

WHEN THE TIME IS RIPE

GOD COMMANDETH EVERYWHERE
THAT MEN SHOULD REPENT.

SERMON FOR THE NEW YEAR

A Clarion Call to Duty—The Battle
Ranks of the Almighty Must Be
Filled, and the Year 1906 Must Be
a Record of Victory For God and
His Christ—Paul's Message.Entered according to Act of Parliament of Canada,
in the year 1906, by Frederick Dyer, of Toronto,
at the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 7.—Approp-
riate for the new year as the season
for good resolutions and "turning over
a new leaf," is this sermon, the text for
which is taken from Acts xvii, 30,
"And the times of this ignorance God
winked at."What a tremor of excitement must
have stirred the minds and the hearts
of his men when Horatio Nelson, the
celebrated English admiral, gave the
order to clear the gun deck for action
at Trafalgar! Ah, yes, we can truly
say the one armed naval hero whose
body now sleeps in St. Paul's cathedral
by the side of the Waterloo chieftain
has no novice in the art of war. Way
back in the uprising of the American
colonies he fought as a young captain
of twenty-one under Lord Howe. He
was in the midst of the British strug-
gles off Cape Vincent in 1788. He was
the commander who destroyed the
French fleet in the harbor of Aboukir
when Napoleon was making his Egyptian
conquest. He was part of the
naval history of England from 1770 up
to the time of his tragic death, but all
his previous engagements were mere
preparation for his great battle of Tra-
falgar. Then he gripped Napoleon's
admiral—Villeneuve by name—and
grimly said, "Thou shalt not make it
possible for the conquerors of Prussia
and Spain and Austria and Italy and
Holland and Westphalia to cross the
channel and fight under the shadow of
Westminster Abbey and Windsor Cas-
tle." Truly that Trafalgar order, "Eng-
land expects every man to do his duty,"
must have aroused the heroic in every
British heart, for Trafalgar was the ex-
treme battle of Horatio Nelson's life.What the quarter deck of the British
line of battle ship Victory was to Nel-
son at Trafalgar Mars Hill was to the
great gospel warrior, Paul. Like Nel-
son, Paul was no novice. He had
fought in many a conflict for Christ.
He was a scarred veteran of many
gospel campaigns. In Damascus, at
Jerusalem, over in Corinth, in Ephesus,
we can follow his martial footsteps.
But though he had fought many bat-
tles for Christ the supreme battle of
Paul's life was witnessed at Mars Hill.
"No moment in the annals of the
church," wrote the historian, "has
larger significance than that in which
the gospel of the living Christ came in
its first contact with the heathen world
at Athens, with the wisdom of the
philosophy and its science." Here it was
that Paul not only had to grapple with
Plato's philosophy and with the teach-
ings of the Stoics and the Epicureans,
but here also he had to preach Christ
in the home of the drama and preach
Jesus from the rostrum made memora-
ble by the orations of the greatest ora-
tors of the past, whose silver tongues
had created armies and made laws and
started forth Greece on its conquest of
the world.When Paul looked up and waved his
hand above him he saw the famous
Acropolis crowned with its many tem-
ples. There is the Parthenon with its
statue of Athena, the guardian
goddess of Athens, which city was
the home of Demosthenes and Lysias
and Lycurgus and Aeschines, the ora-
tors, and of Aeschylus and Sophocles,
the dramatists, and of Thucydides and
Xenophon, the historians, and of So-
lon, the lawyer, and of Socrates, the
teacher, and of Pericles, the poet,
and of Phidias, the Michael Angelo of
the Greeks. To the right of this fa-
mous temple was the marvelous colos-
sal statue of Athena Promachus. And
there is a beautiful poem in marble
called "The Temple of Wingless Vic-
tory." Every column, every shrine, ev-
ery intricate covering of that citadel
of ancient Athens was chiseled by the
hand of a master.When Paul ceased to look up and as
a student of the beautiful looked down
his eyes in amazement wandered over
the massive proportions of the great
temple of Jupiter Olympus, which was
one of the seven wonders of the world.The few huge columns of this mighty
temple still standing inspire more awe
in the minds of the modern students
than do even the gigantic stones of the
pyramids or the ruined foundations of
the ancient statue of the god Helios
once bestriding the harbor of Rhodes.
