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## THE SERMON FOR JANUARY

PREACHED BY REV. W. A. LAMBETH.

His Subject Was Progressive Theology and His Sermon Was Excellent.

Rev. W. A. Lambeth preached the University sermon for January in Gerrard Hall last Sunday night. Mr. Lambeth is a very young man, having only recently graduated from Trinity College. Notwithstanding his youth, he preached one of the best sermons of the year. It was what a college man wanted to hear. His theme was progressive theology. He took his text from Psalms 144:9. "I will sing a new song unto the Lord." Mr. Lambeth said in substance:

A young man said to me the other day that his brother was going to quit college this year because he was losing his religion. It was with him a choice between education and religion. Is it necessary to choose between these alternatives? What I have to say tonight is to that young man.

Forty-four years ago the Monitor and Merrimac, the first iron-clads, fought it out in Hampton Roads. The other week Admiral Evans sailed out of Hampton Roads with sixteen new battleships no one of which bore a mark of the Spanish War. This is typical of advancement in all lines. Advancement in theology has been very marked and has been characterized by five things.

In the first place advancement is not hostile to religion. Conceptions of astronomy have changed but the stars have remained fixed. Conceptions of geology have made way for new conceptions, but the earth is still the same. What astronomy is to the stars and what geology is to the earth theology is to religion. Old theology is making way for the new, but religion is ever the same. Do not be afraid that your reason is forcing you into new conceptions.

Present day progressive theology is not only harmless but necessary. It is necessary because the current theology is inadequate and inaccurate. The present creeds are not apace with the humanism—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The President of Brown University said: "The creeds have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid him."

Present day progressive theology is also inevitable for three reasons. First because the intellectual men are striving after intellectual peace. As poets and painters they restlessly strive to satisfy their mental and spiritual yearnings. Second, great leaders elsewhere have changed. In England, Tennyson and Browning gave melodious expression to progressive theology. Third, thought centres are championing it. Col-

leges and centres of learning are spreading new ideas and creeds of life.

These creeds are temporary, yet they are powerful. They are powerful because they are the nearest present approximation to transcribing the thought and life of Christ. The creed of the 20th century is yet to be written. Young men, now is the time for you. Write a creed out of your own experience. It will be only temporary, but it will be powerful. To be powerful it must be incarnated in a man who is intellectually courageous, and tolerant.

After all, present day progressive theology doesn't save or damn a man. Old theology doesn't save or damn a man. His acts, his character save or damn him. A man is saved most who loves most the life of Christ. All that modern progressive theology does is to make the life of Christ more completely capable of realization.

### Geological Seminary.

At the meeting of the Geological Seminary Tuesday night Prof. Cobb gave an extremely interesting lecture on "Causes of Earthquakes." The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides made from photographs of ground movements in the San Francisco disaster and the great Japan earthquake.

### Another Star Course Entertainment.

The next Star Course attraction will be the appearance of Russel H. Conwell on Wednesday, January 29. Mr. Conwell, who is President of Temple College, Philadelphia, is a brilliant preacher, orator, and author. He has been in the lecture field forty-four years, during which period he has delivered here and abroad nearly six thousand lectures. He was an intimate associate with Beecher, Holmes, Emerson, Whittier, Wendell Phillips, Douglass, Grant, Garfield, and other of America's great men. He is today one of the most popular speakers in the country, and among the last of the stars who made the platform brilliant in the days of Gough and Beecher.

He is pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia. This great church has a capacity of over 4,000, yet so great is the attraction of Mr. Conwell's preaching that admission is obtained by tickets, and thousands are often turned away.

The Star Course committee is unusually fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Conwell. The tickets are on sale at Eubanks's drug store.

### Pitt County Club.

The students from Pitt County, eighteen in number, met Friday night and organized a county club. The following officers were elected: J. H. Coward, president; Lee Davenport, vice-president. L. A. Brown, secretary and treasurer.

## BANQUETS TO MR. SIMMONS

### THE SCRUBS AND FRESHMEN DO THE HONORS.

#### The Scrubs Hold Forth Saturday Night and Freshmen Monday Night.

The "Scrub" Banquet held at Pickard & Stroud's Cafe Saturday night was a great success. In addition to the regular members of the "scrub" squad, Coach Simmons and Mr. Jacocks, both of whom helped to make the "scrubs," were present.

