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Tea Ice Cream.

The very best and most fragrant tea must be used for this. Make a strong infusion; sweeten to taste with sugar and let get cold. Then mix it with a cup of orange or lemon custard and freeze. Stir in a cup of whipped cream and pack and let stand for two or three hours.

Asparagus Salad.

Wash the asparagus and tie up in bunches and boil in plenty of salted water; as soon as it is tender immediately transfer it to cold water, so as to preserve its natural fulness and color. When perfectly cold drain it on a cloth and arrange it on an oblong dish on a bed of crisp lettuce leaves and serve with French dressing, which should be sent to the table in a separate dish or mixed at the table by the host or one who serves the salad.

Potato Puffs.

Ingredients: Two cupfuls of mashed potatoes, two teaspoonfuls of butter, two eggs, one cupful of cream, and salt and pepper to season.

Beat the eggs until light, and after melting the butter stir it into the eggs. Beat this mixture into the mashed potatoes; then add the cream and seasoning, and beat the whole until light. Grease popover pans or gem pans, and have each half full of the mixture.

Bake the puffs in a quick oven until brown, and remove them from the pans with a flexible knife to prevent their breaking. They should be served immediately upon being removed from the oven.

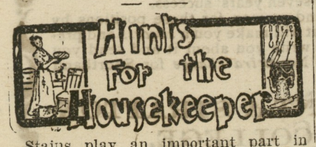
Dainty Mushroom Dishes.

Fresh mushroom sauce is one of the best adjuncts to a chop or steak if prepared as follows: Slice an onion from the top to the bottom and fry in one ounce of dripping till it is a golden color. Peel and wash eigh nice mushrooms, chop them small and place in a saucepan with half a pin of water and simmer till cooked. Work one ounce of flour into the sauce and boil all together for five minutes Color with a few drops of browning, season highly, and if the sauce be too thick add a little more water.

For a savory, one of the best ways of using mushrooms is a la reine. Take some good, fresh mushrooms, wash them, remove the stalks and peel carefully. Spread the inner side with butter and dash with pepper and salt. Place on a grill over a clear fire and cook until they are soft. A few drops of anchovy sauce on each mushroom is an improvement. Have ready as many croutons of fried bread as mushrooms, squeeze a little lemon juice on to each, and then place the mushrooms on the top. Set a tiny sprig of parsley in the centre of each and serve.

Another good dish is mushroom toast. Peel mushrooms of equal size and fry in butter till cooked. Have ready strips of buttered toast, arrange a few mushrooms on each piece and season with salt and cayenne. Sprinkle with a little grated cheese, pass a salamander over and serve very hot.

It is rarely that one has this vegetable in soup, but try the following recipe: Boil a quart of thin white stock or milk with an onion, a stick of celery and a carrot for two hours. Season the soup nicely, strain and thicken it. Have one pound of mushrooms washed, peeled and chopped small. Add the mushrooms to the soup and simmer gently till cooked. If the soup boils at all fast, the mushrooms will break up, and the appearance of the soup will be spoiled. Serve grated Parmesan cheese with this soup.



Stains play an important part in home decoration these days.

A little vaseline, rubbed in once a day, will keep the hands from chapping.

Fish may be scaled much easier by dipping into boiling water about a minute.

Mud stains on black material may be removed by rubbing them with a raw potato cut in half.

Damascus lanterns, decorated with chains and jewels, represent one of the latest novelties in hanging ornaments.

When anything boils over on the stove sprinkle salt quickly over the place. This will prevent the fumes from rising and making the house smell disagreeable.

A substitute for cream may be made by beating the white of an egg with a teaspoonful of sugar and a very little water. Put it into the cups before the coffee is poured into them.

For tying back sleeping-room curtains of soft, white material a silken cord and tassel is preferable to ribbon, unless one possesses the knack of being able to arrange ribbon effectively.

When earthen pudding and pie dishes get brown and unsightly from the juices and grease of many bakings, scour them with ashes from the grate mixed with a little good soap. They will come out as fresh as new.

An unusually piquant flavor is obtained by cooking dried fruits in a covered earthen dish in the oven. Soak any and all of them except prunes overnight to give them back their lost moisture, and then simmer slowly in the oven until done.

"COME AND REST AWHILE"

Sunday Discourse by Dr. Chapman, the Noted Pastor-Evangelist.

Why Men Should Attend Church—Nation Would Relapse Into Barbarism Without God's Temple.

NEW YORK CITY.—The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, the popular pastor-evangelist of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of this city, has delivered a sermon in which he set forth the reasons why men should attend church. He preached from the text, "And He said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile." Mark 6: 31.

