

## SERMONS IN SHOES

The revival we need is not only a revival of sounder Scriptural teaching, but a revival of true Christian living. We have had quite a surfeit of the religion which luxuriates in the prayer meeting and the camp ground, which sings sweet hymns and applauds sweet sermons, and then goes straight off to its money grasping and its pleasure-seeking, and its panderings to self and sin. God forbid that we should speak too lightly of true spiritual emotion. But the Christianity which Christ demands is something deeper than song or sermon, or sacrament. It is the holy and the humble imitation of Himself.

The revival, then, which we need is a revival of the religion which keeps God's commandments; which tells the truth and sticks to its promises; which pays twenty shillings to a pound; which cares more for a good character than a fine coat; \* \* which denies ungodly lust, and which can be trusted in every stress of temptation. A revival which will sweeten our home, and chasten our press, our politics, and cleanse our business and commerce from roguery and rottenness would be a boon from heaven. A revival which will bring not only a Bible knowledge, but a Bible conscience to all, is what the land is dying for. The world's sorest want today is more Christ-like men and women. The preaching it needs is more sermons in shoes. If you come to us freighted with messages and aims and holy purposes, then may God give an abundant entrance everywhere, and a mighty success.

The field is ripe and ready for sickles. The Divine Spirit will surely attend. God's true people will welcome the efforts with prayers and eager sympathy. Scoffers may sneer and devils may rage, but the Word of Jehovah will grow mightily and prevail.—T. L. Cuyler. Sel.

## CLEARING HIS CONSCIENCE

There was once an old codfish dealer, a very earnest and sincere man, who lived prayerfully every day. One of the great joys of his life was the family worship hour.

One year two other merchants persuaded him to go into a deal with them by which they could control all the codfish in the market and greatly increase the price. The plan was succeeding well, when this good man learned that many poor people in Boston were suffering because of the great advance in the price of codfish. It troubled him so that he broke down in trying to pray at the family altar, and went straight to the men who led him into the plot and told them that he could not go on with it.

Said the old man: "I can't afford to do anything which interferes with my family prayers. And this morning when I got down on my knees and tried to pray, there was a mountain of codfish before me high enough to shut out the throne of God, and I could not pray. I tried my best to get around it or get over it, but every time I started to pray, that codfish loomed up between me and my God. I won't have my family prayers spoiled for all the codfish in the Atlantic Ocean, and I shall have nothing to do with it, or with any money made from it."

—Selected.

If cheerfulness knocks at our door we should throw it wide open, for it never comes inopportunely; instead of that we make scruples about letting it in. Cheerfulness is a direct and immediate gain.

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## THE SUPREME POWER

The Protestant version of our Lord's prayer closes with the familiar ascription, "Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever." This is not only a beautiful and dignified conclusion to prayer, but it sets forth the true center of authority in all things of earth and heaven. Defying this state of affairs in heaven Satan fell and became God's age-long antagonist. Aside from the revelations of God's Word one could hardly find better proof of the creationist theory of the world than the story of the world as recorded on the pages of history since history was recorded.

While the term "totalitarian" may be a new expression in relation to the theory of government, the fact is not new, but very old. Applied to government it is simply the old idea of the ruler who dominates all of life. The rulers of the totalitarian state avoid the name of "king" or "czar," but they claim in fact all that the most autocratic monarch of any day claimed as his right.

The true American principle of government, and religion, stated in the briefest terms is "a free church in a free state"; which we understand to be a church at liberty to serve God as the supreme ruler doing its work in a state that guarantees the most rational liberties to its people consistent with the well being of all.

## SCREAMING PREACHERS

John King was one of the early English Methodist preachers who came to labor in America. He accomplished a vast amount of good. As a pioneer of Methodism in America his name should be held in grateful remembrance; but he was imprudent in the use of his voice and did not appear to know that it is not thunder that does the execution, but the lightning, and that bodily exercise profiteth little.

John Wesley, knowing his habits, wrote him thus: "Scream no more at the peril of your soul. God now warns you by me, whom He hath set over you. Speak as earnestly as you can, but do not scream. Speak with all your heart, but with a moderate voice. It was said of our Lord, 'He shall not cry.' The word means, 'He shall not scream.' Herein be a follower of me as I am of Christ. I speak loudly, often vehemently, but I never scream. I know it would be a sin against God and my own soul." Loud screaming preachers, take warning.—Exchange.

## THE FIRE OF THE HOLY GHOST

It is fire that prevails. For fifty days the facts of the gospel were complete, but no conversions were recorded. Pentecost registered three thousand souls. It is the cause that sets men ablaze that wins converts. Gladstone's fiery passion routed Parliaments and slew the giants of oppression. Wesley, Whitefield and General Booth wrought wonders by the fire kindled of the Holy Ghost. Men ablaze are invincible. Hell trembles when men kindle. Sin, worldliness, unbelief, hell, are proof against everything but fire. The church is powerless without the fire of the Holy Ghost. Destitute of fire, nothing else counts; possessing fire, nothing else really matters. The one vital need is fire. How we may receive it, where we may find it, by what means we may retain it, are the most vital and urgent questions of our time. One thing we know: it comes only with the presence of the Spirit of God, Himself the Spirit of Fire. God alone can send the fire. It is His Pentecostal gift.—Samuel Chadwick.

## WHAT IS COMMUNISM?

Communism arose, historically, not as a revolt against despotism, and deprivation, but as a revolt against the universe—against God. In the Middle Ages, when Church and State were united, the antecedents of modern communists proclaimed themselves "Lucifer-worshippers" and worshipped Satan, rather than God. Communism arose as an expression of hatred of Deity.

Only when Church and State became separate did communism develop into a political movement. Communism then divided its attack equally on two fronts—first, the war against organized government; second, the war of annihilation against religion. August Bebel, the great German socialist leader of the last century, declared: "In the domain of politics, we aim at socialism; in the field of religion, we aim at atheism."

Karl Marx was an atheist first; a socialist-communist second. He first developed a philosophy of materialism, which ruled God out of the universe. Out of this philosophy, he evolved the system of Marxian economics which is the basis equally of modern socialism and communism.

Lenin fully realized that a communist state must be built upon a foundation of atheism in the minds of the people. From the start of the Bolshevik revolution, he employed every artifice and atrocity, however fiendish, to destroy religious faith among the Russian people.

Stalin has followed in his steps. He knows that dictatorship cannot last unless religion is fatally and forever crushed. Hence, atheism, is a required course in every school in the Soviet Union. Lunacharsky, while head of the USSR educational system, said: "We hate Christians; even the best of them must be considered as our worst enemies. They preach love to one's neighbor, which is contrary to our principles. Christian love is an obstacle to the development of the revelation. Down with the love of one's neighbor. What we need is hatred. We must know how to hate; only thus will we conquer the universe."—From Capital News.

## OUR HEAVENLY MASTER

Our common Master did not pen  
His followers up from other men;  
His sermons were the healthful talk  
That shorter made the mountain walk;  
His wayside texts were flowers and birds,  
Where mingled with His gracious words  
The rustle of the tamarisk tree  
And ripple wash of Galilee.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.