

THE GREAT VALUE OF DIFFICULTIES

Rev. P. A. Simpkin Preached on This Theme at Congregational Church.

OBSTACLES BRING SUCCESS.

Attitude of Paul in His Facing the Athenian Life—There is Only One Old-New Truth.

Rev. P. A. Simpkin preached his first sermon, since his return from a brief vacation, yesterday, at Phillips' Congregational church, his theme being the value of difficulties.

Referring to the attitude of Paul in his facing the Athenian life, Mr. Simpkin said:

"Paul found himself stirred to the core by the vision of an idolatrous city, not to the extinction of his enthusiasm and ministry, but to a sharpening of his keen mind and tense soul for the way that was before him.

"The demand of our own souls for progress, the necessity for advancement, is not dependent on new truth. It is neither new truth, nor new forms of experience nor the unusual in opportunity—it is just the wrestling with the old world—old truths—that one finds the secret of advance.

"That which the laboratory of chemist or biologist has to say, the things voiced in the very river of printed wisdom are alike only tiny cups of broodings upon old things. All things remain as they were—basically, from the foundation of the world.

"There is only one old-new truth. It is that which in Christ, rivule the love and purpose of God for life. It is only new in the sense that it touches the core of all souls born into earth's activities.

"The revealing of a purpose for us—one of high life, lofty thinking and being as worthy children of the Father is hailed by us gladly, but the warm enthusiasm does not in the face of the things that demand and arrest the upward movement. The grave failures of life are not based in a neglect of God's call, but rather in a forsaking of the high purpose. The secret of strength for continuance and mastery is the lack. It is hinted here in Paul's Athenian experience. The root of this stirring is that contention which means sharpening. It suggests the whetstone, and that is just what Paul found the obstacles to be. But of that stirring there was born the eloquent advice delivered on Mars Hill.

WHETTED BY OPPOSITION.

"One of the evidences of life-weakness is expressed in the modern question: 'What's the use?' If Paul had brooded over rather than measured life's obstacles he would despair have failed. He succeeded because his spirit was only whetted by opposition. The difference between failure and success lies in just this, whether life's obstacles be made stumbling stones or whetstones. The dominant figure of history demonstrates this.

"The truth applies as surely in the life of scientist or saint, in things temporal or spiritual. It is not to be forgotten how some of the greatest productions of literature have been written not in the luxurious library or the cozy den, but behind the iron bars of a Bedford jail. In the shabby rooms where chill penury left marks of repression, and sleepless eyes dreamed the visions that flame in the abiding glory with the love-passion of great but burdened souls.

"The reforms that have changed the face of society, economically and ethically, had not their birth in the places of ease, nor did they rise in the highway of history in carriages of comfort and with the emblems of luxury. They are all blood-shot and tear miled and on their faces is the prickled incineration of the score of the saddest 'miserees' the soul has ever sung.

"Struggle, spirit-stirring, whetting, the choosing of that which grinds and wears and strains—this has rung in all their perfectness—figures for the age, here a Lincoln, yonder a Luther; here a High Miller, there a Wm. Atherton, here a Milton, there a Bunyan.

The law of progress is in struggle. Every man who has ever

Breasted the waves of circumstance And climbed through struggle to a throne.

Has done so because he made life's difficulties his stepping stones. "And in the spiritual realm all this lies easier for a man because in his struggles against the destructive he adds himself to God—or God to himself. So like Paul, the humblest man comes, moved by that struggle boundless and flowing to the achievements affecting beneficently his time as his character is rounded and perfected and he pours out his life in service.

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AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Naturalness of the Christian Life," by Rev. Hayworth.

"The Naturalness of the Christian Life" was the subject of a discourse delivered by Rev. S. A. Hayworth, at the East Side Baptist church last evening. Among the thoughts expressed by the gentleman were the following:

"The Bible is a witness to the Christ of God whose life was one of perfection. He went about doing good. This Christ made the foundation of good conduct for all His disciples. The Bible points to an ideal man. All of its commandments and exhortations enjoin goodness. It must be a good book whose influence is ever for the good.

