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THE SOUTHERNER'S SATURDAY SERMON

Purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.—Hebrews 9:15.

This sermon shall be about conscience. There is a very great mistake generally held as to the value of the conscience. Men talk as if their consciences were the voice of God himself, surely and certainly guiding them in the ways of truth and righteousness. Now, as a matter of fact, no such honor is given the conscience of man in the Bible. We are nowhere told by Jesus to follow our consciences, but to follow Him. The human conscience is fallible and ignorant and dangerous, like all other human things. The conscience is no more likely to be right than the reason, or human memory, or instinct, or human affection. They all are unsafe guides.

Here are some of the faults and failings of the conscience:

1. Our consciences may tell us to do things contrary to all principles of mercy and justice. Conscience drove men in old times to persecute by torture and death those whose religious opinions differed from theirs. Sometimes our conscience tells us to do right, but it is quite as apt to tell us to do wrong.

2. Conscience is capricious, petty, absurd. Once, in an Alabama town, I was walking down the street with one of the Protestant preachers, and we met the Roman Catholic priest. I said, "Good morning, Father Hogan," but the preacher said very emphatically, "Good morning, Mister Hogan." The priest turned red as a beet, and looked at the preacher like he was a water moccasin. As he went on I asked him why did he not call Father Hogan by his title, and he said his conscience would not permit him to call any man Father.

"Well," I said, "you hurt his feelings by it. Why not refrain from calling him anything at all; just do not speak to him when you pass." "No," he replied, "my conscience will not let me pass a man without speaking to him." He was a man of very brilliant mind, but his conscience certainly was a big dunce.

3. Conscience will drive you in a corner and give you the mischief no matter what course you take. For instance, suppose a beggar comes to your door and asks for money. If you give him money, your conscience reproaches you for letting yourself be an easy mark, and for encouraging a rascal in his laziness and vagrancy, and tells you that you ought to have saved that money for some really deserving person. But if on the other hand you refuse to give him anything your conscience lays you out like fury for turning the poor man away, and calls you a tightwad, and asks you how would like in your hour of need to be treated that way, and makes you feel so bad you do not know what to do. Or again, when one of your children is guilty of some fault, you must either punish him or not, one or the other. If you whip him, your conscience makes you feel like a dog for jumping on a poor little boy and beating him just because you were bigger than he was. But if you do not whip him, the same miserable conscience abuses you scandalously for not doing your duty by your child, and training him up right.

4. Conscience will be powerful particular with you in some little thing that does not amount to a row of pins, and be powerful easy in some matter that is very serious. For instance, I know a man whose conscience would not let him read prayers out of a book, but never once bothered him about drinking and gambling. I knew a man once who killed a good man without any provocation, and his conscience never troubled him at all for it. Yet, he sent me some postage stamps that he had borrowed from me two years back, because his conscience would not let him rest about it.

The fact is, in conclusion, that we have not within ourselves any wise, safe and certain guide to righteousness or peace. If we trust to our natural consciences, they may land us in jail, or in hell. What we need is God, who never fails, to guide and strengthen and control us.

Let Christ, not your conscience, rule your conduct. Take the Holy Ghost into your life and submit to His guidance.



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RUSSIA RUN DOWN, SAYS ENGLEHARD

Constantinople, Aug. 20.—Russia's ability to export raw materials in the near future has been greatly overestimated by foreign countries in the opinion of Colonel B. Englehard, formerly a member of the Russian Duma and a student of economic conditions in Russia before and after the revolution. In a talk with the Associated Press correspondent he said that foreigners seem to fail to realize the collapse of the Russian transportation systems, reduced manpower and rundown condition of the Russian farm lands.

This comment was evoked by reports of the negotiations of Russian economic agents with Premier Lloyd George in London and the announcement that the United States had lifted prohibitions upon American trade with Soviet Russia.

Colonel Englehard is confident that Russia will again play an important role in European markets, but, he said, "the revival of Russian trade will not come until there shall be established a normal state of life when men shall renounce attempts of establishing immediately the paradise of communism."

RAIN POSTPONES ELGIN ROAD RACE

Elgin, Ill., Aug. 21.—The Elgin National Road Race, to decide the automobile racing championship, which was to have been held today, has been postponed until next Saturday on account of rain.

CRANK'S ACCOUNT BEEN ATTACHED

Philadelphia, Aug. 21.—Four bank deposits of Augusto Pasquale, "The Crank," in the Coughlin kidnaping case, have been attached. The accounts are in New York banks and aggregate \$7,000. The attachment was obtained by Geo. H. Coughlin, of Norristown, whose fifteen months old son, Blakely, was kidnaped from his home June 2 last.

