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Methodist Anniversary

Superb Weather, Large Congregations, Inspiring Sermons, Splendid Music.

Ideal roads and superb weather enabled very large congregations to participate in the second anniversary of the opening of the new Methodist Church in this place on Sunday last. A pleasing feature of the evening service was the presence of Rev. Alexander Shepherd, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and his congregation, who had very courteously withdrawn their service for the occasion. These tangible evidences of fraternity and good fellowship are always refreshing and appreciable.

Rev. John Pickering, of Toronto, was the preacher for the day. Mr. Pickering had been heralded as a pulpit orator of exceptional merit, but it is safe to venture the opinion that very few of his hearers had any previous conception of the quality and charms of the sermons they were to listen to. Mr. Pickering's style is tense and dramatic, his language ornate yet terse and bristling with suggestive thoughts; while all through his address there is a blood earnestness coupled with a vein of quaint humour.

The music throughout the day was also of a high order. The choir, under the very efficient leadership of Miss Brown, did excellent work, the evening anthem giving special evidence of careful and thorough training. Mr Mervyn Haskett sang "Gently, Lord, Oh Gently Lead Us," in splendid voice. Mrs. C. E. Armstrong sang very sweetly "Flee as a Bird," and Mrs. Waite and Mr. W. Weber rendered most acceptably "Seeking For Me." Miss Brown's manipulation of the organ also won very favorable comments.

The front of the pulpit was beautifully decorated with white carnations—the work of the ever faithful Floral Committee.

Rev. Vison Wilson, pastor of the church, had charge of both services. Mr. C. W. Rutledge, the treasurer, presented the annual financial statement in the morning.

Altogether this anniversary occasion was in every way an unqualified success and will long remain green in the memories of those who shared the profit and delight it afforded.

MORNING SERVICE.

In the morning Mr. Pickering took for his text, 1st Cor. 3: 21-22: "Therefore let no man glory in men. Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come, all are yours."

The following is a synopsis of his discourse:

No nation in the world ever surpassed the Greeks in their love and admiration for their illustrious sons. On the battle-grounds they distinguished themselves in their prowess of arms. On the field of sport, on the Olympic, in the Stadium, they were athletic giants. They were proud of their men—they gloried in their men. But especially in their intellectual giants, Plato, Aristotle, Homer and Socrates—men whose names shine like stars of the first magnitude—for these their pride mounted to a passion. Into these centres came Paul, the Apostle. For awhile the Church flourished in peace and harmony, but inside the church rose various factions that glorified men in the church, same as the great outside public glorified those whose feats of athletic strength made them prominent. Some were saying "I am of Paul;" others, "I am of Apollos;" others, "I am of Cephas." Paul the Apostle found this turbulent condition of things. In this epistle he chides them mildly but firmly for the strife that was in the church, saying, "Let no man glory in men, for all things are yours." Paul showed them the great heritage that they had in Christ Jesus; the rich asset that God has given us, and He gives us various phases of men, all classes of men, to deal with.

In this text are presented three distinct types: Paul, the Intellectual Expositor; Apollos, the Eloquent Declaimer; Cephas, the Great Revivalist.

Paul, a giant, the greatest man of all the ages with the exception of Christ himself. By calling Paul a giant I do not mean that he was a massive, strong athletic man, for we are given to understand that he was the reverse, a diminutive man, low of stature, and small of frame. But it is not always the massive man that is a giant. There is nothing so small as a big man that is little. Measure a man by the standard of his soul. Paul was a mighty man. Brain he represented, brain the kingliest thing that walks the earth to-day. It is one of the glories of Christianity that it has always been the friend of the brain. Many of the brightest, brainiest and most intellectual men of the world to-day are to be found in the pulpit.

Apollos, the brilliant orator, a man that was mighty in the scriptures, richly endowed with that regal ability that men call eloquence. God expects eloquence in the pulpit. No man on earth has such themes for eloquence as he who stands in the pulpit. But eloquence amounts to nothing unless there is warmth of heart behind it.

Cephas, the great revivalist. Revivals have blazed their way all down through the history of the church, and woe to the church when the revival dies out.

Use all these excellent qualities, brain, eloquence, warmth of heart, and it develops Character. We are building up a temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and that is character.