"This Christ makes no claim for Himself that history has not approved. Had He claimed to have been a philosopher, possibly some new philosophy might have arisen and supplanted Him. He made no claim at being a poet. In none of these realms did He make claims. He simply claimed to be what will ever be the highest achievement of all men—a servant. He went about doing good.

"The world had had its philosophers and poets, but still was in darkness. The man Christ appeared and His life was unique in the character of His vocation. Who had ever come to the world before giving himself wholly to doing good?

"Jesus is today acknowledged by all as presenting to the world the only perfect type of living. As fulfilling His chosen vocation He was without fault. This can be said of no other character in history nor of any other achievement of man. Man has sought out many comforts, invented many laws, but upon them all must be written the word 'imperfect.' There is no tool but what has imperfections. The Constitution of the United States has been said to be the most profound political document ever struck off by mortal mind, but yet it is a document so imperfect that there are two paragraphs concerning which amendments have been proposed. In realms of statecraft there are many great men, but yet all are acknowledged as unworthy of perpetual pre-eminence. There has never been a general who has not on account of some weakness experienced defeat. They have all made mistakes. But Jesus of Nazareth has never been proven to have made a mistake in carrying out His moral ideal. His whole life is contained in this one sentence, 'He went about doing good.'

"The life as set before us in this sermon is the Christian life. Who can object to it? In this Jesus becomes a true example for all time. "The Christian life is the natural life. It becomes the expression of the best in man. The natural life is that which is native to man. To be good and to do good are the two highest possible achievements of man. Evil is to the soul what poison is to the body. The good then is the natural, the wholesome and the eternal. Christ's life is an exhibition to the world of the normal life God intended for every individual.

"The natural life is a development. Sin stunts and dwarfs; as tuberculosis checks the growth of a young child's limb, when lodged therein, so sin checks the growth of the soul. We need the sunlight. The cold winters of the north zone destroy orchards so the chill of sin freezes the soul."

The great round up.

DR. PADEN'S SERMON.

Discusses Some of the Stories Written by Jack London.

Dr. William M. Paden preached at the First Presbyterian church last evening, taking as his text Psalms 49: 20: "Man that is in honor and understandeth not is like the beasts that perish."

"The Call of the Wild," a story by Jack London, furnished the preacher

with most of the material for his sermon. He said in part:

"Someone says that the best thing in the German novel at present is that one does not need to read them; one knows them already." Since reading "The Call of the Wild" I have had the feeling concerning the stories of Jack London. I felt sure that his next strong novel would have as its theme what the French would call a "struggle-for-life."

When "The Sea Wolf" was announced it was not necessary to read it to know what manner of man the sea wolf would be. Within the last few weeks I have read this story. This sea wolf, or "Wolf Larsen" as the sailors call him, is even more selfish and brutal than I guessed he would be. It is only fair, however, to say that he can hardly be called a degenerate. Mr. London, but himself makes him a brute to the very utmost from the very beginning and holds him true to his character to the very end.

"Mr. London suggests that his hero was simply the perfect type of the primitive man—a sort of reversion to savagery; but he gives him too much education. The primitive man to whom London would liken his hero had not Darwin's "Origin of the Species," Spencer's "Data of Ethics," Shakespeare's "Hamlet," or Browning's "Caliban on Setebos." He did not have the intellectual outfit of Wolf Larsen. Moreover, he did have at least the beginnings of a heart and a moral nature. Wolf Larsen had more than the cruelty of this primitive savage, for he had great intellectual ability. Moreover, he was more inhuman than such a savage because he had freed himself from all human ties and relationships; he was an isolate; he cared for no one but himself and the world.

"Love is the strongest thing in the world. It is no mere saccharine sentimentalism or sugary benignity, but the love of the strong Son of God—immortal love, more imperative than the law of love as lived and enthroned by the strong Son of God.

