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SERMON AT TIMMINS ANGELICAN CHURCH

Was Given Last Sunday Evening By Bishop of
Monsonee Diocese on "Christian
Duty"

"The highest ideal of duty does
not consider a reward. Even in the
stress and strain of battle the valiant
soldier does not seek the reward.
Such a valiant soldier values the Vic-
toria Cross far more than any pecu-
niary gain he may eventually receive."

Such was one of the remarks made
last Sunday evening by Bishop An-
derson of the Diocese of Monsonee,
who paid a visit to Timmings and
preached both morning and evening
in the Anglican Church here.

Probably owing to the very incle-
ment weather there were not such
large congregations present as would
otherwise have been the case, but still
there was a fairly large attendance
in the evening.

The Bishop took for his text, "So
run that ye may obtain," being part
of the 24th verse of the 9th chapter
of St. Paul's First Epistle to the Cor-
inthians.

Delivered in his own impressive
and quiet style without demonstra-
tive emphasis on his various points
the sermon was as effective as it was
simple in understanding.

"When in his earnest desire to lead
his hearers and readers to understand
his preaching of the Gospel and to
help them to receive and practise his
saving truths, St. Paul made use, as
you know, of many beautiful meta-
phors," said the Bishop. "Our text
shows one of them. Like the wise
teacher that he was St. Paul always
adapted his methods to the knowledge
and interest of his hearers and read-
ers. And so in preaching to the Cor-
inthians he made use of a picture
with which they were familiar and
the events in which they took so
much pride."

Severe Training.

St. Paul presented before them the
whole scene of the arena. They saw
the multitudes—all the people from
every part of Greece to witness their
great tests. They saw the runners,
the wrestlers and the athletes ready
for their respective tests. They saw
the heralds proclaiming the conditions
of the contests. And for months the
competitors had been preparing them-
selves by submitting to a rigid course
of discipline to develop their muscles.
These were the conditions required
before they could even enter the con-
tests.

St. Paul's hearers saw the runners
taking their places, then starting in
the race and straining every nerve to
keep the foremost position. They saw
the judge standing holding out
the prize and finally they saw the
foremost clutch the coveted trophy
and heard the shouts of the multitude
proclaiming the victor who had
brought honor and glory to his state.

Not Only Holidays.

"These games," continued his
Lordship, "were not simply holiday
games held by the Greeks. They had
a special significance for them. They
were brought before the people to
help uphold the traditions of the past.
They were hallowed by sacrifices from
the beginning to the end of the con-
tests. And so with an annual recur-
rence of these games there was oppor-
tunity by a grand review and re-
adjustment of the natural resources
for men to improve on their present
position and always for gaining more
and more the pleasure and approval
of their gods and goddesses. And the
nation of the Greeks rose to very
high power, but it began to decay be-
cause it was not built upon the natu-
ral foundation that could last and
that is the foundation of Christian-
ity."

The Practical Lesson.

Nevertheless, proceeded the pre-
acher, the example given by the Greeks
was well worthy of imitation. If men
trained and prepared themselves as
they did for earthly rewards and on
the other hand made use of every-
thing likely to strengthen them, what
might naturally be expected from the
runners in the Christian race with the
eternal issues as the reward?

"It almost goes without saying,
surely, that we should make every
effort so to run that in the end we
may obtain the Great Reward. And
what of the practical lessons that we
should learn? I think the first and
most obvious lesson is that if we
would be growing Christians and ad-
vance in our Christian race we must
first of all be careful to walk along
that path of self denial and self sac-
rifice. We must lay aside every
weight and run with patience, the
race that is set before us and looking
unto Jesus, the Judge who will give
the Reward when the race is finish-
ed."

Concentration of Aim.

Another lesson which the Bishop
said should be learned was the need
of concentration of aim in spiritual
life. The great athlete would let no-
thing detract him from that purpose.
"And I believe that touches one of
the weakest points in our Christian-
ity. There are few things more lack-
ing in the average Christian life to-
day than that of a resolute conscious
concentration upon this aim—the
Christ of all, which should be clearly

and always before us.

"But there are many who bear the
name of Christian who are so entirely
absorbed with things of the world
that they not only have no definite
spiritual object before them in life
but they seldom give the matter of
their eternal future a serious thought.
"There are too many fair weather
Christians to-day, who serve God and
obey his ideas only when it is con-
venient but when temptations con-
front them or the allurements of the
world, they are led aside."

Observe the Sabbath.

The Bishop urged his hearers to
devote themselves to the reading and
study of His Word which alone could
make wise; to the keeping of the
Sabbath and also the attendance upon
His house of worship.

