

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Special to The Dispatch.

Crowded out last week.

Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, Ph. D. Pastor of the People's Church, Christian, Dover Del. delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon from the text, "That which I see not, teach thou me."

Dr. Lightbourne began his professional career as a minister having graduated from the Columbia University as a Doctor of Philosophy, and then from failing health went to California where for ten years he edited the "Pacific Argonaut" which is the distinctly literary journal of the Pacific Coast. He then returned to New York City and became Editor in Chief of the "New York Mail and Express," which position he held for eight years until he returned to the ministry.

His sermon this year to the graduating class was exceptionally fine and merited the generous commendation which it received at the hands of the large and appreciative audience which heard it.

Dr. Lightbourne said in part that there were two forces or substances—matter and spirit—and the relationship between these two forces or substances is expressed by mind so that man combining the two substances and that which expresses the relation between them is a cosmic creature containing in himself the epitome of the world and the image of the world's Creator. He then went on to show how the mind of man brings him into vital relationship to duty and makes of him the overlord of the universe. He spoke of the intellectual faculty of man as the finest gift from the Creator and he was glad that man was a free agency. He said that he would rather have the power to do wrong and to do it than not to do it, for unless he had the power of free action he would be an automaton, a thing.

Coming to the denouement of the sermon, Dr. Lightbourne said that there was one passage way which this intellectual faculty, man's supreme endowment, which is unsurpassed by any other natural faculty, could not enter. Over this passage is written in glittering letters the word "Supernatural". It is impossible for man unregenerated and un-inspired by God to understand, to enter into or appreciate the supernatural in himself and in the universe about him,—and so it is that religion, revealed religion as set forth in the Bible, is the absolute necessity to a well rounded man. Dr. Lightbourne expressed his confidence in the stability of the Bible, for it is in the custody and the protection of the One whose spirit indited it.

Dr. Lightbourne's closing words to the graduating class emphasized character, duty, consecration and enthusiasm and were replete with wholesome advice in charming verbal expression.

Dr. Lightbourne also preached an excellent sermon in the College Auditorium Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in place of the regular Christian Endeavor service using as a text "And Naaman was wroth and flew into a rage."

Dr. Lightbourne left on the midnight train Sunday night for his home in Dover, Del. where he went to look after the details in dedicating his new Church there on the approaching Sunday a very remarkable church indeed which has doubled its membership within the past twelve months.

Sunday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock on the campus at the campus bandstand the College Band gave a sacred concert which was largely attended.

Last evening at 8 o'clock in the Chapel the Literary Society representatives gave their essays and orations under favorable auspices. Music for the occasion was furnished by the College Orchestra.

The Representatives for the Societies this year are, from the Psihphelian Society, Misses Bessie McPherson and Beulah Foster, from the Philologist Society, Messrs E. T. Hines and M. W. McPherson and from the Clio Society, Messrs. J. S. Lincoln and R. L. Walker.

The program rendered was as follows:

MUSIC—Orchestra.
ORATION—Our New Citizenship—Edgar Thurman Hines, (Philologist) North Carolina.

ESSAY—The Conservation of our Intellectual Resources—Miss Bessie McPherson, (Psihphelian,) North Carolina.

MUSIC—Orchestra.
ORATION—The Unfinished Voyage—Jennings Sipe Lincoln (Clio,) Virginia.

ORATION—Flowers—Marvin Walton McPherson, (Philologist) North Carolina.

MUSIC—Orchestra.

ESSAY—The Old Dominion's Harvest of Books for the Year 1909—Miss Beulah Foster, (Psihphelian,) North Carolina.

ORATION—Dives and Lazarus—Rosser Loy Walker (Clio,) North Carolina.

MUSIC—Orchestra.

To-day at 11:30 o'clock the annual Literary address will be delivered by Rev. Daniel Long, D. D., LL. D., Graham, N. C.

At 4 o'clock p. m. the Alumni Association will hold its annual business meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. This will be an important meeting. It will award the Alumni Scholarship to that member of the Junior Class who has won it. This Scholarship is good for two years and entitles the holder to free and tuition. It will elect an orator for the commencement and its own officers as transact other business matters of importance.

At 8 o'clock to-night the Annual Concert will be given by the music department.

On Wednesday June 1st at 11:30 o'clock will occur the graduating exercises at which time the representatives of the Senior Class will deliver orations and present essays.

