d of Christian Sociology BY MAYNARD L. DAGGY.

Men whose religion is broad enough to encompass this world as well as the world to come, will recognize at once the need of Christian Sciology. Men whose religion consists of a conglomeration of musty dogmas, will immediately express a righteous indignation at the suggestion that religion possesses a temporal aspect Be it said to their shame, we can expect to meet the unanimons opposition of the latter class, for during a period of two and years their forces have blocked the path of human progress.

With pharisaical vigor they upheld the deeds of Pontius Pilate, raising their voices in demoniac rage against the man of Nazareth: "Away with this man! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" They kindled the fires of Spanish Inquisition; sharpened the guillotines of the French Revolution; multiplied the days of the black man's bondage.

To them religion is a superficial form without an inner meaning. To them a raging, everlasting hell, hideous with the agonizing moans of erring, finite man, is the fundamental of religion; to escape its horrors by the observance of man-made ceremonies is the end toward which they future, while up from the huts of the sub-Columbias white slaves, up from the lips of famished humanity, comes the cry of bitter agony-the cry of a crucified tic power and such conditions are in di-Christ. The modern pharisee would rob the orphan, oppress the widow and ex- Christ proclaimed. the orphan, oppress the widow and ex-pect to meet Divine approval by exempli-lying the blasphemous doctrine that the church has naught to do with the affairs of the present world.

That in the closing years of the nineteenth century-an age made resplendent by the unparallelled achievments of science, invention and christian truth-a class of people should raise their voices against every effort which seeks to interpret the Divine religion of Jesus Christ in its relation to human affairs, is a fact paradoxical, yet none the less true.

"Tis true, 'tis pity; pity 'tis, 'tis true.'"
To banish the relics of ignorance, super stition and prejudice; to interpret and fulfill its duty in the great social conflict of the century; to vitalize the dormant forces within the fold, is the problem which confronts the church.

A study of the New Testament reveals man in a double relation. First, His relation to his god. Second, His rela-tion to his fellowmen. The science which considers the first mentioned relation is theology; while it is the province of sociology to consider the second rela-

The diverse opinions upon theology are manifested in the many sectarian divisions of the Christian church. Every man has his distinctive theological views generally, like his political beliefs, handed down to him from some ancient ancestor. It is not within the province of this paper to deal with theology, unless it be incidentally. It is to be hoped that the reader will eleminate his or her sectarian opinions and go with the writer on a search for truth. To find the truth is the only in ral end of intellectual effort; to

is the primary aim that should inspire our efforts. Upon the sociological aspect ignorance is almost universal. Abstractly considered, men of all creeds and men of no creeds-Christian, Jew, agnostic and infidel-agree that in our varied social relations justice, righteonsness, and love should reign. But when it is proposed

to make a concrete application of this abstract truth we find a diversity of well devised objections, in which ignorance, prejudice and selfishness are potent determining factors. Thus, we pray loudly for justice, but when it is proposed to reform our social conditions we are loudly warned not to mix politics with religion. And when we attempt to enforce the eighth commandment, a crowd of fawning sycophants, cringing before the throne of Mammon, tell us that business and religion must be divorced. That such is the prevalent idea as to the nature and function of religion, must certainly impress upon us that sociological investigation is today the most imperative duty of every follower of Jesus Christ. During all of his public ministry Christ was uttering great social truths and urging his hearers to establish in this world the kingdom of heaven -the symbol of justice, righteousness and truth. One bright day, when His great heart was bursting with that Divine love for humanity, He led the curious crowds up to the top of the mountand gave to them a grand system of political economy and social justice. He taught them that love, embodied in every outward expression of human activity, was the end for which they must labor, and denounce the cunning scribes and pharisees, who embodied the law of But the people understood him not. The ruling classes, whose preemin-ence was coextensive with the existence of theories and systems based upon ignorance, saw that the acceptance of the new teaching meant the reconstruction of moral and social standards which would have condemned the sins which they personified. And, if when Christ hung upon the tree of Calvary some prophet had stood within its sacred shadow we venture that he would have recorded the story of how privilege and power in ages to come would crucify the leaders in human rights who would proclaim the practicability of the golden rule and the law of love.