There was also the beautiful temple of
the Theseum, perhaps the most per-
fectly preserved temple of all the an-
cients. And there before him was the
gigantic temple of Mars, the god of
war. Paul was not preaching Christ
among a set of ignorant savages. He
was preaching Christ to the greatest
students of architecture, of sculpture,
of poetry and of oratory the world has
ever seen. Wherever Paul's eyes turned
he could see the beautiful statues and
shrines erected not only to scores
but to hundreds and thousands of Gre-
cian gods and goddesses. The city was
literally full of beautiful idols of all
sorts. It was easier to find there a
god than it was a man, Petronius
once quipped. Yet it was on Mars
Hill that Paul dared to defy all the
faiths and the intellectualities of
paganism.How did he do it? After presenting
Christ as only Paul could preach Jesus
he lifted up his hands and waved them
toward the countless shrines and wick-
ed deities of Athens. Then he uttered
the memorable words of my text, "And
the times of this ignorance God winked
at, but now commandeth all men
everywhere to repent." As God bore
with the ignorance of the Greeks of
old God has been bearing with our ig-
norance, but now our eyes are opened
as were those of the Athenians. Now
it is time for us to repent of our past
sins and surrender our hearts to Jesus
Christ. Could we have a better time
to do this than on this first Lord's day
of the new year? As the year 1906 has
slipped into the year 1906 we seem
to be in almost as dramatic a position
as were the Athenians when listening
to the preaching of the mighty Paul.God in the first place has borne with
our ignorance theological. He has been
dealing with our creeds a great deal as
he has been dealing with the shrines
of the Athenian worshippers. To use
a homely figure, he has been shutting
his eyes to our superstitions as a moth-
er sometimes pretends not to see the
wrongdoings of her little child, because
she does not think it best to correct the
boy now. Man in the past has been
holding the Baptist creed and the Epis-
copal creed and the Methodist creed
and the Presbyterian creed and the
Lutheran creed and the Catholic creed
sometimes with as little intelligence as
did the Athenians worshipping at the
altars of a Mercury, an Apollo, a Ju-
piter, a Juno and a Hephaestus, but
now men are beginning to realize that
while it is important to adhere faith-
fully to the creeds of their respective
churches the supreme necessity is that
they give their loyal worship to the
Holy Trinity, of whom God is the Fa-
ther and Jesus Christ the elder brother
and the holy spirit is the paraclete.
And yet, my friends, there was a time
when Christians people built their sec-
retarian fences so high that they could
not see any good in any church unless
that church belonged to their own
household of faith.No sooner did John Wesley come in-
to touch with the Moravians and get
a broader conception of Christ than
had the Episcopalians than at once the
channel of the Church of England was
filled with a spiritual outcast. No
sooner did John Bunyan attempt to
start forth as a Nonconformist preach-
er than at once he had to surrender his
pulpit for Bedford-jail. No sooner did
Albert Barnes, the St. John, get a
broader vision of heaven than had his
ministerial brethren than he was de-
prived of his Presbyterian orders, and
the greatest Bible teacher and com-
mentator of his generation had to sit
in the law of the Presbyterian church
of Philadelphia as a worshipper
instead of standing in the pulpit as a
preacher. All the persecutions of the
dark ages were due to the worship of
sectarian creeds. All the horrors of a
St. Bartholomew were due to the
murderings of the Covenanters among
Scottish hills and the fiendish works
of a "Bloody McKenzie" and of a
"Bloody Mary" were due to the wor-
ship at a denominational altar instead
of the crucifix of Jesus Christ. And
religion, religion, what awful crimes
have been committed in the name of
the demons of the darkest caverns
and the most bestial of sins have
drenched their garments with human
gore because under the helmets of sec-
tarianism they have been prompted to
unsheath the sword of bigotry. But
now all things are being changed. Paul
revealed the "Unknown God" to the
Athenians. Jesus Christ has revealed
God to us. Now our religious teachers
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trine of those churches is "Jesus
Christ the Saviour, who has come to
save man, a sinner."And, mark you, this revelation of
Christ has not been gladly acclaimed
by the churches during the past cen-
turies, but only within the last few
years. God has revealed himself to us
theologically. We know, and well
know, that foreordination or Armin-
ianism or belief in apostolic succession
are not essential for salvation.
