

A Lay Sermon.

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We constantly hear that the world is looking to America for spiritual leadership. This is not wholly true, but if it were the world would look in vain until America ceased to be pharisaical as to its own righteousness and realize that sin and crime and irreligion are rampant throughout the land.

Until America has a new baptism of righteousness, until the professing Christians of the land realize their own shortcomings, and consecrate their lives, their time, their talents of brain and money to the service of God and man, until politicians and business men, employers alike, give full heed to the Divine Command to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself, and do unto others as they would that they should do unto them, there will be no righteousness of a nation fit to lead the spiritual forces of the world to higher ground.

There is spreading over our land the accursed atheistic teachings of German philosophy, more powerful for evil than were all Germany's armies and navies, and if America does not give heed to this menace its downfall will be as certain as was Germany's. The lift of the nation, its every business interest, in the bank, in the factory, or on the farm, is staked upon a new and powerful call to righteous living and Christian service. When moral rottenness exists unblushingly in places of great financial power, as recently shown in New York, without loss of caste, when men seek to wreck others for their own personal gain of aggrandizement, or power, when men murder others because they are willing to work without the domination of alien radical labor leaders, and go unpunished for their crimes and are commended by their fellow members; when a great government institution year after year seeks by blackmailing or bulldozing to force others into its power or else to destroy them and no national protest is made, and thousands of business men stand by, either from cowardice or indifference, and refuse to fight against this immorality; when the voluptuous dances that would have disgraced even corrupt Rome and Ephesus at their worst sweep over the land; when men of position and influence proclaim that some laws cannot be enforced because the criminal power is greater than the Government's and that the criminal element must therefore be given full sway, by repealing the laws the criminals do not like, what right has our country to claim the spiritual power to lead the world?

On a monument erected in one of the highest passes of the Andes to commemorate a peaceful settlement of a threatened war between Chile and Argentina, are carved the words: "Sooner shall these mountains crumble into dust than Chili and Argentine break the peace which at the feet of Christ the Redeemer they have sworn to maintain."

Until America in the spirit of that pledge puts aside all self-righteousness, sets its own shortcomings as Almighty God sees them, and humbly seek Divine forgiveness and Divine wisdom, it cannot become a real spiritual leader of the world, for it cannot hold aloft the uplifted Christ as the only salvation of the world from sin and wars. The welfare of business, the safety of our country and of the world from wars and endless crimes, are staked on this, and we betide our future if we fail to read the signs of the times and call the nation to a revival of religion, pure and undefiled. In vain will we talk disarmament, in vain will we decry war and expect peace while the world is ruled by sin and while America fails to fit itself to become a moral and spiritual leader of mankind.

Kenneth Gossett Now Out on Bail.

Greenville, Sept 21.—Kenneth Gossett, young white man of Honea Path, convicted at Abbeville in April, 1920, of criminal assault and sentenced to serve 40 years in the state penitentiary, was granted bail here today when Associate Justice Thomas J. Cothran of the South Carolina supreme court fixed his bond at the sum of \$6,000. Gossett was brought here from the state penitentiary for the hearing held in the Greenville county court house this morning as a result of an order signed several days ago by Justice Cothran at the request of Gossett's attorneys.

He was recently granted a new trial by the state supreme court. Bail was arranged within an hour after Justice Cothran announced his decision and Gossett was released immediately from the custody of Cap-

tain Day of the state penitentiary. The bondsmen, in addition to Gossett himself, are — E. Knight, James P. Knight, J. C. Gossett, J. E. Gossett, W. E. Gossett, A. W. Boggs, R. J. Gambell, W. H. Confield, George S. Mitchell, R. C. Munroe and J. P. Acker.

The order granting bail to Gossett directed that he be released from custody upon the approval of the clerk of court of Greenville county, who was directed to certify the bond to the clerk of court of Abbeville county. This action was taken in order that the defendant would not be compelled to return to Abbeville to arrange the bond.

James P. Price argued Gossett's motion for bail before Justice Cothran. The motion was resisted by Solicitor Homer S. Blackwell of Laurens and former Solicitor George Bell Timmerman of Lexington.

Kenneth Gossett was arrested in March, 1920, charged with having criminally assaulted a young woman near Abbeville. He was tried at a special term of court at Abbeville and was found guilty with recommendation to mercy and was sentenced to serve 40 years in the state penitentiary by Judge Thomas S. Sease.

Shake-Up in the Old Soldiers' Home at Columbia, S. C.

Columbia, S. C.—A complete shake-up in the Confederate Home, known as the "old soldiers' home," a state institution located here, is predicted in a statement made here Thursday by Capt. Ben. S. Williams, superintendent of the home to the effect that he will resign. He says his resignation follows the resignation of W. A. Clark and D. R. Flenniken of Columbia, members of the board, who Wednesday sent their resignations to Governor Cooper. The resignations are sequels to a meeting of the board on the 16th, when it is said there was strong criticism of the management of the home, voiced in a resolution adopted by what Captain Williams terms a combination.

Capt. Williams stated Thursday that at the recent meeting seven members of the board were present. One had to leave during the meeting and of the remaining six, four, he says combined in voting the resolution criticizing the management of the home. Messrs. Clark and Flenniken, he says, opposed the resolution, and when it was carried over their protests, they announced that they would resign.