And true would have been the prophet's vision. The lineal descendants of the ancient Pharisees still fear that the social economy of Christ will be enacted into organic law, hence loud and long they cry against the innovation of the true desciples of the Nazerene. The average church member today is as ignorant of the real vital essence of Christ's teachings as were the people two thousand years ago. The Sermon on the Mount is read, but its tenching is yet to be translated into the lives and affairs of man. That refined atheism which speaks from the rented pew and cries aloud in the busy marts of industrial life, rejects the teachings of Christ with a vigor which would put to shame the infidelity that nailed the Christ to Calvary's cross. The hosts of sin are gathered thick today; they must be conquered by a united army who shall seek to win the world for right in the actualization of the golden rule.

Conditions unrivalled in civilization's history confront us. The realizations of man's inherent ideal—the harmonious development of his physical, mental, ethical and spiritual nature—has been impossible to an ever increasing army of the sons of earth. To countiess thousands life is an unremitting search for bread, m which the higher man is trampled ruth-lessly beneath the feet of stronger rivals. The gaunt epector of want is ever present. It meets the laborer as he enters his humble abode at night; it startles him in his dreams; it follows him through

his day of toil. Those innate aspira-tions of a woman's heart find little reali zation in the dwelling of the laborer, and she is forced to toil in ceaseless drudgery that those less worthy may enjoy the products of her loved ones toil. By day and night, when massive church door's swing not open, the saloon with inviting lights and seductive music opens wide its genial doors and bids the weary work er drown his sorrow beneath the buoyant waves of intoxication.

Avarice and greed, mighty monarchs of industrial life, continue their schemes of legal spoliation. Before their imperial mandate the rights of man are degraded and the Almighty dollar reigns in court and congress. A laborer steals a loaf to keep away grim want, a court's degree hurls him behimd the bars; a national banker robs his helpless creditors; a corporation court turns him loose to further prey upon his fellowmen. A sweatshop slave sells her soul for a crust of bread and society turns an icy hand; a millionaire heiress is purchased by a profligate Count, and press and public strive. Disregarding the lessons of the greet her with approving smiles. A wendell Phillips hurls his bolts of truth sent, they turn their faces towards the against the cruelties of conventional life, and penury and want are the reward he receives; a Rcckefeller erects a merged tents, up from the sweat-shops of university upon the wrecked fortunes of honest men, and a servile press pro claims his greatness to all the world.

Such are the devastations of plutocra-

And what is the church doing in this social conflict? Let statistics answer and they will tell you that the church no longer influences the masses, for only 5 per cent are regular attendants. Let the laboring men of our cities answeras they hiss the name of the church while loudly applauding the name of Christ. Let th man of business answer as he points to the shrewdest rascal in trade who may be the first in church. Let the pulpit answer as it discusses ancient history while thousands starve within the very sound of its voice. Let the thousands of moral cowards answer who pray aloud in church and vote with the devil on election day. Let the crucified Christ answer as with a voice of love He says, "In asmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these, my brethren, ye did it not unto

Community of interest cannot well exist between the magnificent churches of our cities and the attire of humble men. And then men who have toiled for six long weary days find little help or inspiration in sermons which deal with creed and dogma. Men see the expression of ignorance on sociology in the columns of the daily papers and there is little encourage ment in hearing newspaper arguments against progress, reform and applied Christianity reiterates in the pulpit.