John the Baptist had been beheaded and his disciples were in confusion. They were truly as sheep without a shepherd. The apostles had heard of the disaster, and came to Jesus to tell Him of all the things that had come to pass, and then it was that He spoke to them in the words of the text, "And He said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile; for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat." I am very well aware that to some of you this may seem an inappropriate text, for if the church is a desert then in itself it presents to us the reason why so many men are away from it, and why there seems to be a growing indifference to its claims. Alas, it is true too often the church is a desert place. It will not help us any in our efforts to lead men to attempt to blind our eyes to the condition of things. A desert is a spot without water, without habitation, a place of death and despair, and this is true of every church where anything is substituted for the gospel, where the whole truth is not preached, and where Christ is not presented to dying men. The sermons may be perfect so far as their literary excellence is concerned, but without the gospel, as the heart they are sounding brass and tinkling symbol in the estimation of Him who is the great head of the church. Then again the verse in which the text is found presents us a picture of the world. The Master called the apostles aside to rest, for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. This is indeed a representation of the business life of the most of men. The pace is terrific, and if any man fails to keep step with his competitor in business he is soon left behind and is counted out of the race. One of the greatest needs of the day for men in all departments of life, whether it be in the shop, with the ordinary day laborer or with the great merchant in his business, or the famous lawyer at the court, one of the greatest needs of the day is for rest. Rest does not necessarily mean idleness; when men rest as I have it in mind they get their best conception of God, they work out their greatest plans for the future, they become in the truest sense as God would have them.

Leonardo da Vinci, the great painter, was once employed by the Emperor to produce a picture, which was to be finished by a certain date. After working some time at his task, however, the artist absented himself from his studio for a week or more, doing apparently nothing toward completing the picture. The Emperor hearing of this sent a courtier to remonstrate with the painter, and when the latter did not meet the remonstrance commanded him to come to the royal presence. "Why have you neglected the painting of the picture we have ordered?" was the question sternly put to the artist. "I have not neglected it, sir," was the answer. "But we know that you have not had the brush in hand for these eight days," said the wondering Emperor. "True, sir," said the artist, "but nevertheless the picture has grown, the work of the brush is the least to be done in producing a painting. The last week I have been away from my studio it is true, but wherever I went that picture has been in my mind, and slowly and steadily I have been getting into place the figures to be put upon the canvas. The picture, sir, will be done at the stated time," and it was, and this picture is today regarded as the greatest work of the famous painter.

Men cannot carelessly approach a great work. For the disciples it was "Tarry ye," before the going forth to service, and this is necessary not only in religious life, but in all departments of life. In a paper not long ago under the caption "Why do we go to church?" the following was suggested:

Because it is the fashion.
Because it has become a habit.
Because it is respectable.
Because we like the minister.
Because we enjoy the music and other attractions.
Because we feel lonesome when we do not go.
Because we sing in the choir or are officials and must go.
Because parental authority enjoins it.
Because it helps business.

Are any of these the motives that move you to attend church? Some of them may have a subordinate place in one's actions, but they should never become a prominent or a dominant force. Why should we go to church? For a hundred legitimate reasons, chief among which are these:

Because the church is the tabernacle of the Most High.

Because it has always been the symbol and centre of worship.

Because He plainly promises to meet us there.

Because we need the help the church affords.

Because others need the force of our example.

Because of the joy we find in public and social worship.

Because without the church the community and nation would soon lapse into barbarism.

Because close fellowship with God's people here is the truest road to the life hereafter.

It is a fact that men are not attending church, and it cannot be true that this is altogether the fault of the non-attendants themselves. This is a cold world in which we live, and naturally the world wants warm words, warm smiles, warm welcomes, warm hearts, warm prayers and the warm spirit of brotherhood, and men have a right to expect that the church which represents Christ upon earth shall exhibit all of these things. The man of the world does not stay away from the church because there is too much of the Spirit of God in it, but rather because there is too little. The church must be united if the unsaved world is to be drawn to it.

I.

The following reasons for church attendance have been presented to me by men of great renown throughout the country, great business men, great philanthropists, great leaders of men generally, and there is not one who has written to me but whose name is known throughout the whole world.

First—Man needs the church. Temptations assail him on every side; there is no man that lives without temptation. The pressure of materialism in these days is terrific, and unless a man has a strong upward pull, at least one day in the week he will find himself gradually going down. The commercial spirit of the day is something marvelous to think of, and unless one day at least in the seven is spent in worshiping God the other days of the week will dwarf and starve that spiritual nature which every man possesses whether he is conscious of it or not. The tendency to look down and not up will after a while give the man a halting, hesitating, blind way of walking, while the man who one day in the week at least looks up and not down will find himself purer and better and stronger. "Men are sure to retrograde and lose ground if they neglect the church," said a man to me the other day, whose salary is $2500 per year. "My prosperity will be my defeat unless I am careful. I find now that I am constantly thinking of business and scheming to increase my riches," and then the tears started as he said, "I question if I am as happy as when I was on a small salary and lived in a very simple way."

Second—The church needs men and the work of God cannot be accomplished without. It has always been God's way to work through instruments sometimes as humble as the rod which Moses held in his hand and yet as important as Moses himself. God means to win men through men, and if the men of the day absent themselves from the church of God for the loss of the souls of other men they are held responsible at the day of judgment.

