

SERMON

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is the survival of the fittest. That is the strong preys on the weak and the strongest prevail. There is not much sympathy in nature if we look at it in this way. Nature is harsh. We do not see love there. It is only the workings of law. It is not justice that it meted out to each one. It is each one look out for yourself and the Devil catch the hindmost. With nature the biggest number is number one, if we just confine our view to the theory of natural selection, or the working of the law of gravitation.

But we make a mistake if we stop there. Nature has sympathy. How many wealings she does shield and care for. As long as they can keep out of the path of the stronger she ministers unsparringly. What a vast progeny she brings into life and care for! What a variety of creations she sustains! The whole world around us in these temperate regions is now agone with life. The blossoms breathe out their fragrance on the June air. The birds wake us up in the morning with their welcome songs. The grass is covering up the rough places and making them a spot of beauty, and all over the land the flowers adorn waste places and bring cheer to the sad and lonely. It seems to us that the summer months on this beautiful island speak of

sympathy and gentleness in nature. We do not hear the leaves grow. We do not notice anything unusual in all this tremendous amount of energy which is being exercised in the growth of nature. It could not be estimated in foot pounds. Niagara Falls with all their grandeur and power is only a bagatelle in comparison with the tremendous amount of energy which is being exercised in the growth of the trees and flowers and vegetation of the summer time. No scientist has yet been daring enough to try to estimate how much power the summer time develops in the trees' silent growth.

See how kindly nature has covered up those long bare branches of the trees in our streets! What an infinite variety of shade and shape we have now in the beautiful leaves. We think in our joy at the return of the leaves that the kindness of nature is only in the summer time, and yet that is not true. Some one has written a pretty little piece of poetry about the Trees' Lovers. It goes in this way:—

Who loves the trees best?  
"I," said the spring,  
"Their leaves so beautiful  
To them I bring."

Who loves the trees best?  
"I," the Summer said,  
"I give them blossoms,  
"White, yellow and red."

Who loves the trees best?  
"I," said the Fall;  
"I give luscious fruits,  
Bring tints to all."

Who loves the trees best?  
"I love them best,"  
Harsh winter answered;  
"I give them rest."

In spite of all the harshness of nature she does have sympathy for all her creation.

III. THE PRAISE OF GOD IN NATURE.

Our texts make the trees enthusiasts

and exultant in their praise of God. "All the trees of the field shall clap their hands." "Then shall the trees of the wood rejoice." It is a pretty picture watching the trees praise God in these beautiful sunlight days of June. See the leaves gleaming in the sunlight. Hear their gentle, rustling song. They are not unmindful of their maker. They do not forget their God.

"The trees lift up their laureled heads,  
With joy they clasp their hands,  
And murmur praise and thanks to Him  
Who rules the sea and lands.

God thought a blessing out for man,  
His thought became a tree;  
In season yielding wholesome fruits,  
Till all God's bounty see.

By millions give them roots and air,  
For birds and beast and man,  
Till they are growing everywhere,  
By the Creator's plan.

In all the highways plant the trees,  
In lanes and acres broad;  
That through thy kindness men be moved,  
To give thanks unto God.

One of the common things in the Bible is this personification of nature. That is the tendency to praise God so great that the Bible writers make nature speak out in the fullest terms. Oh, but somebody says, nature does not praise God. This is all imagination. It is all in the mind of the poet. Well suppose we admit that it is in the mind of the poet, does it not speak well for the poet. His own soul is so much in communion with God that he thinks inanimate nature is the same. You may not take these words of our text literally, as you cannot take a great many of the best truths in the world literally. But they have a meaning and they do refer to worshipping and praising God. They do acknowledge the presence of God in nature and make the workings of nature more than mere law. The poet brings the grace and the goodness of God into the very workings of nature; and he is right. It was Jesus Christ who overcame the law of sin and death in human nature and substituted for it the law of salvation by grace through his death on the cross.

