A STRONG SERMON.

Rev. G. D. Herman Preaches From Text "What Think Ye of Christ" of Christ. at Union Service-A Clear, Logi-

Rev. G. D. Herman, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, preached a sermon at the union service, held Sunday night at the A. R. P. church, which presented in a striking, original and logical discourse the vital question, "What Think Ye of Christ." He was heard attentively by the congregation, which showed appreciation of his clear and concise presentation of a great subject. We give below the full text of his sermon:

Matt. 22:42-Our Lord Jesus Christ claimed to be the only begotten Son of the Eternal Father. Peter and John and Paul, with the other apostles and disciples, believed Him to be the Incarnate Son of the Eternal Father, the Christ of promise and prophecy, the Redeemer and Saviour of our race. We dare not ignore the fact that those who knew Jesus best believed in Him most.

1. John the Baptist believed Him to be "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." The opinion of John ought to count. When he baptized Jesus, he heard that voice from above: "This is my well-beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." It was not in keeping with either the interests or the character of this honest John to propagate a lie.

2. No man ever saw more of Jesus or understood Him better than St. John the beloved disciple. He says, that in the Person of Jesus Christ the eternal Word became man, and "dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory-the glory of the only begotten of the Father." That Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, was with God in the beginning, that all things were made by Him, and He is the Fountain of all life and light, of truth and love.

3. It is admitted on all hands that Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. was one of the most capable men our race has produced. In depth and sweep and clearness of intellect, in strength and breadth and wealth of affections, and in unconquerable will and potency of personality this Paul was the mightiest among the mighty of all the ages. About seven years after the Crucifixion, Paul, whose training and prejudices, and whose worldy interests and personal associations were all against Christ, had a vision of Jesus on the Damascus Road-a vision which changed him suddenly, radically, and eternally; and ever after this vision Paul went up and down in the world proclaiming with supernatural energy, enthusiasm, and conviction that Jesus was none other than "God manifested in the flesh" to save men from sin. He says, this Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead.

4. The writer of the Book of Hebrews, whoever he may have been, was a man of rare gifts, of full and accurate knowledge of the Old Testament, and of luminous insight in spiritual things. This writer says, that in Jesus Christ God was speaking to our race through His Son, by whom he made the worlds; and that this Son, being the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His Person, upholds all things by the word of His power. That this Son by the sacrifice of Himself purged our sins, and is now at the right hand of God the Father, making intercessions for us, and that He is able and willing to save the uttermost all that come to God through him.

1. But at this time I am not so much concerned to know what Peter and John and Paul, with the other apostles and disciples, thought of our Lord Jesus Christ as I am to know what you think of Him. In view of all the facts, what ought we to think of Him? Is it possible for us to be as fully assured of His Divine nature as were the early disciples, who walked and talked with Him in the days of His flesh? Is the evidence so clear and abundant that we may cast upon Him our sins and sorrows, and work and walt in the calm assurance of life eteranl beyoud the grave?

2. It is a fact of startling significance that no good man can think evil of Jesus Christ, and still retain his moral purity and spiritual vigor. Every really good man thinks well of Jesus Christ. You can think evil of Cromwell, of Napoleon, of Wagit- for others. His service for men and ington and still be a good man! You may think evil of Luther, of Calvin, of Wesley and still remain a good man. But you cannot think evil of ed. and the afflicted. He carried the Jesus Christ and still be a good man. burdens and sorrows of the world. it is a matter of no small import. He went willingly to the Cross to

of influence and usefulness are determined by how and what we think

3. In regard to Jesus Christ the of Him at all; those who think erroneously about Him, and those who think correctly about Him. The man who refuses to consider the claims of Jesus is nothing short of a moral monster-he chooses "darkness rather than light because his deeds are evil." The meanest man on earth is he who politely declines to consider the claims of Jesus .for, if Christ is the Son of God, the man who refuses to love and serve and worship Him is as ungrateful as the devil. Such as think erroneously of Him because of ignorance and pejudice deserve the sympathy and help of those who have the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Every man who would know the truth. and attain the highest life, and the best experience will examine the claims of Jesus with that moral anxiety that these claims demandand he will never reject these claims until something better is offered. If Christ is not the best that Heaven has offered a world in sin and sorrow, then there is no guilt in rejecting the claims of Jesus.

