

CHRISTIAN LIFE IS EXALTED IN SERMON BY REV. H. N. ALDRICH

Not Question of Saving From Hell, But Rather Saving From Self—Man May be Machine or Operator, a Son or a Servant

Living the Christian life is not a mere question of saving oneself from hell, but rather a question of saving oneself from himself, a task which calls into use all the energies of Heaven and required the death of the self. This was a thought put forth in the Sunday morning sermon of Rev. Horace N. Aldrich, pastor of Leslie Methodist church.

God's purpose is man himself, the minister assumed, and He has not devised a scheme to make a gain of man's labors. Will man choose to be a machine or an operator was one of the questions implied in the sermon. Will man make his relation to God that of a son who is anxious to help work out the will of God, or will he make himself merely a bond servant who acts under compulsion.

The text of the sermon was Galatians 4:7. "Wherefore, thou art no more a bond servant, but a son; and is a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

The minister said in part: "A true estimate of an object or a condition is obtained only by viewing it in its highest relations. Mere appearance, or the comparisons made in the immediate surroundings, are most deceptive and cannot be used as accurate measures of value. A pearl in its local setting, simply indicates the injury to the oyster, and an effort on its part to reduce the consequent irritation, but the value of the pearl is measured not by what it means to the oyster, but by its commercial quality in the eyes of men.

"Thus Christian endeavor cannot be accurately measured by any simple relation of life.

Two Opinions Held By World.

"The world holds two general opinions of the Christian. First that he is a self deluded simpleton, who has convinced himself that certain impossible things are true, merely because he wishes to believe them. Second, his life is an effort to protect himself from the calamities of the judgment and to provide a refuge from the storm. Even the Christian himself fails to grasp the full significance of the life that is in him. He sees himself by self delusions here winning comforts hereafter working and suffering for the hopes of reward, and an escape from condemnation. All of which is a false impression and should be speedily corrected.

The True Idea Given.

"God's estimate of life is the true one. The needs of the world appeal to him; and, trying to supply these needs, everything has value according as it aids in accomplishing that purpose. The present and future are evenly balanced with Him; for He knows that the little forces of today are passed away tomorrow. The yellow gold of the mines, and the cattle upon the thousand hills have no intrinsic worth to Him; these He can create at will; they are means, and as they operate upon the character of him who uses them. The achievements of the human brain, the skill of our fingers, take their place in the scale as they minister to our good. God's purpose is man himself. He has not devised a scheme to make a gain of our labors; all that we can

he is not less a son. Would you question such a father's wisdom?"

"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

"If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

"But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"

"For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness."

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

"Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

"And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed."

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:"

"Looking diligently lest any man fall of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.—Hebrews 12:5.

"To be a son means to be an heir. Whatever be the trials and burdens of the son, they lead to possession at least. Heir of all things, as fully as they are now Christ's they shall be ours at last. The training we have received will then play its part in enabling us to do what shall then be our duties.

Preparation For Eternity.

"This makes plain what was said about measuring things by their highest relations. Here we are weak, full of faults, stumbling, and full of fears, but holding a place in the universe that cannot be taken away.

"Wherefore thou art no more a bond servant but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

"My Father is rich in houses and lands. He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold. His coffers are full—He has riches untold."

"My Father's own Son, the Savior of men. Once wanderer o'er earth as the poorest of men; But now He is reigning forever on high. And will give me a home in Heaven by and by."

"I once was an outcast stranger A sinner by choice, and an alien by birth. But I've been adopted, my name's written down— An heir to a mansion, a robe, and a crown;

"A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there! The exiled from home, yet still I may sing: All glory to God, I'm the child of a King."

"I'm the child of a King! The child of a King! With Jesus my Savior, I'm the child of a King."