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AT UNITARIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Eddy on the Religious Significance of Patriotism.

At the First Unitarian church, Rev. Frank Eddy preached yesterday on "The Religious Significance of Patriotism." Joseph E. Poll sang a tenor solo, and the Unitary quartet rendered several selections. Mr. Eddy said in part:

"The whole history of the Jews illustrates the power of the religion of a race. They early learned to exalt their God as a great god above all gods. Well could the second Isaiah, the great prophet of the exile, call upon them in the name of that God, 'Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law.' As an illustration of that patriotism which inheres to a land and its traditions, which is a sentiment more fervid and deep than any other that aways the people of that land and which answers the chief purposes of a religion, we have the behavior of the Japanese during the recent war with Russia. I do not know how long this nation will retain the simplicity and power of this ancient belief which is connected with their ancestral shintoism and with the days when their emperor was a recluse and, in popular thought a demi-god. Call it heathenism if we will, but it produced the race of samurai and I wonder if the Samurai will long survive the destruction of this spirit of self-sacrificing patriotism.

However desirable it may seem, there has never been in history a perfect blending of the religion of race and that of peace. And now it would seem impossible that any really great people should long confine the deep sentiments which characterize them as a nation in the narrow limits marked by the proud exclusiveness of the Israelite, or the fatalistic devotion to Israel before the person, as seen in the Japanese.

Yet true patriotism is a thing essentially religious in every nation and the creation and blending of great impulses and sentiments so they shall be a precious heritage in the common life of the people is by long odds the most important task in all nations. And this task belongs to the poet, the artist, and the reformer far more than to the practical man or the law-maker. A common spirit of life, a spiritual solidarity, must produce an organic unity and harmony in a nation, or it will lack true greatness and power. Otherwise it is a mere aggregation of human atoms, which will fall to pieces under the first shock as a piece of sandstone crumbles under the hammer.

In the body of the sermon Mr. Eddy showed that the elements of this patriotism which is essentially religious

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are, faith in a nation's evolution, loyalty to its welfare, works in its behalf and fruits unto righteousness or repentance as each is in the day season of its life. In conclusion Mr. Eddy said:

"The most important task we have before us in these United States of America is the cultivation of this religion of patriotism. We were fostered in the ideals with which we started at our nation's birth time. The dream of democracy had freshly formed in the souls of a new race of prophets. In America was the first realization of that dream. Liberty and equality were noble watchwords for a new republic to coin, and a group of remarkably great men arose to guide its early fortunes and to shape its destinies.

But our present-day patriotism must consist in something more than glorifying in the noble part and in celebrating with much noise and bombast the day of the Declaration of Independence or in guarding the Constitution.

It is and must be, I repeat, a spirit of life, a religion, which has its own evolution and rises to meet the problems of each new age.

In America we are receiving a swelling tide of immigration. Can we assimilate these diverse and often degraded peoples? We are facing economic problems. Will we solve these economic problems? We will, if, lastingly, we are with honor? We will, if, in the past, the religion of our patriotism inspires our zeal and steels our resolution.

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"HIGHER PATRIOTISM."

Subject of Sermon by Rev. C. E. Perkins at St. Paul's.

Rev. C. E. Perkins spoke at St. Paul's church yesterday morning, his subject being "Higher Patriotism." Following is a brief synopsis of his remarks:

"Higher patriotism is not the love of country so much as the grand principles for which it stands," said Mr. Perkins. "There is no passage in the Scriptures that expresses the form of patriotism that predominates today. Every nation has recognized the importance of patriotism in so far as it is based on eternal principles, and it is by the practice of them that their permanence has been secured. The stability of a nation depends on the patriotism of its citizens.

"We ask ourselves the best way of securing true patriotism. In a great degree it does not spring from the fictitious methods that history tells us of, such as tournaments, sham battles, parades and other bombastic celebrations. A country that depends on such celebrations is doomed, and more especially if that nation is a republic. A re-

public must instill patriotism in times of peace as well as in times of war. All power belongs to God, and in the Bible there are places that tell us that man should have dominion over other animals, but there is no place that says man should rule over man, so the form of government known as a republic conforms more to the principles of the Bible than any other kind.