But, you say, I cannot understand it. No mortal can. It is God's great mystery. The salvation which Jesus Christ wrought out for the world on Calvary is God's poem. Horace Bushnell was right when he said that "Christ is God's last metaphor." There is much poetry in the salvation by the cross, but that does not rob it of its reality. It rather gives it emphasis as the personification of the trees in our texts emphasizes the great truth that men should worship the God of nature who creates and who sustains all of his creation.

I hope that when we look around us and see this beautiful world we shall not forget God. There are sad things in the working of the laws of nature, but there are more glad things if we will only look for them. In spite of all the contradictions of nature, I believe we shall still see written over all her laws "The mercy of the Lord endureth forever." "We shall see that all things work together for good to them that love God." "Tennyson's In Memoriam begins with a miserere, but it ends with a marriage." That will be the way with us, if we go to study about God as seen in nature. It will unite us eventually more closely to him as our loving God and Saviour. I hope these beautiful June days will do that. If you take a fair and unprejudiced view you will find that you will be led to Jesus Christ, who is the one by whom all things were created and by whom all things are sustained and in whom all things consist. The more you study about God and nature the more certain you will be that Browning was right when he wrote in "A Death in the Desert":—

"I say, the acknowledgement of God in Christ, Accepted by thy reason, solves for thee All questions in the earth and out of it." And has so far advanced thee to be wise."

ST. JOHN, June 24—Rev. Dr. Robert Wilson, one of the oldest Methodist Ministers in eastern Canada died today, aged 80. He was born in England, but lived in the Maritime Provinces since his youth. He retired from the active ministry some six years ago.

Rev. Dr. Wilson was born on February 18, 1833, at Fort George. His father was Sergeant Peter Wilson, of the Ninety-third Highlanders, who came to Canada at the time of the Rebellion of 1837. Peter Wilson settled in Prince Edward Island, and his son was educated at the common schools and Central Academy, now Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown.

Later he took a post graduate course in the University of Chicago. Mr. Wilson entered the ministry of the Methodist church in 1853, when he was but twenty years of age. As a preacher Dr. Wilson was very popular and his energy and systematic method of working was very plainly manifested in his ministerial work. He had ministered to circuits at West Cape and Montague (P.E.I.), Fairview, Kingston, Hopewell, St. Andrews, Sheffield, Marysville-Gibson, Bals Verts and Salisbury (N. B.), and Exmouth Street, Queen Square and Zion churches in St. John, remaining with the last named for twelve years prior to his retirement from active work. Dr. Wilson was chairman of the St. John and Sackville districts, was four years secretary of conference and in 1887 was president of the conference. He was a member of general conference of the Methodist church in Toronto in 1886 and 1898, and at Montreal in 1890.

In 1883 and 1884 he was a Canadian immigration agent in England. Dr. Wilson leaves one son, Albert E., of the money order department, post office, four daughters—Florence E., Victoria G., Alma A. and Mrs. Arthur C. Powers, all of this city. Mrs. Wilson died seven years ago.

PETERBORO, Ont., June 24—In the death of Rev. Father Patrick Conway, Sunday, there passed away, a veteran priest of the Roman Catholic Church. He was in his 83rd year, and with the exception of Father Lacombe the well known Northwest missionary, was the oldest priest in Canada, having been in the church 57 years. Father Conway was born in Dromod, Ireland, in September 1829.

BRIDGEWATER, June 24—Fanned by half a gale of wind, a disastrous fire occurred this afternoon at West LaHave, nine miles from here, which destroyed the splendid wood-working plant and sawmills of Boehner Brothers, entailing a loss, conservatively estimated, of \$57,000 on which there was not one dollar of insurance. The bridge across the highway, spanning a stream running into the LaHave, was also burned, rendering the road impassable.

The losses are placed as follows: Woodworking factory ..... \$35,000 Warehouse and contents ..... 10,000 Lumber, shingles, laths ..... 12,000 Total ..... \$57,000 Men out of work ..... 40

The mills were equipped with the latest machinery and modern equipment, and a business was done extending all over Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and they also had heavy order list was on hand and connections in Newfoundland. A mill was doing a prosperous business.

