

**FORMER DEAN OF TRINITY**

Large Congregation Listens to Bishop Millepaugh.

**TALKS ON ELEMENTS OF GOOD CHARACTER**

Habit Makes Easy that Which We Do Frequently—Entering Industry, Discretion, Modesty, Following Christ's Example Necessary.

At Trinity Episcopal cathedral Sunday morning a large congregation had the pleasure of listening to a former dean of the parish, Rt. Rev. F. B. Millepaugh, now bishop of the diocese of Kansas, who has come to Omaha to attend the consecration of the Nebraska cathedral bishop, Rev. A. L. Williams. Bishop Millepaugh took for his subject "The Elements of a Perfect Character." He spoke in part as follows:

"Every young man is entering a race in which he should win or lose, whether he will be useful and happy or ineffectual and miserable. The happiness of the world does not depend on his efforts, but the welfare of a life and his honoring of God do. His habits will be fixed early for the good or for the bad. Habit is designed to strengthen the will in the daily performance of its duty and it has been said that habit makes easy that which we do frequently. We gain great facility in that which we do often, and when it is something which leads us first with reluctance the mind gradually casts out its objections and even finds a certain pleasure in the doing. By means of habit the elements of a useful and successful life may be cultivated and fixed."

"The first great requisite in a life that is to achieve some purpose is industry, untiring industry. No work of any magnitude was ever carried out without the exercise of someone's great industry. There is no grander sight than that of a Christian character marching unflinchingly on toward the highest goal of spirituality; it is a sight the angels love to look upon and one approved of God."

"The second necessary characteristic is discretion, by which we regulate our intercourse with one another and go another's affairs on our lives with security. Modesty is another first requisite. But were I to give you a catalogue of all the qualities that go to make up the ideal Christian character, were I to hold the mirror up to perfection, I would direct your attention to Jesus, the Christ, in whom all desirable elements were blended in the fullest measure. His loving and gentle kindness was such that every fibre quivered in sympathy with the laden and afflicted, and there was nothing in the world that could shake the resolution seated in his sacred bosom."

Rev. Wilson says Farewell. Interesting Services at Castellor Street Presbyterian Church.

Preliminary to his departure for Boulder, Colo., where he assumes a pastorate, Rev. J. M. Wilson preached his farewell sermon at Castellor Street Presbyterian church Sunday morning, and another sermon in the evening. Both services were largely attended. Castellor church has 400 members and many attendants who are not on the membership roster. The house was crowded when Rev. Wilson said his last word as pastor of Castellor Street church thirteen years and his congregation deeply regrets his leaving. Some time ago, when Rev. Wilson first received the proposition from Boulder, the members of his church tried to dissuade him from going. He replied that he conceived it to be his duty to make the change and while he regretted to leave Omaha he would not disregard what he believed to be a call from above. Rev. Wilson prefaced his sermon with a statement that he would not undertake to say farewell from the pulpit. "I do not feel equal to the task," he said with great emotion, "and I am simply going to preach to you the gospel as I have tried to do all these years." The same course was pursued at the night meeting. The sermons were replete with logic based upon the bible, as Rev. Wilson interprets it. He appealed to his congregation to remain steadfast in battle for the cause and advocated active work on the part of all church members.

At the morning service, Rev. Wilson presented to the church one hundred hymn books. His presentation speech was brief and pointed. He called attention to the fact that about two years ago he suffered a prolonged attack of sickness and he thanked his followers for kindness shown upon him then and on other occasions. He mentioned his lasting affection for Castellor church and hoped his people would continue to build up and expand.

Members of the church met last Thursday night and made several presents to Rev. and Mrs. Wilson, the church leaders, in speaking of the departing pastor's good work. A prompt to bring in the name of Mrs. Wilson. She is reputed to be a tireless worker and it is said she has contributed largely to the success of her husband. Among the tokens were a cut glass water set, a writing desk and a silver set. Rev. and Mrs. Wilson will start for Colorado this afternoon and a large delegation of Castellor Street church members and friends will accompany them to the railway station. A successor has not been chosen, but several prospective pastors are in view by the church board and a selection will be made within a few days.

