

World Being Drawn Toward Jesus Christ Rev. Launer Asserts

That all men are being drawn, today more than ever before, toward Jesus Christ, was the contention advanced by Rev. F. W. Launer of the Chalmers street Evangelical church in his sermon Sunday morning.

"Never before," he declared, "have the teeming masses of the world been so busy as at the present time in issuing books that propagate the sentiments of Jesus of Nazareth. One hundred and sixty million copies of the Bible have been issued within the last 75 years."

Rev. Mr. Launer used the text, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."—John 12, 32.

"All nations, all classes," he said, "all conditions of men are assuredly riveting their attention upon one, whose coming into the world was the intent that the thoughts of many might be revealed."

Raising the query what it is in man that is drawn out toward Christ, Rev. Launer declared, "with some, it is merely admira-

tion of His character, or for the purity and wisdom of His teachings that is awakened; with others it is merely the interest which a great reformer who has revolutionized society awakens; with still others, there is the acknowledgement of His claims to be divine, and wonder at His marvelous works. But if, observing all this, we stop here, we shall lose sight of the most marked phenomenon connected with the attractive power of the cross. One other fact the patient observer must notice, who is proceeding to a truly scientific man-

ner to investigate this most wonderful sight. Men of all ages, all classes, all nations, hanging on to Christ as if held by invisible bonds and that fact is summed up in one expressive word—love.

"Jesus draws men to himself; He does not coerce them. The triumphs of the cross are won by love, not by violence. His grace is abundant; His love is constant. But He never attracts any heart that is not found 'willing in the day of His power.'"

"Jesus Christ draws men to their own minds, as they are led to feel their lost condition as sinners, their impotence to help themselves, their need of just such a saviour as He is, and come by faith to lay hold upon him as He is offered in the gospel. Thus Jesus, stretched upon the cross with outstretched arms, is drawing us to Himself today. He is drawing us by the spectacle of His matchless sufferings and death."

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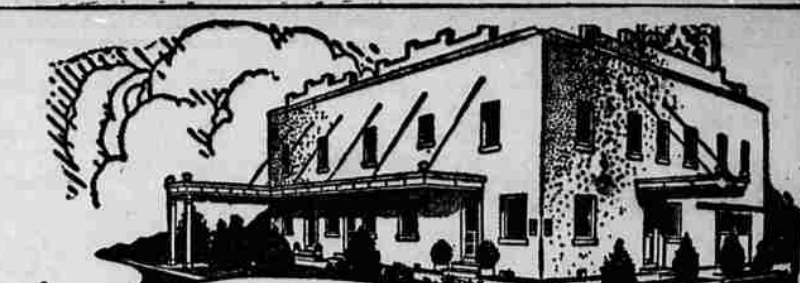
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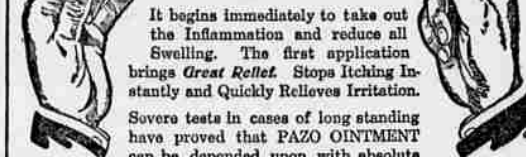
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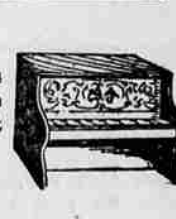





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