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THEME

Kruger Memorial -

- I
1. Gathena held this morning - in memory of the late Prof. ^{Kimbrick} Fred. Kruger - (prof. in Dept. of Sociology. who ^{entered the School of Theology} ~~passed away~~) last June 26 coming to the U. comparatively late in his career - after distinguished service at Uthmaniyah. he soon became a valued & respected colleague - interested in research - faithful teacher. a good & loyal friend - fitting & proper that the U. should devote these chapel moments to his memory - it is always good for us who live to remember the life and the death of those who precede us by a few years - esp. when they are teachers - taught us in life - still can teach us in death - ever noticing what strange things the death of a man do. great leveler. also great sanctifier. clarifier - ^{in our life} suddenly things take on the proportion of eternity. Do mortuis - we forget the human weaknesses & failures in any man - and see the great & holy things - the child of God - the immortal soul - the good follower of J.C. Remember Bacon's words: "The sweetest contrition is the 'Nona Dimentis' when a man hath obtained worthy ends and expectations. Death hath this also. that it openeth the gate to good fame, and extinguisheth envie" - so we think this morning of the good fame of our colleague now beyond the gate - in the nobility and silence & joy of the high halls of heaven - grateful for him -

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2. Lessons - Surely ^{death is always} here is another experience which should profit ~~us~~ us who remain - there is not wisdom & value in the ^{remembrance} ~~reminders~~ of a man's eulogy - ^{work} life & of the qualities which I might choose one - his faithfulness to his daily tasks - to his colleague, his appointed work - a quality sorely needed & much forgotten in a world of shifting loyalties, neurotic selfishness, & mean petty gossip [he would be happy if we would learn this from his life] that with faithlessness as the finest human qualities fall into decay & die - that we need to realize ^{again} the daily ^{greatness} ~~importance~~ of a small work and the seeming smallness of a great work - so that we may do our daily tasks greatly and our great tasks humbly - as before God. One of the greatest experiences in life is to match our knowledge, our courage, our God-given talents against our duty - not to shirk, or hide, or excuse - but to stand up before life & time & God & be faithful - from ^{writing} this there is never any absolution or any holiday - "What doth the Lord..." to XX (out page)

3. And as we now turn from the past - as we remember it in the life of our sainted colleague - shall we not resolve again to be found faithful for the tasks of the present and the future [shall we not resolve] to be the people that God calls us to be His servants - His own - His crusaders - His knights and ladies of the Holy Grail?

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The world, the Church & the U. look as if
 great days of high adventure ~~for~~ are
 once more upon us - days that demand ^{stronger} ~~greater~~
 courage. great wisdom. ~~high adventure~~ ^{unwavering patience} -
 more charity and steady faithfulness - from
 the moment of birth to the moment of death -
 as our departed colleague & Teacher now knows
 better than we. We hold in our hands an invisible
 pair of scales - one side is God, the other is
 the devil - into one side or the other goes
 all that we do, say, think or are while we are
 in this world - and all that we leave unthought,
 unthought, unspoken - ^{our faith} he has given those scales
 back to the living God - we still hold them
 in our hands - for a little while - until we
 too shall see Him face to face - and please
 God, hear His voice: Well done - thou good &
 faithful servant -

4. And so ^{the life of our colleague} this life returns to silence - as
 far as we are concerned - but - and we should
 remember that always there is a greater
 speech, which is his now - forever -
 and eternal
 a more hallowed knowledge