In this text we have the great will of our heavenly father, and we find the world is ours. The world is mine!—mine by divine title. If we have a heritage given to us we always examine the title to see if it is bona fide. God says the world is ours, so we examine the title and where do we go to find it? In the immutable Word of God. God says the world is mine, and who has more divine right to it than the child of God? The world is mine, saith the Creator, the original proprietor is my father and I am His child. There is too much disposition in the world to-day to class the children of God as poor, and the church as a poor-house. I do not believe my heavenly father intends me to go through the world penniless and in rags. The world is given to us to enjoy, and we should take advantage of it.

There are many forces in the world that can be used for our employment—the electric power, the telephone, the telegraph. God gave us the power of Niagara Falls. A few years ago when it was predicted that Niagara Falls would in a few years supply power for the country it was considered a joke. Since that time man has harnessed the mighty Niagara which now supplies electric power for numerous cities and towns. The latest thing about Niagara Falls is that it is running Governments. We used to be taught to put our shoulder to the wheel; now, that is not necessary—we touch a button. Life is ours to employ as well as to enjoy. It is a glorious thing to live, to feel the pulsating of the heart, the flow of blood, the sweep of life, and God has given to us this wonderful power of life to enjoy to the fullest extent. Some tell us that life is a great burden, a great care, and our pessimistic brother tells us that life is a vale of tears. If you are a rich man you can wipe your eyes with a silk handkerchief; if poor, a cotton one, and perhaps none at all. How different to men like the Apostle who said "I live by faith," and went on singing and rejoicing through life, and when he came near the end of life he kept on singing, and when he died he went singing through the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem.

We should employ our life to God's glory and honor. There is a distinction between how men employ their lives. One man—a member of the British House of Commons—danced, euchred and wined his way through life. Then he died—the most respectable thing he had done; and was buried—for sanitary reasons. How different to the great philanthropist, Lord Shaftsbury, for whom, when he died, all London heaved a sob, and there was a great funeral procession and everybody grieved because a good man had gone. The Apostle says "Life is ours." Let us use it to Christ's honor and glory.

EVENING SERVICE.

In the evening Mr. Pickering delivered an excellent address especially applicable to young men, his text being Gen. 41: 41, 42:—"And Pharoah said unto Joseph: See I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And Pharoah took off his ring and said * * * neck."

He said in part as follows:

It is recorded that the lovers of art chose the spacious square of an Italian city where they might place upon a pedestal that magnificent piece of statuary, "The Greek Slave," one of the masterpieces of the sculptor's art, chiselled out of the purest marble, white as a wreath of snow. The features of the slave girl were faultless, the pose and the posture were full of grace and beauty. Tourists came in hundreds to view the magnificent statute and were charmed as they gazed upon its beauty. Robes fell from her shoulders as though she were a queen in her royal garments. One day there came a peasant girl, poor, tattered, ill-kept, unwashed, all the outward appearances of poverty about her. Carelessly she sauntered up till she came to the statute, and its charms fell upon her with magic power. For a long time she lingered gazing at this masterpiece, and then went home. The first thing she did when she went home was to wash herself, then arrange her dishevelled locks, and make her hair look as that of the Greek slave. Again she came to the square and looked, for the statute had taken possession of her life, her heart and her desires. Then she went home again and repaired her dress and folded it around her shoulders in the same manner as that of the Greek slave, for the statute had transfigured her and had moulded her life, and she went away better for having been there.

This is one reason why the Creator has chiselled for us the lives of great men who have gone before us that we might gather inspiration from them. Inspiration has put upon the pedestal men of the past. I will put to-night on the pedestal one of the great men of the past. I will attempt to show how he used all difficulties and obstacles as stepping-stones until he became the monarch of the land of Egypt. One great mission of the pulpit is to inspire.

There are some steps and elements that lead to promotion, that make for advancement.

There is the element to be found in Joseph—the subject of my text to-night—of bravely fronting life's difficulties. They called Joseph a dreamer of dreams. Verily, he was. He dreamed that all the stars did obeisance to his stars; and if you will you will find that he was dreaming of advancement, and power, and of the years to come when men should bow down and respect him. If we could get our young men to dream of success and advancement we would have a great many more to whom it would be a reality. I like a boy who begins to dream of greatness. I like to find a boy building castles in the air; that boy will likely live to see the realization of his dreams. It leads to power and eminence. Many boys have their heads too full of nonsense to build castles in the air.

