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THE SOBRIETY OF THE PREACHER.

He that negotiates between God and man,
As God's ambassador, the grand concerns
Of judgment and mercy, should beware
Of lightness in his speech. 'Tis pitiful
To court a grin, when you should woo a soul,
To break a jest, when pity would inspire
Pathetic exhortation; and to address
The skittish fancy with facetious tales
When sent with God's commission to the heart.
So did Paul. Direct me to a quip
Of merry turn in all that he ever wrote,
And I consent you take it for a text,
Your only one, till sides and benches fail.
No; he was serious in a serious cause,
And understood too well the weighty terms
That he had taken in charge. He would not stoop
To conquer those by jocular exploits
Whom truth and soberness assailed in vain.

—William Cowper.

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Ex-President Hopkins

His Character and Works.

A GAIN must I interrupt the regular series of "Augustus" letters upon my "Northwestern Tour," to pay a tribute of affection and regard to the memory of Dr. Henry Hopkins, ex-President of Williams College, the news of whose death at Rotterdam in Holland of pneumonia, on the eighteenth of August, comes to me in Yellowstone Park, Wyoming. It seems but yesterday that in the beautiful memorial chapel at Williamstown I sat with hundreds of others and listened to these tender words to the graduating class of students of the college:

"In the years that we have been together you have realized some ideals and fallen short of others. Newton's child picking pebbles on the shore is a true image of what we are and must remain. The thought that I would leave with you, is that truth is yet to be realized. As you go forth the light will fall upon your path. Be not afraid of the darkness. There is an Holy Spirit who dwells with us and is our guide. Put yourself under that influence and seek ever the co-operation of this Holy Spirit."

And now the beloved President and teacher has gone forth into the darkness, under the guidance of this Spirit, and the light which falls upon his path is such

"As never was on land or sea."

At the 114th commencement of the college in June Dr. Hopkins retired from the presidency after six years of service, and soon sailed for Europe, accompanied by his wife and his two daughters. He was ill upon the voyage, and although he rallied for a time he died shortly after reaching Rotterdam.

Dr. Hopkins was seventy years of age, having been born at Williamstown Nov. 30, 1837, where his father, Dr. Mark Hopkins, had been president of the college just one year. He was the oldest son among eight children, all of whom are still alive except the eldest daughter, Louisa. As Williamstown was largely my summer home from childhood to the present year, I became intimately acquainted with Henry Hopkins as a boy, and formed a friendship with him which has continued for more than sixty years. As a boy he was friendly and generous, a fair scholar and universally liked. He was educated in Williamstown, and to live in the home of Mark Hopkins as its eldest son was of itself an education. In 1854 he entered Williams College, from which he was graduated four years later. Thomas Post of Lenox, Mass., who represented the class of 1858, at its fiftieth anniversary this year, said at the alumni

meeting that "the survivors of the class came to commencement, not so much because it was their semi-centennial as to meet their fellow-member, Dr. Hopkins. Harry Hopkins," said he, "was the most beloved member the class had."

Such was the boy, such the youth, and such the mature man as preacher, pastor and president. In the many places which he filled with honor and success, in the pastorate of churches, as a chaplain in the army, a leader in municipal reform, an educator, and an executive officer, this characteristic of sincere friendliness was preëminent. He was always ready to give himself and the best that he had for the advantage and betterment of others. And he had his reward. Everyone respected and loved him. General Horace Porter, in speaking of his acquaintance with Henry Hopkins, said, "It began in the Army of the Potomac, where as a patriot and a Christian he was serving his country and his God, as he had done before and has done ever since, and he hoped that the evening of his days might be as happy as his career had been useful and brilliant."

But this friendliness to man was not the weakness of an indolent and easy-going nature. Henry Hopkins inherited strong and true instincts, and was trained in the best New England mode of intellectual and moral life. He was the soul of honor and courage, yet without vanity or bravado. The word "Duty," which has been sometimes sneered at as the New England conscience, was his motto. It took him into the ministry of the gospel, into the hospitals and ambulance corps of the Army of the Potomac, into the far West as a pastor for twenty-two years in the small town which has grown to be Kansas City, and back again to his native place when his Alma Mater made a large demand upon his remaining strength as its chief executive.

When he had been graduated from Williams College Mr. Hopkins went abroad for a year of study and travel, and then returned to this country and completed his theological studies at the Union Theological Seminary of New York, and in special courses with his father at Williamstown. He was ordained in the Congregational ministry in 1861. The Civil War had just broken out, and President Abraham Lincoln gave him a personal commission as an Army Hospital Chaplain, an office afterwards established by Congress. As chaplain he was stationed at Alexandria, Va., for two and one-half years, and then he served in the field with the 120th New York Volunteers. He was with the Army of the Potomac, from the Rapidan to Lee's surrender at Appomattox. On the battlefields of Chantilly and the second Bull Run he personally conducted the ambulance corps under a flag of truce. When the war was over he was active in obtaining the legislation necessary to establish national soldiers' cemeteries.

In 1866 Mr. Hopkins was called to be the pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Westfield, Mass., where he remained for four years, and then accepted a call to the First Congregational Church of Kansas City. Dr. Hopkins remained there twenty-two years, and interested himself in every effort in the city, the State, and the western part of the country for education, municipal improvement and civic development. He became known not only as a leading pastor in the city, but as a pioneer and active friend of higher education throughout the country. He maintained his military connections formed in the Army, and was chaplain and officer in a number of military organizations in Missouri and elsewhere until he came East. Dr. Hopkins did not limit the sphere of his labors to his own church or locality. He was active in all religious work; as a member and vice-president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, as national vice-president of the American Missionary Association, as a member of the National Association of Charities and Correction, and as a trustee of Williams and of Drury Col-

Conference Season at Northfield Closes

BIBLE LECTURES AT THE SCHOOLS DURING THE FALL.

