

Spiritual Realities.

And their words seemed to them as idle tales and they believed them not.—St. Luke, xxiv. 11.

It is a very difficult thing for most men to grasp spiritual realities. We touch and taste and hear and see the material. That is the thing which constantly forces itself on our physical sense and it has been very hard for men to grasp the conception of a life in which these bodies have part.

From the outset Christian teachers opposed the physical and material conception of life here and hereafter. If these bodies were corrupted and destroyed in the grave how could they be raised to life? You remember St. Paul's answer in that famous fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians which we read over the bodies of our dear ones when we consign them to the grave. The corruption and decay of these bodies shall no otherwise affect the seeds which you plant in the earth.

The real thing is the idea, the thought, the spirit. The thing on which you can lay your hands, the thing which you can define with mathematical precision, the thing which you can photograph, is but the passing expression. This seems like an idle tale to men who cannot free themselves from the hampering materialism of their surroundings. Such men scornfully toss aside the realities as unreal, because they are not susceptible of that proof of the senses which they are wont to apply in their dealings with material expressions. They have developed those higher powers of their nature which respond to the spiritual, somewhat in the same way in which the senses respond to the material.

What a glory belief in the resurrection gives to life! The

tasks which seem to me so irksome and sometimes so needless are a preparation for a work that my Father has prepared for me in another mansion of His great house, just as the school child's tasks are the preparation for the greater and broader work of maturer life when he shall be fit to share his father's post and his father's labor! The pains and sorrows which befall us here and often seem so unjust, taking the joy out of our lives, are like the pains and ills of a child which make his life unhappy for a day that they may cure him of some sickness, remedy some defect in his organism or strengthen the little spirit within, making it braver and truer and purer! Our very partings loose their unutterable sadness and tend in their turn to make life more glorious when it becomes clear to us that God has taken those we love to put them in a place which he has prepared; that they are only over the threshold in the next room, busy and happy in a life full of interest and joy.

To dwell on thoughts like these to have the seal of faith set upon the hopes and the yearnings of our nature, to be told that those yearnings and those aspirations were not given us by God in vain, but that they might in due time find their realization—this faith ennobles the very source of our being. It has been the proud conception of man, as expressed for example, in the old Hebrew Scriptures, growing stronger the more men progressed in intelligence and control over themselves and the universe about them, that we are different from the rest of creation. We are the crown of creation to which all the rest leads up. This thought takes on a new and nobler character as a result of that doctrine of immortal life which Jesus brought to men.—John P. Peters, St. Michael's Church, New York.

Commissioner's Sale of Land

Pursuant to an order of the Superior Court of Forsyth County at September Term, 1906, in the action entitled, E. B. Jones, Executor of T. T. Best v. T. H. Tise, administrator of C. H. Tise, T. H. Tise, guardian of Eva M. Tise and Robert W. Tise and Clementina Tise and T. H. Tise, I shall expose at public auction for cash, on Saturday, the 3rd day of November 1906, at 12:40 o'clock, P. M., at the court house door in Forsyth County, Winston, N. C., the following described property, to-wit:

Lying near Winston in Old Town Township, Forsyth County, N. C., and known and designated on plat of The Lake Best Property as Lots Nos. 42, 53, 58, 75, 105, 106, 116 and 117, which plat is duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Forsyth County in book 38 of deeds at page 15, and for fuller description see said recorded plat.

This the 28th day of September, 1906.

LINDSAY PATTERSON,
Commissioner.

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Lying near Winston in Old Town Township, Forsyth County, N. C., and known and designated on the plat of The Lake Best Property, as Lot No. 109, which plat is duly recorded in office of the register of deeds of Forsyth County in book 38 of deeds, page 15, and for fuller description see said recorded plat.

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Lying near Winston in Old Town Township, Forsyth County, N. C., and known and designated on the plat of The Lake Best Property as Lots Nos. 34 and 36, which plat is duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Forsyth County, in book 38 of deeds, at page 15, and for fuller description see said recorded plat.

This the 28th day of September, 1906.

LINDSAY PATTERSON,
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