

ANOTHER BRAVE MINISTER

Rev. A. J. Haynes of New Haven Ct., recently delivered a powerful sermon which entitles him to a place by the side of Dr. Gladden. Rev. Haynes took for his text Matthew xxi, 12 and 13, which pictures Christ in the act of driving the money changers out of the Temple because they had made his house a "den of thieves." As an illustration of the demoralizing influence which the Rockefeller gift has already exerted, he quotes the Prudential committee as expressing the opinion that Rockefeller would not have given the money if he had thought it hush money. Here the committee in attempting to defend itself enters into a defense of the motives of Mr. Rockefeller.

Appealing to the young men in his audience future leaders of the church, he said:

"Here I close my discourse and turn over this whole question to you. And yet I would not close without one word of appeal—not to this great congregation up on the main floor, but to those young men who sit in the gallery at my right. They are the future leaders of our church. Through them I am preaching to a hundred congregations this morning; and I care far more how they look upon this matter than I care how you of our membership look upon it. Accordingly, I make my appeal to them—not an appeal to them as theological stu-

dents, but an appeal to them as men who have felt on the altars of their hearts the kindling of Christ's passion for the people. You are to remember His touch was always soft and tender upon the head bowed in sorrow or in pain, but you are to remember also that it was the same hand that twisted the litho cords into an instrument of punishment, when He found the holy religion of His Father's cloaking the cruelties and extortions and briberies of the despoilers of the poor. The battle is on today, and it is the same battle that was on in Jesus' time. On one side are the forces that are "morally iniquitous and socially destructive;" on the other side all those who are seeking "a finer order of justice and human opportunity."

"Never, in all history, has the Christian church had such an opportunity as it has today; never has it been so imminently in danger of missing that opportunity through shameful alliance with methods and men that it ought to denounce. Are you to be priests mumbling the pious commonplaces of a dead age, or are you to live by the ideals of the past or those of the future? Are you to fall back upon the standards of yesterday, or lift up new standards for tomorrow? You are men of the people who have come from the people; you have worked with your own hands, you have climbed by sheer force of intellect and moral purpose to your present place of high privilege. What will you do with your opportunity? Will you take sides with the people or will you join hands with those who for unholy gain are exploiting them, and seeking, in the interests of the existing order of things, to dominate the church? O, I must believe that to ask the question is to answer it! I must believe that when you go out to your ministry you will set your faces against the social wrongs that are all about us. Never pray for a popular ministry. Never pray for a harmonious ministry. Never pray for an easy ministry. Pray, rather, for a ministry that will stir the feelings and thoughts of men into turmoil. Pray for a ministry that will sharply divide the forces of evil from those that are good. Pray for a ministry that will wear you down to the bone in defense of those stern rights for which the great Protector stood. What more can I say? What more need I say than this—may God send you forth to His ministry with words of sweet persuasion on your lips, but may He send you, also, with the whip of cords in your hand. May He send you under the quiet compulsion of His love, but may He kindle also, the spirit of protest within your souls; and may you go forth to supply that greatest need of the world today—the need of men to stand, not only for the right, but against the wrong."

TOO GREAT A PUNISHMENT

A certain music hall bore the unenviable reputation of possessing absolutely the worst band in existence. On a benefit night a "star" had promised to do a "turn," and in consequence the hall was filled to overflowing.

When the "star's" time had arrived, instead of that eagerly expected individual, the perspiring manager came before the curtain holding a telegram in his hand. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "I regret to have to inform you that the 'Great Gasser' cannot (storm of hisses) possibly arrive for at least another quarter of an hour (great applause). In the meantime, the band will play you a selection."

There was dead silence for a moment, and then a small boy in the gallery shrieked out:

"Mr. Johnson! Mr. Johnson! Don't let the band play, sir; we will be quiet

we will, indeed, sir!"—Auckland, N. Z. News.

THE EXTREME PENALTY

"Justice David J. Brewer," said a Philadelphian, "made an address not long ago at Haverford. After this address there was an informal little reception, and very interesting it was

to hear the justice talk. A Haverford boy said to the learned man during a lull in the conversation:

"Will you please tell me, sir, what is the extreme penalty for bigamy?"

"Justice Brewer smiled and answered:

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