

TELLS WHY HE IS A CHRISTIAN

Dr. Palmer Sketches Delights of Paradise—Man 70 Years of Age Is Won for Christ—Many Who Have Been Christians.

The meeting Thursday at the Baptist revival was one of the best. There were a number of conversions, among them a man, perhaps, 70 years of age. Before the sermon Miss Florence Hazelrigg sang with much impressiveness a splendid gospel solo.

Dr. Ray Palmer's sermon was based on I Peter 3:15: "Give a Reason of the Hope That Is in You."

The speaker said in part: "I am a Christian because I like my company. I look back through the ages and I find that the good and great of every age have been Christians—the prophets, the apostles, the holy martyrs. I love to keep company with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, with David, Isaiah and Jeremiah, with John the Baptist, Peter and Paul, with Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Knox, with George Whitfield, John Wesley and Charles Spurgeon, with Adoniram Judson, William Carey and John G. Patton, with Henry Ward Beecher, Joseph Parker and Phillips Brooks, with Charles Finney, D. L. Moody and J. Wilber Chapman; with R. A. Torrey, Gypsy Smith and William Sunday."

"Yes, the army of martyrs, reformers, preachers, missionaries, statesmen, yea, the army of the best and purest men and women of earth has been and are Christians. I love my company and feel supremely proud to be numbered among them."

"On the other hand I do not desire the companionship of those on the other side. I might live a good moral life, but see the company I should have to keep, an army of drunkards, thieves, thugs, robbers, adulterers, fornicators, atheists, infidels, gamblers, swearers and anarchists. Let those who will choose that company, but 'as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.' Yes, as a Christian, I am greatly delighted with my company!"

"Again I am a Christian because I know there is a hell awaiting the ungodly and I do not desire to go there—the fact of hell is written not only all through the Bible, but on the very face of earth, sea and sky. Jesus Christ declared that 'these shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal.' The Savior makes use of the same Greek word in describing the duration of the punishment of the wicked and of the joy of the righteous. Jesus said: 'The wicked shall be turned into hell with all nations that forget god.'"

"In the Bible we read 'the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever.' Christ himself describes in detail the horrible suffering of dives in hell. I tell you my brother whatever hell is, I intend never to there, by the grace of God I am determined to steer as far as possible away from the black shores of damnation."

"Again I am a Christian because I know there is a heaven and I desire, oh, I supremely desire to go there. I have had enough sorrow and trouble in this world. I have had many dark days and stormy nights, the voyage of life has been exceedingly rough. Again and again my heart has sunk in a sea of sadness. Oh I do desire when I leave this world to make my home in heaven. The prophets and the apostles have told us about that country. The sages and the poets have written joyfully of that final home of the soul. Jesus tells us about it and says: 'Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me, in my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you into myself that where I am there ye may be also.'"

John on the lonely Isle of Patmos received from God a vision of that 'Holy City, the new Jerusalem' which he saw coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying behold the tabernacle is with men and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be their God, and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

"And there shall be no more curse but the throne of God and the lamb shall be in it and they shall see his face and his name shall be in their foreheads and there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun for the Lord God giveth them light and they shall reign forever and ever. Oh, with all my heart I want to go there, don't you? Many of my brethren and friends are there with whom I have labored in the blessed work of my

master. Many of my loved ones are there on that golden shore waiting for me to come. My precious mother, Martha Stanley Palmer, left us at thirty-two, and father, Elias Lausing Palmer, who departed at ninety-two, are both there. The angel bride of my youth, Cora Freeman Palmer, and my sweet sister Ellen Dustin, are there. My darling little children, Deulah and Lausing Burke, are in heaven; all are there waiting for me to come.

"Oh it seemeth such a little way to me, Across to that strange country the beyond And yet not so strange for it has grown to be The home of those of whom I am so fond. So near it lies that when my sight is clear It think I also see the gleaming strand. I know that those who once were here, Come near enough sometimes to touch my hand. I never stand beside the hier And see the seal of death set on some level face. But what I think one more to welcome me When I shall leave this dear world for that dearer country over there, One more to make the stranger beyond seem fair. And so for me there is no sting of death And so the grave has lost its victory. It is but crossing with hated breath and pale set face The narrow strip of sea To meet the loved ones waiting on the shore. More beautiful and more precious than before."

Long Flash Is Caught.

HLAWACO, Wash., Dec. 16.—This morning the North Head naval wireless station communicated with the United States cruiser South Dakota, then 1600 miles west of Honolulu. The distance from North Head was 3806 miles. The fleet has been in constant communication with the Pacific coast since leaving the states through this station.

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Will Confer With Taft and Wickersham Regarding New Developments Which Came to Light During Grand Jury Probe.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 16.—Oscar Lawler, former assistant attorney general of the United States and now in charge of the local investigation into the alleged nationwide dynamite conspiracy, will go to Washington when the probe is ended here, probably next Monday, to confer with President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham.

From a semi-official source it was learned today that some startling development, which has been brought to light, allies the California end to the Indianapolis inquiry more closely than was thought possible a week ago. From Washington Lawler will go to Indianapolis, where he will aid in the investigation now being directed by the federal authorities there toward some of the highest officers of national labor union organizations.

While no authoritative information was obtainable, it was learned from a reliable source today that six indictments will ultimately be returned against California labor leaders. Arrests may not be made until the federal probe in Indianapolis is closed, as it is believed that the department of justice at Washington aims to strike all those indicted at one time.

There was no session of the grand jury here today.

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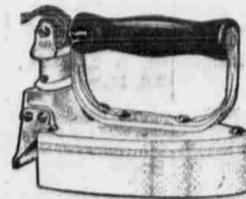
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