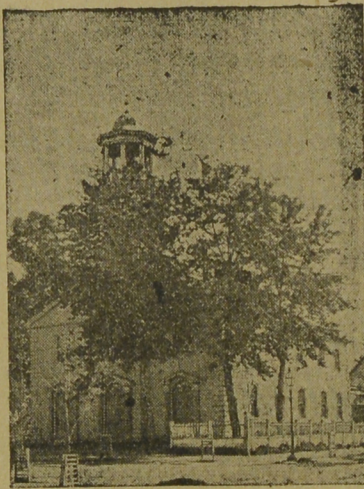


Farewell Service Held in The Auld Kirk on Sunday

Large Congregation Attended Very Impressive Service in the Historic Edifice--Which is Soon to Make Way for a New Structure---Choir Reinforced by Former Members---Eloquent and Appropriate Sermon by Rev. Dr. Smith.



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early days of faithful service. Our position today rests upon their labors.

Sowing and Reaping.

In the second place, there is the assurance that the days of toil will be followed by the days of success mingled with the song of the reapers.

Notice the connection between the sowing and the reaping. It is not that dark days give place to bright days in a temporal sense, but in a casual sense. The sower is the rejoicing one. He rejoices because he faithfully sowed. Cause and effect are at work in the development of all true and abiding prosperity. There is such a thing as individuals having position and wealth thrust upon them which they do not merit or achieve. It is so superficial as to be worthless in real greatness. The only values which abide are those which spring out of character, and character is made in the soul, not passed along to favorites of men.

It is most cheering to behold God at work in the world. He has joined seed time and harvest. The farmer sowed the seed and God's great laws produced the harvest. The connection is hidden, mysterious, powerful. So with noble achievements. Men and women have faithfully sowed the principles of truth, honor, faith, righteousness, and God sees to it that the harvest comes home. He does not say it will come necessarily in this world, but it will come for eternity is only time projected to infinity.

Notice the further principle that in social relations one soweth and another reapeth, but in the great harvest home, all will rejoice together. Here is the message of great inspiration. Think of what the army of workers has done in foreign missions, home missions, in social and moral reform, in political circles, for a clean citizenship. This is a social life in which many individuals share and in which success comes but slowly, so slowly, that the workers rarely see the day of victory, having been called home before the work was crowned with success. Millions have taken part in temperance reform and missions who never saw the glory coming among men. They fell with their face to the foe in the full assurance of faith that

perience, come first in life. There are different aspects of the order in which we rejoice. In one sense childhood is the happiest period, for our days are free from care. But in a much fuller sense the day of great achievement is the happiest day because it touches experiences undreamed of in childhood. The final word of satisfaction is not found in absence of care, but in victory in the midst of conflict. In this sense the dark days come first. There are two reasons for this. One is that the field in which we must work is a hard field and every man must in a real sense cultivate his own sphere of action. When our forefathers came to this country and began to lay the foundations of society, they had hard work. The trees were felled by hand, the ground tilled, log houses built, and roads opened largely by individual effort, before they entered into a state of ease or social comfort. So in all life. The making of the kingdom is hard, because we must cultivate difficult territory. The ignorance and sin of the human heart, the power of evil in the world, the organization of wickedness which thrives by plunder, the treachery of the enemy, these and others made the victory of real success difficult. Each begins with the limited knowledge, limited experience, faces great obstacles and learns how to fight and win. The other reason is that there is a sense of the hopelessness of the task. The elements of uncertainty overshadow all. This sense of difficulty finds expression in the text as weeping. There is the sense of anxiety and grief, of care and of doubt, or at least uncertainty. The soul pours out its service in tears, the picture of faith-service with a heavy heart. It is a copy of universal experience. Only where one recognizes the greatness of the task and the responsibility involved, is there a real basis for the final victory.

