

FAITH IS THE GIFT OF GOD

Assent of Mind, Consent of Heart, Surrender of Will Prerequisites.

SERMON BY PRESIDENT WADSWORTH

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The assent of the mind, consent of the heart and surrender of the will with these prerequisites for that faith which gives to all a happy life, an unwavering conviction that Jesus is the Son of God, the Bible the word of God, victory over the world and death and a power to remove the mountains of daily duty.

Continuing, Dr. Wadsworth said: "If we would succeed in anything worth succeeding in, we must start with a faith that cannot be shaken, a faith which develops into a reality, He that overcometh the world, with its problems and battles, is he that believeth Jesus is the Son of God. Such an one will not be discouraged by temporary defeat nor will worry unduly over the problems of the hour, for he knows that all things will turn out right in the end."

"Faith is not a difficult thing to understand if we will only place ourselves in the right frame of mind and heart. A mere intellectual faith—the assent of the mind—is not sufficient for this; it is necessary to have the consent of the heart for the faith to amount to anything. The assent of the mind and consent of the heart are alright so far as they go, but they need the surrender of the will to make the faith a real faith. It is not hard for us to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. To begin with, the things most easily understood are the beliefs that the Bible is the true word and Jesus the Son of God will soon follow. Read and study, for instance, the Sermon on the Mount."

"Faith is the gift of God. If we do not have faith, we need only to reach out our hands to God and He will give us the faith which will overcome the world, that faith which gives us victory over death; and that victory is given through Jesus Christ."

COMMUNITY VALUE OF THE CHURCH

Spiritual Must Outweigh Commercial Interests of Future is Sure.

"The Community Value of the Church," was the subject of the discourse of Rev. Lucius G. Baird at St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church Sunday morning. "Men of a commercial turn of mind in figuring up the cost of worship are impelled to ask: 'Does it pay?' Is not the rate of \$10 per head too much to pay for a human soul? Or, what is the value of the church to the body politic?" said Mr. Baird. "If the church is to be regarded on a commercial basis, the sooner it is cut out the better, and if I thought so, I would get out of this pulp it at once and enter another vocation. What I am worth to the community, the community is worth to me; all tools to their trade. The church must be recognized as the great inspiring power of God in the world. A prohibition or a labor church can be nothing but a failure. This is demonstrated in the Dowle church, which subordinated its commercial to its spiritual interests. The church of Jesus Christ has a vital function in the social and material, as well as the devotional world, and is a channel of inspiration for the work of mankind. It is not an organization, but it is God's revelation unto men. The men who have been a blessing to the world have received their inspiration through the church. It was the inspiration of the church that

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Assertion of Rev. M. D. Berg, Who Pleads for Devotion.

"Come, for all things are now ready," a sentence suggesting communion, was taken for the text at Grace Lutheran church Sunday morning, in view of the fact that the worshippers there were about to partake of the annual synodical communion. The preacher was Rev. M. D. Berg of Ponca, who has been attending the meetings of the Evangelical Lutheran synod that closed last night.

Mr. Berg told of the preparations for the banquet to which the people had been invited, of the gracious invitation of the Master of the house, and described the pleasures of realization at the feast board. The Master, he said, is Christ, as the parable shows, and the food of the banquet Christ's love.

"My Lord, the King, is the banqueter; the angels, the cup bearers; God's love the feast, and He Himself is not only prepared to open the door, but is Himself the Bread of Life.

"You will agree with me," said the speaker, "that the trouble with the church is its cold and indifferent. Why? Because too many have only entered the doors of the kingdom, and do not feast daily on the manna of God. I doubt not you would have been greatly honored to have received an invitation to the wedding feast in the president's house a few months ago. No true Christian but feels more highly honored to be invited to the Lord's table. Yet the great majority look in on the banquet each Sunday and never taste, to say nothing of feasting.

"Its very readiness should be an argument that we should come frequently to the table of God's promise. Let us not look in, but partake; let us not deprive ourselves of the privilege of frequent communion with the Master of the banquet. Let us come, for the feast is ready."

