

SERMON

Vital Union With Christ—By Rev. C. D. Case, Ph. D., in Green Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The text was chosen from Galatians 2:20. "I am crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself to die for me." Dr. Case said:

The highest conception of the Christian life which this generation seems to have accepted is to be found in the words, "Follow me," as uttered by Christ. It is thoroughly Biblical. Jesus says to Philip, at the beginning of His ministry, "Follow me," he tells the four on the sands of Galilee, "Come ye after me." He commands the tax-gatherer in his office, "Follow me," he presents the same standard to the rich young man who loved his money better than life. "Follow me." Now the resurrection has passed and what shall be the new conception of the life of the new life? It is still the same, and Christ proclaims to the same disciples at the same place on Galilee, "Follow me."

This grand and infinitely simple way of looking at the Christian life had been lost. He was the true Christian who believed that the judgment is wrong even and accepted its appointed means of grace. But now after these centuries Christendom has recovered this idea and made it the basis of the Christian life. Henry Richards, on the Congo, reads to the natives the words of Christ, "Give to him that asketh of thee, and to him that taketh away thy goods ask not again," and then proceeds to practice them, with the result that the natives first beg and then return and then ask for the way of life. W. T. Stead, while in his London jail wonders what he shall write to the girl whom he has succeeded in placing in a Christian home, and at last, by a flash of insight, writes her, "Be a Christian." Charles M. Sheldon presents as the ideal of every life, to act as Christ would act if He were here in our place.

What is the trouble with this conception? This, that it represents the static life, not the dynamic of the Christian life. It tells us what to be like, but does not tell us how we shall become like our ideal. Kant thought that the same man who of deliberate choice accepted evil could with the same deliberate choice and by simple will accept good when he saw it. This is a fine philosophy, but a poor religion. It does not tell us how, McAuley, Hadley, it gives us the ideal, but not the power to embody the ideal.

LISTEN TO THIS STATEMENT and see if you can find a better one to express this idea of following Christ. "Religion cannot be said to have made a bad choice in pitching upon this man as the ideal representative of the choice of humanity; nor even now would it be easy even for an unbeliever to find a better translation of the idea of virtue than in the person of the concrete that to endeavor so to live that Christ could approve of our life." And yet it was no less a person than J. B. Mill, an unbeliever, who wrote this.

The text of the morning presents the needed complementary conception. He who is presented as the ideal, is the ideal because of his subjective presence and power. He who said "As thou hast sent me into the world," says with the "Go," the "Lo, I am with you all the days."

The Bible represents this union in different ways. Now it is the foundation and the support of the body and head, meaning direction; now of the husband and wife, representing union; now of the vine and branch, signifying dependence; now of the Father and the Son. In whatever way it is spoken of it is evidently an essential phase of the Christian life.

Dr. A. J. Gordon once saw what he called a parable of nature upon the part of a New England woodsman. He spent his summer holidays. It was an example of natural gratification. Two little saplings grew up side by side. Through the action of the wind the bark of one became wounded, the sap began to mingle and at last on a still day they were firmly compacted. Then the storm broke and the sapling on the left and larger while the other grew smaller and smaller; then began to wither and decline till finally it dropped away and disappeared. Now, there are two trunks at the bottom and only one at the top. Death has taken away the one; life has taken away the other. The illustration thus given by Dr. Gordon only fails in not giving sufficient importance to the words "I live of the text. The religious life is not self-immolation, but self-realization. It is not absorption, but amplification.

Without thinking for the present of the unvarying condition of the life, "crucifixion with Christ," or the motive of such living, "Christ loved us and died for us," or the means of such living, "faith in the Son of God," let us think more at length of the single sublime thought, our union with Christ and its bearings upon the different phases of the Christian life. This we must for the present emphasize if we are to have a pure evangelical Christianity.

WHICH SHALL MOVE THE WORLD. First, note that Christ within us is the source of true divine companionship. The appearance of Christ after the resurrection had two definite purposes. The first was to convince the disciples that Christ was truly alive, or, in other words, to connect the past Christ with the present Christ. The angels had assured them that Christ had risen, but as surely said that Jesus would be into Galilee there to meet them. As soon as faith had accepted these words of both Christ and the angels the disciples would leave Jerusalem; but this did not take place until after a week.

