

INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT

Man Must Have Human Companionship to Develop Higher Qualities of Nature.

ABSORPTION OF THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

Enrichment By and Through the Lives of Others a General Law to Which All Individuals Must Bow.

Rev. John McVey of Birmingham, N. Y., occupied the pulpit at the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning. He took for his text (Galatians, second chapter and twentieth verse): "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

He said in part: "Man's being is capable of enrichment. He becomes wiser and better by his association with that which is good, and by the absorption of its environment. The environment of nature is good, but that of human companionship is better. This is invariably shown by the absorption of weaker nations by stronger nations. It was so with the individual Paul because of the absorption of the spirit of Christ within him and he and the world were made the better for it. Another illustration is in the story of Robinson Crusoe. The environment of his natural associations on his island were good, but he lacked human companionship. He needed something to draw him out and develop his energies and affections. He civilized Friday, and the more association with Friday did him good. It was so with Adam. God said it is not good for man to be alone. It was so with David and Jonathan and with Luther and Melancthon in the great work of the reformation, each needed the other and each was enriched with the other's association."

There are, also, cases illustrating the enrichment of the many by one person. This is notably so in the case of Spurgeon, the great English preacher, each of his auditors being fed according to their need by the message he brought them. Children are enriched by the message which their parents give them. Enrichment of beings by the lives of others is a general law and we profit by it as we enjoy an enrichment of being through Jesus Christ. Paul, though educated and a graduate of the schools of Jerusalem, and a man of rare intellectual endowments with the view to becoming a rabbi among the Hebrews, gained a greater knowledge of the scriptures through his conversion through Jesus Christ than all his teachers could give him. Nothing can be compared with the knowledge of Jesus Christ. First of all there must be a yielding to Christ and the effacement of the self in the atoning blood of Christ. We must make ourselves familiar with His word and work. A righteous and diligent use of these things will bring us in closer relation with Christ. The abundance of every need is in Christ. Ask of Him and ye shall receive. We are enriched because He lives within us and it should be the aim of all of us to abide by Him to the end."

GIVEN AN INCOMPLETE WORLD

Man Can Only Fulfill His Destiny By Work.

Rev. E. B. Dean of Clinton, Iowa, spoke from the pulpit of St. Mary's Avenue church yesterday morning. He dwelt upon the holiness of work. He declared that the Lord gave the world to man uncompleted and that it was the duty of mankind to develop and amplify the world, to complete it in every sense. The raw material was given to man and from that has come, through the efforts of mankind, all of our modern civilization. The first man and woman were alone in a garden, which was known as Eden. They had no friends, no co-workers, they did not even know of any existence without the pale of the garden and there was given to them the duty of working out the will of God. Through God and man the world was made and their species multiplied, the rocks were built into houses, schools, churches and the thousand other buildings of our civilization; the stone axe became one of copper and then of iron, steel and aluminum. Earth, fire, air and water were all brought under the spell of God and man and a part of the work set apart for man was begun.

HEROISM OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Followers of Jesus Must Ignore and Forget Self.

Rev. Newton Hall Burdick chose for his sermon in the Second Presbyterian church yesterday morning the heroism of the Christian life. He said in part:

"Why do we love to read of battle, of the deeds of heroism done in the strife of war? Why do we thrill at accounts of bravery in the ordinary routine of daily life, acts wherein danger is defied? Why do we read of the lives of the great heroes? It is because we all admire the element which we have named heroic. But there is a species of dare devilism which is not heroism. Men do things which endanger their lives for the amusement of the crowd, things which are not heroic, for they serve no useful purpose and are not necessary; these are crimes. Then there is another sort of action which is not heroic, for it is unconscious. There is the story of a man who was employed to work among the wild animals of a circus. He was told to catch a lion, a tiger, a lion, the foreman thinking that the man would clean it with a hose, but the new man went into the cage with a mop and cleaned it. Luckily he got out safe. This was not heroism, because he did not know he was in danger. It is that which we call heroism, which causes us to do things which we know are brave. That man who is afraid yet perseveres in the act which he knows to be full of danger is the bravest man."

