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HIGH IDEALS

BY

Professor John K. Warren of Washington College.

In the absence of Rev. Sard, pastor of the Methodist M. E. Church, Prof. John K. Warren of Washington College occupied the pulpit Sunday evening, November 15. Prof. Warren took for his subject "High Ideals," basing his discourse on Phil 4:8. The following is an abstract of his sermon.

'Beauty is Truth, Truth beauty,—that is all
You know on earth, and all you need to know.'

These are the words of John Keats. Beauty and truth are synonymous. Plato in his work on the education of children said that a child should be placed in the best environment possible. He should not be allowed to look at anything that is ugly, or read anything that is liable to corrupt his morals, or to hear obscene language. Biologists tell us that environment has the power not only to change the outer but also the internal structure of an animal. Mind influences matter, but it is just as true that matter influences the mind. Just as our bodies cannot be better than the food we eat, so neither can our minds be better than the mental food we bring it.

Each one of us must put himself in the best environment possible. He must place before himself an ideal and try to realize it. But you will ask: "What is meant by an ideal?" "An ideal, to my mind, is a Substantial Reality, placed so high above one's head that he cannot reach it unless he jumps ninety-nine times! The world dies for lack of vision. But suppose we put up an ideal and fail to attain it? What about it? We develop ourselves in the very effort we make to reach it. Great victories are won in the effort one makes and in the spirit with which one sets himself about his task. We are told in Greek mythology that Icarus aspired to reach the sun, but as he drew near the sun's hot rays melted the wax with which his wings were attached and he fell into the sea. This young man reached his goal in the attempt he had made. It is better to attempt and fail than never to attempt at all. I would rather be an Icarus and aspire to reach the sun than one who sticks his feet in the mud and is content to live the life of a hog!

Sculptors and painters as well as poets, select the master-pieces of the great masters whom they like to imitate and concentrate on them until they become one with their ideal. A French poet on being asked by his king to write an epic of the French nation shut himself in his room reading Homer's Iliad for six months until he became imbued with the spirit of Homer, and then set about his task. We succeed in far as we have an ideal placed before us.

How fortunate are we in having Jesus Christ for our ideal. Lord Tennyson contemplating the majesty of Christ said:

"Thou seemest human and divine,
The highest, holiest manhood, Thou.
Our wills are ours, we know not how;
Our wills are ours, to make them Thine."

St. Paul concentrated so much on Jesus Crrist until he could say: "It is not I who live, but Jesus Christ who live in me." No painter and no poet was ever lost into his ideal like St. Paul. When I was in New York a few years ago, I visited the Astor Public Library. There on the third floor where the most famous paintings of the world are kept, I saw about a dozmen and women with brushes in their hands copying one of the pictures. There were many other pictures around them, but they deemed only one of them worthy of copying. The world has produced many great men but none like Jesus. He has no equal. He is the only one worthwhile imitating.

Even if we were to look with the lantern of Diogenes we would not be able to find a better group of ideals than the one the inspired Apostle presents to us in Phil. 4:8. He begins with Truth. That is where all of us should begin. Whether we aspire to build a physical, mental, or a spiritual edifice we must lay it on the solid foundation of truth. Truth can never be crushed.

"Truth crushed to earth, shall rise again;
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshippers."

Truth may be persecuted and may become an outcast but she will triumph in the end. To quote again another poet:

"Though the cause of Evil prosper, yet
'tis Truth alone is strong,
And, albeit, she wander outcast now,
I see around her throng
Troops of beautiful, tall angels, to enshield her from all wrong."
"Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne.
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own."

Institutions rise and stand in so far as they are based on truth. Slavery had been founded on a falsehood and crumbled. Philosophical systems based on false premises soon went the way of all the earth. Homes built on false love end at the divorce court. The Christian Church survived all changed of time because it was founded upon Truth. Christ said: "Upon this rock I will build my church and next to God Truth is eternal. Listen to what Tennyson says of human institutions:

"Our little systems have their day;
They have their day and cease to be:
They are but broken lights of Thee,
And Thou, O Lord, art more than they."

Then Paul says we must think of things that are honorable. No man's ideal is lofty enough till he lifts the banner and marches at the drumbeat of what is honorable. Do we have respect for ourselves? Do we respect and honor the rights of our fellows? Do we care for the reputation of our husbands and wives as well as that of our neighbors and our children? The Apostle admonishes us to take thought of the things that are honorable in the sight of all men.

Again, Paul tells us to think of the things that are just, pure, lovely and of good report. What men ask for today is justice. Unless justice prevails there will be wars and rumors of wars. Injustice will be met with injustice.

"We get back out mete as we measure;
We cannot do wrong and feel right:
Nor can we give pain and feel pleasure,
For justice avanges each slight."

Christ said: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" and the beloved John states that "every one that hath this hope set on him purifieth himself. even as he is pure." We must have clean hands and pure motives. God has placed at our disposal this beautiful universe and He expects us to use it to develop the gifts which he has given us. I knew of one who had made it a rule in his life to take half an hour each day to look at something beautiful, to read something beautiful, and to tell somebody else about something beautiful. This is a fine rule for every one of us to adopt. Let us ask ourselves as fathers and mothers: "Do we put into the hands of our sons and daughters the right kind of books? Do we make their environment uplifting, and inspiring? What ideal do we set before them. Some people are very particular what they eat but they are not so particular about what they let enter their ears; and there are some who have a tremendous capacity to appropriate every evil and degrading suggestion which comes buzzing down the labyrinth of their ears.

