SERMON TO GRADUATES DELIVERED SUNDAY BY REV. G. J. HOOKER

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godly mother in the early days when she acted as his nurse, though ostensibly training him for the Egyptian court. Suffering with God, the God of his people, was preferable to comfort without God, for "he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." The determining principal of his ideal was wrought out by faith in God.

May I say to you young men and women of the graduating class—you who face the great unknown tomorrow—that the ideals which have been forming in your lives in these years of school training, though working to some extent unconsciously to you will now be the means of working out your salvation of tomorrow, for—

Ideals Determine the Choice of Our Life Work:

Faith prompted the mother of Moses to hide him three months and the "faith of Moses may be said to be enwrapped in that of his parents." The church has always maintained the unity and solidarity of the family. It was there the church had her birth. "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife by the husband. Therefore believing parents sanctify the children.

There is a time in every life when it is tenderly cared for and guided by loving hands, but the day comes when that life must think and plan and choose for itself. We come to the parting of two roads—we must choose because there are two roads. A crisis always comes to the man destined to be a leader of his people. Martin Luther, was educated at the University of Erfurt. He entered the Augustine Convent and later became a professor of philosophy at Wittenberg. He bid fair to a great career in the Roman Catholic Church but God destined him for a leader in a far greater cause, and, when he was convinced of the truth of "justification by faith," the crisis came and he dared to defy the whole church of Rome. Thus crises arise in the life of every man who would be something. With Moses the time was critical, he refused—he choose.

Notice what Moses faced—Paraoh's daughter was the only child, she adopted Moses for her son, he stood fair for the throne, he owed his life to her—how ungrateful to refuse to become her son. He started, he staggered, he arose again—but he refused—he must be nothing less than a faithful son of Abraham. There were two motives in his choice:

(a) He choose to be ill-treated and suffer affliction with the people of God. And—

(b) He accounted the reproaches of his religion greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.

No doubt the story of his birth and early life had been told him by his parents while they were nursing him for the court. Surely they could not help but implant in his boy mind the story of his people, their hope for restoration and liberty, all of which was helping to form distinct motives in his thought. These impressions never died even amid the training in the great court of Paraoh. Was he living then a double life? Only in the sense that the higher ideals had become controlling factors over the lower. Therefore, Moses was willing to share the lot of suffering Israel. The sensual sinful pleasures of Paraoh's court were not controlling him though they may have had their effect and indeed the allurement may have been very strong. No doubt the battle waged was a conflict of intense moment to him, yet he realized that such a life would end in speedy ruin while right and truth would endure to the end. The pleasures of sin were but for a season, the joy of self-sacrifice and deliverance of Israel would last forever. Some one has said that Moses weighed matters:

In one scale he placed the worst of religion Reproaches.

In the other scale he placed the best of the world—The treasures of Egypt.

The worst of religion weighed down the best of the world.

To Moses, God was a real God, not an abstraction. In our vision of things, whether physical or spiritual, a simple idea is not sufficient. The idea must rest on a person, but that person must be greater than the idea. He may be an idea but even if that is true, he must be the glorious thought in which all other hopes and imaginations center and merge. The idea of God is not sufficient in itself until the ideal in man's heart centers and merges all the ideas into a consciousness of the real personality and being of God. Then, like Moses, man is capable of working his choice.

Choices are made in business, in professions, in marriage, yes, in many things but what has inspired that choice? For instance, and it seems fitting for me to mention it here, that the only adequate method of preventing divorce, is not by refusing to marry divorced people, but by instilling into the minds of youth the realization that marriage is one of God's ordiances; that it is the highest and holiest relation of life, and should be consummated only from the highest motives. The only way to prevent divorce is to give the youth the high ideal of marriage, and that can only be done by including it among the vital features of religion training. Ideals are born in the blood, cradled and trained in the sacred cloister of the home, put into living activity by a peerless conception of faith in God. It is thus that ideals determine the choices of our life.