The second, definite object of Christ's appearance was to teach the disciples the spiritual nature of the kingdom, or, in other words, to connect the present Christ with the future Christ. Among such teachings are the words: "Follow me," spoken to the seven in Galilee; the promise to all, "Lo, I am with you all the days," and the command that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but "wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, ye have heard of me." A glance back into the fourteenth chapter of John shows what this promise was. "The sixteenth verse says: 'I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.' Then the twentieth assures the disciples: 'At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me and I in you.' Thus the objective companionship becomes a subjective fellowship.

How closely can two people, heart to heart, be together? There is always the veil of the flesh between. All we can do is to interpret looks, words, and actions, and to interpret those things on those nearest to us. We all walk solitary way. Few reach that beautiful companionship represented by Browning in "By the Fireside." When, if I but think deep enough, you are wont to answer, prompt as a rhyme. And you, too, find without rebuff. Response your soul seeks many a time. Piercing its fine flesh suit. Then it is that Christ Himself comes closer than breathing, nearer than hands of feet, comes into the innermost recesses of our nature for sympathy and communion with the human heart.

Christ within us is also the source of power. Christ does not give us power by making mere machines of us. We are the clay in the potter's hands, but we are something more. God does not want us to be slaves, but freemen; not subjects, but sons. We are an equally favored way of considering the help that we receive from God in our natural or redeemed powers, and then let God do the rest. The stronger we live, the stronger we are, and the less we need God's intervention. Every time God helps us, we are less of a man or woman, and the stronger we grow the more independent, and the less we need Him. The end of it all would be absolute independence of God. Surely this is not God's idea.

The true way of looking upon our relation to Christ is that of a subjective presence within our heart by faith gives us energy to achieve, not by enslaving, but by enfranchising the will, inviting us until with Augustine we can say, "We work, but God works the willing; we are less of a man or woman, and the stronger we grow the more independent, and the less we need Him. The end of it all would be absolute independence of God. Surely this is not God's idea.

SCIENTIFICNESS AS UPON THE CHURCH. All Christians have Christ within them, and they should aim to objectify His life. There is nothing we need today quite as much as the Christianization of the secular life.

Then at last, the Christ within us is the source of final holiness. Christ at last is to present us holy and unblemished, and irreproachable in His sight.

Sin does two things for us, separates us from God and distorts our nature. When we are forgiven we are restored to the divine fellowship. But what about the effects of sin upon our nature? See the scars upon the tree and what thistle of the tree does for it. Listen to what Paul says, "I am perplexed until Christ be formed within you." As Christ had His Bethlehem, His Nazareth, His Olivet, so does He again in His reincarnation have His Bethlehem, His Nazareth, His Olivet. Who knows why one plant grows into the geranium, and the other into the rose? The type is something more than the ideal presented for the imitation of the plant. It is an informing life.

I think it was the last thing that Dr. A. S. Gumbart wrote for the Examiner: "Among the Dutch the rose was sometimes cultivated by planting an inferior rose close to a rose of superior variety. The rose of inferior quality was carefully watched and anthers removed to avoid self-pollination; the object being that it should be pollinated by the superior rose. Gradually the rose thus treated took upon itself the characteristics of the superior life of its companion." So, our lives are pollinated as it were by His righteousness.

Christ within us becomes to us the source of divine companionship of power for achievement, of the exaltation of conduct of final holiness. He is the companion of our life, the heart of our heart, the center of our life. He is the source of our life, the source of our power, the source of our joy. He is the source of our life, the source of our power, the source of our joy.

IT MEANS OSTRACISM.

FOUL BREATH AND DISGUSTING DISCHARGES DUE TO CATARRH MAKE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OBJECTS OF AVERSION—DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER RELIEVES IN 10 MINUTES AND CURES.

How George James of Savannah, Pa., says: "I have been a martyr to Catarrh for years. It has been a constant source of pain in the throat and pain in the chest, and I have been unable to do any work. After using a few bottles I was cured." Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure for heart, stomach and nerve.

LIPTON'S LATEST

Beat Shamrock No. 1 About Two Miles in a Twenty Mile Race.

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, N. J., Aug. 6.—Twenty-two and a half minutes in a twenty mile race, and he occupied a little more than three hours in the sailing, was the beating administered to Shamrock I. by Sir Thomas Lipton's new cup candidate today. No shift of wind nor calm helped or hindered either boat. The challenger's victory was without a flaw.