He bravely met his lot as a slave. When about seventeen years of age his brother sold him into slavery where he was made to feel the humiliation into which he had been brought. He said: "I'm a slave, but if I'm a slave I'll be the best slave the world has ever seen." "If I am to be the drudge of the household into which I have been sold I will do my work in such a manner as to win my master's approval." He determined to put the best that was in him into his menial labors, and thus laid the first stepping stone for advancement.

In the advancement of life you must begin with the alphabet and the scales. Merchants in England send their boys abroad in order that they may start at the very foundation of the business, by sweeping out the office, etc. When Vanderbilt went to study railroading he put on the overalls and studied how to repair an engine amid the grime and the turmoil of the workshop. Before he could become the great railroad king that he is to-day he had to begin at the bottom.

Begin by making the best of circumstances. Joseph made the best of his poverty. Poor and friendless, without a pocketbook, and perhaps even a pocket, nothing but a slave, without a copper. It is not my purpose here to-night to glorify poverty, however. More boys have been ruined by wealth than by poverty. Many a boy finds himself poor, born poor, but there's no shame in that. The world's Christ was born poor. There is a poverty which is a disgrace, the poverty which comes from idleness, crime and drunkenness. It is no disgrace for a boy to find himself in a home where poverty reigns. There are many young men who are waiting for a rich uncle to die, and he won't. My advice is to start without it. I have no hope for a young man who can't begin life until somebody starts him up. That may not be pleasant to hear, but it is nevertheless true.

Henry Wilson began life as a cobbler without a cent. At 21 he hadn't a dollar he could call his own, but he rose to become the Hon. Henry Wilson and occupied a seat in the Senate chambers of the United States. It is estimated that 73 per cent of the successful men of to-day were born poor. Sir Isaac Newton sold cabbages for a living. Thirty years from now some of the boys who live in this land of ours to-day will be sitting in Legislative halls, directing the flood of commerce, and wielding the reins of power.

He Held Fast His Integrity Amid Alluring Temptation. The outstanding temptation of a boy when he goes from home is his lust of individuality. When the boy goes to a great city he says, 'Here I am and nobody knows me. I can go where I like and do as I like.' Then temptation comes and because nobody on earth that he knows is aware of what he is doing, he yields. What preserves a boy when he goes away from home? The greatest word in the vocabulary of Joseph was "God." "Thou God Seest Me." He carried his religion with him, and his religion kept him pure and spotless when he had to face the world alone. It held him amid alluring temptation. One of the grandest and most decisive victories ever won on the moral platform was that of Joseph when he hurled from him the fiery darts of temptation. The manner in which he threw off the temptations with which he was beset will forever throw a wreath of honor around his brow. If we will the devil can never master us nor conquer us. God has made us king over ourselves. The devil can [illegible] side and offer his blandish[illegible] he cannot put his cloven [illegible] the red threshold of my [illegible] I give him permission.

[illegible] swerving Loyalty to Prin[illegible] Do right though the heavens [illegible] Stand loyally by principle, [illegible] put in prison; he paid for [illegible] ple; but he would rather [illegible] risonment and be pure and [illegible] to sit on a throne and be [illegible] God was always with him. [illegible] and iron gates cannot keep [illegible] Outside the corridors of his [illegible] Joseph walked with God. [illegible] live that you take God with [illegible] will soon rise to eminence and [illegible] have the privilege of speak[illegible] [illegible]ath after Sabbath to men [illegible] they tell me that what they [illegible] than anything else is [illegible] they can trust. Can he trust [illegible] his time? Can he trust you [illegible] capital? What men every[illegible] to-day is men they can [illegible]

[illegible] respect—Another step to pro[illegible] In Jewish history they hold [illegible] as an example to young men [illegible] they should respect their [illegible] I cannot conceive how any [illegible] can rise who holds his [illegible] his mother in disrespect. A [illegible] respects his father and [illegible] on the road to promotion. [illegible]sing will surely rest upon [illegible] who hold up their parents in [illegible] deference.

TRAVERSTON

[illegible]r. Eddy, of Clifford, [illegible] pit on Sunday and [illegible] discourse. Durham [illegible] ve given him an invitation [illegible] their pastor next year and [illegible]cepted.

[illegible] E. Blair has [illegible] and the past few days. [illegible] to be sent out as fire[illegible]

[illegible] Christmas Tree concert [illegible] promises to be one of the [illegible]cessful ever held. That is [illegible] good deal.