Young men, young women, if your ideals are lofty and pure, your choices will be of the same high standard. The ideal of Moses centered itself in the fact that "had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Consider also that—

Choice However Determined, Needs A Guide and Discipline:

In order to be fitted for his work Moses is driven out of Egypt into the wilderness. Every servant of God is sent into the wilderness. Paul was in Arabia three years before entering upon his work as an apostle. Christ was led by the spirit into the wilderness. He learned in forty days. It took forty years for Moses to learn. Oh, what an experience. Away from the din and stir of the city life, with the pomp and glory of the palace no longer dazzling his eyes, he must now look upon the dread and silent mountain, study God's work learn how to pray, divest himself of self and there see "him who is invisible." All true heaven inspired revolutions in society are accompanied by a personal discipline and trial of the leaders. If men who control it do not become more pure and more spiritual, the movement is not of God." John Bunyan's choice needed the loneliness of that dark cell in Bedford jail, but out of it came that immortal allgory which has lived nearly three hundred years. The sightless eyes of John Milton were his wilderness discipline, for listen as he says—

"This three years' day these eyes, though clear
To outward view of blemish or of spot,
Bereft of light, their seeing have forgot.
Of sun, or moon, or star, throughout the year,
Or man, or woman, Yet I argue not
Against Heaven's hand or will, nor bate a jot
Of heart or hope, but still bear up and steer right onward."

Life is a great problem and God works out the solution, very often, by most severe trial and discipline. Discipline developes in men the essential qualities of strong character. While necessarily restricted to the musical yet the admiration of men has no bounds as we think of Ole Bull, when in a crowded concert hall in Munich with every ear tuned to catch the majesty of his music, his A string snaps, but he finishes the composition on three strings. "That is the human problem in epitome. Getting music after the break has come; winning the battle with what is left from a defeat; going blind like Milton yet writing sublimest poetry, or deaf like Beethoven, and composing superb sonatas; being reared in an almshouse like Henry Stanley but buried in Westminster Abbey; or, like Kernahan, born without arms and legs and yet sitting at last in the British Parliament. No problem, young man or young woman, in human life can stifle the power of an ideal if man is willing to pay the price—it is the price of pluck—"fighting with the scabbard after the sword is gone."

Forty years in the wilderness, tending flocks of sheep, shut out almost from the world but alone with God. Yet is it not true that lives shine out from obscurity and darkness like Rembrandt's radiant faces from dark back-grounds? The wilderness discipline and sorrows may often dismay you but hold on for the task is just ahead. The Exodus was not a failure, although the Hebrews, disheartened, thought it was and even Moses had his dubious hours. The crucifixion did not mean the gospel's end, as the disciples thought, nor did Paul, imprisoned, lose his ministry. Nothing in history is more assured than this, that only men of faith have known the truth. And in hours of vision when this fact shines clear we rise to be our better selves again.

"Dreamer of dreams? We take the taunt with gladness,
Knowing that God beyond the years you see,
Has wrought the dreams that count with you for madness
Into the texture of the world to be."

By the means of discipline our ideals are ennobled and our choices made. "Goodness is flesh, life is lord of death, love is the source of all." Choice springs out of man's validity of his own noblest days. Such choice, if having sprung from christianity, at its heart can never fail. Its theologies may come and go, its institutions rise and fall, its rituals have their dawn, their zenith, and their decline, but one persistent force goes on and will go on.

The life choice of a great man was made. He endured, he submitted. Power came and he was master. Thus may it come to you, and especially to you young man and young women. George Muller once said—"My business is, with all my might to serve my own generation, in doing so, I shall best serve the next generation, should the Lord Jesus tarry. The longer I live, the more I am enabled to realize that I have but one life to live on earth, and that this one life is but a brief life, for sowing, in comparison with eternity for reaping."

Faith in God is the essential christianity, as Browning sings—

"Faith is my waking life;
One sleeps, indeed, and dreams at intervals,
We know, but waking's the main point with us."

Low ideals mean low choices; high ideals mean noble choices. Aim high, think well, act nobly, and choice will be made to the degree in which you "endure as seeing his who is invisible."

ORPHANS COURT

Renunciation having been filed, letters of administration c. t. a. on the estate of Ella G. Toulson, were granted unto James C. Mullikin. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors ordered, and Thomas E. Heather and Frank P. Medford were named as appraisers.

Bertha E. Pitcher and J. E. Haymond, administrators of Sarah E. Haymond, deceased, filed an account of sales of the personal property, also their first and final account of administration, which were approved and passed.