The Confederate Home has always been the cause of much concern on the part of the legislature and state officials and the new situation is expected to renew the trouble.

Production Cost Figures Deceptive.

Commissioner Terrill, of the Department of Agriculture for Texas, has issued a statement in which he says that Texas farmers must receive 25 cents per pound for cotton to break even this year's crop. He bases his statement on reports received from fifty eight farmers who have kept records. Last year estimates on cost of production varied from 25 cents to 40 cents.

Isn't it a fact that production cost depends upon the individual? And, are we to take seriously these various cost estimate submitted for our consideration by statisticians and efficiency experts? Are such cost estimates fair to the industry in general? We have a decided opinion that they are not fair or applicable to the State as a whole.

One farmer may make no cotton at all while his neighbor, with the same acreage, may make an average crop. Is it fair to add the cost of operation and the losses sustained by the first man to the cost of the second man in order to obtain the cost of production? Isn't it an indisputable fact that the farmer who made even less than an average crop is making a profit at present prices? In no way can you figure that he pays the losses sustained by his neighbor. The same rule applies to all lines of industry and business. One merchant makes a profit while another in the line fails. The fact that one fails does not condemn that particular line of business nor deter others from entering it.

If, as Commissioner Terrill says, the Texas cotton crop of 1921 costs 25 cents per pound to produce, then the man who even suggests planting one stalk of cotton in Texas is either an enemy of the farmer, or is giving advice based on ignorance. If it costs even 20 cents a pound to produce cotton in Texas, then the crop should be abandoned until such a time as a method is discovered that will enable farmers to produce it at cost-plus, for the price record over any ten-year period that may be selected during the past sixty years will not show

an average of 20 cents per pound. Every cotton producer should take to heart the lessons of 1921. From this time on they should keep the cotton acreage down to a probable production basis slightly under the probable demand. They should get together in communities, select a purebred seed of a variety adapted to that section; plant a reduced acreage; strive to grow more quality cotton per acre, and make it a real money crop by producing other commodities for the market and for home use. Such a plan would practically insure a fair price for every bale of cotton produced.—Farm and Ranch.

Three Doomed Men, in State Penitentiary Face Death in Electric Chair.

A Bible on each pillow, a determined stare in each face, and a gloom in each heart, three of the most notable criminals South Carolina has ever brought to justice, were snapped at the state penitentiary by The Recorder's staff photographer, Sergeant. The men are S. J. Kirby, C. O. Fox and Jesse Gappins, and they are spending their last few weeks on earth, for on October 21, one month hence, they pay the death penalty.

Each of the three presented a different study when seen by a representative of The Record Tuesday.

Kirby paces the front of his cell like a caged tiger, and today he was heard to say "I wish it were all over."

Fox stands and looks through the bars, his jaw set on his throat, his eyes covered by a frown. But there was an audible sob in the throat of the condemned man when he went back into his cell today, after standing to have his photograph made.

Gappins, the young boy of the trio, twenty-two years old, clung to the bars of his cage and talked freely, especially of the eternity ahead of him. And on his face is an expression of resignation, and from his heart there seems to sound a note of eternal hope.

The three men are to die on the 21 for the murder of William Brazell, for which on September 13 they were condemned to pay the severest penalty. The young man they killed, a taxi driver in the city of Columbia, they lured to a lonely spot in the dead of night, on the highway between Columbia and Augusta, Ga., and there they blackjacked him and then stabbed him to death. Fox stuck the boy's breast, and turning it around, brought to an end the life of a boy who had done them no harm. At the hands of a Lexington county jury on the afternoon of September 13 they were declared guilty, and by Judge Sease they were condemned to die. The men are now counting their days.

Gappins talked freely. He said he reads mostly his Bible, "the best thing a fellow in my fix can read, I guess." He said he had read the story of Christ on the cross and of his forgiveness of the thief who was dying nearby. Gappins said he believed any man would be forgiven who had not committed the unpardonable sin, who had not rejected God to the limit. "I don't believe I've committed the unpardonable sin," the young fellow volunteered. "As long as any man can get down on his knees and cry over what he has done and ask forgiveness, I believe God will listen."

The crime committed by these 3 men stirred the entire Southeast. On the early morning of August 9 they hid his body in the field near the road and drove on towards Georgia. At Augusta Kirby stopped a passing automobile and told the story, implicating two other men. He was arrested as were the others. All three later confessed. A mob tried to take them from Augusta jail. They were secretly taken to Savannah, and from there they were slipped in dead of night to Charleston, later being brought to Columbia under heavy guard and lodged in the state penitentiary. Their confessions, the activities of the mob and the horror of the murder put the crime down in the annals of South Carolina criminology as one of the most heinous ever committed in the state.

Friday is "shave day" at the state penitentiary. The three men will be clean shaven then. Kirby asked the photographer today, after being "snapped," to come back Friday and get a picture of him with his face clean-shaven and with his collar on. He said he wants to leave this picture for his twelve year old girl.—Columbia Record.

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County of Edgefield.

The Farmers Bank of Edgefield, S. C., Plaintiff, vs. George Padgett et al, Defendants.

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(2) All and singular that certain tract of land situate in above County and State, containing 63 acres, more or less, and bounded on the North by lands of Scott Stephens; East by lands of James Devore and James Bell; South by lands of Spencer Allen and west by lands of George Padgett.

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