

The Need of Christian Sociology

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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 Sociology.

With pharisaical vigor they upheld the deeds of Pontius Pilate, raising their voices in denunciation against the man of Nazareth: "Away with this man! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

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;

That in the closing years of the nineteenth century—an age made resplendent by the unparalleled achievements 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.

To banish the relics of ignorance, superstition 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 relation to his fellowmen.

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.

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, righteousness, 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.

But the people understood him not. The ruling classes, whose prominence 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 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 disciples of the Nazarene.

W. W. Baker, a farmer living about six miles south of Plainville, 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.

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.

Conditions unrivaled 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 possible to an ever increasing army of the sons of earth.

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.

Such are the devastations of plutocratic power and such conditions are in direct antagonism to every precept that Christ proclaimed.

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.

Community of interest cannot well exist between the magnificent churches of our cities and the attire of humble men.

The church needs to call to her aid science, the hand-maiden of religion, and act upon scientific principles in her operations.

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.

Walter Walker, the foreman in the lumber yard of Guina & Ledwich, Omaha, committed suicide Monday night. He was despondent over the fatal illness of his daughter, who, with his wife, is in Colorado.

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.

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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.

It was the homeward run of the whaleback on its opening summer excursion to Milwaukee. About 350 souls were aboard. Flying flags, with music and dancing, was the order of the evening.

Suddenly there was a shock of explosion. The steam valve in a six-inch connecting pipe over the starboard battery of three boilers had blown out.

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.

COREA'S POLICY.

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

YOKOHAMA, June 7, via San Francisco, June 25.—Although no international complications are apprehended on Formosa's account, the latest Korean developments are justly regarded with grave anxiety.

Until a few weeks ago the dominating influence of the Japanese was securely maintained, but since the announcement of Japan's submission to the recent demand of Russia and her allies, the Koreans have convinced themselves that Russia alone is to be feared and courted.

HAWAIIAN LEGISLATURE

It Convenes for the First Time June 11—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.

But two bills have been introduced so far—the new land law and supplemental appropriation bill—one item is a settlement for Princess Kaiulani. She is to receive \$4,000 a year from the government, commencing about April 1 of the present year.

MURDERED AND ROBBED.

Cashier Birch Shot Down at His Desk 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 early hour yesterday morning by a man who attempted to rob him of the day's receipts.

A Big Coal Combine Formed.

DENVER, Col., June 25.—Northern Colorado coal mine operators are jubilant over the new combination they

have formed which will begin operations 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 Colorado.

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 Mrs. Ollie Corbett against J. J. Corbett, the pugilist, to Edward Jacobs as referee.

Shot Thru 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, Artie Hastings, on Decatur street, shot Trixie St. Clair, an inmate of the house, through the heart in a fit of jealousy.

THE SONGS OF SAMYEWEL

tell us not in fuddled blunders that our munny must be sowed tell us rather grover dearest how 2 lissen when its round we dont give a knottinental fer yer blessed "parity" what wer kikkin fer iz munny that wont be a rarity

life iz reel & life iz earnest you just bet we know it well from expereunce durin 2 years on the ragged edge uv well not enjoyment but much sorrow which seems liabul 2 stay Jus so long as you o grover keep on top uv buzzards bay

shugar trusts however pleasant make us think our kuntry ded or at least our legislators must each have a punkkin hed lives of grate men awl remind us we mite have a bully time kud we but assist you grover 2 a more salubrious klime

o what depths uv 10 sent wizzard whut a grand finanshul skoller wur disknovered when you told us whut you no about a \$ (uz folks dont ware stand up kol lers) & we dont perpose 2 spend it byiu us yer hi prised dollers

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