Sarah C. Jarrell and Lida J. Jarrell, administrators of Mary B. Potts, deceased, filed interest account, and a sperate debt list, which were approved.

Edith H. Owings, administrator of Mary H. Hopkins, deceased, filed releases from Howard H. Hopkins and Edith H. Owings, distributees, approved.

W. H. Dill and Sadie K. Holland, administrators of Sarah Lare Dill, deceased, filed release from John H. Lare and Charles H. Lare, distributees.

The last will and testament of Sallie E. Andrews, deceased, filed in this Court by Harry W. Davis, custodian, after having been duly proven was admitted to probate.

Mary E. M. Closson, guardian to W. Harley Closson, minor, filed her final guardian account, also a release from W. Harley Closson, distributee.

Harry L. Sullivan and Howard P. Sullivan, administrators of Peter W. Sullivan, deceased, filed their first and final account of administration, which was examined by the court, approved and passed.

Henry R. Lewis, executor, of Elizabeth Harris, deceased, filed an account of the sale of the personal property, as sold by him at private sale, approved and passed.

Leonard F. Covey, executor, named in the will of Sallie E. Andrews, deceased, qualified as such, by filing an approved bond, notice to creditors ordered, and Gootee S. Liden and Charles Wright were named as appraisers.

HILLSBORO

Class night exercises at Tri-County High School on Monday night were a great success in every way.

Mr. Henry Fisher, of North East, and sister, Miss Frances, of Western Maryland College are spending their vacation at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Fisher.

Mr. W. Olin Hunter and family and Miss Florence Covell all of Centreville spent Sunday evening with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Covell.

Miss Ella Pennington attended the card party given by the Ridgely Community Club on Friday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sparks were in Denton on Sunday afternoon.

Edwin Gale and William Sherwood were graduated from Tri-County on Tuesday evening.

The canning house here began canning peas on Monday. The crop is very short, in fact some fields have been ploughed up and planted in corn.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fleming were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. MacSorley of Federalsburg on Sunday.

The children and patrons of the school had a delightful picnic in Thawley's Grove on Saturday afternoon of last week.

"I Got Real Mad when I Lost My Setting Hen," writes Mrs. Hanna, N. J.

"When I went into our barn and found my best setter dead I got real mad. One package of Rat-Snap killed six big rats. Poultry raisers should use Rat-Snap." Comes in cakes, no mixing. No smell from dead rats. Three sizes. Prices, 35c, 65c, $1.25. Sold and guaranteed by

DENTON DRUG CO.
NUTTLE HARDWARE CO.

This Week

By Arthur Brisbane

FORD IN FLORIDA. 5 BILLION CIGARETTES. THE POST OFFICE PAY. "McADOO AND SMITH"

Henry Ford has bought a great tract of land in Florida, including a county seat and a good many buildings. He gets wood for his cars from forests in the North. He will now, it is said, establish rubber plantations in Florida to supply material for his tires.

"From producer to consumer" is his motto.

WATCH FLORIDA. That one State among forty-eight in this Union will before many years have passed be a gigantic nation in itself.

One task in the United States is not neglected, and that's the job of burning up cigarettes. In April the factories turned out more than five thousand millions of cigarettes, and the output is constantly increasing. In four months this year the country smoked two thousand million more cigarettes than in the same period last year.

If young gentlemen devoted to other tasks the concentration and careful attention and choosing that they devote to cigarettes, what a world this would be for accomplishment.

It is suggested that President Coolidge will veto the bill to raise the pay of post office employees, on the ground that "the nation can't afford it." The President would hardly say that. The nation CAN afford it, and it can't afford to treat faithful public servants meanly.

The nation supplies the President with a fine private yacht to go sailing, one that burns many gallons of oil and employs many men. If the nation can afford that for the President, who gets $75,000 a year besides, it can afford to pay living wages to the letter carrier, who pays for his shoes three times what he used to pay.

Secretary Wilbur of the Navy says that Congress "must never have power to override Supreme Court decisions."

Why not? Supreme Court decisions are no better than the men that render them. And judges are no better than the man appointing them, presumably.

Congress represents the people, and if the people cannot be trusted to manage their own affairs, including their own Supreme Court judges, they ought to go back to the kindergarten under King George of England and not pretend to rule themselves.