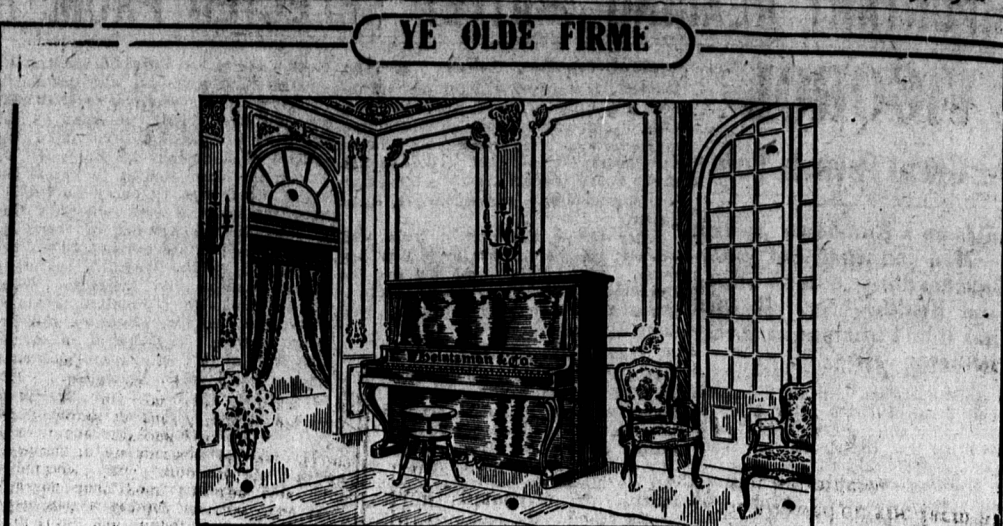
No insurance whatever was carried on the property, the rates being prohibitive, the premiums, running, it is said, as high as ten or twelve per cent. The mills had not before been visited by fire.

Thirty years ago the industry was established by George W. Boehner, the father of the boys who are now operating it—George H. and Fred W. Boehner.

WOLFVILLE, June 24—A deplorable shooting affair took place at the residence of Kenneth Lee, a well known apple dealer and resident of Fort Willigen, yesterday afternoon. About five o'clock three men named Graves, very much under the influence of liquor, came to the Lee residence and demanded to see a young English domestic employed by the Lees. Upon being told the girl was not at home, the men attempted violence.

At this juncture Mr. Lee appeared and threatened to use his gun unless the men left without further trouble. This they refused and Mr. Lee entered with his gun, hoping to scare off the rowdies. At the sight of him armed, one of the ruffians made at him in self-defense Mr. Lee struck his assailant with the butt of his gun, breaking it off and thus discharging the full charge of buckshot into his own leg, high in the thigh.

The ruffians then set upon the wounded man, kicking him about the body and inflicting, apart from the gun wounds, very serious injuries. Neighbors at length, hearing the noise, came to the rescue. The men have since been placed under arrest.



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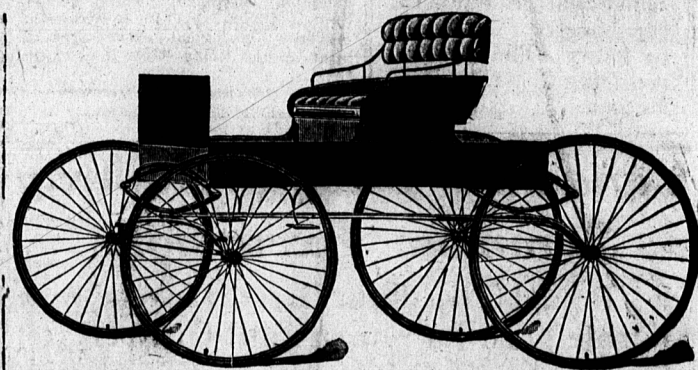
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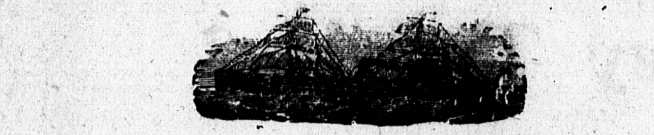


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