The diplomas this year in the absence of President Moffitt who is sick, will be delivered by Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D. Suffolk, Va. for eleven years president of the College.

The Bibles will be delivered to Senior Class by Dr. H. L. Elderdice, President of the Methodist Protestant Theological Seminary in the United States, of Westminster, Md.

The Long Scholarship, the Wellons General Scholarship, the Morrow Thesis, the Stanford Orators' and the Moffitt Essayist's Medals will be delivered by Prof. Z. V. Judd, Raleigh N. C.

Certificates in Music, in Art, in the Business Department and in English will also be presented by President Staley as well as diplomas for the Master of Arts degree to Prof. Henry M. Loy and Rev. William T. Walters.

At 3 p. m. the Literary Societies will hold their annual reunion in their respective Halls.

At 4 p. m. the Art Exhibit will occur in the Administration Building first floor.

At 8 p. m. the Alumni address will be delivered in the College Auditorium by Miss Jennie Herndon, Ph. B. of Greenville N. C.

At 9 p. m. in the West Dormitory Dining Hall will occur the Alumni Banquet.

There is profound regret here that President Moffitt's condition does not warrant his physicians in agreeing for him to be present at commencement and to take part in the program.

Reform Will Go On.

After all, the awakened forces of a better political life were not dependent upon keeping Mr. Roosevelt for a second term as Governor. Neither are they now dependent upon running Governor Hughes for a third term or keeping him in reserve as a possible future leader and reformer in the practical politics of New York or of the nation. He has done what he believed to be his duty with courage, and he has won even the reluctant respect of his enemies. He will give his best service to the country on the Supreme Bench at a time when his powers have reached their full development. His immediate program at Albany may suffer setbacks, but if such a program rested only upon the force and conviction of one man its equilibrium would be unstable. There are many other capable and honest men in both parties in the State of New York; and those people of reform sympathies who have been content to read the newspapers and let Governor Hughes do the work will find it good for them to be compelled to take a more active part. That sort of reform which means honest and decency in legislation and government, regardless of silly talk about party orthodoxy and loyalty, may receive slight checks now and then, but it cannot be really defeated. The details of a primary-election law admit of many honest differences, but the fundamental object of purifying our political life is more important than details.—From "The Progress of the world," in the American Review of Reviews for June.

"Mr. Roosevelt always throws sixes," says the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis. Now, where in a bunch of Sundays, did the good doctor pick up this knowledge of the value of throwing of sixes.

BROOKLYN TABERNACLE BIBLE STUDIES.

"A CRUMB FROM THE CHILDREN'S TABLE."

Matthew 15:21-28—June 12.

"Great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt."—V. 28.
GOD loves the faithful and delights to have them trust in him. His chiefest blessings are for such. By reason of various conditions connected with our birth, it is not alike easy to all to accept the Divine promises and to shape life according to these, trusting that the rewards and blessings of the future will more than offset the sacrifices of the present. However, while only the faithful will attain the exceeding great and precious things of God's promises in this present age, we are glad that the Creator has still in reservation an inferior blessing for those who cannot exercise faith now, but who must be dealt with during the Millennial Age more along the lines of sight. Our present study well illustrates the Lord's grace towards those who trust him.

The Canaanitish woman was a heathen woman—one not an Israelite—one with whom the Lord had not entered into covenant relationship—one of those who at that time were without God and without hope, because the Divine provision for the blessing of the Gentiles was not yet opened up to them. When our Lord sent forth his Apostles to preach the Gospel, healing all manner of diseases and casting out devils, he instructed them to pass by all who were not Jews—Gentiles and Samaritans. His words were, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not, for I am not sent save to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." With a few exceptions our Lord's miracles were confined to the Jews. They alone were God's covenanted people. For this reason Jesus ignored the petition of the Canaanitish woman, crying "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." And later on he explained, "I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," and "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs."

The term "dogs" was applied to the Gentiles by the Jews as signifying their inferiority. Our Lord merely made use of an expression common in his day, and still common in Palestine. But note the woman's faith: She replied, "Yea, Lord, yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the Master's table." What perseverance, what faith, was thus manifested! How evidently she believed the Lord to be the promised Messiah, the Heir of the throne of David! As Jesus intimated, she had more faith than a majority of the Jews. Her request was granted—"O woman, great is thy faith! Be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Her daughter was healed from that hour.

