moses heard the divine call while he was living in ease and security, but his brethren were living in bondage and misery. He gave up his position to follow the call of God, and although he died before the goal was reached he received his reward from Him who commanded Moses to lead the children out of slavery. "Elisha is another conspicuous example of a man who made a sacrifice to obey the divine call, of whom we read in the Old Testament. Mary and Elizabeth also heard the call of God and obeyed. John heard the divine summons and was compelled to serve a dreary wait in the desert before he was called upon to take up his missionary work. "Jesus himself bore the divine call, and though He never faltered in His obedience to it, His glory is not in His staidness of perfection, but in His powerful and successful strikings over self. It was a question whether He should obey the call from within and from above, or whether He should listen to the world; whether to choose a course leading not to glory but to shame, not to success and a worldly crown, but to a death of ignominy.

LIFE ETERNAL AWAITS US ALL

Paul's Prediction Based on His Own Conviction Still Holds Good.

The promise to look upon things which are seen rather than look beyond into the unseen; his inclination to pin faith to tangible earthly substance in preference to the spiritual promises of the gospel, was the thought around which Rev. R. C. Claiborne of Kansas City, Mo., delivered an eloquent sermon which he delivered at Trinity cathedral yesterday morning. The discourse was replete with pretty ideas and left a pleasing impression upon the hearer. An impression that while Paul's proposition in the abstract might seem difficult to comprehend, under the skilful analysis of Mr. Claiborne became astonishingly easy of every day application. Mr. Claiborne had many friends among the church officers of Trinity at the time they were casting about for a dean, and was the second choice when Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., was chosen. The recollection of this fact brought out an unusually good attendance at the service yesterday morning. The minister took for his text Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, iv. 18, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." From this as a basis he reasoned that it was natural, through early impressions, to think of earthly things with temporal matters which have been associated with our lives. "We think of the men we know," he said, "and of the work they have accomplished. We think of our country and its achievements; speak of the value of all this civil strength, and would regret the coming of a power which could wipe it out, yet little thought is given to the creator of all this greatness. The architect is greater than his building. As we stroll through your splendid exposition we admire many beautiful objects which we would rather see constructed such hands is vastly superior to the court of honor.

"Life is the basis, motive and aim of all that man accomplishes. The diamond, ruby and emerald are beautiful to behold, but it is the light that is the crystal which is lost and every star annihilated that the law of gravitation should suffer failure or fracture.

"Paul was able to appreciate the unseen things and unseen power through faith.

He could not tell how the spirit of God entered man's heart and opened up life and hope, but he knew God was the author of destiny. He saw the greatest lesson of immortality, and saw it in the face of Stephen. He believed he would enter into that life immortal when this life was ended. "The power of character does not come through education, but through conscious relation with God. The glory of the gospel of Jesus is saturated with the unseen. It shows the divine realities of the two worlds as in a mirror, and its power will be felt like the sun going out in darkness. We who live in the cities are apt to be drawn away from unseen things, and we must stand with Paul, hand to hand, and heart to heart."

FRANK CRANE DEFINES RELIGION.

Personal Influence of God on Mankind and Its Effects.

The First Methodist Episcopal church was packed to hear Rev. Frank Crane of Chicago yesterday morning. His discourse was an answer to the question, "What is religion?" He said he had examined a great many things since he had left the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was formerly the pastor, among other things the answer to this question. He had found a definition for which one might search the dictionaries and encyclopedias in vain. His definition was that "religion is the personal influence of God." In brief, he said:

"Religion is the influence of God's personality and thus it follows the laws of all personalities. You recognize the influence of God when you read in the Bible of a spiritual baptism that seems to go out from the soul and make other persons grow like Him. The primary object of the Bible is to let us know what kind of a person God is. The purpose of Jesus Christ was to reveal God—to show us what kind of a being God is. Atonement is a revelation of the kind of God that exists—not a scheme for taking your sins from the judgment book. The only way you can get rid of your sins is by the personal character of Jesus Christ operating upon and transforming you. It is not what He did, not His life or His death—but what He is Himself.

BLESSÉD MARY'S HIGH EXAMPLE.

She Pondered Words of Christ Which Others Marvelled and Rejected.

Dr. Vyrnwy Morgan of London occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church yesterday on his way home from the west. Dr. Morgan has been on the Pacific coast lecturing for several months and has spent several days in the city. His text yesterday morning was from Luke II, 19, "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." He said that she pondered "the words of the people." Dr. Morgan said, "marveled at the words and deeds of Christ on one day and were ready on the next to cry 'crucify him.' Mary felt the inspiration of His teaching and looked for the light of His message. She knew from the annunciation what she was to do and that He was to be called Jesus and would become the Son of God, that He was to reach unto perfection not as an angel but as a man and she could see the growing evidence of His divinity. She pondered those signs in her heart which she would stand by and which she would have the courage to stand up and defend. People nowadays think so little for themselves and accept so much the opinions of others; they read too much and ponder too little.

GETS BACK TO THE DAYS OF EDEN.

Rev. F. F. Lewis Points Out How the First Adam Turned to a Waste Place.

Rev. F. F. Lewis of St. Johnsbury, Vt., who preached yesterday morning at the First Congregational church, chose as his text, "God said let us make man in our image." When God created man to live on earth, he created him with a mission, not a foreign country to God, but a part of His great creation and man was made His viceregent on earth. Prayer was to have the simple, easy means of communication of man with God and man was to be the master of the earth and its creatures. Adam's sin destroyed grace has restored. What the first Adam lost modern Adams has regained. Belief in God has been taken away all fear of death and the Christian of today stands in a world of waste, unimpaired of the fate which held terror for men who have not accepted of the salvation which God so freely offers.

NO OTHER CHRIST TO COME.

Dr. Yarger Warns His Hearers that There Will Be but One Savior.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., of Aitchison, Kan., who occupied the pulpit of the Knautze Memorial church yesterday morning, informed the congregation that faced him that they and all others in the world would have to take the Jesus Christ which has already been provided by the Almighty, because none other would ever again be offered as there is no need for one. "God sent his son once and for all and Christ did his work, the minister declared. "Therefore lay aside your quibbling and your prejudices. Take him, for God will not provide another. Men give all sorts of excuses for not accepting him, but they will fade away like the morning dew and easily understood."

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