

Christ's Method of Reform

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TEXT—I beseech thee for my son Onesimus.—Philemon 10

The epistle of Philemon was written under most interesting circumstances.



Its recipient, a gentleman living in Colosse, was master of a slave named Onesimus, which means Profitable. But the slave in question had been far from profitable. Indeed it seems he had stolen money and run off to Rome, the haunt of thieves and criminals of all sorts. Here he came into contact with Paul, who was imprisoned, and was led to faith in Christ. He endeavored himself to the apostle by ministering to him in his bonds, a service for which his training as a slave peculiarly fitted him. Yet the time came when Paul felt he should send him back to his owner, the Christian Philemon. But he places in his hands the letter with which all the world has become familiar, in order to insure him a kindly reception as a Christian brother, in spite of his past defections. Erasmus said of this letter, "Cicero never wrote with greater eloquence," and Renan declared that it is "a small but true masterpiece of the art of letter writing."

We will not deal at this time with the marvelous tact exhibited by Paul in appealing to Philemon on behalf of Onesimus, but confine ourselves to the terms used by the apostle in speaking of the slave whom he is sending home.

It will help us to appreciate these terms if we remind ourselves that, in Paul's day, slaves were looked on as "things" rather than men. Wealthy men sometimes owned as many as 10,000 or 20,000, and a couple of hundred in a family was common. In the time of Augustus 400 slaves were put to death because their master had been murdered, presumably by one of them.

How remarkable, then, the expression Paul uses, "My son Onesimus whom I have begotten in my bonds." He calls the thief his son! Again he refers to him as "my very heart" (v. 12 R. V.) and says, "If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself" (v. 17). Anything which could make a Pharisee talk so about a slave is certainly worthy of consideration and the wonder of it is increased as we recall that Paul was a Roman citizen also.

Again, as if punning on Onesimus' name, he says that he was in time past "to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me." What was this power that had taken Onesimus out of the refuse heap of society and made him useful to all to whom he was related? Voltaire said, "Philosophy does not concern itself with common minds. We have never undertaken to enlighten cobblers and mill-servants. We leave that to apostles."

Turning Point for John B. Gough.

Well, fortunately, the apostles knew a power, even the gospel which is unto salvation to every one who believes. We wonder what Voltaire could have done for Onesimus, or to come to modern times, for John B. Gough? Gough once lay in the gutter, drunk, with the noisily man pouring down on his face. A good woman passed by and in compassion threw her handkerchief over his blotted face to protect it. When he awoke he found the dainty handkerchief and was greatly moved. Said he, "I am deep enough down, God knows, but some one has thought me worth pitying, and if I am worth pitying, I am worth saving." It was the turning point in his life, and that he became "profitable" needs no demonstration.

Finally Paul bids Philemon receive this man, "not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord." As one has put it, "In the flesh Philemon had the brother for his slave; in the Lord Philemon had the slave for his brother." We need not urge that a gospel which made master and slave brethren sounded the death knell of slavery.

First Christianize—Then Civilize.

We hear much today of social reform, but forget sometimes that "the soul of improvement is the improvement of the soul." Would that we might learn from the story of Onesimus this truth, which all the Christian centuries illustrate. The history of missions in Greenland is a typical one. Hans Egede went out first and labored faithfully on the theory that we should first civilize, then Christianize. But he finally gave up his task as hopeless. He was followed by John Back, who reversed the process and found the secret of success. From his lips a savage named Kajarnak heard the story of Christ's agony in the garden. It melted his heart and he went out with flowing eyes and irresistible pathos to tell his countrymen the story of the Cross. He does most for social reform who plants most deeply the Spirit of Christ.

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Edward A. Larm was born in Union, Oregon, June 15, 1907, being 11 years, 4 months and 22 days old at the time of his death. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Pratt preaching the funeral services at the cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad hour.

NOTICE TO VOTERS.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 1, Union County, State of Oregon, that a school meeting of said district will be held in the Central School building on the 16th day of November, 1918, from 2 o'clock P. M. to 7 o'clock P. M., to submit to the people the following questions: "Shall the District School Board of School District No. 1, Union County, State of Oregon, sell the property owned by the district and described as Block 86, Chaplin's Addition to the City of La Grande, Oregon, and known as the 'Old White School Grounds,' and to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax."

The total amount of money needed by the district during the fiscal year, beginning on June 17, 1918, and ending June 30, 1919, is estimated in the following budget, and includes the amounts to be received from the County School Fund, State School Fund, Special District Tax and all other moneys of the district.

BUDGET.

Estimated Expenditures—	
1. Teachers' salaries	\$40,401.78
2. Furniture and equipment	525.00
3. Library books	100.00
4. Flags	50.00
5. Repairs of school buildings	2,500.00
6. Improving grounds	100.00
7. Playground equipment	100.00
8. Insurance	275.00
9. Telephone	125.00
10. Janitors' wages	4,120.00
11. Janitors' general supplies (chalk, towels, oils, etc.)	1,125.00
12. Fuel	3,250.00
13. Light and power	950.00
14. Water	500.00
15. Clerk's salary	900.00
16. Postage, stationery and printing	375.00
17. Music, instruction, and penmanship and art supplies	625.00
18. Domestic science, manual training and science and commercial dept. supplies	1,325.00
19. Miscellaneous supplies and expenses	1,275.00
20. For the payment of bonded debt and interest thereon	12,500.00

Total estimated amount of money to be expended for all purposes during the year

Estimated Receipts.

From the County School Fund during the coming year

From State School Fund during the coming year

From County High School during the coming year

Total estimated receipts, not including the money to be received from the tax which it is proposed to vote

Recapitulation.

Total estimated expenses for the year

Total estimated receipts, not including the tax to be voted

Balance, amount to be raised by district tax

Dated this 1st day of November, 1918.

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CHAS. H. REYNOLDS,

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Adv. Nov. 2-9-15.

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