An overcast sky with threatening rain induced Mr. Lipton to limit the race to twenty miles, a beat of ten miles south-southwest. The challenger, Shamrock I., sailed from Scotland light and return. To avoid another blanketing by the challenger, Shamrock I. felt that a starting line from windward to that of the challenger shaped a course alongside of the new boat as the latter crossed the line. A minute later she put about, returned to the line and made a new start. The starting time of two minutes had elapsed before she got away and she was handicapped eight seconds. Shamrock III. led by one minute and 42 seconds when they reached the beat out to the mark.

The challenger went off on different tracks, but Shamrock III. was in the lead, but Shamrock III. and both headed eastward. The challenger quickly demonstrated that it was the kind of weather in which she was her best. The old boat hardly made a race. At 12.05, when they made the first tack together, Shamrock III. was in the lead. After that the only question was as to the number of miles. At 12.25 the challenger crossed the bow of the old-timer half a mile to windward of her, and after short tacks turned the mark half an hour later with a lead of 19 minutes, 44 seconds. On the way back both yachts carried spinnakers part way, when the wind hauling, they smothered them and ran under gaffed jibs. Shamrock III. gained steadily, added 4 minutes, 22 seconds to her advantage and when she finished the old boat was more than two miles away.

A RESCUE AT SEA.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Captain Tromstad, of the Norwegian steamer Banes, which arrived today for Port Antonio, reports having rescued on July 25, in lat. 20.35 N., long. 74.23, Capt. Munro and crew of eight men from the British schooner Oriens, bound from Baltimore to Harbor Island. The rescued men were landed at Rum Cay, Bahamas, on July 27. The Oriens cleared from Baltimore on July 10. On July 22, north of Bahamas, the schooner ran into a terrific hurricane. Her masts were snapped off flush with the deck. The boats and everything else movable on the schooner were also swept away. The hurricane continued on the 23rd and the vessel hull became damaged and water flowed into her hold. With no boats in which to leave the vessel, the crew was helpless and the only thing left to do was to continue pumping the water out of the hold and keep the schooner afloat.

MARRIAGES.

MULLEN-REED—On the evening of August 2d, at the residence of the bride's mother, 106 Newman street (north end), by Rev. R. W. Ferguson, Sidney C. Mullen of Fredrickton Junction, N. B., to Alice M. Reed of New Brunswick.

DEATHS.

BELLYEA—Died suddenly at Red Head, Aug. 5th, John Bellyea, of Carleton, aged 82 years. He was a wife and son to mourn their loss.

SHE MADE BIG BILLS OUT OF 25c. NOTES

Woman Who Had Baffled Detectives Caught at Last.

Hotels and Banks Cash Raised Postal Checks—Prisoner Confesses That She Has Been Living by This Means Since Last May.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—For several months the postal authorities have had complaints of postal notes "raised" by a woman, operating under the names of Annie Sharp, Charlotte Cross, A. Thompson and other aliases. The notes were issued by small post offices between Philadelphia and New York, usually for 25 cents. By means of acids the figures were erased and the notes were raised to sums from \$5 to \$100.

Post Office Inspectors Jacobs and Meyer worked on the case for several weeks without success. Last Thursday they missed her by only ten minutes at Bath Beach, where she got into one of the notes at the Belmont hotel, where she was stopping. The note purporting to call for \$100, the clerk, who had not that amount, advanced \$10. When he took the note to the post office he found it had been issued for 25 cents. The inspectors were informed and started at once for Bath Beach, but arrived just too late.

A short, stout woman, apparently forty-five years old, with a general delivery window of the post office late yesterday afternoon and called her notes. She recovered her parcel upstairs would like to talk to the woman's florid complexion faded to an ashy white. Inspector Gortley, who was called to the scene, reported to call for \$100, the clerk, who had not that amount, advanced \$10. When he took the note to the post office he found it had been issued for 25 cents. The inspectors were informed and started at once for Bath Beach, but arrived just too late.

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SOLD OUT BUSINESS. Mrs. Sharpley's home is in Philadelphia, where she has lived for many years. She formerly had an exp. in the business, which she sold in March. She had been highly respected. Mrs. Sharpley, when, according to the Pinkertons, which-cashed the postal note.

