

A POWERFUL SERMON.

Rev. Dr. A. K. P. Small preached in the Baptist church Sunday morning in the unexpected absence of Dr. Anderson. His text was, "I Am the Vine; Ye Are the Branches," and it was one of the greatest sermons ever delivered in that house, in its originality, freshness and power. It had just two thoughts admirably worked out. First, all fruit comes from the vine. The chemical elements of the fruit abound in the soil and air, indeed we may say that all about us, in the soil there are bushels and bushels of grapes as possibilities, but they don't materialize as such without the vine. No chemical laboratory or process can evoke the rich clusters; only the vine can do it. The world is full, with its teeming millions of possible saints, but only Christ — "I am the vine" — can make them such. Second, "Ye are the branches." The grapes always grow on the branches. No one ever saw a cluster of grapes growing out of the vine, but always from and on the branches. Christ the vine produces the fruit, transforms sinners into saints, but he must do it through the branches. Hence, the function of the individual Christian, and on a larger scale the Christian church, to bear fruit, to become the agencies through which Christ the vine will save sinners into his kingdom. This explains the significance of the passage, "Herein is my father glorified that ye bear much fruit;" the Christian and the church do their work only when fruit, much fruit, is borne. "So shall ye be my disciples," the proof of your sonship to God is in the souls saved through you. His delivery was injured by the abominable light, but the sermon was clear, logical, scriptural and powerful, and one not to be forgotten.

A Chicago reader calls our attention to a seeming discrepancy between our editorial about getting into and following the grooves of God's eternal thought and the paragraph where we said to Nolan, who went to Chicago to do a plumbing job, "Good enough for them, pay them back for coming out here to do jobs." Our critic is right, but we thought our readers would see the mild sarcasm in the "paying 'em back" paragraph. Of course our working men should not do jobs in Chicago even if they do come out here and pick up work—that is the broad gospel idea.

Miss Mabel Brand, Rev. Thoren and Fred Boedker attended the state Keystone League of Christian Endeavor convention, at Aurora, this week.

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