

LIGHT THAT SHINES.

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THINKING, FEELING, DOING AND BEING.

A Sermon by Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn—A Parallel Between Opinion and Conviction—Conduct and Character.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.—Philippians ii. 5.

This is a very simple exhortation, but one that deserves our pondering. It is not an exhortation to do something, or to think something, or to feel something, but to be something. The whole of my sermon this morning might be put into one simple formula: To feel right is more important than to think right; to do right is more important than to feel right; to be right is most important of all.

IMPORTANCE OF BELIEF.

It is a very common saying that it makes no difference what we believe, and it is said by schools of thought that are supposed to be very antagonistic. The agnostic says that all thinking about God and immortality is tinkling brass and sounding cymbals, for we can know nothing about them. Dogmatism, second cousin of agnosticism, says it is no use to think about them; you must accept what was thought about them in the sixteenth century, or the fourth century, or the first century; we want not thinking, but an unquestionable faith.

DOING AND BEING.

Religion does not consist in doing things. If a man goes into the market, saying, I am going to be honest, you would better watch him. The man who has to watch himself needs to be watched by his neighbor. It is not enough to do honest things—one must be honest; it is not enough to tell the truth—one must be truthful; it is not enough to do deeds of love—one must be loving.

FEELING AND OPINION.

Feeling is more important than opinion. A man may go right if he has right impulses with a poor judgment, but he cannot go right if he has a good

and the steamer drifts wherever the currents take it. More than right opinions, therefore, men need right emotions—that is, right motive powers. When Mrs. Crane goes down to the Bethel and talks to the men out of the lodging houses, do you suppose they need instruction? Do you suppose they need to be told that to be idle, to be dissolute, to be drunken, to be shiftless, brings disaster? No! What they need is new power, power to do what they know ought to be done.

CONDUCT AND CHARACTER.

How about the conduct? Suppose the man does right, is that enough? No! Conduct that is not a part of character is but little better than creed or emotion that is not a part of character. The minister has been studying all the morning, and been very much interested in his problems and his books. Evening comes; there is a church sociable. He says, I suppose I must go; I will be sociable; I am determined that I will be sociable, and he puts on a smile, and shakes hands with everybody, and all the time wishes he were out of it.

Chocolate as a Beverage.

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Another Had the Call.

Colonel Wat Hardin was asked if he did not follow here in Washington, he dealt most villainously with the most perfectly unmitigated

the storm, always and every night. The fog bell strikes only on occasion, but all the time and every night the light flashes out from the lighthouse. All the time and every night this light is flashing out from you if you are God's children. Let your light so shine. Do not flash it—let it shine; just have it, and then let it shine. You cannot let it shine unless you have it, and if you have it you cannot keep it from shining.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON II, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JAN. 14.

Text of the Lesson, Gen. iii. 1-15—Memory Verses, 13-15—Golden Text, I Cor. xv. 22—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

1. "Now, the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" In the first two chapters all is perfect, and God walks with man, and man communes with God. Now comes the wicked one in the guise of a serpent—full of hatred of God and man. See his aliases in Rev. xii. 9, x, x, and his end in Rev. xx. 10. He begins his work by insinuating that God does not love his children or He would not keep any thing from them.

Chinese Prisoners.

A Chinese prisoner is called a "cangue." Its outer door is barred with bamboo and is guarded by petty soldiers or policemen. The "cangue" contains two rooms and two yards. One room and one yard are for men. The other room and yard are for women. The space set apart for women is very much smaller than that for men.

How a Hen Sleeps.

People often wonder why a hen does not fall off her perch when she goes to sleep. The fact is she cannot. As long as a hen is standing up or walking about the tendons of her toes are relaxed, but by a very curious arrangement, a natural mechanical grip, the moment she sits down on her perch the act of bending the knee joint tightens the toe sinews and they are drawn taut, thus clamping the foot around the perch with a viselike clutch.

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2. "And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden." We cannot blame the woman for talking with him, for she probably had not heard of him who spoke to her through the serpent. We know him and deserve to suffer if we hold any parity with him. See Eph. vi. 11; Jas. iv. 7; I Pet. v. 8, 9.

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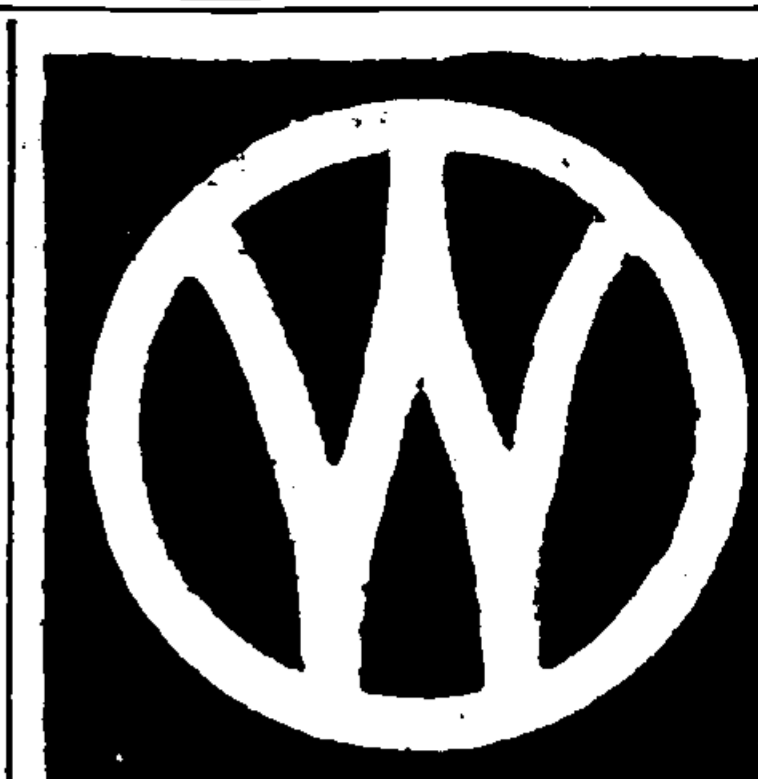
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