The church needs to call to her aid science the hand-maiden of religion, and act upon scientific principles in her operations. Thus, she would be led to see the inconsistency of men with physical needs unsupplied beings developed spiritually. She would realize that whatever is, is not always right, hence she would cry out for an industr ment based upon justice between man and man. She would raise to a plane of Christian ethics, where she would scorn to take the earnings of Gould and Rocke feller and thus would free herself from all possible obligation to legalized brigands. Her ministers would speak out boldly against the wrong and dishonest men would no longer hide their deeds behind the cloak of religion. She would arouse the energies within her fold to a realization of the fact tkat every problem that confronts mankind is essentially a reli gious problem, and the civic and political life would be quickened, and a divine enthusiasm for humanity would sweep through the hearts of Christians as the fires of the prairies sweep across the

boundless plains.

The church has reached her crisis Either she will awake to the needs of the hour, or the reaction against her policy will hurl the land into the brutal materialism of continental philosophy. It is not God without man that we want, neither is it man without God that we desire. It is a rational equilibrium be tween these two factors that Christian sociology must establish. It must realize the eternal truths of the Sermon on the Mount. To it must we look for the solution of the problems of mankind. Industrial, political and social life must conform to its teachings of justice. The church must not only pray, but in the home, at the shop, at the meeting and at the ballot box her members must say. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." Then when our efforts here are finished we may well expect to hear the master's voice "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Greencastle, Ind.

Severed an Artery.

Walter Walker, the foreman in the lumber yard of Guian & Ledwich. Omaha, committed suicide Monday night. He was despondent over the fatal illness of his daughter, who, with his wife, is in Colorado. He was fiftytwo years of age and was a soldier, enlisting in the First Nebraska infantry. He was staying at the house of John Jeffcoat, where he killed him-He was staying at the house self by cutting the arteries of the wrist.

110 at Blue Hill.

The heat at Blue Hill Monday was intense. At 4 p. m. the thermometer registered 110 in the shade. A hot wind prevailed all day.

Demented Farmer Disappears

W. W. Baker, a farmer living about six miles south of Plainview, left his home Saturday night. He had been acting strangely for several days previous and it is believed he is either insane or committed some violence on himself. His family and friends have been searching for him but have not got any clue at to his whereabouts.

New Militia Company. Adjutant-General Barry Monday authorized Charles A. Vickers of Madison to organize a militia company. This will be the first company organized under the new administration.

PANIC ON A STEAMER.

Two Killed and Thirteen Injured in an Excursion Boat Race.

CHICAGO, June 25 .- By the explosion of a steam valve in the whaleback steamer Christopher Columbus, off Waukegan Saturday night, two men were killed and thirteen were dangerously or painfully injured. The dead are: Frank Wilson, coal passer, E. J. Steit, fireman.

It was the homeward run of the whaleback on its opening summer exwhaleback on its opening summer excursion to Milwaukee. About 350 souls were aboard. Flying flags, with music referee. Referee Jacobs will deterand dancing, was the order of the evening. Half a mile in the boat's wake plowed the rival excursion steamer, the Virginia, which cleared the harbor some fifteen minutes later and had on every pound of steam pos-sible to overtake her competitor. On the outward trip the Virginia had not only held the advantage but doubled it, and the crew of the whaleback were determined that they should not be

passed, and the Virginia was gaining. Suddenly there was a shock of explosion. The steam valve in a sixinch connecting pipe over the star-board battery of three boilers had blown out. Down in the hold six firemen and a waterman found themselves enveloped in a scalding mist so thick one could not see his hand. When they tried to make the ladder they jammed against the heated oven doors. In their frenzy they fell over one another and delayed embracing the slight chance of escape offered. The blinding vapor made help impos-

The scalded men were brought up to the cabin as soon as possible, and several surgeons who were on board did all possible to alleviate their sufferings. For three hours the whaleback lay, getting up steam for resum-ing the journey. It was found that one battery of three boilers had been made useless, but the other was cut off from it, and at 11 o'clock there was enough pressure to start the engines. The beat finally reached her dock in Chicago at 3:15 a. m., with a pretty badly scared lot of passengers.

