

WHY IS THE WHRLD NOT CHRISTIAN?

Sermon Delivered by Rev. R. C. Biagrove, D.D., Rector Christ Church Parish, Belleville.

Matt. 24, 6: "And ye shall hear of wars, and rumours of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

"Why is the world not Christian?" is a question which is being asked to-day by a great many people who fully realize that if the world were really Christian, or, at least, that part of it which is nominally so, this war could never have occurred. There is a deep-rooted consciousness that war and the Christian religion are incompatible. This consciousness, which is thoroughly justifiable, is the only hope for the future peace of the world, and looks forward to the time when the triumph of Christianity shall render war eternally impossible. The question is not; why could the Christian religion not prevent the war, but, knowing that if it were universally applied it would have done so, why has it not been so applied? why, after nearly two milleniums of history has that part of the world which is dominated by the Christian religion not really put that religion to the final test?

When a thing arose in Europe which can be likened to the dragon, or the beast of the apocalypse, it was the religious and moral duty of the rest of the world to put it down. That much is clear. There can be no question as to which way the duty of the allies lay, viewed from any standpoint. Germany has for years persistently perverted the Christian religion. Her great thinkers from Ernest Haeckel down have been and are, for the most part, avowedly atheistic. And those of them who still profess Christianity treat with scorn the traditional and universal interpretation of the teachings and life of the lowly Nazarine, because it militates against their national policy of physical force and "will to power". But how could such a thing arise in the face of, yes, in the heart of the Christian religion, the centre of western culture, in the home of the great Luther? To ask that question is the same as to ask how any kind of sin can maintain itself, on any appreciable scale, in a world where the gospel of Christ is constantly preached, and the person of Christ revealed. The religious and consequent moral perversion of Germany reveals the activities of the Prince of Darkness on a larger scale and with more disastrous physical consequences than otherwise they could be discerned; but all the activities of evil in our own land, whether in high or low quarters, all the selfishness, greed and oppression; all the corruption, indulgence and crime of society everywhere, are of a piece, but in different garb, with this great German monster. The question is how can society, whether viewed as individuals, or in the aggregate, support and tolerate what is plainly recognized to be evil and sinful in the face of Jesus Christ? Is it the fault of the revelation in the gospel, or in the person of Christ, or in the Church?

The Gospel record, as we have it in the New Testament, has not been wanting in critics from time to time. Weapons of various kinds and characters have been used by honest and dishonest opponents alike; from the cynicism of a Celsus in the second century to the historical naturalism of a Harnack or a Renan in the twentieth. But the word of God stands, through all, as the clear and unmistakable record of God's dealings with men, and of how He would have men act toward Him, and toward one another. In other words the scriptures stand as the undoubted revelation of the will of God. If the record does not go far enough to satisfy us along scientific as well as religious lines, if it does not solve every problem, and clear up every mystery, it goes far enough to show us how to live in the face of mystery, and how to trust the solution of problems to the hands of Him who is the author of all. It goes far enough, too, to elucidate the true science of life, albeit the life of faith.

Nor, is it with the personal life and teachings of Jesus Christ that fault is to be found; for no one has ever yet been able to make out a successful case against Him, either as to His teachings of His life. On the contrary all are constrained to concede to Him the leading place in world history. "If you want to translate virtue in the abstract into the concrete, live so that Christ would approve of your life," says J. S. Mill. And Lecky says "The records of these short years of His (Jesus) life have done more to regenerate society, than all the theories of philosophers, or the plans of statesmen". The great Bishop Ingram points to the fact that "thousands reverence and love the name of Christ who have no time for church or chapel." Yes, Jesus moves through history as He moved about among the multitudes in Judaea and Galilee, with imperial majesty,

HELP FOR WORKING WOMEN

Some Have to Keep on Until They Almost Drop. How Mrs. Conley Got Help.

Here is a letter from a woman who had to work, but was too weak and suffered too much to continue. How she regained health:

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are wrong; it knows that because they are not consistent with the abstemious self-controlled life of Christ, they are sinful, and, on the whole, men prefer to do what is right. Their better nature, decency and conscience call them to be a better way, and they allow it to be the right thing for them. They want to be redeemed, and some day hope to be, but meanwhile go on. These sins of indulgence are not of the underworld alone, they exist on a large scale and well nigh cover society. Gambling, drunkenness, immoderate and luxurious feasting, immorality of the coarser sort, are all done above board, and are more or less condoned by society, just as are the other sins of the world. Take drunkenness as an illustration. The drunkard wants to be sober and hopes some day to "quit it". It is often said of him that it is impossible, he cannot. Yes he can, by the grace of God, but he will not. It must be so. The time is bound to come in his experience when he must choose between being drunk and being sober. He wants to be sober, of course, but just at the same instant he wants more to be drunk, so he chooses drink rather than decency and justification, before himself and his God. So it is with other fleshly lusts. Man wants to do right though his wrong he overlooked by his fellows, but the immediate and pressing want is stronger and more urgent, so he chooses the wrong, violates conscience, and sins; though he believes in God, and hopes for the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

