

PLAIN PREACHMENTS

PETTIBONE LECTURES PREACHERS

Brothers:

I am sorry to have to announce that owing to the fact that our pastor is suffering from a sore throat, I must this morning fill his pulpit. But I confess to a pride in being able to do something besides pass the hat and sit in the pew and take my medicine. For forty years now I have been listening to preachers with but few opportunities to talk back. Since our pastor is in the pew I am going to tell him what one of his laymen thinks of preachers and preaching.

The most important thing about you preachers is not your sermons, but you, your life, your character. If you are not all you should be, your life talks so loud we laymen cannot hear what you say. It is your high privilege to be such a man, such a Christian, before us that you can truthfully say with Jesus: "My life is your bread and meat." For in a very real sense we are all intellectual and spiritual cannibals. Our minds feed upon the ideas of folks we meet and books we read. Our souls feed upon the spiritual life of others. The divine life of the Master must be clothed in human flesh and dwell among us, and only so may we partake of it.

So, Pastor, you need not worry so much about your sermon, if your life before us is a daily witness to eternal truth. Your sermon ought to be the spontaneous exudation or outpouring of your own Christian experiences. And yet you should give some thought to the orderly arrangement of your sermons, but they should above all things be you—your personality. Don't quote the Bible to us by the yard. Explain it to us in terms of our every day experiences. And don't attempt to explain mysteries hidden therein that you and no other man has ever yet been able to unriddle. There is plenty of good, wholesome truth in the Gospel without trying to solve mysteries that smarter men than you have puzzled over to no satisfactory solution.

You preachers might learn a lesson in how to make a sermon interesting from the methods used by the

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newspaper reporters in telling a news story. Study the daily newspaper, not to preach it but to learn how the boys tell of a train wreck or a murder. Watch how they plunge right into the most interesting part of the story at the very start. Some of you preachers take up half of your time holding and hawing around and apologizing before you start out to preach. Pippo thought that the etiquette of the boxing ring demanded a lot of sparring and fancy passes by way of introduction, and before he knew what was happening Dempsey had knocked him cold. The devil usually puts a lot of your congregation to sleep before you preachers get into real action. In going started some of you remind me of my old Ford on a frosty morning.

Then we like for you to illustrate the truth by means of stories, incidents and parables. We will remember what you say if you will tell us what the newspapers call "human interest" stories. We are after all only children grown up. Your Master did the very thing in his preaching that I am urging you to do. At his death not a word he had spoken was on record except in human minds and hearts. Your sermons, too, will live if you will make them simple and bristling with facts and illustrations. Study your life of Jesus and emphasize the things he made most important. And I believe you will find that a relatively small part of his teaching was given up to talk about the life to come as compared with the great bulk of instructions on how to live the life that now is.

And Pastor, don't neglect our children. We old mossbacks have been preached to and at so long that we have become case-hardened. The angel Gabriel with his saxophone could not awaken us from our slumbers, and if he did his message would rain off our backs. We are "set" in our life-habits and thoughts. Exert your self in behalf of our young people. They are like clay in the hands of the potter, their lives you can easily influence. Oh, I know you sort o' have to rub our fur the right way or we will withhold your wages, but listen to your Master, not to us.

Now, Pastor, don't get all "het up" over my plain talk. If you preach the Gospel, you hold in your hand the hope of the world; and if you are faithful to your trust, you are the most important servant mankind has. This fact should both make you humble and fire you with the determination to do a good job. Pastor, please pass the hat.

Lives and Limbs Saved By Carolina Stop Law

Raleigh, March 4.—Deaths and injuries from grade crossing accidents showed a marked decline following the enactment of the North Carolina law requiring drivers of motor vehicles to stop before crossing railroad tracks, according to figures just made public by the Safety Department of the Southern Railway System.

The law became effective on July 1, 1923, and in the ensuing six months, four persons were killed and eleven injured in eleven accidents at crossings of the Southern's tracks in North Carolina, as against six killed and twenty-four injured and twenty-one accidents during the first six months of 1923, eleven killed and twenty-five injured in eighteen accidents during the last half of 1922, and eight killed and twenty-two injured in fifteen accidents during the first half of 1922.

This decrease in casualties was in the face of an increasing volume of automobile and truck travel, 247,612 motor vehicles having been registered in the office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina during 1923 as against 182,060 in 1922.

Mrs. Martha Honeycutt



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WHOLE BODY SEEMED IN ONE AWFUL PAIN Morse, La.—Mrs. L. P. Lambert, who has been a popular school-teacher here for several years, recently told a visitor of her interesting experiences with Cardui. "Just before my ... came on," said Mrs. Lambert, "I would ache all over. My feet, my toes, my arms, hands, head—my whole body seemed to be in one awful pain. I would grow so nervous that I could not hold a cup in my hand. My husband would have to hold my coffee for me to drink. Last fall I was in such a bad condition that I had to spend about three days in bed every month. It seemed to me that I was on my last go-round." Then one day, said Mrs. Lambert, she happened to read about Cardui and the experiences of some women who had been helped by it. "I felt that Cardui might help me if I tried it," she continued, "for I had been suffering with similar troubles to those mentioned there. I had heard of Cardui all my life and I knew many women who said they had been helped by it. The very next day I began to take it. "Very soon after, I began to notice my improvement. I kept on till I felt like a different woman. I gained in weight from 98 pounds to 115 and felt better than I had in years. I took six bottles right along and found it a splendid tonic. My suffering was partly due to a run-down condition and the Cardui stimulated my appetite and helped me to gain the strength I needed. . . . I take a bottle every now and then, even now, just as a tonic to keep up my strength, but I am in better health than I have been in for years." All druggists sell Cardui. Try it.

TRUSTEE'S SALE By virtue of a deed of trust executed by J. H. Norman and wife to the undersigned trustee on the 9th day of January, 1922, and recorded in Book 66, page 296 of the Record of Deeds of Trust of Surry County, I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash on the 15th day of March, 1924 at one o'clock P. M. in front of the First National Bank of Mount Airy, the following described real estate to-wit: Beginning at a White Oak on the East bank of the Dobson and Crutchfield road and runs with said road as it now meanders North 39 deg. West 2 chains, North 35 deg. West 10 chs. North 18 deg. West 1 ch. 55 links to Wilmoth's line; thence with said line South 86 deg East 13 1-2 chs to a rock in the hollow; thence South 14 1-2 deg E 4 chs. and 15 links to a rock; thence South 4 1-2 deg. West 8 chs 75 links to the beginning containing 10 acres, more or less. Sale made to satisfy debt of \$1000. with interest and cost to be added. This 11th day of February, 1924. J. F. Hendren, Trustee.

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