There are several lessons for us in this study. However degraded we may be by nature, by heredity, by environment; however outcast from God's favor, we may still know of the Divine compassion. The message is, "God is Love." If he chose first of all to manifest his favor towards Abraham's children, it did not signify that he had no love or care for the remainder of mankind; merely that the Divine purpose must flow out to mankind through Divinely-appointed channels and in God's due time. We may be sure that when we get to the standpoint of perfect knowledge in the hereafter we shall see wisdom in every feature of the Divine program. For instance, from the human standpoint it seems strange that God has permitted a reign of sin and death in the world for 6000 years, when he has the full power to speak the word and to overthrow the forces of evil and to inaugurate gracious influences of blessing for the deliverance of mankind from the power of sin and Satan, ignorance and superstition; to give light for darkness; knowledge of God for ignorance and blindness. Studying the Divine Plan of the Ages, we find the lesson to be that God will first select a Church class and subsequently use the elect Church as channels of blessing toward the world of mankind.

A little while, and the permission of sin and the trials and difficulties of the present life shall have served to chisel and polish the "very elect." A little while, and they shall be transformed to the glorious likeness of their Redeemer beyond the veil. And then a little while, and the blessings long promised to the world in general will be dispensed. The children of God will first be fed from this table, and then not merely crumbs will fall for the remainder of the race, but rich and bountiful provision, exceedingly and abundantly more than we could have asked or thought.

It is a great and important truth that many human beings are more or less completely obsessed by evil spirits—demons—not the spirits of human beings, but the "fallen angels, as the Scriptures declare. Many battle for years against these influences of demons and, because not rightly informed of the Bible teaching on the subject, they come more and more under the occult influences with danger of entirely losing their reason. It was probably some such affliction as this which affected the daughter of the Canaanitess. She seemed to realize that there was only the one quarter from which she could get help. Hence her importunity, when she recognized the Lord.

In another sense of the word all sin and sickness may be said to be afflictions of the devil, because all are either directly, or through heredity, Satan's work. Thus our Lord declared that Satan had murdered our race by his falsehood to mother, Eve—"He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the Truth." Through his lie our race has gone down into sickness, mental, moral and physical, and is going down rapidly to the tomb. Thank God for the great Deliverer; thank God also, for his great day of deliverance, the Millennial Age, now nigh at hand.

Romance of the Bible.

Wm. Bee.

None of the strange or romantic stories between Genesis and Revelation is to be compared with the story of the Bible itself of its translation and circulation and as dynamic force in the world of literature. It came down through a labyrinth of language, Hebrew, Arabic, Greek, Latin and Anglo-Saxon and encountered foes to its existence at every turn in history. Tynard, the father of the open Bible, was burned at the stake and his books destroyed; but the attempt to stamp out the Holy Scripture but served to stimulate its spread until today it is literally true that the Bible read from Greenland's icy mountain to India's coral strand and holds the world under a more powerful spell than any other piece of literature.

With all the societies from the distribution of the Bible, Mrs. Russell Sage has just given the American Bible Society a half million dollars for the publication contingent upon its raising a similar sum, for its further dissemination. This amount is said to be needed to meet the demand for copies of the Bible in foreign lands where it is read and preach in a countless number of tongues. Whatever may be or thought as to the divine inspiration of the Bible, it is the Book of Books, the old that is ever new.

It would be premature, if nothing more, to speak of the union of the Pennsylvania and New Haven roads; but perhaps it would not be so far wrong to say that their engagement is announced.

The new Sultan of Turkey is said to be suffering from sixteen distinct and separate diseases, seven of which are incurable. The European bomb throwers will put that in their pipes and smoke it, surely.

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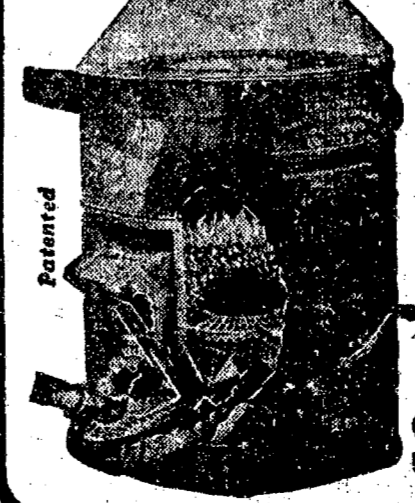
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