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WHEN a man rounds out more than half a century of active lecturing, with a record of having delivered a single lecture more than 5,000 times, he needs no press commendation of his ability to instruct and please his audiences. Such is the extraordinary record of the dean of American platform lecturers, Dr. Russell H. Conwell of Temple University, Philadelphia, whose lecture "Ages of Diamonds" has become a classic. Dr. Conwell can devote but a brief period of time to lecturing, and this community is fortunate in securing one of the few lecture engagements made for the present lyceum season. The appearance of this eminent divine, the oldest lecturer in point of service on the American platform, but with a message very young, will be a real event in this community.

HOFF WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE ANOTHER TIME

Labor Commissioner Makes Announcement at Astoria Convention

ADVANCE IS DESCRIBED

Finds More Friendly Attitude Toward Organized Labor Than Formerly

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special to The Statesman.)—O. P. Hoff, labor commissioner for Oregon for fifteen years, will not be a candidate to succeed himself in the election of this year. Commissioner Hoff made this announcement at the opening of his address before the State Federation of Labor convention today.

Mr. Hoff spoke as follows: "This is the fifteenth annual convention of the State Federation of

Labor that it has been my privilege to attend. As Commissioner of Labor I come in close touch with your work. To have a better understanding of your ideas, aims and intentions it is necessary that the commissioner should attend your meetings. I am, therefore, to some extent present in an official capacity. This, however, will be the last time I shall appear before you as such, as I shall not be a candidate to succeed myself.

Association Held Pleasant

"The thought that in the future, after this year is finished, I shall be less prominent in your affairs stirs in me the feeling that presses hard on the human heart when separating even in a small degree from an association that has grown to be a part of one's life. I shall always recall many pleasant memories of helpful aid given me in the performance of my duties.

"As I took charge of the bureau of labor when it was first established and organized the same, building it up to what it is, I may be pardoned for feeling proud of its work and thankful to you who have so ably assisted me. The difficulties met, the opposition to be overcome can hardly be understood except by those directly in the work. I am happy to say, however, that today business men, broad-minded men and men of big affairs have come to look upon the work in a very different light from what they did fifteen years ago.

"We have advanced; the progressive spirit has grown. Still there is much to be done and always will be, and to you falls the duty to see that everybody's right is protected.

"The workmen have rights that must be guarded by laws, the employers also have rights that, as honest workmen and as loyal employees, you must also protect. Protection to every man, justice to all, is a good watchword.

"There have been instances when I differed from some of you; possibly a few instances when I differed from all of you. There have been times some of you thought I did not act hasty enough or with sufficient force, but, my friends, there never has been a time when I did not act according to my honest conviction and the dictates of my sense of honor.

Beneficial Laws Enacted

"I have always remembered that, as labor commissioner, it was my duty to see justice done to the workers as far as lay in my power; that laws for his benefit were enacted and enforced, and at the same time, keeping in mind that the employer, also entitled to a just and square deal. Falling in the work, at times, falls to every man's lot as it has to mine. We are, after all, only human, and it is human to err.

"It is your duty, and it is my duty, while we are standing up for our own rights, to be careful that we do not step on the rights of others.

"Your principle is justice to all, and it should be guarded in the most sacred manner. The fact that others do wrong does not justify you or me in doing the same. And let us not forget that, as between employer and employe, one cannot live without the other.

"In the tremendous conflict of arms in which we, as a nation, are engaged to perpetuate the glorious principle of democracy, our great duty lies along the line of production. Guns, ships, munitions, clothing, and great quantities of all food, are the prime necessities of this war. Men for the bearing of arms, the manning of our battle and merchant ships and of directing the fire of the ponderous guns of war on the battle front, we will have a plenty.

"It is, then, up to all of us to see that the machinery of production is not idle for a single moment, and as food constitutes the greatest element of necessity, both at home and abroad, we must not only conserve but bend our every effort to see that not a crumb of bread or kernel of grain is wasted by reason of a shortage of labor in the factory, field or orchard.

