

upon this one to teach a very important lesson—a lesson that the world sorely needs at this very hour.

"Martha, Martha, said Christ, 'thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken from her.'"

A SOCIAL BURDEN

If in that day Martha was so engrossed in the preparation of a tempting meal as to complain of Mary's devotion to the Master, what shall we say of present day society?

The kindly rebuke administered to Martha might well be administered to all hosts who in our time put the accent upon the food rather than upon the spirit of hospitality that lies back of the gathering.

The entertainment of friends has become a social burden, because the true spirit of friendship has been quenched by worldliness. If hospitality means anything, the food should be incidental to fellowship, and not the principal thing to be thought of.

Of what real value is a social gathering if, for days before its occurrence, the hostess must spend her time in hunting up new dishes and making the house radiant with flowers, and, for days afterward, devote herself to putting the house in order, all the time wondering if the affair was a success?

RIVALRY THAT KILLS PLEASURE

Rivalry in sumptuousness and extravagance has robbed entertainment of its pleasure and inspiration. If each dinner must be more costly and more attractive than the one of which it is a return; if new dresses must be prepared because every one else is making special preparation, the whole purpose of these interchanges of courtesy is defeated.

Formality crowds out the real and the sincere. Many young married people live beyond their means in their effort to keep up appearances; they try to repay social courtesies with entertainments as lavish or more lavish. Each new display of wealth and vanity sets a new mark and compels a more exhausting effort.

About 20 years ago, Charles Wagner gave to the world a little book entitled "The Simple Life." It was an eloquent protest against the materialism that is making man the servant of his possessions—it was a plea for the resurrection of manhood and womanhood, for the supremacy of the individual over his surroundings.

THE DEPENDENTLY RICH

Just as life is infinitely more important than all the inanimate world about us, so the independence of the individual is more important than the giving of pleasure to the sensual and to worshippers of the god of fashion.

How much money can one honestly earn? Only so much as fairly measures the value of the service that he renders. How much should he desire to collect? No more than he can wisely spend.

We speak of people being "independently rich." It is a misleading phrase; they are often dependently rich. They are dependent on a multitude of the things which they make essential to their happiness; dependent upon a multitude for personal service and attention which they have made necessary to their enjoyment, and dependent upon new and morbid excitements to break the monotony of existence. Their thoughts are absorbed in the vanities of life and their time is wasted upon frivolities.

THE MIRE OF MATERIAL THINGS

The teachings of Christ, if they will but give heed, will lift them out of the mire of material things up to the heights where they can survey the

things worth while. Mary chose the "good part" in her devotion—the part that cannot be taken from one.

Society would experience a real reform and take a long step in advance if it would permit the Master to fashion the intercourse between friends so that the coming together of neighbors and acquaintances instead of giving rise to heart burning and envy, would be remembered for the glow of congenial companionship and the communion of kindred spirits.

The second part of our text shows another side of Christ's life.

He was as tender as a woman when He dealt with minor sins and the errors that grow out of ignorance, but His rebukes were masculine in their strength when He was brought face to face with gross inconsistency and false pretense!

FORGETTING GOD FOR FORM

"Woe unto you, Pharisees!"—the words cannot be uttered with mildness. Gentle persuasion was not sufficient for these habitual offenders—they needed a rod. "Ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God."

Christ often employed antithesis. He here contrasted the observing of things insignificant with the ignoring of things of supreme importance.

He exposed the littleness of the tinsel philosophy of those who think to please God with formality and observance of the letter of the law; He compared this with the righteousness of those who are true to the spirit. What are mint and herbs when put in the scale against justice and the love of God?

Christ did not counsel the abolition of all formality. Formality has its place if it is the outward form of real inward worship. "These (the great things) ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." These are significant words.

A WORD TO NON-CHURCHGOERS

Sometimes one is heard to say that he does not regard going to church as necessary; that he worships in the woods; that he does not pray at certain times, but prays all the time. Those who in such language condemn formality and boast of a superior devotion should read the words above quoted.

While the mere attendance at church may be of no value, if one does not enter into the spirit of worship, there is no reason why one should substitute worship outside for worship in God's house.

Christianity teaches addition rather than substitution.

Worship is possible at any time and anywhere; but those who worship inside of the church usually worship outside also, while those who claim to substitute outside worship for church worship often neglect to worship anywhere.

CHRIST'S REBUKE OF THE VAIN

And so those who attempt to substitute occasional prayer for prayer at stated periods are apt to grow into the habit of not praying at all.

We ought to do both the formal things and the things informal; we should not pass over either the small things or the great things; a Christian life is large enough to include both.

Christ next rebuked the vain—those who love the chief seats in the synagogues and salutations in the market places.

In the course of His ministry Christ applied his philosophy in many different directions. The rebuke administered to the Pharisees is directed at a very permanent sin—viz., self-importance. It could not but be offensive to Christ, who though supreme in merit, set His followers and an example in humility.

Pride has no place in Christianity. One who desires the prominence

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which the Pharisees so much loved has yet to learn the spirit of the Master. He put the emphasis upon service to others rather than upon the attracting of attention.

PROOF OF CHRIST'S DIETY

No wonder the Pharisees were irritated by His rebukes; no wonder that they "began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke Him to speak of many things; laying wait for him and seeking to catch something out

of His mouth." But the more questions they put to Him, the more completely were they routed.

And yet we have some, calling themselves Christians, who say that Christ was but a man. Strange that they should think one able to confound all the wise men among the Jews—even all the sages of all the ages—strange that they should think such a one merely a man!

We find proof of Christ's diety in what He said and did and was, and