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EDITORIAL

THE TRUE TEST

When Mary anointed the head and feet of Jesus with precious ointment, the disciples questioned: "Why this waste?" and said: "This ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor." The answer Jesus gave was: "Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a beautiful work upon me. For the poor ye have always with you, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good. She hath done what she could."

Such words would suggest that the true test of all our Christian worship and work is our attitude to Christ. It is not just what we do for others that counts first with Him, it is our personal devotion to Him. The profession of interest His disciples claimed to have for the poor may have passed with the majority, but it was the woman's personal love to Christ, expressed in her sacrificial gift to Him, that satisfied His heart. Not that Jesus lacked love for the poor. His ministry had been particularly to them. Nor was Mary without concern for them. One so in love with Christ, and so devoted to Him, could hardly be lacking in love for those He so loved. Nor did Jesus wish His followers to neglect the poor. Indeed, He said to them: "The poor ye have always with you, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good." As if He would remind them that they had a life-long obligation to them. But Jesus wished them to know that no profession of interest in the poor, or real interest in them, was a substitute for personal love for Him, and true consecration to Him.

And so Mary's act and the Master's answer should teach us that a gift to the poor is not necessarily a gift to Christ. The test is our attitude to Him. They remind us that while we must faithfully attend to every Christian duty, and render the best service we can for the good of others, still such good works can never be accepted in the place of deep personal love and devotion to Christ. With Him worship must come before work, and loving loyalty before labour. Then they teach us that the love which is rightfully Christ's we ought not to give to another, or even share with another. It is exclusively His.

Doubtless Mary knew a love and devotion to Christ far above the average. It was in a class by itself. Her costly and loving gift to her Lord, for Him alone, symbolizes a consecration to Christ far beyond full surrender to Him. Frances Ridley Havergal's words

somewhat describe it:

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be—
Ever, only, all for Thee."

May such a love and devotion to Christ be
ours. E. W. T.

ANOTHER CHURCH YEAR CLOSED

June 15th marked the close of another church year. How swiftly the time seems to have gone! Looking back doubtless gives us all cause for thanksgiving to God. We have received bountifully from His hand. Probably not all He desired to give us for His blessings all conditional, and unfortunately many seem unwilling to pay the full price He requires. Nevertheless He has blessed abundantly. Let us praise Him.

But the completing of the year's records and the preparing of statistics for the Alliance may remind us of tasks unfinished, of things neglected and left undone. How much better could we have done for the Budget, The Highway, the Sunday School, the Y. P. S., in church attendance, for souls, in evangelistic endeavour, for the extension of God's kingdom at home and abroad?

Having begun a new year let us profit from the past and seek to make the year before us the best in the history of the local church and the denomination. God will help us; let us do our best. Let us begin now. E. W. T.

THE SUSSEX MEETING

We were privileged to visit Sussex for one night during the recent tent meeting and found the Evangelistic Team labouring faithfully and well. There was a splendid congregation and good interest, and we felt the presence of God.

For much of the time for the campaign the weather was not favourable, but reports tell of good attendance and of God's blessing.

Let us all be strong prayer supporters of the work of the Crusade. E. W. T.

WATCHING! WORKING! PRAYING!

There is a time when all our service should take hold of the coming of the Lord. It is not a normal routine, but we are working under pressure of an approaching crisis, looking unto and hastening toward the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let the watchword, "Unto the coming of the Lord," be as a kind of inscription on everything that comes into daily life, regulating our friendship, affections, service, and all our thoughts of the future. Watching, working, praying, living, hastening, "unto the coming of the Lord."—A. B. Simpson.

SEEKING THE LOST

Christianity is inherently missionary. It embodies the bloody sweat. It is the divine truth breaking into the world. Christ is on an errand. He comes needed but uninvited. He crowds Himself upon the race when nothing awaits Him but a manger and a cross. He intrenches in a hostile world and undertakes its subjugation. He is seeking the lost. He has the alertness of a hunter. We are to have His Spirit. Thus the New Testament church is the mightiest missionary society ever launched upon the centuries. If you cannot keep step with this cause, beware. You will be left in the wilderness alone. Christ always marches at the head of His church.—Bishop C. H. Fowler.

HOLINESS AND SOUL PASSION

By E. O. Chalfant

I know of no more important aspect that genuine heart holiness brings than that it gives genuine soul passion. It has been characteristic of the truly sanctified from the Early Church down to the present day and generation.

John the Baptist had it; it caused him to lose his head. Peter, James, and John had it. They preached with a mighty passion after Pentecost. The Apostle Paul had it; he stirred the world, and is still stirring the world. At no time in history, where there have been mighty and powerful revivals, has there failed to be a mighty soul passion.

Savonarola, St. Augustine, John Calvin, Huss, Luther, George Fox, all had it. It is said that George Fox once sat for seventy-two hours on a haystack praying; God moved him and men fell like dead men as he preached. John Wesley, with his burning, consuming passion, was driven from his father's tombstone. He said that he accomplished more in two days than his father accomplished in forty years. Jonathan Edwards had it when he preached his famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."

A holy people will have a burning, consuming passion. Soul passion is the most essential element in propagating God's cause.—Herald of Holiness.

A GREAT NEED

Missionary Enthusiasm. We need ministers who live only for Christ, and desire nothing but opportunities for promoting His glory, for spreading His truth, for winning by power those whom Jesus has redeemed by His precious blood. Men of one idea—these are they that shall do exploits in the camp of Israel. We need red-hot, white-hot men, who glow with intense heat; whom you cannot approach without feeling that your heart is growing warmer; who burn their way in all positions straight on to the desired work; men like thunderbolts flung from Jehovah's hand, crashing through every opposing thing, till they have reached the target they have aimed at; men impelled by Omnipotence. It will be a great day for the church when the members of all our churches arrive at such a glorious state of heart as that.—Spurgeon.

SECRET FELLOWSHIP

It is one thing to pray in public, but quite another thing to shut the door of your room and get alone with God. Yet what we are on our feet depends entirely on what we are alone—on our knees! In other words, the true quality of Christian living is not judged by the activity of it, but by the worship of it.—Alan Redpath.

ALL AND EVERY DAY!

Every day brings its message to us from God. Some days call us to energy and work. Some days call us to be patient and brave. Some days bring us a call to sympathy, and self-denial. We cannot choose the day's message. It is not always what suits our desire. But only by accepting it will we reach the experience that God means us to have.—Dr. J. R. Miller.