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and
be saved," was the slogan of Paul and
is the slogan of the modern Christian
pulpits. Sectarian intolerance is being
rapidly demolished. We might have
clung to our sectarianism in the past
as the Athenians clung to their altars
of gold and silver and marble, before
Paul appeared. But we cannot, we dare
not do so now. There is but one true
altar, and that is the altar of Jesus
Christ. "And the times of this igno-
rance God winked at, but now com-
mandeth all men everywhere to re-
pent." Repent! Repent! Repent in
Christ's name or ye shall all likewise
perish.But God has borne with our moral
ignorance as well as our theological
intolerance. He has been overlooking
for generations the sins of the flesh,
which men have unconsciously com-
mitted as well as the sins of false
creeds. And when I speak thus I could
room over a very wide territory if I
would, for you have no more right to
judge a man of the fifteenth or six-
teenth centuries by the moral stand-
ards of the twentieth century than
you have a right to condemn the Puritans
because they called Roger Wil-
liams from Massachusetts in 1635 or
because, under the leadership of Cot-
ton Mather, they burned the supposed
witches of Salem in 1691.But I find God bearing with the so-
cial sins of our fathers, as well as the
theological and moral faults. I find
that he comes to us, as he did to Cain
of old, and says, "Thou art thy brother's
keeper." And when God speaks
thus he means even more than when
Christ spoke the parable of the Good
Samaritan to the Jews as well as to
the Greeks. You cannot judge the
Greeks who assembled about Mars
Hill to listen to the eloquent words of
Paul by our social laws any more
than you can judge them by our theo-
logical or moral criterion.In the first place, you must remem-
ber that the Greeks for generations
had been a slave holding people. You
remember how that matchless orator
of Massachusetts, Wendell Phillips,
tried to make the Haytian martyr,
Toussaint l'Ouverture, the acme of all
virtues and human perfections. In his
peroration he used these words: "I
would call him Napoleon, but Napo-
leon made his way to the empire over
broken bones and through a sea of
blood. I would call him Cromwell, but
Cromwell was only a soldier, and the
commonwealth he founded went down
with him into his grave. I would call
him Washington, but the great Vir-
ginian held slaves." Oh, Wendell Phil-
lips, is that right? Is that honest? Is
that fair? Had Toussaint l'Ouverture
grown up on the banks of the Potomac
with a white skin, would he have done
any differently from our Washington
or our Jefferson, both of whom held
slaves? For centuries the law of con-
quest in olden times meant enslave-
ment. You should judge the Greeks by
the standard of their time but not by
ours. God has declared that we have
another duty to our brothers than toput the yoke of bitterness about their
necks and make them sweat blood in
the factory or upon the plantation.
Hear it, ye capitalists. Ye are your
brothers' keepers. Blood money can
stick to your hands as well as to those
of Judas. A mark of God's condemna-
tion for financial sins can be upon your
brow as well as upon Cain's for kill-
ing his brother with a club.Not only are we our brother's keeper
in a financial or in a mercenary sense,
but also in a physical sense and in a
mental. Aye, we walk in wonderment
among the beautiful columns of Ath-
ens. We can think of the charioteers
driving their flashing eyed chargers
over those hillsides. We can see the
runners, with the speed of the winds,
coming back to that capital telling of
victories won. We can picture the al-
tars of gold and silver. We can see the
palaces filled with the richest art
treasures and see the vast amounts of
money squandered for the worship of
the god of wine called Dionysus. But
right under the shadow of the prison
in which Socrates was compelled to
quaff the poisonous hemlock, ignorance
and filth were everywhere. And when
the poor became sick they were not
cared for as we care for our sick; but
they were left alone to starve and die.
