

WORK IS THE TRUE RELIGION

Rev. Dr. Mann Expounds This Thought at
Unity Church.

LABOR THE BEST EXPRESSION OF LOVE

Men and Women Who Are Telling to
Add to the Sum of Human Happi-
ness Are Drawing Nearer
to God.

In his sermon at Unity church Sunday morning Rev. Newton M. Mann said in effect that religion finds its best expression in honest work. He also found a plausible excuse for persons who do not go to church and declined to accept their lack of form as indicating absence of the religious spirit and reverence.

Prior to the church services, which are now held at 11 o'clock instead of 10:30, Mrs. Hanchett organized an adult class in Jewish history. Twenty-five members were enrolled. This and the regular Sunday school now precede the other morning services.

In part Dr. Mann said:
"To be religious in the best sense of the word, what is it? It is to fall in with this natural tendency of things? To worship God is to draw near to Him, which is what every vital force is instinctively striving to do. All orders of life are pressing onward, upward into diviner forms, and the gate of final passage, so far as we know, opens into the human world. In this stage life comes to self-consciousness, and the universal instinct of ascent becomes a religious feeling."
The transfiguration of the earth and of the human world is a work begun, but by no means accomplished. There are signs of progress, but the ideal is still distant or only partially attained. To put it into form to realize it may be called, in our human phase, the one universal purpose of God. Men are workers together with Him when they aid in this task.

Work is Uplifting.
Obviously the way to serve God is to do His work, and His work from first to last is a lifting up, a bettering of existing conditions. Whatever we do to this end serves God—worship in the highest and truest sense. All labor for real gain, for increase of human happiness, for knowledge, for truth, is divine service. And it must be owned that the practical piety of the world lies largely in the hard knocks by which the hand of toil wrests wealth from the earth or adds to the value of nature's crude material. The farmer whose labor makes corn and wheat abundant is the one who puts up the effective fervent prayer. "Give us this day our daily bread." It may be truly said it is the poor factory girl, whose long days of labor make cloth so plenty and so cheap, it is she more than all the churches in Christendom, that clothes the naked.

These and all other workers in honorable pursuit have found ways of serving God in deeds that contribute to the general welfare. That is to say, they are working in the direction of the divine providence. Not all, however, are aware that in doing life's duties they are doing religious duties. It seems to me that the province of the preacher just now is not so much to make men religious as to make them aware of the fact that they are religious often times without suspecting it. Many there are who have the good life without the sentiment. It has never occurred to them that they are Christians.

Work for Everyone.

Every man has some special work in life as every tree has its fruit. That work is what he is sent to do. To do it honorably and well is the man's duty. Happy is he if in so doing he acquires the sense that his work is worship. Of devotion intentionally done there is in the world a manifest decline. Outside the public church service formal and stated prayers are only exceptionally observed even by church-goers. It is commonly inferred from this that the world worships less than heretofore, but I am not disposed to think so. Strictness in the observance is a very poor gauge of religiousness. Worship that is spoken is seldom the freshest and purest expression of the heart. It is called a material act, a time of growing religion, people so much refrain from the appointed formalities of worship. Would it not be more just to say that mankind just now is too much smitten with the wonders of the world's works, the wonders of his providence, to find any words to express themselves to him?

SPIRIT NEEDED BY CHRISTIANS

Inspiration of Christ is Essential to the Perfect Life.

"How we wish to live without the things we wish in the Christian life without the spirit and inspiration of Christ" was the theme of Rev. J. E. Hummon's sermon in the Kountze Memorial church during the morning service. The pastor used several illustrations from daily life to make plain his meaning. One of these concerned a young art student. "There had been a great painter, and he had died. The boy looked up to the memory of his late master with the greatest admiration and reverence. It came into his mind if he could get the brush the painter had used he could do equally wonderful work. He went to the painter's wife and asked for the brush, and received it. Filled with enthusiasm, he set to work, but the result was bitter disappointment. The widow told him he could do nothing for he did not possess the spirit of the master."

"So it is with us," said Mr. Hummon, "we cannot live the life of Jesus Christ, we have not the power and capabilities of the Son of God unless we are infused with the spirit of God. We sometimes see a life which pours forth charity, goodness, long suffering, and we say it is impossible for us to live such a life. The life of Christ, that is the sort of life, to come in touch with the life of Christ."

A second illustration was that of the electric magnet. A great horseshoe of iron held up a heavy piece of iron so long as the current from the dynamo ran through the wires around it. When the current was cut off the weight fell.

"So it is with Christians. So long as we are attached to the Son of God we receive the living influence flowing out of God. We are attracted by the spirit of God. If this is broken we fall away. We fall because we do not maintain the vital relation with Christ. We can do all things through Christ, who is our strength."

The evening sermon was by Rev. Frank Detweiler, a son of one of the former pastors of the church. He has been back in the United States about a year from his former labors as a missionary to Ecuador. He preached a very excellent sermon on the text, "But first of all they save themselves to the Lord." At the close of the services a large number of the old members, who had known him as a boy and who loved his father, crowded about him and gave him a hearty welcome. He will remain here a week longer and then visit Louisville, Ky.