A musician visited his friends in the country once. His friend invited him to the church service. He accepted the invitation. The following Sunday he was invited again. He refused to go. His reasons were: "Your preacher cannot hold an ideal before me. I want a preacher to charenge me to do the impossible." And he was right. I want an ideal to be higher than I am. I want an ideal to cry to me: excelsior excelsior! higher! higher! This is the ideal I want and this is the one Jesus presents. We should aim high. We must make a perfect poem of this life which God has given us so at the end we can say with the poet:

"Igive Thee back the life I owe
That in Thy ocean's depths its flow
May richer, nobler be."

POULTRY NOTES

S EVOLUTION A THERY OR A FACT —GEESE A POPULAR FARM PRODUCT—DON'T CARRY OVER POOR BIRDS

One should not carry over a pullet that has a sidesprig, in the single comb varieties; a rose comb without a spike at base of comb. Split wings or slip wings should be culled from the flock Clean legged chickens should not have a sign of feathers, stubs or down on their legs or toes. Pullets showing crooked backs, badly deformed breast legs that seem to come out of the keel bone, instead of the sides of the fowl. Pullets showing knock knees, a sure sign of lack in vigor. Solid black feathers in the plumage of a white fowl, white feathers in the plumage of black fowl.

Eliminate any of the pullets that show a serious defect. One can breed enough poor fowls from good ones without starting a flock of poor nondescript pullets that will never make good. When you find a pullet that runs to a point at stern, that pullet will seldom lay enough eggs to reproduce her kind. If she has a good broad back, good deep body, a good breast and stands well on her legs, she has a better chance to make good than she would, if she had all the defects named above. The pullets you save over now will be your breeders in 1927. The poultrymen should always look two years ahead. Where one can breed from well matured pullets next spring, yet they will not give the satisfaction that the yearling hen generally brings. When a hen once molts she shows just what kind of plumage that she will breed. Some pullets may have excellent plumage but when they come back as hens, that plumage may be so poor that one will not want to chance her breeding good plumage.

Whether evolution is a theory or a fact, what difference does that make to house but add to the lights this winter Progress leaves a record for the world to compare yith the records of years. All you have to do is to have faith that those records are rightly recorded and the first thing you know, you will get out of the doubting Thomas crowd and live happy ever after. But do not forget one fundamental thought. We must compare one thing with another but the best way to compare anything is by a record that has been recorded by an honest man. Quit hiring poultry judges because they are cheap. Get the best and your faith will grow in the progress that is now being made along poultry lines. You believe in the records of the laying contest or you would not pay big prices for the hens that have made great egg laying records. You must trust man for these records or you would not have them. Humanty is frail of course but more than seventy-five per cent of the people are honest or we would not have jails large enough to hold our criminals. Get honest yourself and then you will have more faith in the other fellow.

This foolish talking about it cannot be done is all bosh. It is done every day and the fellow who says things cannot be done is still nursing that "grouch" of his, while the other fellow is dividing the good things with his folks at home. Many of you never heard a radio until you got one in the house. You did not believe in the wireless, until you had sent one to your wife, it can be done all right!

Geese are a popular farm fowl in this section at the present time. No farm seems to have any very large number but, the total number in a community makes the goose raising industry a rather important one. Geese are very much in demand in the larger cities during certain seasons of the year. They are quite largely consumed by foreigners who have learned to relish them before coming to this country. Geese are usually much easier to raise than turkeys as they are not so subject to disease. They require good pasture and subsist almost entirely on green stuff that they forage from pasture land. One difficulty with raising geese arises from their tendency to pair off. Young geese usually pair so that a gander is required for each female. Older geese can sometimes be mated with one gander to three or four geese, but when larger matings are attempted, a large percentage of sterile eggs are the result.

Of all things, do not place your pullets or any kind of young stock in a house that has been used by old fowls until after you have thoroughly cleaned that house, sprayed it with a good lice killer and be sure that all lice are out of such houses. A good fumigation will kill off most any kind of disease that may have been harbered in such houses. If one would see his local health officer, that gentlemen can tell him just what kind of fumes that can be let loose in their houses. The health authorities fumigate every dwelling where any kind of contagious disease may have been, before they will allow that house to be used by healthy people. The same thing applies to the poultry house.

Spraying the house with a good liquid fumigation material will do the work and a good coat of whitewash, properly applied, will not only disinfect the house but add to the ligts this winter when the dark days come—Everybody's Magazine.

HERBERT E. PERKINS, Attorney.

ORDER NISI

In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In Equity No. 2378

Herbert E. Perkins, Extr. of R. Groom Parks, Decd. vs Edward Barlow.

ORDERED, this 6th day of November, 1925 by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the mortgaged Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Herbert E. Perkins, Executor, under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in mortgage from Edward Barlow to R. Groome Parks, dated February 8th, 1919, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 9th day of January next; PROVIDED, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 7th day of December next.

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HERBERT E. PERKINS, Attorney.

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Delaware Trust Company et al vs. Edward M. Vaughn, Admr. et al.

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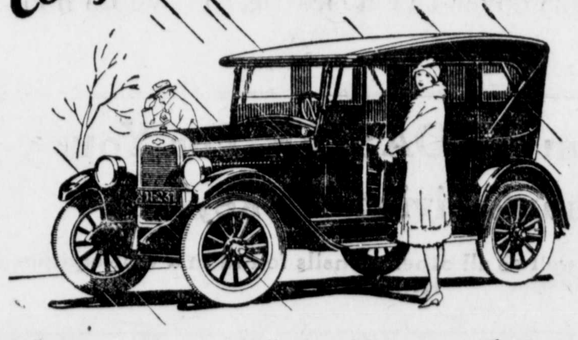
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