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BISHOP DUNCAN'S SERMON.

Two able sermons were delivered in the church by V. M. C. A. last evening.

Bishop W. W. Thomas of Spartanburg, S. C., presided in V. M. C. A. hall Sunday morning. The Bishop must be an excellent weather prophet for he had in store for those who braved the inclement weather a good and beautiful sermon adapted most fittingly to the dark and rainy day. His subject was "The uses of adversity," taking as his text Job 17:11, "My days are past, my pot-pans are broken, all even the thoughts of my heart."

He said: "The wisest utterances of men are born of sad experiences which are typified by such a day as this. All of us who are thoughtful are six thousand years old and yet few of us learn the lessons taught by the varied experiences of life. We think that sunshine, bright mornings, tonic atmosphere, singing of birds, fragrance of flowers are best for us all the time. We like it best when, as the roiling world phrases it, "everything goes as merry as a marriage bell." But it would be the greatest of misfortunes for us to have things always thus.

A wild Indian or an untutored son of Africa prefers a crown of glaring colors to a work of one of the old masters; but the cultured eye of aesthetic nature sees most beauty in the picture where the shades and shadows make the brightness all the more glorious. We need gloomy and unpleasant days because out of them may be wrought character and the sweetest blessing for heart and life.

Job said a great many wise things and his friends a great many that were foolish. Inspiration speaking out of bitter and trying experience, — out of gloomy days — has said most precious things for us. All of us were doubtless disappointed when we awoke this morning to find the gloom and rain. What shall we do with a day like this? The words of our favorite poet came to us:

The day is dark and dreary,
It rains, and the wind is never weary,
The vine still clings to the moldering wall,
But at every gust the dead leaves fall,
And the day is dark and dreary.

My life is cold and dark and dreary,
It rains, and the wind is never weary,
My thoughts still cling to the moldering past,
But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast,
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What is the use of this gloom and rain? We must take advantage of our offering in table damask.

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We despise the dust that is swept from floor and carpet but out of this may be grown one of the most beautiful and fragrant flowers, if we will but place the seed therein and let God, dew and sunlight fall upon it. Out of those experiences that we must despise, God oft makes to grow our best, our brightest. A man returns home from a distant journey and finds the doors and shutters closed and everything still and silent. His best beloved is dead. His life hitherto has been superficial, but out of that darkness and bereaved home there shall come a new man. Everything he planned and proposed had failed, but out of that failure shall come his greatest blessing. I was called once to see a woman in distress. I had known her long and I was not surprised to find her kneeling with arms around her husband's coffin while in bitterest accents she cried: "God is so cruel! God is so cruel!" Although a member of the church, she had had none of the hearts richest experiences. She loved God, where all was bright and joyous. Her God was a God of sunshine; she had never thought of a God of the clouds. You ask me what I could say to her. I answer, "absolutely nothing." I might as well have tried to calm the troubled sea by stretching forth my hand. I could only wait until the winds had ceased and the waves calmed, and then speak a word in season.

But I knew another woman. Her husband was called to go away into distant lands, where he knew great trials awaited him. He didn't want

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THE LITTLE TYCOON.

The merry comic opera "The Little Tycoon" which will be seen at the opera house Thursday Feb 25th, can be justly styled the magnetic comic opera. People go to see it again and again and the more they see the more they like it. Its record surpasses anything in the opera line. Philadelphia has known it for nearly three years, and had it not been for the destruction by fire of the Lyric Theatre it would probably be counting there yet. "The Little Tycoon" is under the direction of Henry Greenwald, who controls all the big amusement enterprises of the South.

The great and finished comedian, R. E. Graham, who is the original creator of Kniebeck's, will again be seen in his favorite part. The other members of the company are Joseph Moody, Robert Hunter, George H. Boudersky, J. E. McEverson, Laura Mulford, Mabella Baker and Mamie Corbi. The fascinating "Old Ah!" duet will be revived and the famous topical song, "Can't Do It, You Know," will be heard for the first time. The scenery and costumes are all new. Besides there is a chorus of thirty and orchestra.

Construction Trade Wrecked.
Pomona, Miss., Feb. 22. A construction team on the Vicksburg Memphis road, was wrecked a few miles from this station. Two men were instantly killed. Conductor Ramsey, section foreman Rafnera, brakeman Boyd and another brakeman, name unknown, were fatally injured.

Ferris Chipped Beef, mild and sweet, at BONNEY & VAN NESS.

THE EVENING SERMON.
At the evening services Bishop Duncan took as his text the 19th verse of the 19th Psalm.

More to be desired are they than gold, yet than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey-comb. The sermon throughout was one full of practical thoughts and plainly showed the power of orator that this noted divine possesses. It was thought by many to be superior to the morning discourse.

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