Or they were driven out upon the
mountain sides as the Hebrews drove
their lepers to the tombs of the dead,
crying "The leper, the leper! Room
for the leper! Room! Room!" Ah, yes,
the Greeks in a social sense had a duty
toward their poor fellow men. Have we
not as great a duty as theirs?"Thou art thy brother's keeper." Thou
art his keeper in a financial way—you
must give him work; in a mental way
—you must build for him schools; in
a physical way—you must care for
him when he is sick and helpless. Are
you doing it? "And the times of this
ignorance God winked at, but now com-
mandeth all men everywhere to re-
pent." But God has borne with our past
misdeeds, but now we have a duty
toward our fellow men. We have a duty
to fulfill in reference to the kind of
homes in which our brethren sleep
and eat. We must see that they have
the right kind of schools in which to
be taught. But above all we must see
that they are made acquainted with
the gospel of Christ and the mercy of
the true God. And yet some people
who are members of Christian churches
profess to believe that they are not
responsible for the kind of God in the
heavenly brethren worship. By their ac-
tions they practically say, "Christ did
not mean anything when he said, 'Go
ye therefore and teach all nations,'
baptizing them in the name of the
father and of the son and of the holy
ghost." But he does mean for us sim-
ply to go and teach our friends and
our own families and our own kith and
kin."Ah, my brother, when a man is in-
differently to the missionary work, he
preach Christ unto all men and send
Christ's missionaries into the farthest
most parts of the earth resembles in
his righteous selfishness the Sultan
of Turkey. Tourists who have been to
Constantinople and who have seen the
man of Europe is living in daily ter-
ror of his life. His bloody hand has
been against all his enemies. Murder
and rapine have gone wherever his
rule has gone. He has dethroned his
elder brother and slain him in prison
many years. He is said to have slain
two of his nearest relatives, either one
of which would have become Sultan
had he died. He has killed scores and
hundreds and thousands of his sub-
jects in the hope that their deaths
might make his life more assured, and
yet there he trembles in his palace,
year in and year out, afraid of his for-
eign foes and fearful of his enemies,
skulking within his own capital.But once a week the Sultan, even in
spite of his own fears, goes regularly
to the mosque to pray. He goes there
with one motive—to insure his own
salvation. It is of himself, his eternal
safety, that he thinks and not of the
welfare of his people. Can he be pos-
sibly that any Christian resembles
him in this? Is there a Christian whose
sole desire in worship is his own sal-
vation and who cares for nothing for
the salvation of the heathen at home
and abroad? There were such in the
past history of the church. But the
broader conceptions of the gospel
never seem to enter their lives. That
because Christ is their Saviour they
should try to present him to those
who know him not, ah, this indeed has
never been the purpose of their hearts.
Now, all this narrow conception of
Christianity must stop. We must be
eyes to the blind and ears to the deaf
and crutches to the lame and food for
the hungry. But we must be the means,
through the missionaries, of bringing
Christ to a dying world. Jesus com-
mands it. "The times of our past ig-
norance God winked at, but now com-
mandeth all men everywhere to re-
pent."Thus in closing I would point you
to Mars Hill, the most glorious pulpit
in the world with the exception of
Calvary. And then I would point out
for your example the mightiest gos-
pel preacher of all times with the ex-
ception of Jesus Christ himself. And
I would tell you that Paul did not go
to Athens to preach Christ. He was
worn out with work. He was resting
there for Silas and Timothy to come
to him. But while he rested he saw
the Athenians in sin. Then he could
not rest any longer. The Bible says,
"His spirit was stirred in him when he
saw the city wholly given to idol-
atry." Therefore he went forth to tell
the Athenians about his Christ. Ah,
my friends, in our modern Athens of
America will your hearts burn within
you as Paul's burned within him when
he saw the wickedness of mankind?
Will you here and now promise not to
rest this side of the grave until you
have told as many people as you can
about the Jesus who alone can save
them from their sins? May every hour
of every day of the coming year find
you proclaiming the gospel tidings
from some Mars Hill until at last you
stand before the throne of heaven,
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tangled condition of his accounts is re-
sponsible for his absence. Mr. Allan,
40, rue de la Montreuil, is a Scot-
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Verdict of Manslaughter.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—After being out
eight hours, the jury in the Laroque
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tenced Laroque to five years in the
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ceedings for voluntary dissolution. The
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peared before Colonel Denison yester-
day morning. The information accuses
Lurie of receiving part of the fur
taken from the premises of Meany's
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