

A LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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said it so many times. He must have meant it. Gladness and gratitude go hand in hand. Let us all get on the bright side of life and stay there. Let us be intelligent optimists. And it is well to remember that a normal sense of humor is a good shock-absorber for some of the rough spots on the road of human experience.

Apathy is a Devil-pit

Apathy or mental stagnation is another of the devil-pits we need to look out for. We cannot stand still. And to keep to going forward we have to be ever awake, alert and on guard. To stop our efforts to progress because the grade seems a bit steep is to stall our mental engine, as it were, and before long we begin to deteriorate. Better far to go into second or low speed than a little space, than to stop and stagnate. Too often it seems as though we are lulled by the silent arguments of evil into a state of mental indifference or complacency.

Often evil suggests that we are too busy to study, too busy to pray, too busy to express our true manhood at all. Or sometimes our social interests crowd in and before we know it God is in nearly the last place when He must be first if we wish to make any progress heavenward. Apathy to spiritual things quickly follows when we make too much of human things.

You will remember the parable Jesus told of the feast and the invited guests and their excuses for not coming. One had a business, another relatives, another some oxen—today it is the flivver or automobile. You see evil hasn't changed one bit. Look out then for the arguments of human responsibility, human ease, worldly pleasure and position. These are the alluring sideshows of evil arranged along the road heavenward and we do not belong in any of them. If there we soon stagnate and become dead to spiritual things.

Clams live their lives in quiet contentment along the ocean shore, moving only as some overwhelming current or wave moves them. Who wants to be a mental clam!

World's Need is More Love

The world today, torn with dissension, strife, and ill-will, is hungry in the heart of hearts for love, for the love that is genuine, good and pure, the love that destroys hate, unites men, and expresses God. The idea of co-operation is being born. Among states, nations, churches, employers, employees, farmers and individuals we see this right idea of human brotherhood slowly but surely emerging, not without a conflict, but with a definiteness that is cause for encouragement. Slowly men are coming to see that in the final analysis self-interest is to be found only in the common interest, and that we cannot have any enduring selfhood apart from our brother. So momentous is

the step forward which mankind is now taking that the breaking up of old beliefs of pride, selfishness, jealousy, hate, and so on seems at times to cause an icejam in the stream of progress, but under the moral force of love the stream moves on.

And so to everyone interested in human betterment let me say that the world needs your co-operation and mine. It needs brotherly consideration one for another, toleration and kindness. We need to be ever ready to recognize and to rejoice in the good in those about us and to minimize the evil. We need to guard against "going to the mat" over questions secondary in importance, thus retarding our own and others progress heavenward. In the transition through which we are passing we see too often good men condemn good men. Those striving for the same ideals politically and religiously are too often separated by the devil's wedge of controversy and dissension and their purposes thwarted by unavailing conflict. Dissension is the work of evil. Spiritual unity is the order of God. We need more toleration, not for error, but for our brother the whole world over who is working his way heavenward according to his best light.

My friends, we are brothers. God has made us so. Only as brothers can we find true life, only as brothers can we possess true happiness, only as brothers can we fulfill our Father's purpose and fill our places in love's harmonious plan. The efforts of the adversary are to divide Christians and Christendom, to bring among us controversy, dissension, strife and war. But we are brothers, brothers now, brothers forever and forever. Only in brotherhood is heaven, only in brotherhood is truth, and the one road to brotherhood is love, love that is deep, genuine, pure and Godlike. Said John, "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

Two thousand years ago there came among men one so lowly that he was born in a manger. No persecution that could be heaped on him was too severe. Reviled, he reviled not again. For malice he gave forgiveness, for injustice mercy, for hatred love. And finally when nailed to the cross for no cause save the world's hatred of his goodness, he still loved his unjust brothers and prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Why this life so burdened with the hatred of men, why the supreme sacrifice of the life, crucified in ignominy and disdain amid the scorn of his enemies? Why indeed? His one purpose was to give to men a truer sense of Love, to prove by his life and resurrection Love's dominion over hate. He did his work for you and me. He showed us the way. Are we faithful? Are we, to the best of our ability, thinking the thoughts he taught us to think, living the lives he taught us to live, and doing all we can to establish the Father's rule among men, the rule of universal and impartial Love? Let us hear the Master's own words. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you,

that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Church School will begin at 9:30 next Sunday morning.

The Adult Bible class will be led by Mr. George Morris on the topic "The Master's Indignation." The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the eleven o'clock service.

The Young Peoples Society will meet at 7:15. Marjorie Carr will lead on the topic, "Are the Weak Worth Saving?"

