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EDITORIAL

THERE'S A LACK OF LOVE

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." "Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it."

Salvation is a product of divine love. 'Twas love that moved the heart of God to devise redemption's plan.

'Twas love that caused Christ to pay the great price of ransom necessary to free a sin-slaved race.

"Oh 'twas love, love,

Love that moved the mighty God:

Love love,

Love, love,

'Twas love found me."

The love of God is the mainspring of missionary endeavour. Every movement launched with soul-saving objectives is born of the spirit of compassion which brought the plan of salvation into being.

"The gospel of a broken heart demands the ministry of bleeding hearts. As soon as we cease to bleed we cease to bless," Jowett. Only as we share in the spirit of Calvary can the message of Calvary be kept alive. "The love of Christ constraineth us," said the apostle Paul. Love kept the missionary spirit aglow, made the spiritual needs of his fellow men of supreme importance, and stirred him to tearful vigils over the ungodly Ephesians and unlightened Macedonians.

This is at once our greatest lack and our most urgent need. "The world is dying for a little bit of love." We are too cold and factual about the world's need. We are surrounded by wicked and ungodly people who are moving swiftly toward the dark despair of eternal lostness and we seem all but insensible to the horror of it. We say that we believe sinners are doomed to the lostness of hell but our obvious lack of concern proves that the truth has never gripped us.

I doubt whether any sincere and honest believer will argue the point of this brief message. It is neither a sermon nor a sermonette, but a simple statement of truth which moves the heart of the writer. Is it not true that the indifference of the church to the world's need must be displaced by a soul burden before we can expect sinners to be aroused?

Here is a point where we may well and truly pray: "Lord, forgive." Humble and outright confession of spiritual coldness would be the first step toward a recovery of the spirit of compassion which we so greatly need. At this

point I am prepared to lead the way to the place of prayer. In fact, I have already been there. But I must go again and again. The Lord has granted the word of pardon in response to the confession of my lack of heart concern, but I must return to the mercy seat and tarry there, that in the presence of the Master I may come to share in the spirit of compassion which moves to tears, prayers, and sacrificial labour.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Our churches are being asked to designate Sunday, Nov. 21st, as "Home Mission Sunday." A twofold appeal is made in behalf of this important phase of our work: (1) that pastors bring the need of aggressive evangelism in our own land before their people, and (2) that special offerings be taken in all our churches for the support of our extension efforts. The money raised in these special offerings will be included in the budget apportionment of each church.

One of the purposes of this special effort is to help ourselves in raising the money we have been asked to contribute toward our Home Mission work. If pastors and church co-operate a considerable portion of budget allotments for this department of the work will be raised on this Sunday, and doubtless in some cases the entire amount will be realized. Later in the church year we will make like requests for an Education Sunday and a Foreign Mission Sunday.

Our Home Mission programme deserves and needs strong financial support. It costs money to buy and equip tents, buy and build churches, support evangelistic campaigns, etc.

When we enter a new community or area as representatives of the holiness movement, it is to the advantage of the message we preach to have good equipment and the best talent available. If we have to "skimp" on material and workers, our whole programme is cheapened in the eyes of the people. On the other hand, if we are in a position to rent a good building and engage a strong staff of workers the first impressions may be favourable. To do this we must have financial resources from which to draw.

Doors of service are open to us, challenging opportunities confront us, and the Lord has given us some splendid talent. Let us give then that the work may go forward.

SERVING TABLES AND THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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concerning the fall of nations, the captivity of Israel because of disobedience to Jehovah, the coming of the Messiah, His suffering and death, His resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His coming again. His future triumph. The New Testament preacher is in the succession of the Old Testament prophet. He is a forth-teller rather than a fore-teller, for Calvary, the highest mountain peak in human history, has been reached. He forth-tells the accomplishment there by the Christ of God and all the divine requirements as the result of that accomplishment. This is true of the gospel preacher whatever his office in the ministry.

The pastor in his field of activity is constantly meeting challenging situations which call for the ministry of the Word; situations arising out of poverty, wealth, carelessness, indifference, the ungodly, the awakened, the

regenerated, the unsanctified, the burdened, the sick, the distressed, and many other situations. He administers to all from the Word. A very good illustration of this may be seen in the Lord's statement to Peter concerning feeding His sheep. Twice He said to Peter, "feed my sheep"; once, "feed my lambs." He used, a slightly different word for sheep, as if to say, "Feed the strong ones. Give them strong food." Again, "Feed the burdened ones. Those carrying a load. Those who are bearing. Give them care accordingly." For the lambs, He would say, "Feed my lambs. Carry them in your arms, if need be. Give them the milk of the Word." Thus a portion to all. To minister the Word in the true sense of the term, we must live in it.

What a mighty task is involved in these words: "We will give ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word." The question is, shall we give ourselves to it?

Should any person be tempted to think that the business of serving tables offers no great possibility, we would remind him of the fact that at least one of the seven, Stephen, became a mighty preacher of the Word and went to glory through a shower of stones. Brother, no person can keep you down but yourself.

LOVE AND CARE OF THE AGED

R. Barclay Warren

Jesus was crucified about nine o'clock in the morning. Near the cross stood his mother, Mary, and the beloved disciple, John. Joseph is not mentioned for some time previous to this and it is presumed that he was deceased. Jesus looking at his mother said, "Woman, behold thy son." Then to John he said, "Behold thy mother." John 19:26-27. From that hour John took her unto his own house.

This provision of Jesus for his mother brings into clear focus his splendid humanity. He was not able to bequeath to her a beautiful mansion with extensive gardens and numerous servants. But he did what was better. He gave her into the care of the disciple whom he loved most. He knew that the affectionate John would extend to her the tender and loving care that she deserved. Jesus was suffering intensely upon the cross but he took time and thought to care for the woman whose honour it had been to give him birth into this world.

Our aged fathers and mothers today deserve the tender love and care of us their children. Some are receiving it. Unfortunately others are not. Some of our aged are heart-broken. Their strength is gone. They cannot earn. The characteristics of old age as depicted in Ecclesiastes, chapter twelve, add to their infirmities. Ungrateful children ignore their debt of love.

Let us remember the example of Jesus. Those who gave us birth and care and love and whose strength is now spent should have in their last days as much comfort as it is possible for us in love to give them. "Honour thy father and thy mother."

HOLINESS

There is no power on earth so subduing as genuine goodness. Holiness is a flower which the world well knows it is incapable of producing out of its own soul; and, when it sees it, it acknowledges that there must be another world to account for it. When all the arguments have failed, the doubting mind yields to the evidence of a saintly life.—Teaching by Illustration.