Sunday evening at Grace church the synod's convention was concluded with the installation of R. W. Heldenrich and R. W. Livers, and the licensing of C. R. Low and Gustav Klatt.

HAPPINESS ONLY BY SACRIFICE

Peace with God Changes Everything Else in World.

"These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain with you and that your joy might be full." These words of the Savior, spoken on His last evening on earth, were used as the text of a sermon Sunday morning at Keuntze Memorial Lutheran church by Rev. W. T. Kohse, pastor of the First Lutheran church of Grand Island. "God has come into the world to be a sacrifice," said Mr. Kohse, "and He was ready, although His disciples were disappointed. Happiness will only come with sacrifice. As soon as we realize we have peace with God everything changes in this world. No matter where you are, if you call upon the name of the Lord He will answer you. How many are able to follow the name of the Lord? If we follow Christ we will never come to despair and will always have light. There is too much self-righteousness among us and not enough self-condemnation for sin. We preach the gospel of liberty, light, redemption and salvation that your joy may be complete."

CHANGE IN TABITHA HOME

Will Help Lincoln and State to Have Synod Control, Says A. T. Peters.

"The decision of the English Lutheran synod to take over Tabitha home," said A. T. Peters of the State Agricultural college, who is a member of the committee appointed to effect the transfer of the property, "will mean everything to the home and a great deal, not only to Lincoln, but to the entire state. We have some reason at least to hope the national synod, which meets next May, will assume the management and proprietorship of the home and in addition to running it as a refuge for orphans and old people, will maintain it in a modern hospital as well. This, of course, will be a national hospital, and will attract national attention."

"I understand the present board of directors of the institution to be willing to resign and turn over the home to the synod. The home is located in an ideal place for health. It is on a beautiful elevation overlooking a beautiful country. At this time the street railway runs within a half-mile of the grounds, but it will be an easy matter to maintain a good bus line to the home from the car line, until our street railway troubles in Lincoln are settled, and then of course there will be an extension of the street railway."

"The property is run down to some extent, but it will take a very little outlay to fix it up in good order. The buildings with the grounds are worth between \$3,000 and \$5,000, and at this time, at the present price of real estate, there is little doubt in my mind, \$20,000 could be realized from its sale. The outstanding indebtedness is not more than \$10,000, while the outstanding legacies amount to \$12,000, so the synod is taking hold of what looks to me like a good proposition, though it may be more than a year before the institution is self-sustaining."

"The home has been a bone of contention in Lincoln for some three years and, of course, this has damaged it to a great extent. Rev. Henry Reiser, who founded it, has done a wonderful work in keeping up the home, under the circumstances, and he deserves great credit. He was one of the workers to get the synod to take it. It represents his life work, and under the new management, there is little doubt his dream of an ideal home for the indigent will be realized."

CURRIE OUT OF LEGISLATURE

Dawes Statesman Moves to Gordon and Out of Politics for Awhile.

Representative Frank Currie, who looked after the interest of Dawes and a few other wide-spreading counties during the last two sessions of the legislature, will not be in the next legislature. "I am not a candidate for re-election," said Mr. Currie at the Merchants Sunday night "and, of course, will not be a member of the next legislature. In fact, I have been so busy lately trying to make a living I have had no time even to think of politics, and I expect to keep right on being busy."

Mr. Currie, who formerly lived at Chadron, has removed with his family to Gordon to be near his ranch which he recently bought, about thirty miles from Gordon. Squire Currie will be followed to Omaha Monday by a bunch of cattle for the South Omaha market.

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Ministers from a number of the other Presbyterian congregations of the city were present and assisted in the ceremonies. The rain kept away a large number of people, but the church was comfortably filled. The ceremonies were opened by the reading of the scriptural lesson by Rev. N. M. Burdick and prayer by Rev. W. H. Reynolds, of the Second and Castellar Street churches, respectively, with an intervening anthem by the choir.

