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TRUETT MEETING CLOSURES WITH POWERFUL APPEAL FOR THE UNSAVED TO MAKE A CHOICE

Last Words Of Moses To Israel To Choose Between Life and Death Text of Last Sermon

FAREWELL WORDS VERY IMPRESSIVE

Pastor and Preacher Express Words Of Gratitude For Co-operation of All Agencies During Meeting—Colored People Sing

Wednesday evening in an earnest and powerful appeal to the more than 2,000 who gathered to hear, Dr. George W. Truett closed a series of 22 sermons here with an exhortation to his hearers to choose the Master they would serve, the life they would live, the death they would die; the portion that would be theirs at the judgment bar and the home that would be theirs in the next world. Not during the entire series had he shown quite so much earnestness and quite so much concern for the spiritual welfare of his hearers. He had reserved his best for the last. Every previous service had been building up to this final one, into which he put so much seriousness and which he made so impressive.

"Often I have conducted the funeral of one whose soul I have known was eternally doomed, I have wondered," he said during the course of the service, "if I could ever smile again." It was such a note as this that ran through the entire evening from beginning to end.

The audience was touched in the beginning by the sincere and gracious words of thanks expressed by the pastor, Rev. T. L. Sasser, to the various individuals and agencies which had contributed in making the meeting a success; by his calling on the people to make an offering of their money as a gift of love to Dr. Truett, who had requested that no offering be taken for him, as he wanted his service here to his own people to be in a peculiar sense a labor of love; by the earnest prayers that were offered and the appealing songs that were sung, especially that old hymn, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," sung by the colored people by special request.

The prefatory remarks of the preacher before taking his text, his expression of grateful acknowledgment for the privilege of visiting with the people of this town, and this, his native section, and the people of more distant sections; his expression of hope that the local Baptist Church would soon be able to realize the ambition of its pastor and its members to have a fine new church house; his exhortation to the pastors of all churches and all Christian people to gather up the loose ends of the meeting and see through the work that had been begun; and his expressions of good-bye (God be with you) to all the vast assemblage, with most of whom he could not speak personally, brought a profound silence to the vast throng congregated in the tabernacle for the last service.

For his farewell sermon, Dr. Truett chose the 19th verse of the 30th chapter of Deuteronomy, some of the farewell words of Moses, whom he referred to as a university for the world, then and now, as a text. The verse is: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

These are weighty words, began Dr. Truett, as the last words of most men are. Then he referred to the last words of Moses, of Wilson, Harding, Moody, John Adams, Napoleon and others to prove his statement. A man chooses, so follow Jesus, he said. Choice was the key-word of the sermon. Everyone must make a choice of what his relation to his Saviour will be, he said. "If one waits until some compelling force makes him choose," said the speaker, "he will

wake up in Hell some day," were impressive words during the early sentences of the sermon. We must all answer Pilate's question: "What then must I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?" said he, "and there are only two possible answers. One's choice must be for him or against him. If one refuses to choose Christ by his action he chooses Satan," said Dr. Truett. Every man is a free agent and must choose for himself, pointed out the speaker.

Answering the question as to what is involved in the choice that men make, the following were mentioned: First, a choice between two masters, Christ and Satan. Satan means nothing but evil and Jesus means nothing but good for men—good living, good dying, good at the judgment bar of God.

Second, a choice between two lives here in this world is involved—a life of waste, of perverted influence and example, or a life of usefulness, and of influence for good and right.

A third thing involved in the choice men make is the kind of death they shall die; whether it shall be one of darkness, gloom, tragedy; or of joy, peace and happiness with a feeling of security.

A fourth thing involved is a choice between two positions at the judgment bar of Christ. How will you appear there? said the speaker. Have you retained Christ as your intermediary? The judgment bar has no terror for the Christian, he said.

A last thing that is involved in the choice men make is a choice between two homes. It is a question of where we will spend eternity. Will it be a place of darkness, of sadness, of everlasting punishment, or a place of happiness, peace, of joy, a place where there is no sorrow, no tears, no death, a place of knowledge?