Apparently La Follette intends to run independently for the Presidency. He now says he will do so "unless both old parties are purged." It isn't likely that either party will consent to such a purging as Dr. La Follette would prescribe.

La Follette cannot be elected, and knows it. But he can spoil all the plans and calculations of politicians, if that seems to him worth while. Some that know him well do not believe he will run the risk of being responsible, toward the end of his career, of making a Democratic President. That was Roosevelt's farewell accomplishment.

Dr. Chiera, professor of Assyriology at the University of Pennsylvania, discovers a Babylonian writing giving the age of Noah as 64,800 years. This makes of Methuselah a poor second. Exaggeration of time and other things, on the big and the little side, was common everywhere in the old days.

Periods were twisted out of shape, made shorter or longer. Palaces were built in a second, the World was created in six days. Wise men lived thousands of years. All this does not invalidate the fundamental value of historical records.

Whatever else happens in the Democratic convention, Smith and McAdoo combined could control it it they could get together; it would be their convention. Possibly they will get together. McAdoo wants to be President; nothing else would do. Al Smith might be satisfied to be Vice-President to start with. That would make a combination hard to beat—especially if La Follette decides to run and cut a large independent piece out of the Republican vote in several States.

Civilization has passed various milestones, one "slavery," one "religious persecution," one the "torture of witnesses." This nation may pass another labelled "child labor," and throw off one more disgrace.

CENTRAL CLOSING EXERCISES TUESDAY EVE.

Large Class In County Received Certificates From Miss Healy. Prof. F. H. Hart, Speaker

Pupils of the seventh grades of the county gathered for their closing exercises on Thursday evening. Meeting on the courthouse green, they marched to the Palace theatre, where they more than filled the stage.

"The Road Ahead" was the topic chosen by the speaker. Prof. Freeman H. Hart, of Washington College, gave the address and it was splendidly developed. Prof. Hart told the children they were at the crossroads. Two ways lay before them; one led downward over an easy road; the other led upward over difficulties. One followed the line of least resistance; the other promised hard work and study, but ultimate gain. Everyone who has amounted to anything in this world has been ambitious, has chosen the upward path, and only by hard work has he won his position. Genius is mostly hard, persistent work. Men like Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Jackson, who have achieved fame, have won it honestly by hard work. Prof. Hart urged each child to set his mind on some definite goal and then to work toward it. All things are possible with work.

Certificates were presented by Miss Healy, Elementary Supervisor. Class and Community singing proved enjoyable parts of the program, which was as follows:

1. March, "In Festal Array"
2. Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers" By Entire Audience
3. Invocation.....Rev. C. N. Jones
4. Songs by Pupils
   a—Southern Memories
   b—My Sunshine
5. Address.....Prof. Freeman H. Hart
   Washington College
6. Song, "American The Beautiful" By EntireAudience
7. Presentation of Certificates.....Miss Katharine L. Healy
   Elementary Supervisor
8. Songs { a. When You and I Were Young, Maggie
   b. My Bonnie
   c. Long, Long Trail
9. Song, "Sing-a-lin-a-ling"..... By Pupils
10. March, "The Elk's Parade"