4. Every man who does any real thinking about Christ is compelled to think one of three things: Christ was insane; Christ was an imposter, or Christ was the Son of God. All of our thinking about Christ will come to one of these propositions in the end. If Christ was insane, I want to know it. If Christ was an imposter, I must know it; and if He was in very truth the Son of God, I cannot afford to be ignorant of, or indifferent to, the momentous fact. 1. CHRIST NOT INSANE.

We may know that Christ was not insane by what He said. A man's words will soon reveal the measure of his sanity or his insanity. The sermons and parables and conversations of Christ reveal the highest manifestations of sanity. Jesus Christ was the greatest logician the world ever saw. Socrates, Plato, Aquinas, Butler, Hamilton, Watson, and Fairbairn are but dwarfs when compared to Jesus Christ in balance and vigor and vision of intellect. The greatest of mere human intellects sometimes become illogical an irrelevant. But Christ never uttered an irrelevant word or an illogical sentence. He constantly gave expression to the highest moral and Truth was natural to Him. His mind dwelt in the sunlight of truth. Hence. He was never confused, never contradicted Himself, was never entrapt in His words by his keen enemies, was never surprised, never agitated, and never excited. He knew all the truth. The highest and most inspiring truths came from Jesus. Now, it is impossible for a man of common sense to believe for a moment that the most luminous and inspiring truths the world knows were the product of insanity. Only a fool of the first magnitude can think and speak of Jesus as in-II-CHRIST NOT AN IMPOSTER.

That the Christ of the Gospels was not an imposter we may know from the fact that there were none of the marks of an imposter about him. The ear-marks of every imposter since the world began have been one or more of the following: An inordinate desire for human applause; an excessive greed and love Providence. of money; an over-bearing and intolerant pride and conceit, and a selfish love of worldly ease and comfort. Every imposter, whether in politics, business or religion, has had one or more or all these marks. But Jesus Christ had none of them. He cared not for the praise of the world. He actually ran away from popularity. He steadfastly refused all worldly honor. He was unmoved by popular opinion. He spoke the truth at the risk of losing his best friends. He sought only the honor that comes from God. He cared not for money. He was poorest among the poor. He never used His tremendous powers for Himself. He sought nothing for Himself. He

was poor from choice. His humility was amazing to men and angels and devils. He actually know God must go back to Jesus washed the disciples' feet while they | Christ. The Sun being now risen, were disputing who among them should be the greatest. He became a servant of servants. He resented not the grossest insults. He complained not at ingratitude. He emptied Himself for our good. He sought not ease and comfort. He was ever active in unselfish service His devotion to God were constant and consuming. He spent His days among the poor, the obscure, the friendless, the helpless, the neglect-

itual vigor, and the highest forms thought not of Himself, but prayed tion. History records the influence for those who in their blind and bitter hate had nailed Him to the tory is the visible results of invisi-Never since the world began has an ly denied, that the nations which world is divided into three distinct imposter willingly died for others. have honored Christ have been the classes: Those who refuse to think Only a very bad man will call happy, prosperous, and powerful na-Christ an imposter.

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III.—CHRIST THE SON OF GOD. If Christ was not insane, and if He was not an imposter; then He was what He claimd to be-the eternal Son of God the Father Almighty, come to our world to redeem and save men from their sins. Now, that the Christ of the Gospels was in very truth the only begotten Son of God may be known beyond reasonable doubt. There are four everpresent witnesses that men of common sense have always regarded as infallible, because they have never deceived any man. I shall now introduce these witnesses, and let you hear for yourself. These witnesses are notable characters. They are Prophecy, Providence, History and Experience. You must admit no court ever had more nonorable wit-

I.—PROPHECY.

So far as it relates to the value of this argument, it matters not whether you regard prophecy as the product of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, or as the highest aspirations and iedals of the good men of old, or simply as the embodiment of the faith and traditions of the Jewish nation: One fact remains beyond dispute-that in Jesus Christ these sublime prophesies were perfectly realized and fulfilled in their most exalted conceptions as well as in their minutest details, and in no other person have they been so fulfilled. It is a most remarkable and suggestive fact, well-known to Bible students, that Jesus Christ lived and died with the abiding consciousness and conviction that in Himself was being consumated the hopes and aspirations, the predictions and ideals of Old Testament prophecy. He recognized Himself as sent from God to fulfill that which was written. We must account for this unique consciousness in Jesus; and it cannot be accounted for on naturalistic princciples-else all men would have been possessed of this same consciousness. Reason, the highest reason, teaches that such a consciousness as Jesus had in relation to Old Testament prophecy must correspond to fact. Thus it is that the voice of Prophecy bears testimony to our Lord Jesus-and testimony to Jesus of the most substantial kind; because the unique consciousness of Jesus and the voice of Prophecy were one in ideal and in realization.