The attachment writs were filed with the prothonotary at Norristown by Major C. Townley Larseleer, counsel for Coughlin.

Mr. Coughlin paid a ransom of \$12,000 for the return of his child on July 14. He previously attached personal property of Pasquale's amounting to \$6,672. This makes a total of 13,672.

Police now are confident Pasquale alone received the \$12,000 ransom paid by Coughlin.

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INCREASED COTTON PRODUCTION NEED

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 20.—Increased and improved production of cotton, especially in northeastern Brazil, a great potential producing center which is at present quite undeveloped, is the object of a cotton service bureau recently established by presidential decree.

The bureau will investigate the properties of the soil and climatic conditions, and establish experiments stations to study the culture of cotton and preventive measures against pests and plant diseases. Planters in the cotton zones will be provided with machinery, implements and fertilizers at cost prices, and establishments will be installed for preparing cotton for market.

A representative of the big English cotton combine is now in the northern states making a special study of conditions.

GERMANY SEES BETTER TIMES

Hamburg, Aug. 20.—In one day last week 22 steamers passed Cuxhaven on the way to Hamburg or to enter the Kiel Canal. This was the largest number of ships to come into the Elbe in 24 hours since the early days of the war, and the event was hailed with intense satisfaction here as a sign of better times.

Five years ago it was a dull day when only a score of vessels arrived.

Administrator's Notice.
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of D. Ernest Braswell, deceased, late of the County of Edgecombe, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Tarboro, N. C., on or before the 16th day of August, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

ROSALIE BRASWELL, Administratrix.

8-16-11w-6wks
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The Hamburg-American line alone usually had from 25 to 30 big ships in port and the harbor was so crowded with shipping that the problem of docking was often acute.

In those days few flags other than those of the German companies were seen in the harbor. Today Hamburg is literally under foreign colors.

Shipping companies of all the principal nations have set up offices here and the formerly powerful German lines, having lost their ships, are acting now only as agents. American, British, Japanese, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch and Brazilian companies display their advertisements in the shipping papers. Advertisements of German concerns are so few that one must search for them.

Service By Publication.
In the Superior Court, North Carolina, Edgecombe County. Minnie Epps, vs. Leroy Epps. Notice.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Edgecombe County for the purpose of obtaining a divorce absolute from the bonds of matrimony from him by the plaintiff on statutory grounds; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Edgecombe County in Tarboro, N. C., on the 18th day of Sept. 1920, before said Clerk and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

A. T. WALSTON, Clerk of the Superior Court of Edgecombe County.
This the 19th day of August, 1920. aug20-11w-4wks

LOST, strayed, or stolen—A small black dog, answering to name of Toby. Last seen morning of Aug. 11. Anyone knowing the whereabouts please notify H. L. Leggett, Tarboro, N. C. 13-1f

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PRESIDENT GODFATHER OF EACH SEVENTH SON

Buenos Aires, Aug. 21.—When a seventh son is born in Argentina, the president of the republic becomes his godfather, according to a custom. Recently a seventh male heir was baptized with a brilliant church ceremony at which the ranking officer of the Argentine army represented the president, who now has quite a large family of god-sons.

FRENCH WORRYING OVER COAL SHORTAGE

Paris, Aug. 21.—New ideas for economizing coal and other fuel are sought by the authorities and 100,000 francs in prizes have been offered by

the Seine department for ideas and inventions this fall.

Under the provisions of the Spa conference agreement, France will have, from all sources, slightly less than 80 per cent of her needs in coal and now, in the sultry heat of summer, the people are beginning to worry about the shivers of the coming winter.

COUNT MUNSTER IS SUMMARILY DISMISSED

Berlin, Aug. 21.—Count Munster, who was first enquiry to the former King of Saxony and since has held an important position in the republican ministry for agriculture, has been summarily dismissed.

The explanation given on behalf of the government for his dismissal is that the count had said in public that Herr Schwarz, his chief, the present minister of agriculture, formerly a metal turner, "didn't know anything about agriculture," only in less respectful terms.

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WATER RENTS.

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Section 30. All services to be metered. Three dollars seventy-five cents (\$3.75) advance, minimum charge for 12,000 gallons per quarter. January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, October 1st, all excess over the 12,000 gallons at the rate of 30¢ per 1,000 gallons, subject to the following discounts if paid on or before 10th of month:
On excess of \$10 to \$20, 10 per cent.
On excess of \$20 to \$30, 15 per cent.
On excess of \$30 to \$40, 20 per cent.
On excess of \$40 to \$50, 25 per cent.
On excess of \$50 to \$60, 30 per cent.
On excess of \$60 to \$70, 35 per cent.
On excess of \$70 to \$80, 40 per cent.
On excess of \$80 to \$90, 45 per cent.
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