"So run that ye may obtain." The
eager athlete looked for his reward.
It was the goal of his ambition. The
question at once came up as to whe-
ther it was right for the Christian
to run his Christian race with the
object of a reward. It was a one to
receive the incorruptible crown.

Of course a prize and reward came
as a fair result of earned wages but a
faithful Christian did his duty for the
love of His Master. Various rewards
were spoken of in many ways in the
Scriptures. Every good action now
even brought its own reward. As
instances he quoted some of the be-
atitudes of the Saviour on the Mount.
"Blessed are the Merciful," "Bless-
ed are the pure in heart" and "Bless-
ed are they that hunger and thirst
after righteousness."

Concluding Remarks.

But while there were rewards for
the righteous there were also punish-
ments for the wicked. "Let him that
is unjust be unjust," "He that is
filthy let him be filthy still," "He
that is righteous let him be righteous
still," and "He that is holy let him
be holy still."

"Would that we would ask our-
selves, what way are we to follow."
were the concluding remarks of the
Bishop. "Are we serving God as we
should or are we not? Are we follow-
ing in the way of his clear command-
ments? Let us not forget that every
opportunity lost and every advantage
mis-used or not used and every privi-

lege despised binds us more strongly
as time passes on to the things which
result therefrom. God grant that al-
ways we may choose the path of the
just which showeth day after day how
the things we love may be things that
are true, things that are pure, things
that are good, things that are lovely
and things that make for peace, for
the glory of God and the extension of
His Kingdom."

J. J. Callan Leaves

The Gold Camp

Mr. J. J. Callan left to resume his
studies in Toronto on the noon train
Tuesday. On Friday evening last he
was the guest of honor at a pleasant
assembly held at the home of Mrs.
Seeli. Mr. F. W. D. Wilkins pre-
sided and took the opportunity to
present Mr. Callan with a cheque
from members of the Anglican Church
congregation. In his remarks the
chairman eulogized the excellent qual-
ities of Mr. Callan as an organizer
and expressed great regret from all
that he was compelled to leave them.
Mr. Callan suitably responded. As
there were several who could not be
present at this function Mr. Callan
did not leave on Monday evening as
reported in contemporaries but stayed
over till Tuesday and held a little
reception at the King George. The
time was pleasantly passed in a social
manner and the proceedings wound
up with best wishes for Mr. Callan.

THREE CHILDREN DIE WHEN HOME BURNS

Cornwall, Ont., Sept. 29.—While
their parents were engaged gathering
a corn crop, the three small children
aged five years, three years, and three
months respectively, of Mr. and Mrs.
Cory Hollister of Aultsville, were
burned to death yesterday, when their
home was totally destroyed by fire.

It was not known by the neighbors
who endeavored to extinguish the fire
that the children were in the house,
nor were they aware of the where-
abouts of the parents, but A. C. Fot-
terly of Cornwall, who happened to
be motoring in the vicinity, located
them in a field almost a mile from
their home. Mr. and Mrs. Hollister
were distracted when they returned
and found their little ones had per-
ished.

It is not known how the fire started
but it is supposed that the children
had been playing with matches and
had ignited some inflammable matter
in the house.

FACTORY FIRE AT MONTREAL RESULTS IN TWO KILLED

Were Trapped in Sawmill De-
partment With Plant in Blazing
Mass of Flames

A fire started by an explosion at-
tacked the sash and door factory of
Benoit Sons, on St. Timothee street,
last Monday morning. In half an
hour, so rapidly did the flames spread
the plant was a mass of blazing ruins.
Two workmen were trapped in the
sawmill department and were burned
to death.

The Benoit building consisted of
three floors packed with lumber. By
the time the firemen arrived on the
scene, the whole structure was on fire
with flames shooting up a hundred
feet into the air.

The work of the fire-fighters was
much hampered by the terrific heat
and smoke from the burning lumber,
and those who approached it were
forced back a number of times. Sev-
eral firemen were rendered uncon-
scious within a few moments of their
arrival at the fire.

Fireman and Workmen Hurt.

Three employees of the factory
were badly injured by falling glass
in their escape from the building and
were taken to the hospitals for treat-
ment. There were seventy people in
the building when the fire broke out
and they had the greatest difficulty
in dodging the quickly spreading
flames and making their way to
safety.

The flames at one period of the fire
spread across the street and ignited
the roofs of five dwelling houses.
This outbreak was speedily checked
by the direction of twenty streams
of water on the buildings.

Next door to the sash factory is a
garage and an anxious time was
spent by the firemen until all the
gasoline in the building had been
moved to a safe place.

Third Man Missing.

The fire ultimately burned itself
out.

A roll call of the employees in the
building at the time of the outbreak
was taken and it was found that, in
addition to the two men burned to
death, a third was missing.

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