J. K. Fleming, who has been officially connected with the church since its organization as the West Hamilton Street church in 1887, read a paper of great historical interest to the members of the congregation. It recited the early struggles of the church to maintain itself and presented a number of vital statistics. A copy of the paper will be placed in the corner-stone. Dr. H. M. McLaughlin, chairman of the building committee which has the work in charge, spoke briefly commending the fidelity and zeal of those who have assisted in the erection of the new building. The work is hoped at the completion of the building to have the debt reduced to \$5,000 or \$3,000, which he thought could be paid off in five years.

MESSAGE FROM PRESBYTERY

Congratulations from the Presbytery were conveyed by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Reynolds, of Knox Presbyterian church. He commended the building of the new church and spoke of the need of a number of Presbyterian churches in the city for new homes.

The principal address was given by Rev. E. H. Jenks of the First Presbyterian church, who spoke from the theme, "Silent Forces."

"The building of Solomon's temple," he said, "furnishes a counterpart for your church on Lowe avenue. The workman in the forests of Lebanon did not see the structure he was helping to build, but he did what was his duty. The workman here he carved out fit exactly into the proper place. There is a lesson for us in the fidelity to duty of the workman. When this church goes up it will be a mighty, silent force for God. He has laid upon every man to be faithful hewers of wood and cutters of stone. Let us hope that many may go on as He would have it. The church does not consist of the pile of bricks, but of the people who compose its congregation."

Owing to the bad weather, the placing of the box in the receptacle in the corner-stone will not be done until next week. The box will contain the history of the church, the daily papers and other publications and records of value.

The new church stands just south of the old building and the work on it is progressing rapidly. Great credit is given to the pastor, Rev. A. S. Clarke, D. D., for the success of the new building project.

KEARNEY NOT A REFORMATORY

Industrial School for Boys Partakes of No Penal Institution Character.

"I wish I could remove from the minds of the people the idea that the Kearney Industrial School for Boys is a reformatory school," said Superintendent Hayward when in Omaha Saturday. "The Kearney Industrial school is not a reformatory school at all. It is a school conducted just like a military school. There are no iron bars to prevent the boys from getting out and there are no straight jackets to restrain them."

"The first thing the boy is taught is that someone has confidence in him and believes in him. We try to get out of his mind right away the memory of the court room, where he imagines everyone is against him. He is put upon his honor immediately upon his arrival at the school and only on one occasion do I recall where a boy attempted to get away after he had been with us any length of time. We at the school believe the boy should be allowed to come to Kearney alone, without being accompanied by an officer. A number of young fellows have come all the way from Omaha by themselves and not one has failed to come directly to the school."

"The boys we have in the school are not vicious boys by any means. They are bright boys whose environments are too narrow for them, to expand in keeping with their minds. They are usually bright way beyond the average. When they come to Kearney we put them to work where their individuality asserts itself and where they have the greatest opportunity for development."

"It is just like a big family out there at the school and there is not a boy in the institution whom I would not trust with anything I possess. Some time ago our night watchman was sick and I had one of the boys take his place. During the winter this boy looked after the furnaces in the green houses and I never, for a moment, felt that things were not all right."

"In our school every boy is trying to surpass his fellow and the greatest interest is taken. The grounds are spacious and beautiful and contribute to make the home pleasant for the little fellows."

"We have a good printing office and the boys publish a good paper. We could, with a little outlay, do all the state printing. With our limited plant we do all our own printing, such as stationery and reports and the work is just as good as that done by the best offices in the state."

"We are doing all we can to remove from the minds of the people the idea that the school is a reformatory school and that attendance there is a stigma on one's character which lasts forever. We have had many of our old pupils who are now prosperous and respected business men bring their wives to visit us and they have pointed out with much interest the places where they used to play and work. I wish more parents would visit the school and then they would feel their children are not being treated as criminals."

HIDES FORTUNE AND DIES

A wife and three children in Croatia are destitute, the husband and father is dead in Newwood, W. Va., and must be buried by the county authorities, although he has a small fortune, the savings of years, buried somewhere in the vicinity of the Great National tube works. Peter Kocbolovich intended returning home in a month and expected to maintain

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