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## A TALK TO CHILDREN.

### Rev. Dr. Sprecher Explains How Grooves of Character are Formed.

Rev. Dr. Sprecher spoke yesterday with special reference to Children's day. He has just returned from Kelley's Island, where he has made a brief study of the glacial grooves of that place. He utilized the practical observations of the trip to Kelley's Island in addressing the children yesterday. These grooves described by Dr. Sprecher were thousands of years old. They were the record written in the rocks of the work of the granite brought down from the far north. Here Dr. Sprecher spoke of the record which the children were making in cutting grooves of character within themselves, grooves which would not only last for ages but which would last for eternity. Continuing, Dr. Sprecher said:

"There are deeds which were performed in the waters of Lake Erie, the fame and influence of which will endure as long as those rocks themselves. There was Perry's victory, and there was also the heroic John Maynard, who stood at the wheel steering the burning steamer to the shore, saving every soul on board, but dropping dead himself at the wheel. So there are noble and ignoble deeds of our lives, the influence of which will endure longer than the earth."

Oliver Hazard Perry (1785-1819) gained national fame in 1813 when, in the Battle of Lake Erie, he defeated a British fleet. Perry was often referred to as "the Hero of Lake Erie."

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For Kelleys Island State Park, cf.

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/parks/lakeerie/kelleys/tabid/18980/Default.aspx>