SALVATION IS FOR THE SINNER

Story of the Harlot of Jericho is Used as an Illustration.

Rev. Edwin H. Jenks preached to a large congregation in the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning. His text, "The Scarlet Cord," was taken from Joshua 2:18. He told the story of the two spies who were to choose spies to send into the land of Canaan. Joshua selected his own men. The speaker deftly drew a picture of the spies starting out in the night; of the crossing of the river, the journey by unfrequented routes; of the devotion to the cause and the patriotism of the men employed in the hazardous work. He said, in substance:

"The picture is not unlike that now going on in the far east and with due consideration for the Japanese, to whom our sympathy goes out, we cannot but admire the Russians for sticking to their guns under the most withering fire and the most trying situations. In this battle recorded in the Bible lesson, two sons were chosen. They stood for what their fathers had stood for. I often wonder if in the church we are standing for distinctive

things enough so that we can propagate our kind.

"The spies were detected when they entered Jericho, but they were hidden in the walls of the city by the harlot. She is a bad woman. She has a bad reputation, but she helps them carry out the work of the Lord because she has faith. After they have secured the information they seek they are lowered down in the outer walls by the scarlet cord, and she is directed to wind it about the windows of her home so that when the conquering forces enter the city she and those she loves shall escape unharmful."

"So many people regard the salvation of the Lord as intended only for the good, the lofty and the noble. Christ came to seek that which was lost. Can it be that a woman with a reputation as we have here described was selected for God's work? She was a bad woman, yet she was saved when the warriors swept over the walls of the city. She had the scarlet cord entwined about the window. What sort of a cord have you hanging in your window? She afterward became the wife of Josiah's son and to them was born a child who became the grandparent of David. Christ, the Savior, sprung from such ancestry. Not even the manger low enough."

"No sin is black enough, no soul is so depraved that there is not salvation. Nothing too mean or too low to save if it will partake of this boundless salvation. We often think of ourselves as being good, but besides the measureless goodness of God it is like the tiny lake beside the boundless waters of the ocean."

MEMORY IS OF SERVICE TO MAN

Dr. Conley Explains How Remembrance Supports Faith.

Rev. J. W. Conley, D. D., of the First Baptist church, preached yesterday morning on the theme of "Memory and Faith," taking his text from Hebrews 10:32 and Philippians 3:14. He said in part:

"The Bible has much to say about remembering and forgetting. One is just as important as the other. As this is the last Sunday that we will hold services in this building, it will cling to us by a thousand memories, both pleasing and sorrowful. Memory is filled with joy and sorrow. Faith looks ahead. Life after all is but a question of faith. Memorial days are devised to call to us the experiences of the past. We are prone to forget past blessings. The Lord's Supper is one of the chief memorials of the Christian church and signifies man's redemption through the blood of Christ and deliverance from sin. Faith needs memory. Remember what you were and what you were made out of God's love; thank Him for what He has done and for the new inspiration He gives us to do better. Blessed is he whose heart is filled with gratitude for the things given of God. Former blessings should be the incentive to strive for better things and to strive for the conquest of the world for God. Lose not the sight of our larger opportunities. Faith says your work is never done until the conflict is over. Memory has no youth. Faith puts good cheer into the soul. Memory comes with unanswered prayers in the dark days and nights. There are some who live in the gloom. Faith has sometimes fallen in the dark years, but it was founded in hope in God and said there is light ahead. What of the night?—Lo, the morning cometh. In the background of the three crosses of Calvary was the golden glory of the eternal morning. Let us gird ourselves with great courage and move forward in the greater riches of God's providence."

KING AND PREMIER QUARREL

Youthful Ruler of Spain Insists on Having His Way About Motoring.

MADRID, Oct. 16.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee).—King Alfonso has had a sharp quarrel with his prime minister, Senor Maura, about motoring. His majesty has become a motoring enthusiast since the lessons he recently received in driving a small power car, and, unknown to the premier and his mother, he ordered two magnificent cars from Paris at a cost of \$5,000.

The young king, on the occasion of his visit to San Sebastian, informed the premier that he had decided to make a motoring trip through Spain with his new cars. Senor Maura exclaimed that such a proposal was impossible, and pointed out the grave danger his majesty would run from risks of accidents to the cars and from anarchists and other persons evilly disposed towards his majesty.

King Alfonso, however, persisted that he would make the trip, and as a last resort the premier appealed to the queen mother. The queen took the side of the premier, whereupon the king, in a burst of anger, declared that even though he had to lose the services of his premier he would have his way.

Sale of South Dakota Road Denied.
SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Oct. 16.—(Special).—F. P. Sherman, of this city, president of the South Dakota Central Railroad company, when shown a copy of a recent press dispatch from Des Moines, Ia., stating that the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad company had purchased the line and equipment of the South Dakota Central, promptly denied the story.

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