Coming back to his original question as to which choice men would make, whether it would be for or against Christ, Dr. Truett sought to help some of his hearers by answering some of the difficulties that got in their way. If you are waiting for more feeling, he said, for a great shouting experience like some others have had you may never choose Christ. "Salvation is not a feeling, not an emotion. Christ is our Savior, Salvation comes through a person." Don't stand back because you are a sinner and feel unworthy, said the speaker. That is the kind Christ came to save. The well need not a physician.

After hastily running over some of the motives why men choose Christ, such as duty, because of influence over others, because of usefulness and the danger of delay, he pleaded with his hearers, those who had not yet made the decision, to end the debate, to make a choice and as verses of "Oh Happy Day," and "Why not Tonight" were sung a number came forward and made the choice for Christ. The total number of conversions during the meeting is not known.

In the Wednesday morning sermon the theme was the life after death, beginning by asking Job's question: "If a man die, shall he live again?" and if there be another world after this one. The Bible gives us glimpses through half-open windows, as it were of that other world, said Dr. Truett, and he read for a text one of the most comforting passages in the Bible with regard to the after-life, which is found in the 14th chapter of John. The text was taken from the second and third verses: "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself."

Briefly describing what sort of a place Heaven will be, the noted preacher said: First, it is to be a place of absolute exemption from all sin, a holy place; second, a land of exemption from all weariness of body, mind and spirit; third, a place of absolute exemption from all suffering, and pain, tears, sickness and from death itself; fourth, a place of glorious manifestation of knowledge, where we will know the reason for things that have baffled us; and fifth it is to be our final, eternal, perfect home. It will mean fellowship, mutual love, trust and understanding.

There we shall meet our loved ones who have gone before, he said, and shall know them and shall be separated from them no more.

A brief outline of a number of his sermons delivered while here follows: Tuesday night the text was: "How shall we escape if neglect so great a salvation?" Emphasis was placed on the word, "neglect." The Bible is full of immense questions, questions of eternal importance, began Dr. Truett, mentioning the first question in Genesis, "Where art thou?" and the second, "Where is thy brother, Abel?" "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" If a man die, shall he live again?" etc.

Answering the question of the text the speaker said that men and women are lost not through intention, but neglect. "As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." We let other things get in the way. Here the speaker made a strong plea for Christians to move their church memberships to the church in their hometown or community and be active there.

Then he spoke of the neglect of non-Christians, who put off settling the great question. All neglect should cease, he said, because it is not reasonable. He referred to the squirrel and ant, which do not neglect storing up food against winter, as proof that it was not reasonable to continue to neglect this all-important matter. Then he said that it was not right to neglect salvation any longer; it is not right toward God, as it would thwart life, and no one has a right to ignore the blessings of God. It is not right toward one's self, because it means death and destruction; and it is not right toward anyone else, because it leads others astray.

Finally the speaker pointed out that neglect was not safe, that sooner or later, perhaps at any moment, we must pass into eternity. We should, therefore, face death and get ready for it, he said.

At the close of this service the first proposition was made, in response to which two or three came forward.

Wednesday morning the theme for the sermon was, "Life's Burdens." Dr. Truett began by saying that it was the lot of men and women everywhere to have burdens, many of which could be seen, but the deepest and most painful burdens are not seen.

"The Bible has three things to say about our burdens," he continued. "Notice them: 'For every man shall bear his own burden.' 'Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.' 'Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.'"

In discussing the three-fold message of the Bible about the burdens of life, the speaker made the following points, amply illustrating each:

First, our burdens are not transferable, he said: "Every man shall bear his own burden." "Every life is separated from every other life," he stated. "You were born into the world alone, and when you shall leave it, no matter where or how, you shall go into the valley of the shadow alone, and between your birth and death, the cradle and the grave, life is largely lived alone. Nobody can repent of your sin, nor can anybody believe in Christ for you, nor can anyone answer at the judgment bar of God for you."