Third—Men ought to attend church because of the intellectual culture that is there gained. The average man has little time for reading, little opportunity through the week for recreation and lectures and it is the opinion of this distinguished business man that the average sermon will be a stimulus to his intellect. Remember, it is not so much what you hear as the impression it makes upon you and the after effects upon your life. Men may have forgetten the Greek they learned in college, and the principles of the higher mathematics, but no man could pass through college without coming out stronger and better in every way if he were true to his education, and the effect of a sermon rightly heard and received is to make the life purer, the mind clearer, the character stronger.

Fourth—The example of church going affords an important means of promoting the good order of the community. The reflex influence upon oneself is of the very best, and the influence upon others is conducive to regular habits and good order.

Fifth—The idea of recreation in church attendance is one of the most important reasons for faithfulness in this regard. "Surely," writes a distinguished man, "church going will afford this." A change of occupation is rest and a working man who feels that he must sleep through the hours of the morning because he has toiled faithfully through the days of the week, will find that he is beginning his week duller than if he had been true to God; while the business man who reads through most of the hours of the day because he feels that to attend church would be a sense of weariness would find that he begins the week more weary than if he had been loyal to Christ.

Sixth—Another writes, "We ought to attend church in order to become acquainted with the saving power of Jesus Christ; men ought to attend church to be good, and then they will be good for something.

II.

There are certain facts which we must remember in our efforts to reach and to help others.

First—There is a worshiping faculty in man, and it is the climax of all his other faculties. For the exercise of his voice man has the air, for his feet he has the earth, for hunger he has food, for thirst he has water, but for his soul he must have God. John Stuart Mills was one of the greatest men, and he had one of the greatest minds we have known in these latter days, but his early life, his father's blood and his education had drawn him away from the church. He tried to kill all faith, and yet he could not kill the demand for something to worship. He eulolized his wife until he worshiped her, and the seven and a half years they lived together were the happiest years of his life. When she died the light of his life went out. There never was a sadder closing to mortal life than his.

Second—Men have misunderstood the spirit of the church. Criticism has been made that the church is a class institution existing for the favored few, but this is not true. The existence of the St. Bartholomew Mission House in this city, where people by the thousands have been reached and blessed; the presence of the Madison Square Church House, so recently dedicated to the glory of God and the helping of all classes of people is an argument which directly meets this disposition on the part of the unchurched. Not long ago a man went about through the churches clad as a poor man, plainly dressed, and found that he was repulsed by no one and welcomed by nearly all. The church is the greatest factor in the world, but its work is first and foremost with the soul and its needs. Men have been disposed to censure us because we do no do what the club does, nor what the lodge does, but it should be remembered that the church is not a charity institution, nor an educational institution; it is a place for regeneration, conversion and eternal salvation. The church has a social mission, it is true, but first of all it has a saving mission. We must keep first things first. The lodge may have its place in the ranks of men, but woe be to that man who allows it to usurp the place of the church in his life.

After Rossini had rendered "William Tell" for the five hundredth time a company of musicians came under his window in Paris and seranaded him. They put upon his brow a cold crown, and in the midst of the cheers Rossini turned to a friend and said, "I would give all of this just for a day of youth and love," and there is many an old man in New York who has passed his Sundays in the house of God who knows more of real joy because of this than the man whose name is famous throughout the world and counts his money by millions.

In the Yellowstone Park there is a famous point where on one of the peaks of the Rocky Mountains the falling waters seem to hesitate for a moment as if to say, "Which way shall I go?" This point is the Continental Divide, and a gust of wind determines whether the water shall flow east to the Atlantic or west to the Pacific. I doubt not but some one is reaching a decision as to what his true relations to the church may be, and if he decides against the church he is to be pitied, while if his decision is in favor of the church all will be well.

First—His individual life will be strengthened, he will meet temptation, but overcome it; he will meet trial and rejoice in it; he will have the approval of his own conscience, and this always makes a man courageous.

Second—His social life will feel the impetus of his decision. Men's lives count for evil. Dr. Munhall, the celebrated evangelist, says that before he became a minister he went one evening to the theatre just to please a visiting friend, and the next day met upon the streets a young man whom he asked again as he had asked him frequently to be a Christian. The man looked at him and said, "I never want you to speak to me on the subject again. I saw you in the theatre last night, and I have little confidence in a man who professes to be a Christian and was found in a questionable place of amusement." "I never won him," said Dr. Munhall. "He gradually drifted away from the church and from Christ, and I met him in the West a hopeless wreck." If a man's influence may count for evil then who can estimate what would be accomplished among men if we were true to Christ and true to the church and lived out the principles of both in our business life.

Third—The home life would feel the impetus. Mr. Moody used to tell the story of the father who came to his home, found his little child suffering as he had been for weeks and months. The little fellow said, "Lift me up," and he raised him from his bed, and then he said, "Lift me higher," and then he held him up for a moment as high as his arms could reach, and when he took him down he was dead. "He had lifted him," said Mr. Moody, "into the very arms of Christ." This is possible for every man who lives as he ought to live and works as he ought to work; is true to Christ and faithful to the church. May God help us all to be just this.

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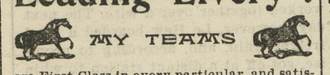

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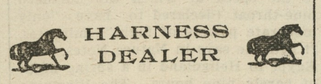

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