

SERMONS AT CHAPEL HILL

BACCALAUREATE BY DR. DEWEY

Distinguished Rector of the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, Deliverer of the Baccalaureate Sermon at Chapel Hill, June 4.

Chapel Hill, June 4.—The opening exercises of the one hundred and eleventh annual commencement of the University of North Carolina were inaugurated at Chapel Hill this morning.

A large and representative audience was present to hear the sermon of this well-known and able minister. Dr. Dewey took for his subject "The Bruised Reed," and his text from Isaiah 42:1-4.

Barriers separate the members of society from another another of wealth, of family connection, of educational privileges, or barriers created by differences in taste, disposition, or work.

THE UNIVERSAL INFIRMITY.

But of all the basal facts that level the barriers, perhaps the one that most directly applies to the democratic standpoint, that most unequivocally declares our essential equality, is the fact of our moral infirmity.

NOT ONLOOKERS MERELY.

Nor do we look on merely as spectators. We are not onlookers watching a play. We are ourselves participators in the drama as it is intensely real.

THE MASTER'S DIAGNOSIS.

You see what my theme is. Somewhat unusual, I grant; for it is not much in fashion nowadays. Before well-ordered congregations, to speak much as to the exceeding sinfulness of sin.

THE MINISTRY OF WORK.

Looking at Christ, keeping company with the good, if we would also enter into the work, if we would be pure, we must do the species deed, and seek to remove the stain from some other life.

THE MORAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

With the reality of sin is inextricably linked another reality—the reality of guilt. A little boy told an untruth.

he not forget it? The feeling of guilt cannot be escaped. What we long for when we wish again for childhood is its innocence and freedom from the feeling of guilt.

THE INEVITABLE RESULTS.

Sin, guilt, then what? Separation. I am not talking mere theology, but citing the commonest experience. If God seems vague, and religion very unreal, are not the like the words of the prophet, "I have sinned, but I have not been punished."

THE ABUNDING GRACE.

Sin, guilt, separation, and then what? Forgiveness. We all want God; at times we want him very much, and the only way to recover Him, when once we have strayed from His path, is by the road of forgiveness.

THE PURIFYING PROCESS.

Sin, guilt, separation, forgiveness, then one thing more. Forgiveness sets the prisoner free, but it leaves him open to danger. There is a word, not much used in the religious thought and speech of the day, a word that trembled in the prayer of Jesus and often fell from the pen of Paul; a word that indicates the lifelong process by which our feet are made to grow in strength and beauty and manhood and womanhood.

GAZING AT CHRIST.

What then are the means by which we may accomplish our sanctification? First is the steadfast gaze at Christ. Seek to think His thoughts, to feel His emotions, to place the emphasis where He placed it, to obtain His perspective, above all to gain His vision.

HELPFUL COMPANIONSHIP.

Again we must take the Divine Life indirectly through those personalities which refract the rainbow hues of beauty as through a prism. A distinguished educator once said that he derived more mental tonic from a half dozen men than from all other men he knew.

THE DIVINE INTERSESSION.

Finally, we must use that means of sanctification without which the others cannot be most effective—we must pray. I know there are difficulties in understanding prayer, that it is not easy to see how the One who beholds the end from the beginning can be influenced by the petitions from human lips.

THE DIVINE INTERSESSION.

Enough for me that Jesus prayed, the sweetest, the best of men. We pray in the quiet hour of the morning, and we go forth with a brighter look in the face, with a kindlier feeling in the heart, and with a stouter determination to do our work.

THE LONGWORTH'S HIDE.

Remain in Watercock White-Hundredth of Persons Vainly Try to See Them Before Sailing—Story of an Anarchist With a Mysterious Box Gains Circulation at Steamship Dock.

Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth sailed yesterday on the St. Louis, of the American line, to begin a European tour. Only a few of the hundreds of persons who were at the dock caught a glimpse of them before the steamship left.

After being entertained at supper at the St. Regis by Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, whose guests they had been at the theatre, Mr. and Mrs. Longworth left the hotel about one o'clock in the morning, going directly to the ship.

When the sightseers boarded the ship the President's daughter and her husband were not visible, and it was only after a special request had been sent to them that they showed themselves on deck.

