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A Sermon by Rev. H. D. Bacon of the Presbyterian Church

Against Thy Neighbor, —Exodus: XX-16.

* This commandment is one which so us optimistic. It is very evident that there were scandal mongers and up and war a world with no more filing to the far while.

swear falsely in a court of justice. It false witnesses are false witnesses mean to datter others but to praise themselves in God's sight. This is a the good in them. It would make of every sort. It seeks to elevate the thing which we must fight against, men happier and better and holier if truth and acres it the one thing which men and women. In my own expertithis could be done, and it can be done then shall seek to tell and teach and ience it is the hardest thing to con- if we will but do it. Mens' goodness there are very few quer. We must learn to weigh facts, is rarely over reported by the tongues mea who would stand in the presence to cast out liction and to seek only the of fellow men. We are on the safe for a judge or jury and deliberately hold truth. Christian churches get side always it we tell all the good we swear falsely against the neighbor, into the sad habit of disparaging one hear and know about men. This is a Deliberate hars are not so very abund- another. of misrepresenting each Christian duty. This is God's comland althor they are occasionally found, other and making the world to think mandment and I hope that it may be READ AND HEED But the world is alive with people that they are slandering each other, revealed unto us in all of its broad who are breaking these command- Romanism and Protestantism have significance. I wish that every one of

where to believe what is not true or The one question in your mind and minth commandment. We all need to may not be true concerning any man, mine should be, "How much of", study self well, and if we do we will

gossips and ready tongues to tell respect for the truff than they have! Now this comman increase is not grace to speak the truff and defend false tales even when the world was for falsehood. They tell this or that without reason and good state with the truth and honor the truth, for on not so very old. The fact that a place or any other thing of any man or it. We know that slander is naught the whole truth and nothing but the should have been given in the Deca- about any man with an easy indiffer- but tongue murder. We know that re log for this exhortation or command- ence as to what may be the out come good reputation is one of the most personal character. He, who disment reveals the divine insight into and an utter ignorance of facts. In valuable things on earth. We know honors this nineth commandment, human nature and human frailty. this class are found some of the best that one of the greatest in uries a many lowers his manhood, weakens his This is a text on which a sermon people in church and society, men and can do another is to spoil that reput character and stands a chance of should be preached at least once every women who would deny with indig- tation and blacken it. A false witness wrecking many a human life. Thereyear in every church. It touches a nation the accusation of being false on the stand before a jury can work fore I beseech you friends let us seek fault—yes, a sin, into which the most witnesses, men and women who would harm which all the honesty and putity with our whole hearts to honor this of us human beings are drawn with- be honest and honorable in a business of man cannot overcome. Dreyfus, law of the Lord our God, "Thou shalt out thought or intent; and out of deal which involved dollars and cents that brave soldier of France, who, not bear false witness against thy which the very chords of divine love and yet in a deal which involves we believe was an upright soldier, a neighbor." can scarcely drag one when once character and reputation of neighbors good husband, a pure man. That deeply rooted. This commandment their dishonesty knows no limit. I man in the hands of false witnesses names the worst kind of lying on tell you friends the tongue of the was made to suffer disgrace which earth but includes in its reach and slanderer is truly described by James with its agony few men can know. significance all other forms. It is a in his epistle. It is a devouring fire command to hold sacred the good which tarnishes whatever it touches. It is a devouring fire name of every person on earth; to It exercises its fury upon the good as fer and fall into disgrace. False The second annual reunion of t reverence and never seek to steal that | well as the bad. It desecrates and | witnesses sent even the guiless Christ | Stout family was held at the home of which is the richest of possessions, a destroys sacred, and profane secular to the cross. This is one great and Mrs. S. A. Dyer, Friday, July 1st. good reputation We may not be and religious. It leaves desolation good reason for this commandment. lieve that "He whosteals our purse and ruin. It turns into vile ashes He who violates it polutes and tarsteals trash," but we all believe and even the most beautiful things in the nishes and spoils the finest and best visiting and eating, after which a know that "He who filehes from me world and makes a happy human life possession of his fellow man, and meeting was called. Mrs. Dyer, tho my_good name robs me of that which a desolation and a desert. You have that one who violates this command in her 91st year, told in an exceedingly not earliches him yet leaves me poor read of the horror of that east river ment lowers and weakens and wrecks interesting manner the early history The keeping of this commandment and children were swept on to a ter- There is nothing so degenerating as of the family and incidents leading to is one of the first foundation stones of rible death in a few brief moments. gossip or slander. No man or woman their settlement, 82 years ago, in the character. I care not how virtuous A small thing is thought to have been in the true sense of the term would town of Independence. Select readand holy and full of seeming sanctity the cause of all that death and devas- deliberately bear false witness against ings were given by Miss Mary Stout a man may be if he has no respect for tation. So one small, slanderous lie their neighbor. Truthfullness is one and Mrs. Samuel Clarke. Business one bit of false witnessing may work of the finest and surest tests of true just as vile an offender as the com- wreck and ruin which will not stop character in the world. No man who meeting was held and officers elected