PROMOTED TO EIGHTH GRADE

Henderson
Lola Bickling
Everett Clayville
Martha Emerson
Shirley Fenton
Thelma Gooden
Dukes Robb
Margaret Shults
Marydel
Ruth Harman
Mae Oberholtzer
Kathleen Page
Naomi Stafford
Louis Wagner
Goldsboro
Raymond Bell
Bertie Huston
Robert Jarrell
Maud Kemp
Elmer Satterfield
Greensboro
Pauline Adams
Charles Bilbrough
Virginia Dickerson
Paul Greenle
Dorothy Hobbs
Thomas Horsey
Dale Morris
James Pippin
Moore's
Marion Alberta Brown
Irene Bilbrough
Camp Grove
George Pratt Wooters
Burrsville
Pauline Hopkins
Anne Ross
Laroux Wright
Denton
George Anthony
Charles Baker
Faith Burkett
Kathleen Bowdle
Helen Chaffinch
Louise Darling
Beatrice Deen
Elizabeth Dulin
Robert Fleetwood
Frank Griffin
John Hansen
Eldred Hirs
Helen Higgins
Erdman Jones
Kathryn Johnston
Elizabeth Johnston
Elizabeth Martin
Clement Noble
Russum Orme
Evelyn Quillen
Etta Satterfield
Paul Seese
Eleanor Towers
Helen Towers
Thelma West
Williamson
Blanche Scott
Horace Towers
Oaks
Lewis Davis
Preston
Eugene Carroll
Grace Covey
Medford Fooks
Jeanette Gadow
Louise Gadow
Francis Garris
William Kelley
Carl Koerber
Benjamin Wright
Choptank
Inez Wright
Bethlehem
Gladys Christopher
Margaret Christopher
Elizabeth Marshall
Smithson
Frank E. Collins
Federalsburg
Louise Brittain
Ralph Coulbourne
Julia Edgell
Elizabeth Handy
Evelyn Lancaster
Louise Meredith
Minerva Messenger
Lillian Noble
Leon Webster
Hazel Wright
Nichols
Ruth Nichols
Chestnut Grove
Ralph Rosser
Friendship
Louise Gadow
Katies Gehring
Otto Gehring
Marie Schmick
Hillsboro
Helen DeFord
Russell Fleming
Emma Holland
Louise Horsey
Grace Ireland
Howard Knotts
Cedar Grove
Roland Butler
Julia Meeks
Ridgely
Mildred Berkey
Josephine Betton
Elva Callahan
Elizabeth Cecil
Dorothy Hopkins
Landers Jones
Mary Lane
Louise Lynch
Myrtle Price
Nelson Rickards
Paul Shoemaker
Ann Smith
Margaret Turner
Catharine Wilson
Bridgetown
Genevieve Griffin
Concord
Robert Atkinson
Gilbert Bailey
Kathleen Covey
Thomas Everngam
Marian Linn
Edna Lord
Charles Todd
Raymond Trice
Elwood Wright
Williston
Helen Dean
Howard's
Louise Schuyler
Baltimore Corner
Dorothy Walraven

POMOTED TO SEVENTH ADVANCED

Henderson
Esther Clayville
Orville Gilbert
John Quillen
Bee Tree
Herbert Clough
Emil Dobraski
Freddie Zlock
Goldsboro
Evelyn Hartranft
Ida Mae Roche
Greensboro
Fletcher Clark
Benjamin Cooper
Lawrence Kibler
Harlan Edwards
Edward Luff
Evelyn Morris
Hazel Morris
Nannie Strannahan
Earl Tribbett
Samuel Wittaker
Moore's
Georgia Edwards
Burrsville
Elizabeth Fountain
Denton
Margaret Cade
Lester Carroll
Frederick Hurst
Robert Joiner
Wilber Kettering
Lester Towers
Central
Marvin Baker
Oaks
Howard Davis
Preston
Daisy Blades
Noble Carroll
Monroe Cheezum
Wilson Dillon
Beatrice Harding
Esther Harrington
Marguerite Lane
Lorelle Parrott
Louis Sands
Choptank
Linwood Andrews
Hubbard's
Ruth Hazel Harmon
Smithson
William J. Bryan
Federalsburg
Lawrence Christopher
Ruth Cook
Katherine Coulbourne
Waldo Grimes
Eunice Hollowell
John Hurlock
Viola Liden
Marie Nichols
Russell Nichols
Charles Noble
Evelyn Segars
Russell Slacum
Bessie Trice
George Turner
Clyde White
Bennie Williams
Esther Williar
Vernon Nichols
Nichols
Katherine Pepper
Friendship
Jerome Mededith
Hillsboro
Edward Eveland
Charles Wood
Cedar Grove
Ralph Collins
Russel Porter
Ridgely
Melvin Bennington
Emma Guessford
Cariton Lane
Herman Mitchell
Carl Snowberger
Louise Tarr
Smithville
Mildred Noble
Trecia Thompson
Laurel Grove
Charles L. Howard
Concord
Addie Lord

U. S. Golf Champ

A 130-pound golfer from Englewood, New Jersey, is the new open golf champion of the United States. He is Cyril Walker, who shot a score of 279 on 72 holes.

Her Make-Up Deadly

Lillian Warren, of Canada, adopted a modern "make-up" when she reached California, and so shocked her wheat-growing sweetheart, Dana Stewart, 30, that he committed suicide by shooting.

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