By Miss Rachel K. McDowell.

THE Post-Conference for Christian Workers at East Northfield, Mass., which closed last week, brought together a large number of people and is considered one of the most successful of the series of post-conferences. The speakers were the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D.D., pastor of Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate, London, England; the Rev. J. Stuart Holden, rector of St. Paul's Church, Portman Square, London, and Mr. W. Gelesnoff, of New York.

Dr. Morgan, who for the first time in many years did not come over to the General Conference in August, received even a more hearty welcome than usual. He had the last ten days and Mr. Holden and Mr. Gelesnoff, the first two weeks. Services were held nightly in the Congregational Church. Dr. Morgan spoke three times a day. He addressed the young women in the seminary at Stone Hall every morning at 9 o'clock; the young men at Mt. Hermon at noon; and he lectured each night to the summer visitors, townspeople and such of the pupils as could attend the meetings. The first six talks were on "The Bible and the Cross," and the last three on the "Present Missionary Manifesto." All of the meetings were largely attended and most of the Christian workers from far and near took copious notes. Dr. Morgan preached "The Word" only, proving that the old Gospel has not lost its power in the least. At the seminary Dr. Morgan spoke on "Women of the Bible." Some of those from whom he drew practical lessons for the girls were "Mary of Bethany," "Martha," the "Woman Jesus Healed," "Mary of Magdala," and "The Virgin Mother of Jesus." The last morning just after Dr. Morgan finished the girls sang "The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee."

At Mt. Hermon, Dr. Morgan dealt with the general topic, "Practical Problems of the Christian Life and How to Meet Them." The boys are not apt to forget these lessons of a great man to men. Especially is this so of a talk which he gave on "The Devil." Just before Dr. Morgan gave his farewell talk, the boys honored him by giving their class yells. He showed deep appreciation, and smiling and shaking his head, he said, "The boys in England can't touch that." So great was the crowd over Sunday that the Auditorium was opened for services, and Dr. Morgan preached to large crowds morning, afternoon and night. In the morning his subject was "The Ideal Life"; in the afternoon "Friendship with Jesus," and at night, "The Name of Jesus." The last closed with an evangelistic service, and several publicly took their stand to begin the Christian life.

Dr. and Mrs. Morgan stayed at the Northfield Hotel. It was a delight for so many of those who heard him preach to see the social side of his nature. He said during a very brief farewell talk that he was the greatest optimist living, except his hearers, and he illustrates this in his daily life. Dr. and Mrs. Morgan sailed on the "Coronia," of the Cunard Line, on Saturday. During September and October the pulpit at Westminster Chapel is being supplied by the Rev. Len G. Broughton, D.D., of Atlanta, Ga., another Northfield speaker.

The Student Volunteer Movement had a four days' conference last week under Mr. John R. Mott. There are many missionaries at Northfield this month.

Although the conferences proper are closed, there will be occasional lectures at the Northfield Hotel for some time. The Rev. William L. Watkinson, D.D., of London, who is almost as well-known as Dr. Morgan, will preach at Northfield twice next Sunday. Miss Margaret Slatery, of Fitchburg, Mass., prominent for her lectures to young women, will speak Saturday afternoons. Professor James McConaughy is giving a series of talks at the Bible School. The Rev. J. E. Harrison, of Australia, is lecturing daily at Mt. Hermon.

Lieutenant Truman H. Newbury, Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Navy, and his wife, stopped at the hotel last week on their way home from the White Mountains.

East Northfield, Mass.

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LEMON HILL SERVICES CLOSE.

Rich Harvest Has Been Reaped.

THE Lemon Hill Summer services, under the joint auspices of the Second Church and Business Men's Committee, Philadelphia, and conducted by the Rev. James B. Ely, D.D., have closed after a successful season. Every year has witnessed an increase in the number of benefactors and beneficiaries who have made this place the center of giving and receiving of "the best for the neediest." A beautiful souvenir of the work is just issued, showing in picture and letter press the character of the work done.

A new feature this year was the suc-

cessful conference week held from September 1 to 6. Programs of special interest were discussed by well-informed speakers. Each day of the week was devoted to some special feature of church work. Tuesday, Sept. 1, was Sunday School Day, with such speakers as the Rev. Forrest E. Dager, D.D., of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. Moseley H. Williams, D.D., of the American Sunday School Union; Mr. William H. Ridgeway, of Coatesville, Pa.; the Rev. Howard Wayne Smith, of the Philadelphia Baptist City Missions, the Rev. C. H. Woolston, of the East Baptist Church, Philadelphia, and others. In closing the services and the Rally Week Conference. Dr. Ely said:

"Every year the way grows brighter and this year, more than any of the past seven, I believe our Heavenly Father has been pleased to bless the good people who have worshipped at Lemon Hill. No part of the work has seemed more Christlike than the children's outings."

About ten thousand children have been given outings at Lemon Hill this year. They are of all colors, races and classes and each one is a coming American citizen, and each one goes back something of a missionary in the home. This summer has been the biggest and best of Lemon Hill's history in the Master's cause.

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