We may well believe that the beginning of Presbyterianism in this city shared in these general characteristics. There was the sowing of the seed, the anxiety attending beginnings, the forward vision filled with the sense of responsibility and the tears of the faithful watering the seed in faith and love. It was the day of small things, in which the pioneers faced a situation which their descendants cannot fully appreciate. We may believe that these first days were days of toil and self-denial. As each generation came it found the conditions improving until now the congregation finds its field will supplied with workers, vastly increased resources and enjoying a bountiful harvest. We do well to remember these

The Sermon.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith conducted the service. The following is a synopsis of the sermon:

Text—Psalm 126, 6: "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

This is a most inspiring message. It shows us the weeping sower and the joyful harvester, and it unites them together. Sad days give place to glad days, dark hours to bright hours, and heavy burdens to glad sons and the day of toil to the evening of reward. Gathered as we are this morning for the farewell service in this church, which has been the place of worship since 1832 in connection with the New Kirk since 1888, it is fitting that we take a broad view of the way we are going.

The Underlying Principle.

In the first place, there is a great principle underlying our life by which the strenuous, even dark days of ex-

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the kingdom would come.

We are assured that a great consummation is coming in which the whole glory will be shared by the whole united family of the redeemed. This oneness is a prominent feature of the Epistle to the Hebrews which seeks to show that those who died in defence of the faith would be present with those who in recent days maintain its values.

This is an assurance of supreme helpfulness. We may well believe that the departed share with us whatever of joy fills our hearts. We may rest assured that both sower and reaper will equally rejoice in the finished work of God. May it not be that today we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses who in this old church once led the songs of Zion, testified to the power of redeeming love and sat round the communion table? The spiritual world is very near, and I can see no reason for doubting that heaven is here and the departed, having entered into their higher state, abide in their new heaven. The oneness of the life of the spirit makes our work one, its toils and glories one also.

The Fullness of Joy.

Notice further that this message calls attention to the fact that it takes time to come into the fullness of the joy of our work. It takes time to get any harvest, and nature's processes are simple compared with the more complex nature of man based upon free will. If it takes generations to grow an oak into perfection, it will take longer to get society walking in the truth. This is not to be forgotten, for it gives the workers strength and hope.

It is a principle of life that the best develops and matures most slowly. The great things of the human spirit are won after strenuous effort. We may evangelize a people in a generation. This is the beginning. It requires generations to give the higher reaches of life in literature, song, art, education and scientific achievement. In this old building many have commenced the life of the spirit. They were struggling upward as others struggle, and have passed in through the gates into the city. Down through the century thousands have in this building started upward. The way has been marked by painful experiences, but we do well to remember that it takes time to make a saint.

This church has stood for about 85 years as the nursery of Presbyterianism in this city. The little beginnings have become a mighty stream. It has taken time. Decade after decade has witnessed an ever broadening vision of the Christian life. At the beginning the missionary movement was feeble, the social movement was feeble, the movement for the education of the young was feeble, the temperance movement was feeble, but they were vital. As each decade passed these movements arose in power, until today the church is facing her great opportunity as a leavening factor of all life, private, public, social, political and national.

It has taken time, but God's kingdom comes. The next generation will witness even greater power and vision, and the day is coming when the man of God will be known not so much by his individual attitude to personal questions, as by his responsibility as a member of the brotherhood of humanity.

Heritage for the Faithful.

The final consideration is that this great rejoicing is a sure heritage for the faithful. This is the verdict of the ages. The good seed will certainly grow. Every truth will yield its harvest. Every true idea will become the possession of the free in spirit.

Those investing their time and money in the cause of righteousness need have no fear of ultimate rejoicing. At times the fight seems to go against the truth—but wait, truth alone stands and every false work will fall to pieces in its rottenness and vindicate the eternal power of truth.

In the third place, it is well to notice that winning factors in the final joy. There is a certain elevation of spirit which is unmistakable. It is to be precious seed, the standard of eternal truth. The real power of this congregation has been the truth it preached and lived. The blessed results in the soul, the home, the city, the province, have flowed out from the clear springs of eternal reality. The weak-

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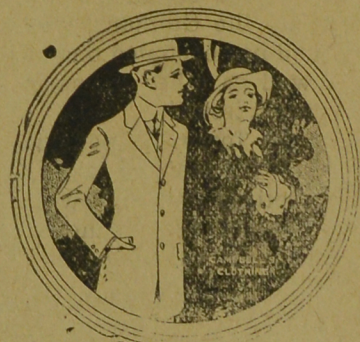
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