Mr. Longworth wore a very neat fitting black and white checked mohair princess frock, trimmed with black piping and black velvet buttons, lingerie waist, black lace and straw picture hat, trimmed with black peacock's feathers; a black tulle veil and tan shoes.

"We are going to get off at Southampton," said Mr. Longworth, "and thence make for London, where for two weeks we shall be the guests of Ambassador Eaton. Then we shall travel in France and Germany."

"Are you going to do any automobileing?"

"Well, I haven't any automobile, though I wish I had."

Asked about his political aspirations, Mr. Longworth said that he understood that Theodore Roosevelt, of Cincinnati, was to be his opponent for Congress. "We sail for home, according to our present plans, on August 4," he said, "and there will be time enough to think about election when I get back."

There was a story—which the Longworths did not hear—of a wild-eyed anarchist being chased at the dock. A young man was heard to ask the gateman whether the Longworths had arrived. A bystander touched him on the shoulder and said:

"Sh! You look for the Longworths. I know them. I am an anarchist, and I am going to blow them up. See, here is my bomb," pointing to a cigar box which he carried under his coat. "My name is Antonio Reggio, of Fulton street Brooklyn."

MITCHELL NOT FOR BLACKBURN

Chairman Greene Says the County Convention Did Not Instruct For the Republican Congressman.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, June 3.—The news item recently printed in the State press to the effect that Mitchell had been elected Republican county of the State, had instructed for Congressman Blackburn for chairman of the State Republican executive committee, stated no little comment in this section of the State and many of the "organization" supporters refused to accept the item as that of Former State Chairman Thos. S. Rollins was one of those who seriously doubted the report from Mitchell county and to satisfy himself and to get at the truth of the matter, wrote a letter to Charles E. Greene, chairman of the Mitchell county Republican executive committee. Mr. Rollins to-day received a letter from Mr. Greene in which that gentleman says that there was no truth in the report. Mr. Greene says:

Your letter received and in reply I beg to state that our convention did not instruct for Blackburn for chairman nor was his name mentioned in this connection. Such a report is untrue. There was no act of instructing for you or Judge Adams, but the matter was left open and no resolution was adopted in that line.

Mr. Greene further says that "if nothing prevents I will be at the State convention and of course we will cast Mitchell's vote for Judge Adams."

Hamlet Schools Close.

Hamlet, June 2.—The graded school at this place closed last night with exercises appropriate to the occasion. The pupils acquitted themselves in a way that reflects great credit upon the programme was well rendered.

This school is in its infancy, it being only three years old. For the past year it has been under the supervision of Prof. W. L. Critchfield, of High Point. He is a fine teacher and a most excellent gentleman and Hamlet has been especially fortunate in having his services at the head of the school. He has been assisted by Mrs. Cridebough and Miss Hyman, of Halifax.

At a meeting of the school board held at the residence of the superintendent and teacher of the higher grades, and Miss Beattie Gordon, of Hamlet, and Miss Hyman, of Halifax, were elected assistant teachers for next year. Mrs. Cridebough declined re-election.

Work of Grading Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad. Special to The Observer. In Wilson, June 3.—Representatives of the firm of Good, Hart & Co., who have the contract for thirty miles of road for the Raleigh & Pamlico Sound Railroad, arrived in this city yesterday, having come from Raleigh in vehicles over the route of the new road. In the party were also Messrs. John V. Deegan and Henry Costen, representatives of M. Romano, an Italian banker, residing in New York. Wilson will be headquarters for the contractors while the fifteen miles of road each way from this city is being built, and it is said that the pay roll will amount to \$25,000 per month during the construction. Five hundred Italians will be sent here as soon as arrangements are made to house and feed them. This Mr. Costen will arrange for. It is said that all the supplies will be purchased in Wilson.

New Office Building for Wilson.

Special to The Observer. Wilson, June 3.—In addition to the large office building to be erected on Tarboro street by a party of Wilson gentlemen, it is reported that another large office building will be built on Goldsboro street. Mr. J. E. Richwine, general agent of the Union Mutual Insurance Company, of Portland, Me., has had plans prepared for this structure and it is said that several apartments have already been engaged. The building will be three stories, the first and second devoted to stores and business offices, and it is the intention to rent the third floor to various lodges. Mr. Richwine's insurance company will subscribe largely to the stock of the building company.

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