You and I cannot live the Christian life without being heroes. Think of the early Christian martyrs who were burned, suffering horrible deaths rather than deny their faith. Think of the Christians in barbaric lands who have been tortured by their race and have held to the faith. But there are Christian heroes today, for he who follows Christ must be heroic.

"To deny myself I must ignore self. Self is a bundle of desires demanding satisfaction, but I must ignore these. If I have mastered self it is well, but if the desires have conquered me I will fall in the Christian life. It is easy to ignore the appetites, but it is hard to forget them. As the soldier desperately wounded continues to fight, forgetting his pain in the battle, so will we be wrapped in the Christian work, go on forgetting self. Difficult? Yes, it requires heroism. Then I must surrender self to Christ, not as the cringing, beaten slave, but wholly, as a mother loves her child. This requires heroism. Last I must crucify self, must put self to death. Oh, but it calls for heroic qualities to be a Christian, it calls for the best and highest of the land."

"To be a Christian I must take up the cross. For I believe there is a cross in Christian life. If the Christ must take His cross to the bitter end, I do not dare deny His words. He who would follow Me must take up his cross. The cross is voluntary, but listen, No cross, no crown. If any would be crowned with Christ they must also take up the cross."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

St. Cecilia's church lawn service for the late Mrs. C. E. Smith was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A barn belonging to G. W. Forbes, located on Eight and Pacific streets, was fired about 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It is supposed by boys smoking cigarettes. The damage was about \$10.

The south doors at the federal building have been closed until the addition is completed. At that time the place where the doors have been will be filled with windows and the doors will be further to the west.

Burglars cut the wire setting on the rear screen door at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Brown, 70 North Sixteenth street yesterday. The thieves carried away a quantity of clothing. Mrs. Walters and \$25 owned by Roy Brown.

While scuffling yesterday afternoon Matthew Lawrence, who lives at the Andrews hotel, fractured a small bone in his elbow. He was taken to the police station where the fracture was reduced by Dr. Schiller. Lawrence works for the Western Tinsmith company.

W. W. Connon, chief mail clerk at the Omaha postoffice, has returned from a trip to Iowa where he spent three weeks on a farm near Rice City. He says that during the time he was there he received \$2 per day and board for farm work and that they were scarce at that price.

While playing ball at Fifth and Dorcas streets about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Fred Rly, a boy living at Gibson station, was accidentally hit in the face with a ball hit in the hands of Fred Foote, who resides at Fifteenth and Williams streets. Rly sustained a severe cut in the right cheek and his left cheek bone was fractured. He was removed to St. Joseph's hospital where Police Surgeon McLaughlin attended to the injuries.

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AFFAIRS IN SOUTH OMAHA

Cattle Dealers Talk About Prospect of Run from the Range.

WILL START ABOUT MIDDLE OF AUGUST

Excellent Condition of Grazing Ground Will Keep Cattle on Grass Longer This Season Than Common.

Railroad officials located here say that the season run of cattle will not commence sooner than August 15. The ranges are in excellent condition all over the west and northwest, with the exception of a few spots. On this account ranchmen are letting their herds graze fat on the corn and grass. This is the demand for feeders here now. This is caused by farmers being too busy in the fields and by the putting by of late corn. Some farmers who are generally on the market at this time to buy early shipments of feeders say that they are holding back to see how the market will turn out. Commission men at the yards say that more beef cattle will be shipped in here this year than ever before.

When the busy season commences at the yards the packers will work full time and then some, and it is expected that the feeder market will be the best in the history of the yards. Already the cattle receipts at the yards show an increase over last year of 42,000 head, and by the end of the year this increase will most likely be more than doubled. There is an immense increase in sheep receipts as compared with last year. The increase in sheep is predicted, as sheepmen in the west appear to be satisfied with this market and the treatment received here. As compared with July 25 last year there is an increase in sheep receipts of 14,000 head.

