

STRIKING EXCERPTS FROM NOTABLE TALK

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Features of Speech by Rev. John Timothy Stone at Graduation Exercises at N. W. University

Following are extracts from the address at Northwestern university, by the Rev. John Timothy Stone, minister of the Fourth Presbyterian church of Chicago, on the theme, "Character Through Education," based on Second Timothy, 2:3, "Thou, therefore endure hardness."

The speaker referred to the statement that the great purpose of education is not only the training of the intellect but the establishment of the will and the creation of character.

Below are a few striking sentences culled from the speaker's address:

"There is no easy road to success."

"The Oak is stronger because of its roots."

"Mountain torrents form rather than follow their currents."

"Strength comes through service; power through effort; attainment through toil."

Needed Message

"Paul's words to Timothy 'Thou therefore endure hardness' constitute a message needed in every university in our land, and should be thoroughly understood by every student," Dr. Stone said.

The speaker referred to the message of education in the development of character through hard work, sacrifice, faith and vision, and added:

"Strength of independence must be felt, but must include co-operative tolerance."

"The successful student does not rejoice in the praise of his strong points so much as in the criticism of his weak ones. Thus he is enabled to overcome his weakness and gain balanced power."

Men of Iron Needed

"We need today men of iron conviction, but that iron must be wrought iron and must be malleable; men of granite character. Granite makes a better rock than sand; rock a better foundation than mud, even if the latter makes a softer bed for a falling body. The hardness of the diamond is formed from the same elements which engendered the warmth and glow of anthracite. Strength comes not from life's complexes, but from the soul's simplicity. However, firmness must have flexibility."

The speaker emphasized the value of training and did not hesitate to as-

sert that he believed in that military training which made for the protection of peace rather than the instigation of war. Jesus Christ came not to preach peace, but to establish it. The speaker also referred to the inseparability of justice and love. A weak philosophy calls attention to the one without recognizing the other.

"No declaration of law is so valuable as obedience and allegiance thereto," he said. "Law enforced is stronger than enforced law."

"Crime is not the cause but the result of lawlessness."

"The law does not make man valuable or worthless, but man makes the law valuable or worthless."

Duty and Sacrifice

"Our age needs the re-emphasis of duty and a restatement of sacrifice."

"General Robert E. Lee once wrote to his wife: 'There is a true glory and a true honor; the glory of duty done, the honor of integrity and principle.'"

The speaker referred to the necessity of seeking truth. Truth sought and followed need never fear investigation nor scholarship.

"Science and religion are the oxygen and hydrogen which, working together, create light," he said.

"Faith is mightier than infidelity and knowledge destroys agnosticism. Men do not make problems, but problems make men. Oxford and Cambridge are not so strong in their buildings nor traditions as in their sons."

Should Develop Will Power

"An education that does not exercise and establish the will is dangerous and worthless. The mission of the college and university is to go down to rock bottom in order that human structures may rise thereon and endure."

"The world judges a university not by her campus, but by her output."

"Saint Paul was not noted because he was graduated from the University of Tarsus, but that university became great because of Paul. The college man is not a privileged character, but a character of privilege. He is not made by his degree but makes his degree honorable."

"The age in which we live is the best age for us, and he who decries his own day advertises his weakness."

"Selfishness belittles. Unselfish vision glorifies."

"A snowflake baffled the will of a selfish Napoleon."

"Statistics do not make altitude any more than geography has made Mount Everest, but altitude and Mount Everest make statistics and geography."

Hardness and Effort

"The power of life demonstrates the personality of God. The development of life means hardness and effort. The world cannot develop without hard work. 'Work is worship; toil is holy.' The power of life demonstrates the

personality of God. Jesus Christ came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

"A Christian cannot endure hardness merely because Christ lived and died, but because Christ lives and loves."

"The religion of Jesus Christ is not an historic fact so much as it is a living vital faith. 'Greater things than these shall ye do.' 'He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city.' 'He that endureth hardness is he that overcometh, and he that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son.'"

In spite of the terrible things prophesied to happen if this or that party does not win the election this fall, no one has so far threatened to move out of the country in case of defeat.

The horses may soon be complaining because their shoes are all being used for pitching contests.

But anyway so far the sports have not attempted to use the automobile tires for pitching competitions.

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