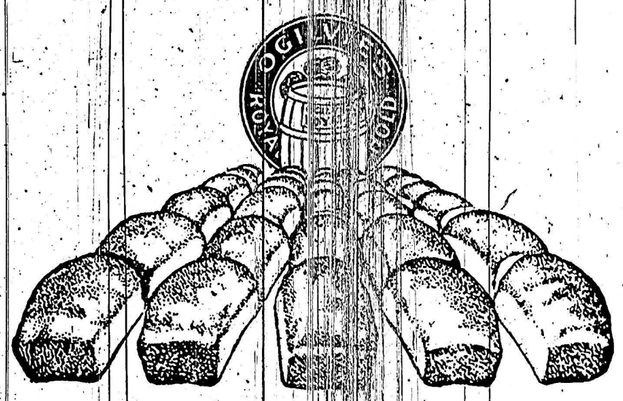
[illegible]as. McCracklin, with [illegible] visited her sister, Mrs. Mar[illegible] Flesherton the first [illegible]

[illegible] R. Bradley and J. A[illegible] [illegible] were guests of Mr. and [illegible] Blair the first of the [illegible]

[illegible]mes we stray outside [illegible] of our own little chambers [illegible] Standard scribes are gen[illegible] [illegible]d enough to let us peep [illegible]vations. Monday last saw [illegible] [illegible]ough Wauthy with its [illegible] [illegible]rms and sing building [illegible] [illegible]orth through the Gilsecot[illegible] [illegible]ood, where we noticed [illegible] [illegible]s and still finer buildings [illegible] [illegible] W. Williamson, Boyle [illegible] English Bros., Messrs. [illegible] Livingstone, J. Godwin [illegible] and the magnificent yet [illegible] home of W. J. Bell, [illegible] most entrancing view [illegible] [illegible] Would see the heart of [illegible] [illegible]nein with joy, till we [illegible] hospitable home of Mr. and [illegible] Black on the [illegible] district. Mr. Black [illegible] [illegible]ock-raiser and his [illegible] [illegible] sheep would grace the [illegible] prince, while Mrs. B[illegible] [illegible]airying and poultry [illegible] [illegible] model neatness of [illegible] [illegible]ole.

[illegible]D OF KIDNEY DISEASE

[illegible] often we hear of these sa[illegible] The back—pains and head[illegible] were noticed—but not treated [illegible] spells, frequent colds and [illegible] condition appeared [illegible] was done until the disease [illegible] advanced. Cure invariably [illegible] from Dr Hamilton's Pills [illegible]estore perfect health, des[illegible] every symptom of disease [illegible] build up constitution that [illegible]urther outbreaks. Pleasant [illegible] vegetable and free from in[illegible] materials, no remedy equals [illegible]amilton's Pills for Kidney [illegible]ver complaint. Sold in [illegible] by all dealers.



YOU [illegible]d soon get rid of a s[illegible] who did only half the work i[illegible] the time of a capable one. [illegible] why continue using a flour tha[illegible]es half the nourishment and do[illegible] work to digest?

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is made [illegible] selected spring wheat—a wheat th[illegible] rich in nutriment. It is the wh[illegible] and finest flour made; it makes [illegible] one-third more bread to the po[illegible] than any soft wheat flour and [illegible] more dependable in every respect. 19

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LOST

Lost—Lady's fur [illegible] on Wednesday [illegible] at this office.

FOUND

Found—On Saturd[illegible] by Stephen Martin [illegible] mitts, were left in [illegible] Call at this office [illegible] pay for this ad.

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For Sale—A [illegible] Rev. A. Shepher[illegible] Markdale.

A few lines of [illegible] and papetries [illegible] this week at Tur[illegible]

For Sale—Twe[illegible] years old, [illegible] credit. J. M. De[illegible]

For Sale—One [illegible] year-old, also a [illegible] fence posts. J. [illegible] dale.

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Ten Leicester ewe[illegible] good heavy yearl[illegible] General Gordon [illegible] of Glamis. John [illegible]erley, Ont.

For Sale—1 iron [illegible] spring, 1 mattress [illegible] mower, 1 hay [illegible] All nearly new. [illegible] Ennis, administrator [illegible] Geo. Littlejohn's est[illegible]

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