The world is not Christian in the third place because of its natural indifference. It lacks interest in the remote and the future. It is only actuated by the present and the immediate. Man knows there are things he ought to do, which concern his better life, to establish in him the kingdom of God, but from apathy he lets the opportunity go by. He just does not move when he ought to. All the positive and aggressive duties that by inheritance devolve upon an adopted child of God, do not effect him. He sees them as it were afar off, and expects them to be done somehow by others. He is dulled into a languorous acquiescence by spiritual laziness, and is supported in his attitude by some immortal spirit which whispers "it does not matter." Worship, prayer, communion, go by the board, with all other social and religious duties. He sails along upon a raft of society which others make, upon a sea of civilization made up of the blood of the martyred millions. We discern in this the temptation of the devil. The indifferent world means well, but accomplishes nothing. Christianity with its positive activities, if it means anything cannot mean that. A man sometimes does not know that the great flow of religious life is going by him, or knowing it he hopes somehow, by others shaping, to catch up. If it is asked why the world is not Christian these are the reasons: "The world the flesh and the Devil" They are a co-operating trio, whose machinery is very intricate, and who work in perfect harmony with great efficiency. But is not the power of Christ equal to them? Yes, it overcame all three in one stroke in Christ Himself, and Get "Catharhozone" to-day, and beware of substitutes. The dollar out fit is guaranteed and small size 50c; trial size 25c at all dealers.

SIR GILBERT HONORED
Sir Gilbert Parker, the novelist, who spent his early days in Belleville, has been made a Privy Councillor. He is one of many Canadians receiving King's Birthday honors.

by the triple power of the world, the flesh, and the devil, it has not established true Christianity in the world, but it has never ceased toaven the life of the world. It has always held up the banner upon which is inscribed in letters of blood and fire the inviolable will of God, and it is this which has illumined and still continues to illumine the conscience of mankind. There has never been, in spite of slaughter and blood, such an enlightened public conscience as there is today. Each generation after all, must "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ." That is why the progress of Christian development through the milleniums is so slow. Some day when the kingdom of God has come, in all its completeness and finality, the eyes of men will discern the righteousness and majestic excellence of the gospel of Christ; they shall behold the King in His beauty, and shall give over their previous and sorrowful predictions. Then wars shall cease, and all the sins that are allied with them, wherever found in the world

PTE. ROBINSON KILLED.

Mrs. Ann Robinson, 124 Lansdowne Street Peterborough, received word Friday morning from the War Office that her husband, Pte. George Albert Robinson, who left here with the 39th Battalion, was officially reported killed on May 22nd.

GEORGE CRONKWRIGHT DEAD.

Pte. George Cronkwright, Trenton, Infantry, has been officially reported to have died of wounds at No. 10 Casualty Clearing Station on May 24th with gunshot multiple.

CAPT. BOTSFORD WITH 264TH.

Captain and Assistant Adjutant C. A. Botsford of the 264th Battalion at Halifax, N. S., is a Brockville boy. He enlisted last fall in the 80th Battalion and came to this city, being employed in the orderly office. At Christmas time he was transferred to the 155th Battalion as Orderly Room Sergeant and shortly afterwards he went to the 156th Leeds and Grenville Battalion. Lately he transferred to the Halifax Battalion. He has been a prominent schoolmaster.

RETAIL MERCHANTS MEET.

At a meeting of the Retail Merchants Association last night it was decided to observe the Wednesday half holidays this year as usual only starting in June instead of July, as heretofore. The first will be on Wednesday, June 12th, and during the week of July 1st it will be cancelled. That date falls on a Saturday this year and it was decided to observe the day and close, an effort being made to have the market on Friday of that week. A resolution was also passed to keep open on Civic Holiday. A most interesting address was delivered by Mr. Raine, representing the Provincial Board of the Retail Merchants' Association, Toronto. Mr. Raine, in dealing with the different advantages to members of the Association, brought forth the hearty response and determination of the members present, to use every effort to further the interest and good legislative work that is being carried on by the Dominion and Provincial Boards, also to make known to every merchant, whether member or non-member, the many advantages of co-operation among themselves for the good of the public.—Brockville Recorder.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

The Ontario Education Department announces that the summer model schools will be held at Bracebridge, Gore Bay, Madoc, Ottawa, Port Arthur, Sharbot Lake and Sturgeon Falls if a sufficient number apply for admission.

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SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS

Scarcity of Rennet is Giving Kingstons Makers a Great Deal of Trouble.