The Dorcas Society will meet next Monday in the Parish House.

The Prayer Meeting will be held next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Camp Fire Girls will meet next Saturday at ten o'clock in the Parish House. A Blue Bird group has been organized for girls from seven to twelve years and will be in charge of Marjorie Carr and Eleanor Clifton.

The "White Gifts for the King" Christmas service will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon, December 18. Let us all begin to plan now for this celebration, so that we may bring an acceptable gift to our King. The gifts of Self, Service, or Substance brought in the right spirit will be honored by Him. Christmas Tableaux and the singing of Christmas Carols will be features of the service. The first rehearsal of Carols this Sunday at 4 p. m. in the Lecture room. All those who would like to assist with the singing please notify Mrs. W. A. Alexander, chairman of music or come to church Sunday afternoon.

EBENEZER CHURCH

10 a. m. Sunday School. 11 a. m. Morning worship. Election of officers for Sunday School during 1922. The entire Sunday school is cordially invited to remain for this service. Reports will be given of the school and also from the Department heads.

7:30 p. m. Evening worship. 2:30 Sunday afternoon the class in religion will meet. 7:30 Wednesday evening, prayer meeting.

The people who fail to replace the cap on their gasoline tank, are apt to wish later that they had put their thinking cap on.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Boys' club are now looking over available talent for a basket ball team.

The Club hopes to have one of the strongest teams on the North Shore during the coming season.

The boys are also taking up a boxing program with a view of developing the members physically. At the weekly meeting held last Wednesday night at the Community Center, the boys had as their guest, Mr. Geo. Lytton who instructed the club in the rudiments of boxing.

The boys are fitting up their own gym in the basement of the Center which will soon be in readiness.

Much dramatic talent has been found among the various members of the club and two boys plays will be produced at an early date.

Americanization Class The monthly dance and social of the Americanization class was held at the Community Center last Thursday evening and was unusually enjoyable. The Young Men's Club orchestra was out in full force and provided snappy music for the dancing.

A number of operatic selections were sung by Mr. Herring, executive secretary of Community Service, and were thoroughly enjoyed, particularly by the Italian members of the class.

The Americanization class is growing rapidly and although the quarters are small, still Community Service wishes to reach every foreign born person in Highland Park, who does not understand English, therefore we cordially invite all foreign born who wish to learn English, to come to the classes which are held every Tuesday and Thursday evening beginning at 7:15.

The public is also invited to drop in on these classes and see the work that is being done. The class will start work soon on an English play which will be given around holiday time.

Miss Zipora Blumenfeld, graduate of the Fourteenth Community Service School, Chicago, Ill., just ended, has been assigned to Highland Park Community Service, for a few week's observation work. While here Miss Blumenfeld will take an active part in the work of dramatics for the boys and the Americanization class.

Miss Blumenfeld is a graduate of the University of Washington and before coming to Community Service was a play ground director in Seattle, Wash.

ELM PLACE SCHOOL

Editor-in-chief, Richard Smith Assistant Editor, Sam Smith Last Tuesday a movie, entitled, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," was shown in the auditorium. On Tuesday before Thanksgiving each pupil of our school gave one article of food for the Dorcas Home. A fine supply of fruit, canned goods, potatoes, and other vegetables was given.

The 1B's have been studying the story of the Pilgrims from the beginning up to the time of the first Thanksgiving. The 2A's, 3A's and 6A's have made Pilgrim posters for Thanksgiving. The 3A's cooked pumpkin for their Thanksgiving luncheon. The 6B's have made booklets telling of the story of the Pilgrims and they are illustrating the covers during their drawing periods.

On Friday last the 6th grades gave a Robin Hood play and the 7th and 8th grades gave a book pageant. Together they made \$43. This money has been used to buy new books for the library. The 7B's constructed an old fashioned kitchen in the 7A room and it resembled very closely a real pioneer one. The 7A's for Better Speech Week wrote and gave a very clever English play entitled, "The English Court of Old King Cole." Some splendid Thanksgiving pictures were drawn by the pupils on the boards in the 8A and 8B rooms. Christmas pictures will soon replace them. The 8A's were glad to see Paul Blanchard again after a six week's absence.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Subject for next Sunday's Lesson Sermon, "God the Only Cause and Creator."

Services are held in this church every Sunday morning at 10:45. Sunday School meets immediately after the morning service, and is open to pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to make use of the reading room at 387 Central avenue, which is open every week day from nine o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening and Sunday afternoons from two to six o'clock.

So far none of the Congressmen has put up any claim to be enrolled in the Hall of Fame as the result of his work in framing the new tax law.

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