While there is a decrease in hog receipts of 1,000 head it is expected that this will be made up. Traveling solicitors for commission dealers say that there will be plenty of hogs sent to this market a little later on.

New Machine Sheds.

Work is progressing rapidly on the machine sheds being built by the Union Stock Yards company at C and the boulevard. These sheds are of frame, with a brick veneer, and will be ready for occupancy in a few days. It is the intention of the stock yards company to do its own repairing as soon as the sheds are ready. In the past stock yards locomotives have been sent to Missouri Valley or other points to be repaired and the time lost getting the locomotives back caused the company to construct its own repair shops. Three carloads of machinery have already been received and more is to come. In about a month the shops will be completed and then all repair work will be done in South Omaha. It is the intention of the stock yards officials to get all its engines in first-class condition before the big run commences in the fall.

Joint Services Wednesday Morning.

Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock all of the Catholic churches in South Omaha will hold joint services at St. Agnes' church, Twenty-third and Q streets, in memory of Pope Leo XIII. Solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated. Rev. D. W. Moriarty of St. Agnes' will be assisted by a number of outside clergy.

Sheriff Schroeder Here.

Sheriff Schroeder of Nebraska City was here last evening to take back Fred Specht, who was arrested here at the request of the Nebraska City officials. Specht is charged with assault and battery, but it was intimated by the sheriff that a charge of burglary would be filed against the prisoner as soon as he arrived in Nebraska City. The sheriff was noncommittal as to the burglary, but he appeared quite anxious to get his man in jail in his home town as soon as possible.

Watts Corrects Statement.

W. H. Watts, 2530 Y street, has sent a letter to The Bee office, desiring that a correction be made about an item which appeared in The Bee of July 21. This item referred to the fact that Lowell Watts had been assaulted by Fred Glupp and others at Twenty-seventh and Y streets because he refused to give the crowd money to buy beer. Mr. Watts says that his son was not assaulted because he refused to buy beer for the crowd, but he did say that his son was quite badly injured in the fight, although not as badly as represented in the item.

Bids for Supplies.

This evening the Board of Education will meet in adjourned session. It is expected that bids for supplies will be received, as notices were sent out last week to prospective bidders. Within a short time the board expects to receive sketches of the proposed high school building. Competitive bids are to be received. The architect whose plans are accepted will be voted a premium of \$100, while the second best will be awarded \$50. It is the intention of the board to commence the construction of the high school building as soon as the bonds are passed upon by the attorneys for the bankers who made the purchase.

Magle City Gossip.

There will be no meeting of the city council tonight.

The Cooper union of South Omaha held a picnic at Sapp's Mills park yesterday.

Mayor Koutsky received many congratulations yesterday on the birth of a daughter.

There was a good attendance at the Sheep Butchers' picnic at Frank's garden yesterday.

The habeas corpus case against the Fire and Police board will be called in Judge Catesby's court today.

It was reported here yesterday that the Hammond company would not rebuild its plant at St. Joseph.

City Attorney Murdoch expects to bring up the G. Bevin Oldfield bond transaction in the district court today and have the case dismissed.

Spontaneous combustion caused a fire in the coal mine at Lehigh yesterday afternoon. The home companies responded, but no loss was reported.

John J. Maher, formerly of this city but now located at Deadwood, S. D., was in the city Saturday night visiting old friends. Mr. Maher expects to return to South Omaha shortly.

The funeral of Miss Vina McLaughlin was held yesterday afternoon at St. Clement's mission. Rev. James A. Wise officiated. Interment was at Laurel Hill cemetery.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, Thirty-second and K streets.

D. R. C. Smith, manager of the beef department at Swift's, left yesterday for Chicago and the east. He will be gone a couple of weeks.

A Sure Never Matters.

After Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil is applied. Removes pain instantly and heals at the same time. For man or beast. Price, 25c.

Ak-Sar-Ben Hostlers.

All members of the hustling committee are requested to meet at the Commercial club at noon today. Business of importance.

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