**"MIGHT BE TAKEN FOR A BARN."**

Rev. Anderson Appeals for Erection of a New Church Building.

"Behold, I have an open door" was the text from which Rev. Thomas Anderson, at Calvary Baptist church, Sunday morning, preached an appeal to his congregation to exert itself for the erection of a new church edifice. The present structure has been in service for twenty years and, while it serves admirably as the immediate abode, it leaves no room for growth or expansion, having a membership of 300 and a Sunday school with an average attendance of 200. The pastor spoke somewhat pointedly of the incapacity of the church building and some of its defects, intimating that his congregation was not justified in contenting itself with a structure that "might be taken for a barn." He enumerated the countless beauties in God's plan of creation, with any of which the Maker might have dispensed in making the whole, and expressed the conviction that it was essential to carry the same plan for beautiful and inviting surroundings into the work of the church. He spoke of the abundant ability of his congregation to provide a better structure and declared that their work had come to a point where it is a question of expansion or contraction. In discussing the character of the structure needed, Rev. Anderson said:

"What kind of a building should we have? I do not believe in a great expensive building. I do not believe in putting up a build-

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control morality through the ballot box. He thought the ballot box the plainest and most honorable way to accomplish anything. Too much talk would accomplish nothing, but a vote is a vote and it counts. The speaker believed in definite action rather than curbsome gossip.

The sermon was well received and there will doubtless be another large crowd next Sunday night when Rev. Herring will talk on the public school question.

**PEOPLE'S CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.**

Rev. Savidge Reviews the Success of the Last Eight Years.

Sunday was the eighth anniversary of the foundation of the People's church in Omaha and the services of the day were devoted to a review of the work done and planning for the future.

In the morning Rev. Mr. Savidge spoke of how he felt when he started the movement. The idea was looked upon by other churches with suspicion, he himself was greatly in debt, the church had procured had to be paid for and yet it was to be distinctly a church for the poor people. When he was walking to the church to preach his first sermon he wondered if there would be more people than his own family there to hear him. It was simply through trust in the Lord that he had carried that church successfully along during these eight years. He said that often their way had been through failures and mistakes, but that was God's way of teaching men, and he was thankful for the lessons.

There was not much need, he said, in human planning for the future, but their duty lay in doing their best in the present and trusting in the Lord. You may be benefited in the worldly way by the favor of men, but the favor of God is not variable or changing, but lasting. He could not look forward into the future, he could not tell where he would be eight years from now, but he could trust in God and was content with the present.

"I believe," said the minister in closing, "that God has planted a work here and I want you, my people, to help me in carrying it on. Let us get hold of the work on practical lines and as a motto for our ninth year let us take the words of my text: 'It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.' Let us first love God, then each other."

**"A KING OR A TRAMP—WHICH?"**

Talk to Young Men at First Methodist Church by Rev. W. W. Chase.

Rev. W. W. Chase, pastor of the First Methodist church, talked to young men last evening upon the topic, "A King or a Tramp—Which?" taking for his text I Samuel x, 22, "Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff." He said:

"The people having demanded a new king, assembled the tribes of Israel to Mizpah to choose a king by lot. When Saul was chosen he skulked away and hid himself among the baggage wagons, showing the weakness of character which led to his ultimate downfall. Called of God and the people to be a king he hid himself among the baggage wagons. The distance from the throne of a king to the dreary box of baggage wagons, showing the difference between the life directed in harmony with Providence and one at variance with God's will. There are scores of young men in Omaha called of God to be kings and princes, but who are hiding themselves, burying themselves, blighting their prospects for time and eternity—among the stuff. It may be business, honors, society, amusements—but it is so when any of these fill the life to the exclusion of higher interests. Many a young man cares more for the patronizing giggles of the frivolous ladies of society than for the approving smile of God. Many are more particular about the part in their hair than they are about correct dividing lines between right and wrong. They are more anxious about the creases in their trousers than they are about becoming weakened on moral questions.