> and fan it to life and feed its flame are; the whole man or woman is made Miss Francis Ainsworth of Andover, with fuel. It is no difficult matter to lower in aspirations and tastes. There and of the relatives about sixty from put your finger on them. They are some poisons you know which soon located and those who let sense cannot be tested they are so deadly rule them never give weight to any that one drop injected into the veins meston, Eim Valley, Hallsport, Indetestimony which comes from their produces death in a few seconds, and pendence. Shongo, Stanards, Wellslips. Civil law stands shoulder to yet no chemical science can separate ville, N. Y., Philadelphia and Westshoulder with the ninth command- that drop from the blood and stop the field, Pa. ment and says, "Thou shalt not bear poison. Slander of the more delicate false witness against thy neighbor," kind is of a similar nature. It canand it would add to the moral and not be analyzed or separated and re-Locial health of every community if vealed but it's there and does its deadthe law was more rigidly enforced, ly work of wrecking manbood and and it would place the slanderous womanhood. And this awful thing Glass Novelty Works Choose Andover as

There are hundreds of ways in which we may bear false witness against our neighbor and yet teld no direct untruth. It is easy to twist the truth. It is easy to use half truth instead of whole truth. It is easy to set in silence while a statement is made which we know is untrue tho it defames the name of a fellow man. How many people are there to-day who will believe a man guilty just as soon as he is accused of a misdemean or. How few there are who will stand out boldly in his defense until he is proven guilty by facts. It needs only one to point the finger of intimation at a man and his friends for defense are few but his accusers are a multitude. Silence may speak more than words could say against a fellow man while one word of defense may work miracles in winning justice for a stumbling fellow creature. We may thank God we cannot hear the silent thoughts which linger in mens' minds. Few friends would be left on earth; few men would have a decent reputation; few women would be called virtuous and few homes would be happy. It is as easy to misrepresent by silence as by words. Slander would not live had it no abiding place.

If men would not listen to its vile

talk with no word of defense. Some

one has said that there would not be

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Inptso many open cars. It is a mighty

This is more than a command not to truth, and often ears which listen to practice of praising others. I do not ments every day they live. This been bearing false witness against us might look into our own hearts commandment is broken whenever each other for years and thank God and lives on this holy day and find Text, Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness we cause or permit others or our-to-day they are beginning to know it, out how closely we'are keeping this That is a brough declaration, but I best is there in this 21. The truth which is find that some where some time we Veals to us a fact which should make the limit to angels of our text in substantiated and propped up to the late in scale way made the sad mis-

mon thief. Yes, more so, for he until whole homes are laid waste and respects the truth and honors the for the ensuing year. steals with more vicious intent that human hearts are wounded and bleed-truth is a hopeless case. But this There were present, of honorary which he cannot use or store up. ing. Every community has its fiend- vile slander and falsehood pours its guests; Mrs. Jane Cunningham, Mrs. ish few who delight in this satanic work, poison into the system. The pure Solvia Mourhess and son Charles, and and are ever ready to start the fire blood is weakened and made degener. Sylvia Mourhess and son Charles, and

liar on a criminal basis with the thief called slander and false witnessing and murderer and there is where he grows in its power on mena' lives. Some one has said that a sharp tongue But I am sure none of us are de- is the only edged tool that grows efforts of J. C. Green, has decided to liberate false witnesses against our sharper by use. Men and women, we locate a glass novelty works in this neighbors. I am sure I hope no must remember this command of the place. He has rented buildings on church in Andover has a deliberate Lord our God and seek to keep it in railroad avenue and expects the goods and premeditated slanderer in its the smallest detail, as we will come to congregation. I hope we can all thus break it in its largest and most sig- here the last of this week. He will far say, "This is not for me." Yes, but nificant sense. We must seek to "say begin work as soon as settled and this commandment reaches farther nothing on earth we would not have buildings are in proper shape and will than this. It means more than thou repeated in Heaven." We must learn employ a few hands. shalt not say about a man that which to say nothing behind—a man's back the say about a man that which to say nothing behind—a man's back the say about a man that which to say nothing behind—a man's back the say about a man that which to say nothing behind—a man's back the say about a man that which to say nothing behind—a man's back the say about a man that which to say nothing behind—a man's back the say about a man that which to say nothing behind—a man's back the say about a man that which it is a say about a ma thou knowest to be untrue. We hear we would not say to his face. I care He is a glass blower of many years false witnese in passing on the evil not who or what the man may be, experience, and comes to Andover word spoken by another; in sitting in some of us have an idea that as highly recommended. The NEWS silence while another tells that which Christians it is our duty to be con- bespeaks for him the best of success in we know is untrue; damning with tinually whipping the world's man his enterprise and joins with Andover faint praise in making statements with our tongues; that we must proabout others which we do not know claim the sinner's sins and uncover people in extending a welcoming to be true; in refusing to say what we his vices. If we could only learn to hand. can for every man whoever or what- uncover every man's virtues and goodlever he may be. Oh! there are a ness this would be a happier world. hundred ways in which we may have We know so little about men that it is a hand in dragging men down and unsafe for us to say ought about them | nue. Pr ce \$2,000 dollars. Louisa M. yet tell no deliberate lie about them. of evil. It is a good thing to make a Dickinson.

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