

ON THE CITY STREETS

The Contrasts of Splendor and Woe Seen Upon Them.

Mr. Tolmance Says They Are Unlike the Democratic Gospel of Christ—Their Shams, Pretensions and Temptations.

(Washington, March 14. Copyright, 1906.) In this discourse Dr. Tolmance, who has lived the most of his life in cities, draws practical lessons from his own observation; text, Proverbs 1:20: "Wisdom crieth without. She uttereth her voice in the streets."

We are all ready to listen to the voices of nature—the voices of the mountain, the voices of the sea, the voices of the storm, the voices of the star. As in some of the cathedrals in Europe there is an organ at either end of the building, and the instrument responds musically to the other, so in the great cathedral of nature day responds to day, and night to night, and flower to flower, and star to star in the great harmonies of the universe.

In the first place, the street impresses me with the fact that this life is a scene of toil and struggle. By ten o'clock every day the city is jarring with wheels and shuffling with feet and humming with voices and covered with the breath of smokestacks and a-rush with traffic.

Again, the street impresses me with the fact that this life is full of pretension and sham. What subterfuge, what double dealing, what two-facedness! Do all people who wish you good morning really hope for you a happy day?

Again, the street impresses me with the fact that all classes and conditions of society must commingle. We sometimes culture a wicked exclusiveness. Intellect despises ignorance. Refinement will have nothing to do with boorishness. Glovehands the unburied hand, and the high forehead despises the flat head, and the trim hedgerow will have nothing to do with the wild copperswood, and Athens hates Nazareth.

compelled to meet on the street. The glittering coach, which clashes against the scavenger's cart. Fine robes run against the peddler's pack. Robust health meets weakness. Honesty confronts fraud. Every class of people meets every other class.

I like this democratic principle of the gospel of Jesus Christ which recognizes the fact that we stand before God on one and the same platform. Do not take on any airs, whatever position you have gained in society; you are nothing but man, born of the same parent, generated by the same Spirit, cleansed in the same blood, to lie down in the same dust, to get up in the same resurrection.

Again, the street impresses me with the fact that it is a very hard thing for a man to keep his heart right and to get to heaven. Infinite temptations spring upon us from these places of public concourse. Amid such affluence, how much temptation to covetousness and to be discontented with our humble lot!

Oh, how many have gone down under the pressure, leaving not so much as the patch of canvas to tell where they perished! They never had any peace. Their dishonesties kept tolling in their ears. If I had an ax and could split open the beams of that fine house, perhaps I would find in the very heart of it a skeleton.

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Again, the street impresses me with the fact that it is a great field for Christian charity. There are hunger and suffering and want and wretchedness in the country, but these evils chiefly concentrate in our great cities.

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of the way and hide yourself in the dens and caves of the earth, lest when Christ's chariot comes along, the horses' hoofs trample you into the mire. Beware lest the thousands of the destitute of your city, in the last great day, rise up and curse your stupidity and your neglect. Down to work! Lift them up!

One cold winter's day, as a Christian man was going along the Battery in New York, he saw a little girl seated at the gate, shivering in the cold. He said to her: "My child, what do you sit there for this cold day?" "Oh," she replied, "I am waiting—I am waiting for somebody to come and take care of me."

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DOWN ON COLUMBUS. If He Had Not Discovered America the Spaniards Would Have Had No Trouble.

One of the most delightfully humorous aspects of our day's journalism is the utterance of a class of humorists. Some Americans have lately predicted that when the Spaniards get through with the war they would have lost the atmosphere Columbus for having discovered America, the Madrid journals are venturing the prediction by asserting with great bravado that Columbus had turned out to be the evil genius of Spain.

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"Howdy do, Mr. Jarlick?" saluted Dr. Slaughter, an Arkansas physician. "How is your health to-day?" "Are you acting as a physician or merely as a friend?" returned Mr. Jarlick, a moss-grown, but shrewd native. "As a friend, of course."

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