COREA'S POLICY.

She Is Ready to Jilt Japan and Throw Herself at Russia.

YOROHAMA, June 7, via San Franciso, June 25.—Although no international complications are apprehended on Formosa's account, the latest Corean developments are justly regarded with grave anxiety. Count Inonye, the Japanese representative at Seoul, has been recalled, ostensibly to take part in consultations as to the future policy of Japan, but really, it is believed, to discuss the question of abandoning entirely the attempts to introduce social and political reforms into the corrupt

monarchy.
Until a few weeks ago the dominating influence of the Japanese was securely maintained, but since the announcement of Jahan's submission to the recent demand of Russia and her allies, the Coreans have convinced themselves that Russia alone is to be feared and courted, and that they may safely repudiate their pledge to the island empire. Little deference is paid to Count Inonye, and the government leaders are seeking to ingratiate themselves with the Russian diplomatic agent by every conceivable device.

HAWAIIAN

-Annexation Still Favored.

Honolulu, June 17 .- The first legislature under the republic was called together on the 11th inst. The president's message was read. It deals with many questions of local interest. In speaking of annexation to the United States, the president says:

"While the annexation of this country to the United States of America has not yet been accomplished it still remains the policy of the government. Its consummation will be earnestly sought, with an abiding faith that such a result will be of great and lasting benefit to our country." The president is in favor of a cable.

But two bills have been introduced so far-the new land law and supplemental appropriation bill-one item is a settlement for Princess Kajulani. She is to receive \$4,000 a year from the government, commencing about April 1 of the present year. This money will be paid to her as long as she does not meddle in politics.

MURDERED AND ROBBED. Cashler Birch Shot Down at His Deal

by a Masked Desperado. CHICAGO, June 25 .- C. B. Birch. cash receiver for the West Chicago

street railway company at the Armitage avenue cable barns, was shot and fatally wounded at at early hour yesterday morning by a man who attempted to rob him of the day's receipts. Birch was alone in his office, when a masked man entered and told him to hold up his hands. Instead of complying Birch reached for his re-volver, when the robber fired two shots at him, steiking in the back and arm. Birch then fired, and before dying said he believed he had hit the man. The robber fired three more shots, hitting Birch in the neck and in the breast, just above the heart. The robber then seized a handful of money from the counter and made his escape.

A Big Coal Combine Formed.

DENVER, Col., June 25.-Northern Colorado coal mine operators are jubilant over the new combination they | O. B. OAKLEY.

tions July 1. It will be known as the Northern Colorado coal company and has already signed contracts with all of the northern mines to buy all of the output at a stated price per ton, thus securing a complete monopoly of all the coal produced in Northern Colo rado.

The Corbett Divorce Case. New York, June 25 .- Judge McAdam in the special term of the supreme court on the application of A. H. Hummel, sent the divorce suit brought by mine the issues in strict privacy and ascertain to what amount of alimeny, if any, the plaintiff is entitled.

Shot Trixle Through the Heart. SANDUSKY, Ohio, June 19 .- B. L. Hastings, aged 27, who recently came here from St. Louis and stayed at a resort kept by his sister, Artic Hastings, on Decatur street, shot Trixic St. Clair, an inmate of the house, through the heart in a fit of jealousy. She the heart in a fit of jealousy. She died instantly. Hastings then shot himself twice in the left breast, and he is now at police headquarters in a critical condition. Hastings says he intended to kill both himself and the girl, as she had gone back on him.

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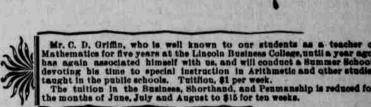
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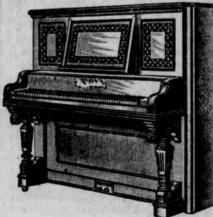
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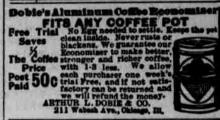


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