"One of the apostles spoke very truly when he said: 'Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is the only eternal city.' This nation was organized for the grand purpose of showing man that government must be only by liberty, freedom and justice.

"Higher patriotism is shown in our day by the character of some of our public men. These men recognize that to better public trust or to use public interest for one's self is just as much treason as desertion to the enemy in time of war. The old idea of demonstrating to the south the principle of patriotism by means of warships and sham battles must be supplanted by higher ideas of service for God and man. This brings us to the primary motive of true patriotism, namely, religion—that religion that the Master taught and lived, the sermon on the mount."

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LESSONS FROM NATURE.

Rev. Benjamin Young Told of Experiences in City Creek Canyon.

Rev. Benjamin Young preached at the First Methodist church last evening, taking for his theme the experiences of a short trip taken by himself and other in City Creek canyon. The reverend gentleman told in glowing language of some of the beauties of nature to be seen nearby, and he drew many lessons therefrom. Following are some of the thoughts expressed by the speaker:

"We were all very much surprised by the beautiful things we encountered on that short trip," said the minister in his sermon. "And it brought home the number of beautiful things nature has placed all around us. That is the one thought that has come to me ever since that invigorating trip. We look to much for nature's beauties afar, while all around us here the brush of nature has set untold wonders. The hills are full of glory from which we can catch lessons to help the heart and the life.

"In the common things of life, in the home, in the school, in the college, in the city or village is beauty. It is not necessary to hunt for beauty, for God filled every crevice of this whole world from the beauties of the world beyond. There is the inspiring beauty of nature, which has touched the hearts of Burns, Scott, Wordsworth, Longfellow and others of the masters of literature, and they have handed down their feelings in the most beautiful language.

"There are untold beauties in the garden. Every flower, humble though it may be, carries a charm. The mountains are filled with the beauties of nature. God has written lessons in nature from which we should get power, thought, inspiration.

"When going up the canyon we found that it was hard to go up but easy to come down. And that's the lesson we get from the mountains. Hard to go up hill, but easy to go down.

It is hard to make progress toward the heights morally, intellectually or spiritually. How many men and women, after years of struggle, have looked at themselves, looked into their hearts, and then at the great height above them and turned back, exhausted. In such men as Edison and Lincoln we have the great intellectual struggles brought out with vital force. Each worked against seemingly greater difficulties than he could overcome. But they had the power to stick to their work—to climb. And their great achievements will be heralded through the ages to come. Ah, but they had the spirit to climb to greater heights. And from the mountains lessons can be gathered which make for the better man and the better woman in the world.

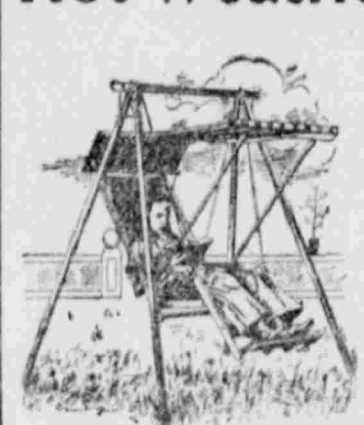
"Another thing was forced irresistibly upon me in that walk up the mountains. And that was the marvelous recuperative power of nature. Nature's handiwork was seen on every hand in that climb. The cliffs once barren have been made beautiful by the decorative hand of nature.

Here and there over the crags nature has placed little plants, and they grow green against the red and gray, against the barren rock. And between the crevices, the brook goes bubbling along, singing the lullaby of the canyon. The mountain side is green with the bloom of nature, and back of it all, forming a crowning glory for the setting, rise the snow laden peaks.

"And yet, my friends, we cannot find the beauties about us. It is all beautiful, life is so beautiful if we will but consider it. And when the lessons of the hills are learned, we will have a world of better, more Godly people."

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