Football players believe in playing the game out, and talking, if at all, after the game is over. This idea was carried out, there being no speeches between courses. The eatables were devoured in true football fashion, and while the cigars were being passed around Captain Jim Hanes, acting as toast-master, called on several members of the team for impromptu speeches.

Manager Gaddy, Captain-elect Don McRae, and Grier made short speeches, and Blalock got in a few jokes on the side. Jacocks laid aside the modesty which he usually shows when called on for a speech at mass meetings. He told the men to aspire for positions on the varsity, and to get in training for next season by going out for the track team this spring.

Coach Simmons expressed his regret that he is soon to leave the Hill. He gave a brief review of the past season, and closed by offering his help to all the men who wished it. Coach Simmons will be missed by the whole college, but his loss will be felt most by the members of the "scrub" football team. He is the one who has made a "scrub's" life worth living. Not only has he drilled the players in the game of football, but by his own example he has taught them the moral lessons of football. He has shown them that clean play is the best, and he has helped to stir up a feeling of good fellowship between the team-mates. With the deep-felt adieu of Coach Simmons the banquet was brought to a fitting close.

At Pickard's Hotel Monday night the members of the Freshman football team held a banquet in honor of Coach Simmons. Four courses were served and a good time is reported by all. Captain John Tillet acted as toastmaster and Coach Simmons made the principal talk, though all present had something to say.

It is said that Oliver's subject was "To Him That Hath Cheek Much shall be Given." It is likewise reported that Marse Jesse made a speech on "Etiquette for Freshmen," to which Captain Tillet responded on "The Value of the Forward Pass."

After voting 1911 the best ever

and Coach Simmons the best coach of class teams ever at the University the crowd dispersed and sought their beds quietly and modestly.

### The Commencement Marshals.

The Junior class has passed through its annual political fight over the election of the Commencement marshals. The fight this year was rather lukewarm in comparison with the contests of the two years immediately preceding, and consequently the services of the peace-maker will not be needed to such an extent as heretofore. The marshals elected were: H. P. Masten, chief; Wade Montgomery, W. P. Grier, Don MacRae, Joe Parker, R. M. Wilson, R. D. Eames, subs.

### Ball Managers Nominated.

The faculty committee elected last week by the Senior class appointed as the nominating committee: Seniors—O. R. Rand, S. Rae Logan, J. W. Hester, W. C. Coughenour; Juniors—K. D. Battle, F. E. Winslow, F. P. Graham.

This committee met in Professor Williams's study Tuesday night and nominated the following men to stand for election as commencement ball managers Saturday.

Seniors: B. L. Banks, Jr., R. H. Chatham, W. C. Coughenour, G. M. Fountain, J. Q. Jackson, B. G. Muse, M. Orr, D. Phillips, W. C. Woodard, W. E. Yelverton.

Juniors: K. D. Battle, Don Gilliam, J. G. Hanes, R. S. McNeill, H. L. Perry, C. B. Ruffin.

Of these nominees five from the Senior and two from the Junior class are to be elected.

### Soph-Junior Debate.

The annual Soph-Junior Debate will be held in Gerrard Hall on February 7. The query is "Resolved, That the United States Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the People." The Phi debaters, Messrs. J. W. Umstead, Jr., and L. C. Kerr, will defend the affirmative, and the Di debaters, Messrs. F. P. Graham and J. W. Freeman, will defend the negative.

### Scholarship Examinations Held.

Mr. Stuart G. Noble, '07, who is now teaching at the Horner Military Institute, arrived Monday, and together with Mr. O. R. Rand, stood the examination for the Rhodes Scholarship, which was held Tuesday and Wednesday. Immediately after the examination the papers were sent to Oxford, and it will be some time before the successful candidate will be announced.

### The Inter-Society Debaters.

The Commencement debaters elected Saturday night are: Messrs. J. W. Umstead, Jr., and Monroe Gaddy, Phi; and M. J. Jones and O. C. Cox, Di.

The Fresh-Soph debaters are: Messrs. C. R. Wharton, '11, and A. H. Wolfe, '10, Di; and J. A. McKay, '11, and J. A. Highsmith, '10, Phi.