"The wealth, honors and pleasures of the world are but stuff—stuff which the wind of time driveth away. The preacher addressed the young man not to live an ignoble life and to take warning from the melancholy history of Saul. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. To see God means to be with God. To be with God means to be a king. Christ's call is a call to honor and glory—to be a king. To refuse the call is to be a tramp for all eternity. 'wandering stars reserved in the blackness of darkness forever.'"

"Let me entreat you to hear Christ's call tonight, so that when at the judgment the world will be asked, 'where was your kingdom you will not be hidden among the stuff.'"

Owing to the inclement weather the congregation was small and at the close of the sermon, which was decidedly crisp and sarcastic, Rev. Chase was asked to repeat it.

**MUST LIVE THEIR PROFESSION.**

Rev. Green Contends that Christians Should Preach and Act Religion.

Rev. S. G. Green of Blair, one of the district missionaries of the Baptist church, preached at Beth-Eden church Sunday night. He prefaced his remarks by stating that he had read somewhere of a mother who had made a dying request that her son should always speak a good word for Jesus. The speaker said he endeavored always to follow the advice given.

According to his belief, every Christian should preach and act the religion he professes and would taught the sweetness and purity of Christ. He thought that the main reason that Christians failed to get more believers was that those who professed it did it such a half-hearted way that their religion spoke louder than the words and led people to believe there was nothing in the religion.

He further held that modern theology had eliminated the fact of the lost condition of the human race in its sins and this had weakened the importance of the religion of Jesus Christ. The one central thought and aim of the Christian life should be to bring salvation to those who are in sin, to bring light to those in great darkness.

The speaker had heard it said that there was nothing in the world worth mentioning but man, and nothing in man save the soul. The value of a soul, he went on to say, had never been estimated. All the worlds of glittering light flashing in the space above—were they made of diamonds, rubies and emeralds—could not balance the value of the soul of a drunken beggar in the street.

He spoke of the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ in coming into the world to save men—how He had left all for just such as these men as fill the gutters of a great city. It was his duty to tell of this sacrifice and the pardon in which he depicted Christ in His last hours on earth from the garden of Gethsemane to Calvary.

**SERMON ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS.**

Interesting Discourse by Rev. Herring at First Congregational Church.

At the First Congregational church last night, Rev. H. C. Herring, the pastor, interested a large audience with a discussion of "Omaha Political Affairs." The speaker talked from a non-partisan standpoint, and urged the necessity of a clean government, a matter which party might be prejudiced. He had no harsh criticisms to make and his sermon was not what is termed a "roast," yet he made plain his belief that only good men should be elected to office, and by good men he meant men who are in accord with the churches.

This sermon was one of a series that Rev. Herring has planned. His next subject will be "Omaha's Public Schools." Another will be "Omaha Business Life." Rev. Herring has had an extended experience and he gives his congregation the benefit of it in his sermons. The announcement that he would talk on local political questions brought out a large attendance last night, but if any of the hearers believed they would get a discussion of local politics such as they hear at camp meetings, they were disappointed, for the speaker held himself above local issues. He portrayed how a city government can make or break a municipality, as to morals, and he made it plain that a great responsibility rests upon the men in charge of affairs. He did not intend to be a criterion of political methods, but he knew the importance of electing good men to office. He would judge a man by his moral attitude rather than by his party. If the man possessed the requisite attributes it didn't make so much difference, the speaker thought, which party supported him.

Rev. Herring is not an alarmist. He didn't say Omaha is a bad town. He would not make an upheaval and charge the personnel of his congregation the benefit of it in his moral check rein, he indicated, upon every public officer; he would get him in line for the promotion of good things and he would make him stay in line. The people, he argued, have it in their power to largely

**LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR**

Republican Meetings.

Tuesday, Oct. 17—Eighth ward, Walf's hall, Twenty-second and Cuming streets.

Wednesday, Oct. 18—Second ward, 1213 South Twentieth street.

Wednesday, Oct. 18—Seventh ward, 1312 Park avenue.

Thursday, Oct. 19—Fifth ward, Sixteenth and Corby streets.

Thursday, Oct. 19—Ninth ward, Twentieth and Farnam streets.

Thursday, Oct. 19—Patriotic League, Millard hotel.

Friday, Oct. 20—Valley, Opera house.

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