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SHIP NEWS.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

PORTLAND, Me., July 21, 1903.—Entrance to West Penobscot Bay, Me. Southern angle buoy, marked 7, a black spar, was established July 18 in 48 feet of water one mile from SW triangle, Marshall Point Light-house NW 1/4 WSW; Whitehead Light-house N by WSW; Little Green Island light tower N by WSW.

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DEFECTIVE BLOCK.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Murphy Case.

Proper Care Was Not Used in Selecting of the Blocks—Jury Out but a Short Time.

The jury empanelled to enquire into the death of Jesse Murphy, which took place at the Cathedral spire a few days ago, met last evening, and after the remaining witnesses had been examined, succeeded in bringing in a verdict. Very little was added to what had already been brought to light by previous witnesses. Those examined were Alfred Dodge, Samuel Drury, Dr. Charles Pratt and William Connors.

The coroner, in addressing the jury said that if the inquiry did nothing else, it would be a warning to all contractors in the city to be very careful in selecting of the blocks, etc. After being out about thirty minutes the jury brought in the following verdict: "We, the jury empanelled to enquire into the death of Jesse Murphy, find that the same Jesse Murphy came to his death on the 17th day of July, A. D., 1903, in the city of St. John, in the state of New Brunswick, on the lifting block of the hoisting gear on the Cathedral spire, and that the blocks were not used in selecting the blocks."

The only chief justice of Canada who might come under the act would be Chief Justice McDonald of Nova Scotia. Chief Justice McDonald was among those mentioned by Mr. Fitzpatrick in the house.

On Prince William street yesterday the "ring" had the vacancy caused by the retirement of the chief justice filled in to the satisfaction of all. The programme as outlined is that the chief justice is to retire next year, that Hon. R. J. Ritchie is to be appointed to the supreme court, and that Hon. J. L. Carleton is to succeed Hon. R. J. Ritchie as police magistrate. This is undoubtedly the programme as laid down by Mr. Blair's resignation from the cabinet with one proviso, viz., that Hon. H. A. McKeown would have the position of police magistrate if he so desired.

What effect the recent move by the member for St. John may have on the arrangement remains to be seen. BRITISH WAR GAME. Home and Mediterranean Fleets Begin Manoeuvres to Continue Until August 11.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—War was declared this morning between the home fleet, under command of Admiral Wilson, and the Mediterranean fleet, commanded by Admiral Domville. The annual British naval manoeuvres thus began, yet devised by the admiralty. Altogether 25 battleships and 43 cruisers will be engaged in a presumed contest for the command of the sea between two maritime countries.

The opposing fleets are represented by the letters B and X, the former being the home fleet, which is divided into two squadrons, one at Berchaven, and the other at Madeira, under Lord Charles Beresford. The problem set to the home fleet is to effect a junction of forces at sea, while on Admiral Domville, in command of the fleet concentrated at Lagos, Portugal, is imposed the task of finding either Admiral Wilson's or Lord Charles Beresford's squadron before they are able to effect a junction, and defeat whichever is discovered before the other comes to its assistance. The operations cease at noon Aug. 11.

Independent of these manoeuvres, operations by torpedo craft are proceeding on the Irish coast, 31 destroyers, 37 torpedo boats and 19 other sea-going craft being engaged. AS A REWARD TO THE BOY. Members of the Ilion, N. Y., Base Ball Club Give Him \$500 for Warning Them of Danger.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Three hundred dollars have been deposited with the Binghamton Trust Company by Manager Howard Earl of the Ilion base ball team for Harry Wheeler of Binghamton. The money cannot be drawn till Wheeler is 21 years of age. Last summer young Wheeler saved the lives of several members of the Ilion team by shouting a warning of an approaching train as they were about to cross a railroad track in a car-rail. The money has been raised by the team as a reward to the boy.

"So you have decided to get another physician." "I have," answered Mrs. Cumroo. "The idea of his prescribing flaxseed tea and mustard plasters for people as rich as we are!" MEMORANDA. In port at Hon. Edward Blake, Anaco, Pulon, for San Francisco, in port at Buenos Ayres, June 26th, bark Lakadara, Burgess, for New York.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Captain Tromstad, of the Norwegian steamer Banes, which arrived today for Port Antonio, reports