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Escaping from a dark alleyway—with shoulders bent beneath a load of plunder—a burglar comes up behind a bluecoated policeman. Clinging to his swag with one hand, he makes a vicious swing at the policeman's head with his blackjack. The officer staggers under a glancing blow, draws his nightstick, and turns to defend himself. Stunned as he is, at first the battle goes against him. His kicking, biting, gouging opponent appears certain of victory. Slowly, however, the reserve strength and training of the officer begins to tell. The policeman holds off his assailant, and finally is able to fight back on something approaching even terms.

Meanwhile, across the street three pious gentlemen who have watched the whole encounter from the beginning are sitting on the chest of a very angry citizen who is trying to break away and go to the help of the bluecoat.

Says Pious Gentleman Number One: "Haven't you ever heard that just before the policeman graduated from a primary school he stole an apple from a neighbor's orchard? He is just as bad as the burglar."

Says Pious Gentleman Number Two: "Can't you see that the policeman is trying to hit the burglar just as hard as the burglar is hitting him? How can you countenance or encourage the work of an encourage such a brutal use of force?"

Says Pious Gentleman Number Three: "Dear friend, why disturb yourself? Perhaps the policeman will win, anyhow; righteousness generally triumphs in the long run. Why are you foolish enough to want to dirty your hands in such an unseemly fight?"

Is this a picture of an absurd and impossible situation? Not at all. As the explosively dogmatic hero of Shaw's "Misalliance" would say: "Read La Follette! Read Hillquit! Read Hearst! Read John Haynes Holmes!"—Outlook.

A GOOD FORGETTERY.

"Tommy," said his mother reprovingly, "what did I say I'd do to you if I ever caught you stealing jam again?"

Tommy scratched his head with his stick fingers.

"Why, that's funny, ma, that you should forget it, too. Hanced if I can remember it."—Exchange.

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"You organized workers, while not in large numbers, as compared to the whole, are leaders of labor, the builders of American standards of workingmen's homes. It is to you that the people look for the rule of manhood that may be expected from the toilers.

"It is for you to set a lofty standard of loyalty to your God, to your homes and to your country, and my belief in all of you to fulfill this sacred mission is unbounded."

MEMBERS HEAR MRS. CARLISLE

Experiences in Russia Are Told at Recent Meeting of Salem Women

People who have actually been in the war stricken countries across the seas are few and far between in Salem, and those who arrive here and tell of their experiences are eagerly sought. Mrs. Mabel C. Carlisle, who left Petrograd, Russia, last August, after a seven years' residence there, has come to Salem to live and Saturday gave a stirring address before the members of the Salem Woman's club at the Commercial club rooms.

Her husband, Dr. William Carlisle, was a dentist at the Russian court, and came intimately in touch with conditions in Russia. Saturday, Mrs. Carlisle told Salem women of her impressions and experiences of Russia and in Russia. Mrs. Carlisle said in part:

"On my arrival in Petrograd on December 22, 1910, I was charmed with the white landscape. Nothing but snow as far as the eye could travel, and how different to anything I had ever seen or imagined before. Like most people who have never lived there, I had always thought of the Russians as a people quite different from ourselves, not quite so civilized in fact, and certainly not so well instructed. But after living there some time I realized they are on a whole more well informed on many subjects than the average European or American. They read the classics in more languages than their own and are also a most musical people, high and low alike.

"Most Russians are very kind-hearted and extremely impulsive. They like and admire the English and endeavor to copy us in dress and manners; that is why they like their children to have English instructors.

"Their favorite beverage is tea; not the Indian brand that we drink, but the China tea. They make it very weak, put in lemon instead of cream, and some of the men will drink as many as ten glasses in an evening.

"The religion in Russia is mostly Greek Orthodox. That being the state religion, it is advisable for all Russians who wish to get on to cling to that faith. Missionaries are not encouraged, and until two years ago the Salvation army was not allowed in the country. Their greatest church feast is Easter. During Lent they fast furiously, but after midnight on the day after Good Friday

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