Second, many of our burdens are social burdens, community burdens, burdens to be shared with others, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

"We need always to look at the scriptures in their true setting," he said, "and let them say what they mean to say." He quoted the scripture: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted," and asked his hearers: "If a man be overtaken in a fault, would you criticize him? denounce him? throw stones at him?" To which he said: "Nay, but

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MURPHY WILL CELEBRATE ON LABOR DAY

Speaking by Governor-Elect McLean, Free Barbecue, Baseball and Band Concerts

With definite acceptance from A. W. McLean that he will be here on September 1st to meet a speaking engagement, a committee of local citizens is fast whipping plans into shape for a labor day celebration here on the first of September.

While the details of the program have not been definitely arranged as yet, the big features of the day besides the McLean speaking, will be a free barbecue for the visitors, band concerts and baseball, probably with the fast club from Copperhill.

Special significance attaches to the coming of Mr. McLean for unless an unheard of and unlikely change takes place between now and November, he is destined to be the next Governor of the state, and it is not often that the Governor or Governor-elect of this commonwealth comes into this part of the state. The speech of Mr. McLean is not expected to be political. He is being brought solely as the man who is undoubtedly to be the next Governor of the state and to afford the people of this section an opportunity to see and hear him. The nominee of the other great political party of the state, Honorable L. M. Meekins was also extended an invitation to come here, but was kept away because of his duties as chief counsel to the Allen Property Custodian in New York.

One of the major motives of the backers of this labor day celebration was to have a good-will building event between the merchants, business and professional interests of Murphy and the large back country and many neighboring towns surrounding. To this end, a substantial purse has been made up in Murphy with which to provide a free barbecue for all visitors. It is the desire of the local business interests that all the people within a radius of many miles shall attend this event.

This is a celebration that has been looked forward to with keen interest for some time. It was originally planned for the Fourth of July but circumstances arose that made it difficult to carry out the plans at that time. Arrangements have gone sufficiently forward now that it can be confidently announced that this celebration will be a certainty.

Music will be furnished by a brass band all during the day. The speaking will be at 10 o'clock in the morning and the baseball game at 3:30 in the afternoon. Mr. McLean will arrive Sunday afternoon, August 31.

Distillery Taken In Upper Part County On August 13th

A distillery was brought in Wednesday, August 13th, from the upper portion of the county by specially deputized officer Will King.

The outfit was taken on the waters of Aaron's Creek on the right of Andrews.

Information concerning the outfit came to Chief Birchfield about a week ago, but he was unable to go after it. Mr. King was deputized to bring it in. It was of approximately 30 gallons capacity. It was torn out of the furnace when found. Sheriff W. P. Odum cut the cap and boiler to pieces late Wednesday.

Waste Cans Are Placed On Streets

One dozen waste paper and trash cans were placed on the streets this week for the convenience of merchants and pedestrians, who are being asked to cooperate with the sanitary department by placing all trash, waste paper, etc., in these cans.

The belief was expressed by city officials that this would be a great aid in keeping the streets clean and would also facilitate the collection of rubbish by the sanitary department.

The cans are equipped with self-closing lids, are painted green and bear this significant wording: "Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Put trash in cans."

THE CHRISTIAN INDEX DESCRIBES THE HOME-COMING OF DR. TRUETT



A. W. McLEAN, who will speak here at the Labor Day celebration, Sept. 1.

MOUNTAIN PEOPLE EAGER STUDENTS, SAYS TRUETT

Every Hour In These Mountains Has Been a Delight, Says Noted Preacher

"The most eager students that I have ever known are these mountain students," declared Rev. Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Dallas, Texas, in an interview a few days ago.

"Nowhere in all the world," said this famous divine, who is here preaching a series of sermons to the people of his native mountains, "have I seen students that equal these mountain boys and girls for eager inquiry and application. The mountains, therefore, are an ideal place for the location of schools and I rejoice that fine schools are being built in these mountains."

Dr. Truett declared that these mountains are constantly sending out a stream of fine men and women. He spoke of the work being done at Hiwassee, Ga. He said that the school had sent out a great stream of fine students. The college is destined, he said, to be a great permanent junior college for the serving of a great field.