That there is a great scarcity of rennet, and that it may mean that cheese factories in the Kingston district will have to close up as a result, was the report given at the meeting of the Frontenac Cheese Board on Thursday afternoon, and it would appear as if the situation is quite serious.

As a result of a motion put through by Messrs. Joseph McGrath and A. Hough, an appeal will be made to the Federal Government to investigate the supply.

"Whereas there is a very great scarcity of rennet in the country and whereas the price asked by the dealers for it is almost exorbitant, be it resolved that this Board ask the Federal Government to immediately investigate the rennet supply and to procure, if possible, a sufficient quantity for this season's use, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the representatives of the Kingston district in the Federal House."

Mr. McGrath, in bringing the matter before the Board, stated that steps should be taken to have the matter investigated.

"You cannot buy a gallon of any rennet in Kingston today," he added, "and the situation is alarming. Several factories in this district have not one gallon of it, and I think that if the Government knew about the matter it would try and get a supply."

The members were heartily in favor of a resolution, and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

TORONTO TAKES ACTION

Toronto is taking the daylight-saving question seriously. Besides placing itself on record as supporting the board of trade in memorializing the Federal Government in an effort to have a measure adopted at Ottawa, the city council today adopted a motion that the mayor be asked to communicate with all the rural and urban municipalities in the province, with a view to ascertaining their views on a proposal to effect a province-wide measure, to take effect from June 1 to October 1, this year.

A VILLAGE DRAMA

"The Young Village Doctor," a comedy drama of great interest was presented last evening at Halloway Street Methodist Church under the auspices of the Ladies' A.M. All taking part gave very clever impersonations and were roundly applauded by the large audience.

W. H. TAYLOR, EX-M.P.P., FOR NORTH MIDDLESEX, AND POSTMASTER OF PARKIR.

W. H. Taylor, ex-M.P.P., for North Middlesex, and postmaster of Parkir, for the past 10 years, died as a result of being kicked by a horse.



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CLAYTON PICKELL KILLED

Belleville Boy Slain in France on May 26th, Left with 39th Battalion.

Pte. Clayton Pickell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pickell, 319 1/2 Pine-nacle street, Belleville was killed in action in France on May 26th. An announcement to that effect reached his mother this morning.

"Deeply regret to inform you No. 412146 Pte. Clayton Pickell, infantry, officially reported killed in action May 26th. Officer in charge Record office."

Clayton and his brother Isaac left Belleville with the 39th battalion on June 23rd, 1915. Clayton had been in France for many months and Isaac in Belgium. Clayton was 21 years of age and was a youthful giant standing about 6 feet 2 inches. He was employed by Mrs. A. Parks, Front street for some years. He leaves besides his parents, and his soldier brother, another brother, Albert of Prince Edward and a sister, Mrs. G. F. Johnson, Rochester, N.Y. The two boys used to meet every two weeks at the front.

\$700,000 MISSION

This Year's Giving 000—Reports Satisfactory

ALBERT COLLEGE Reception Service Young Men at St. Church

The Methodist Church raised during the past year of \$630,000 for mission work to date. The mission not close until the end of the month, so that the annual returns are in. It is proposed to raise \$75,000 more so many calls on patriotic purposes that posed to ask for any contribution for mission church purposes.

Judge Deroche then annual Conference at the Bay of Quinte Friday at Peterboro amount raised by throughout the country \$630,000. The committee recommended that during the year a systematic canvass be made to secure an increase of ten per cent, and the envelope system be in ever possible.

Dr. Endicott, the evening, addressed the delegates that time he would rather list than go to a foreign missionary. He would young enough. It was to expand the work, such expansion would contributions to patriotic Rev. Dr. Crews, editor of the School publication behalf of the Methodist on account of the unbusiness had not as in former years, \$23,000 had been misperannated ministers.

The Christian Guardian circulation of 78,075, 544. The Sunday School have an increase of total circulation of new. Two new hymns in course of publication, Hymnal, for use of Schools and social service on sale by October Church Hymn Book, will be ready in about Rev. J. R. Butler presented the report of the report committee at the session. It shows a membership of 646, an increase of 1 year. Other interests named in the report were:

- Number of baptisms year, 1,864.
- Number of marriages year, 923.
- Number of burials of 1,865.
- Total number of lines in district, 2,396.
- Superannuation Fund Salaries paid superannuated, \$14,449.
- Salaries paid probate, \$2,277.
- Raised for other purposes, 409.

New church property Number of Sunday School Number of union school Number of scholars, Officers and teachers, Number of scholars, Church, 15,347.

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There is a young man in the ranks of the 91st Elgin battalion who is said to be the son of a United States millionaire, and a second cousin of Lord Kitchener. He enlisted as a private. Officers will not divulge his identity.

WONDERFUL BILIOUS REMEDY ACTUALLY PREVENTS ATTACKS

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