

(1) Sermon for Sunday Aug 14th Spy Hill &
Crosby

No sermon prepared. Thought and
think for a little while this morning
about sermons in general.

Three classes.

(a) Sermons we hear.

(b) Sermons we read.

(c) Sermons we see.

(a) (1) We hear some splendid sermons. They
give us a lift. We suggest to ourselves
"That's exactly what I think"

(2) How long do we remember them?

(3) Of all the sermons we have heard how
many can we recall

(2)

(B) Sermons we read:

(1) Sermons someone has taken the trouble to have published.

(Phillips Brooks of Boston Mass.)

Sermons published in the papers.

Religious tracts with sermons

(2) Books that are almost sermons.

One with a real moral interwoven in the tale. (Dickens, Thackeray, Scott old writers)

(3) Sermons we see: Perhaps of all the sermons that stay with us are the sermons we see around us - if we take the time to look! In fact we can see a sermon every day of our lives if we care to look for the good in people instead of listening to the bad about them.

(3)

Old Testament: Speaks of God's people hearing Him speak through their prophets but they wanted a god they could see. Superstition often ruled out knowledge and worse still faith in the God of Abraham.

Sermons in life

(1) Outside the love and affection in our own homes.

(a) The teacher who made sure all his pupils could read and who knew that she herself had not long to live.

(b) Headmaster of a boys school who gave most of his life to seeing that the boys under his care became responsible citizens. His retirement work. Raising funds.

(c) The family who threw open their home to young people. No children of their own.

(d) The Indian grandmother who walked seventeen miles to church & returned home carrying her small granddaughter. Accompanied by her daughter and who was so keen & happy in her life.

- 4 (E) The chance acquaintance on a train trip whose personality and conversation gave one a boost in faith.
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- (F) The Roman Catholic priest who was always on call of any young people of any denomination needed him or had no way of getting home.
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- (G) The Bishop who held a confirmation class and who drew up a chair and sat in the aisle & talked to his congregation.
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- H. The doctor who sat from 8 P.M. till 10 A.M. the next day by the bedside of a boy sick with pleuro pneumonia before the days of penicillin.
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- (I) The man who walked ninety miles to pay a debt that he had contracted the fall previously.
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- (J) The man who just recently home from a long illness of two years & who could go back to his work and put his hand on a repair part that he had laid away two years before.
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5. Then lastly but most important is the man or woman who stands beside us through all our lives. God intended man and woman to act as a team, each complementing the other so that by their combined strength they might face the world and its problems together and be an example of Christian living (Christ like living) their children could follow. (Story of the two trees) Continuing growth.

I care not where you lay me
When my time comes to rest.
For I am part of all that I have met
Trees, the pulsing brook, the wild waves crest.
The prairie grass & lake of blue.
The wind, the flying cloud & mountains too
The ocean deep, the sandy shore,
One, all these have made & more.

I care not where you lay me,
Perchance Turtles be among my fellow men
These too have touched my passing hand
Have left their mark upon my soul
Yet they like me have come to rest
Set free from earthly care & toil.
Have found a narrow cot, and strong & faith
Sleeping undefeated, smile at death

6. I care not where you lay me
nor shall I be alone
No land, no sea, no mountain rock
No rolling prairie nor forest dim of wood
Can stand between or circumvent
The all embracing Love of God.

Our Father God Eternal in whose beloved son, our
Lord Jesus Christ we have a living example of
Thy great goodness to us and to all men, Grant
that we may go forth into the coming week
with stronger faith and stout hearts to meet
the challenge of each new day. That we may
be examples to others of the Christian way of
life following in the steps of our Lord and
Master, Jesus Christ
Amen.