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## THE EVILS OF GAMBLING.

Rev. W. H. Hiller Pleads With the Young Against Its Destructive Influences.

Rev. W. H. Hiller took for his subject on Sunday the incident of the soldier's casting lots in the division of Jesus' clothing and directed his remarks against gambling.

It was not a tirade, but a reasoning, pleading exhortation against the business and soul destroying evil. He plead to the young men especially to keep from, to shun all games of chance.

He set forth that gambling engenders idleness, depreciates the value of all things properly prized as dear, makes money cheap, undervalues life and destroys the sacredness of trust, scars the conscience and dries up spirituality.

He maintained, as is plainly visible in every day life, that the man who gambles will not apply himself assiduously to labor, which is the divine law by which man eats bread. He will be idle while others apply themselves to legitimate labor, and idleness fills the mind with that which destroys the soul. The idle mind is soon unfit for legitimate business. Idleness is an evil and gambling which begets it is wrong, wrong, ruinously wrong.

Gambling, he said, makes one wreckless in the use of money and property—his legitimate means of usefulness in life. It makes money cheap in the estimate of the devotee.

It cheapens the value of life, diverting it from its great ends and possibilities, while for the most trivial causes murders frequent these haunts.

It scars the conscience, leaving it incapable of appreciating grave considerations as in the case of the text, when near the cross, with all its pathetic scenes and the convulsion, of Nature, with blood and death in their very presence, these men engaged in this getting by a game of chance.

It dries up the spirituality, leaving the soul unfit to enter into the worship or the service of Him in whose image man is made.

It brings untold grief in the household all too often.

The speaker drew a picture with a well-known reality as a basis, showing the low sense of a sacred trust by one who had fallen into the snare. It was a guardian, who used the funds of orphans in cotton futures and losing all, had to flee from his family to escape the clutches of the law and thereby turn his family and the orphans out to the cold charities of the world. The speaker did not designate the various schemes which

might be ranked as gambling, but warned against all games of chance and of getting something for nothing or by means other than through the law, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread."

He was encouraged to present the subject from an incident under his ministry. A young man, with a family, came forward after the services and verified all that he said. The young husband and father had followed the dangerous course till only by the aid of sympathizing friends was he saved from the terrible consequences.

## DISCOURSE TO THE GRADUATES.

Rev. G. H. Cornelson Delivers Special Sermon to Those Finishing Graded School Course

The commencement of the Concord graded school will take place next Friday evening. There are 17 interesting girls and boys who complete the course this session.

Rev. G. H. Cornelson was chosen to preach a special sermon to the class at Sunday evening's services.

He took his text from John 6:38, "For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."

He noted the life of the Saviour as the one and only perfect life, the one that challenges the admiration of even skeptics and agnostics, the one ideal perfect life.

In the study of great men we always search for the key or underlying principle that is the secret of their greatness. In the text we have the secret of perfection in the Saviour's life.

There can be no true greatness, said the speaker, no true and well formed character based on principles other than to do the will of God.

He noted three classifications of men suggested by an eminent author which seemed to embrace the human family. They are as follows: Those who do their own will, those who do the will of their fellow men, and those who do the will of God.

The first is a knave, the second a slave. The third only is truly free.

He portrayed the man who is chained down to infamy and degradation by evil habits as the most miserable of abject servants to evil passions and appetites.

The servant of his fellow man is not free but must do the bidding of his imperfect pattern. He has no conviction of his own.

The servant of God is the real free man. A life of purity, uprightness and faithfulness is the highest degree of freedom for man, and vice versa, the slave to

passion the worst type of servitude.

The Saviour's own definition of serving is to believe on Him whom God hath sent. This belief on Him leads to consecration to the service of Him who sent the Saviour and is the basis of all true character.

He referred to Havelock, Chinese Gordon and Stonewall Jackson as the three peerless commanders in point of courage and aggressive and brilliant achievement, the basis of whose greatness was not glory of self but to do the will of God and bless humanity.

In closing his discourse he urged the young graduates to consecrated lives that shall seek out and bless others, leading and aiding them in lives of devotion to God, who has made and sent into the world every soul to be saved to life eternal.

## That Annoying Error.

We are sorry that in putting down in detail the substance dictated by Rev. C. B. Miller, as president of the North Carolina Synod, we got dates wrong and said Synod would meet Wednesday, May 7th, when we should have said Wednesday, April 30th. The fault is purely our own.

## An Attempted Assault.

A 'phone message from Rock Hill, S. C., last night stated that yesterday afternoon a negro attempted to assault the six-year-old daughter of Mr. Nolan Clinton, who lives near Edgemoor, in Chester county. A number of children who saw the negro seize the child screamed for help and the negro ran. The entire neighborhood was aroused, and a large posse was formed to hunt for the negro.—Charlotte Observer of 14th.

## Strawberry Outlook.

"Because of the backward Spring strawberries will be somewhat later than usual this season. It will probably be during the first week in May when shipping will begin. The weather has been so severe that the growth of the plants has been very much retarded, and it is not probable that the plants will be as large as usual, and therefore the yield will hardly be as heavy. During the few days of favorable weather that we have had, the berries have improved greatly, and we look for them to be finer in quality than usual."—Sampson Democrat.

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