II .- PROVIDENCE.

All the world, Christian and Pagan, with the exception of a few atheists and materialists, believes in the guiding hand of a Wisdom and Power known as Providence. Their notions may be vague, confused, and indefinite, but men are forced to belive in a Power and Wisdom, which, in spite of human frailties, follies, and sins, shapes the destiny of our race to moral ends. Men are led to believe that all the immeasurable forces of the universe, visible and invisible, natural and supernatural, in all their tremendous sweep and mysterious intricacy, somehow tend to lift man out of darkness and sin into the light of Divine love and trust, and into harmony with the Divine government, "The world rolls out of darkness into light, "and men believe it will soon be "day break every where," because of this

Now the amazing fact to which I call attention is this: Since Jesus came and taught men not one additional ray of moral and spiritual light has come to our race. Since Christ and His apostles taught, the world has made marvelous progress in every thing except the knowledge of God. New discoveries and new inventions without numbers; progress in the arts, progress in the sciences, progress in philosophy. progress in government, progress growth, development in every department of thought and action but the knowledge of God and the eternal beyond. Jesus said the full and final word about religion , because He was what He claimed to be-the true Light, the Light of the world, the Light of life. Every man who would there can be no other light. Providence has given perpetual witness to Jesus as the Son of God in this: The light of life has never been found but in the Person and Teaching and Cross of Christ. The Cross is that amazing manifestation of the Divine Being in His unfathemable love for man and His opposition to sin beyoud which fulte mind cannot go. In spite of wicked men and devils the Cross of Christ is now the moral and spiritual center of our world,and, perhaps, of all worlds.

III.-HISTORY.

ance that our moral purity, our spir- die for His enemies. While dying he ple. History is Providence in ac- back.

of Jesus among the nations. Hiscruel Cross, and then mocked Him. | ble forces. It cannot be successfultions. Political liberty has only succeeded where the Gospel has permeated the masses. Every nation that opposed Christ is either dead or dying. The Gospel has never falled to give security, stability, and potency to the nations which have accepted it. It purifies and exalts society. It has produced the best type of manhood and womanhood. It has renewed the very face of nature among the heathen, and changed rude savages into sons of God. The Gospel has always made individuals and nations strong and happy, and the highest civilizations have only come as the Gospel has been accepted. Where is the fool so bold and shameless as to declare that the best things have come to the world as the result of preaching and believing a lie? The fruits of the Gospel indicate the claims of Jesus. So potent has been the influence of Christ in human history, that He has changed the world's date line. The greeneyed, scoffing, unbeliever may sneer at Christ, but he can't transfer a foot of land, he can't write a love letter to his sweet-heart, nor can he inscribe an epitaph on his mother's gravestone without paying unwilling homage to the influence of Jesus. He must write A. D. 1910the year of our Lord. Jesus the crucified has changed the world's reckoning point. He was crucified as a degraded criminal. If He was not the Son of God, how does it happen that some other criminal has not changed the world's date line, inserted His name on the world's great monuments and cathedrals, and written his name in all the great books for nearly two thousand year? The voice of history is that of the centurion: "Truly this was the

Son of God.' IV.—EXPERIENCE. Experience is the subjective consciousness of objective reality. Experience is what takes place in a man's own soul. Now, some of the most potent facts in the universe lie in the realms of consciousness. Many of the most real things are invisible. Spiritual realities can only be fully known in consciousness. Experience is the highest, the final, and the infallible test of the claims of Jesus. When a soul has light it knows it. When a soul has life, it knows it. When a soul has love, it When a soul has joy, it knows it. When a soul has pardon, it'knows it. "He that hath the Son

hath the witness in himself." Millions of men and women, burdened with sin and guilt, have gone to Christ in penitent faith and prayer, and have suddenly obtained the evidence in their own consciouness that God through Christ had pardoned their sins, and made them new creatures.

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