Dr. Truett first taught school at Hiwassee. The school where he taught has now grown into the Hiwassee Junior College.

"Every hour in these mountains has been a delight to me," said Dr. Truett in telling of his pleasure at being able to spend several days in the mountains where he grew to young manhood. "The very sight of the mountains are an inspiration," he declared, "and my stay has been interesting and unique."

SWORD PROPERTY AUCTIONED OFF AT GOOD PRICES

Seventy-five Lots and Several Dwellings Bring Nearly Twenty Thousand Dollars

The auction sale of the sword property in several sections of Murphy on Tuesday proved the valuelessness of Murphy real estate in the minds of the buying public. Thirty lots, comprising about seventy acres on the Young Harris Road near the corporate limits sold well for residential purposes, many prospective home-builders bidding off lots. The property in East Murphy, consisting of some ten lots, was also readily bought as was also a number of lots and houses and lots on the Southern Depot Street.

This property was not only in demand, but brought what is generally considered good prices. The aggregate value of the property sold was nearly twenty thousand dollars, according to unofficial figures. A Ford automobile was given away at the sale, Oscar McClure being the lucky person. The sale was conducted by the Oglesby Realty Auction Company, of Atlanta.

Great Preacher Begins Meeting With His Own People

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, Editor The Christian Index

Covered wagons were passing through Blue Ridge last Saturday afternoon, headed north. Families were off on a distant trip to Murphy, across ranges and ravines, to be gone a week. Food for the horses was strapped to the sides and ample provisions for the family were securely stored in the clean boxes kept for the purpose. Ruddy faces peeped from the wagons as teams stopped in the square to rest a moment.

"Where are they all going?" I asked. "To Murphy, Truett is coming back to preach," came the quick answer from eager hearts.

All Blue Ridge had turned out at noon Saturday to greet the great preacher as he passed through on the train from Atlanta. He stopped off for lunch between trains and got to shake hands with the hundreds who had gathered to get a glimpse of him. The conductor paid no attention to his watch and signaled the engineer to leave only after everybody had said goodbye. It wouldn't have done any good to have given the signal earlier because the engineer and fireman were in the crowd looking at Dr. Truett and listening for some word. I wish I might have been in Murphy Saturday afternoon to see the crowd that greeted him there, and to have seen them along the way at the stations as they waited for the train that had long been anticipated with its rare passenger.

Isn't that fine—a preacher coming back to his native land, loved and honored as though he had been in the White House! The celebration at Plymouth, Vermont, for Mr. Coolidge when he went back after becoming President was none the greater in real enthusiasm and sincerity than is this reception which the people of the hill country are giving these ten days to the return of George Truett.

Sunday morning we started out for Murphy, my little family in our car, accompanied by Mr. A. B. Greene, and Mr. and Mrs. George Gifford and their son John in their car. We were not well out of Blue Ridge before we began to see people on their way to Murphy. Some were in cars, some in buggies and one covered wagon was yet many miles from its destination, but headed north. The train was crowded. We went thirty miles out of the direction in order to get better roads, taking the Blairsville route.

As we drove along that winding mountain trail Mr. Greene told me many interesting stories about Dr. Truett and Dr. McConnell and other cherished men and women of that section. We passed over a steel bridge and he reminded me that years ago when the first session of the Georgia Baptist Assembly was held, he and Dr. McConnell were driving a pair of young mules from Hiwassee down to Blue Ridge and in those days the bridge was one of these old-time fellows, covered and dark. He said the mules gave some trouble but finally Dr. McConnell put them through and then when they got to Blue Ridge and the mules looked around and saw their shadows from the street arclights, they tried to jump up in the trees. We crossed the Notla River a number of times and by this mountain stream I saw several Baptist meeting houses. Blairsville was stirring with cars enroute to Murphy and from every road we could see the unusually heavy trail of traffic headed to the North Carolina town. We were soon out of the crooked, bumpy Georgia roads and on the wonderful boulevards of North Carolina. I asked a man how would I know when we got to the state line. He replied that I would have no difficulty in telling on account of the