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### CHRISTMAS GIVING

When the Father gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him shall ve

everlasting life, He gave the world its greatest gift, and the Son made the greatest sacrifice in sacred or profane history. The Father gave His Son to those who despised Him, and the Son made His sacrifice for the wicked, the vile, the unlovely in character, those who were not His friends. Christians derive their name from Christ and the name is supposed to be applied only to sincere followers of Him, those who seek to follow His example and His written word. It would be interesting to know how far the example of the Master is being followed by the Christian world in making its gifts at this joyous Christmas tide. Will the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus give as He gave: to those

who have despitefully used them? Or will their gifts be confined to their friends? Christ gave His life to and for His enemies. Will the Christian world make even a slight sacrifice of any sort for the unlovely in character; will Christians give to the poor and needy, as Christ ever gave, or will they give only the loving friends who in all probability have enough? The vilest sinners give gifts to their friends; is it possible that Christians can do no better than sinners in this respect? Christ made the great sacrifice for His enemies; will Christians make a real sacrifice even for needy friends? Will they even think of their enemies pleasantly?

It is not for the writer to sit

in judgment. It is sufficient to suggest that a world, filled with increasing doubt, asks these questions at each succeeding Christmastide and finds no ray of hope in the answer. It is never too late to start a reform, and just at this point may be offered the inspiration there should be in Henry Drummond's presentation of the true test of Christianity. He says: "In the Book of Matthew, where the Judgment Day is depicted for us in the imagery of One seated upon a throne and dividing the sheep from the goats, the test of a man then is not, 'How have I believed?' but 'How have I loved?' The test of religion, the final test of religion, is not religiousness, but Love. I say the final test of religion at that great Day is not religiousness, but Love; not what I have done, not what I have believed, not what I have achieved, but how I have discharged the common charities of life. Sins of commission in that awful indictment are not even referred to. By what we have not done, by SINS OF OMISSION, we are judged. It could not be otherwise. For the with-holding of love is the negation of the spirit of Christ, the proof that we never knew Him, that for us He lived in vain. It means that He suggested nothing in all our thoughts, that He inspired nothing in all our lives, that we were not once near enough to Him to be seized with the spell of His compassion for the world.

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