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EDITORIALS

THE CHRIST OF TO-DAY

Christ is the Contemporary of peoples of every generation. He "belongs" to every era of man's life on earth. He is as ancient as the world in which we dwell, and yet as modern as to-morrow. "In the beginning" He "laid the foundation of the earth", He now "upholdeth all things by the word of His power", and though "they shall be changed", the Word declares concerning Him, Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail".

Jesus Christ is the kind of Saviour that is needed in the world to-day. The grace He imparts is the only remedial means of dealing effectively with the infection of sin, the soul virus which plagues the race. The life He implants is the one satisfactory answer to the cry of the human heart.

Whatever improvements science and invention have brought to us, and they are many, they have not lessened in the slightest degree our need of a Saviour. However superior, the life we enjoy, to that of the life known to our forefathers, Christ is needed to-day as He was yesterday.

The preacher who consistently preaches Christ, has a message that never grows old. The truth as it is in Jesus, is never obsolete. And this is the message that will bring men into the knowledge of salvation, if any will. The great heralds of the Gospel of many generations have discovered and demonstrated the reliability of the preaching principle enunciated by the Lord Himself: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me". The apostle Paul and Augustine, Luther and Wesley, Moody and Graham, and an unnumbered host of the great soul-winners of Church history, followed a "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ" emphasis in their messages. And the preacher of to-day could select no better and safer standard for all his sermons than the purpose to "preach Christ and Him crucified".

The whole programme of the church, locally, denominationally, and universally, should be adapted to a pattern of biblical design, namely, "...that in all things He might have the preeminence". If we follow such a plan, we shall be supported by power Divine; if we deviate

from it, we shall be forced to seek some substitute moti-
vity.

The timeless truth of unchanging virtue and value is "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever".

REV. SIMEON C. HILYARD

Ministers and lay people of this generation will hardly recognize the name or remember the personality of the late Simeon Hilyard. For many years he has been retired from the active ministry because of illness and advancing age. In fact, the 30-33 year generation span is about the period of time that has elapsed since Brother Hilyard was active in the work of the ministry.

My own recollections of "Uncle Sim." are vague and lacking in detail, since I have to think back to the days of my youth to remember him. But some things I do remember, and these personal impressions of the man have been augmented by references and tales I have heard from older man who knew him better.

As I recall, Simeon Hilyard was a man of the sea, and, like Peter of long ago, he left his boat and sea-faring life to serve the Lord as a fisher of men. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Reformed Baptist Alliance at Beulah Camp in the year 1902. From that time he served as a pastor and evangelist in our denominational constituency. As a preacher he was rugged, fearless, and original. Like the "big fisherman" of the apostolic band, he preached the Gospel with fervour and without favour. He is remembered as a preacher as possessing a quality that separates a man from the mass-production, run-of-the-mill type of person-originality. We have had only one Simeon Hilyard. He did not copy or imitate others, but brought the influence of his own unique personality and ability to bear upon the minds and hearts of his hearers. No one has ever heard anyone preach from the text "Art thou that Daniel?" as did Uncle Sim. And the same could be said of many other biblical statements and passages that served as bases for his memorable proclamations.

Brother Hilyard would eagerly anticipate personal acquaintance with Abraham, Moses, Daniel, and Peter. He would be at home in their company. And with them he would rejoice in the prospect of eternal fellowship with the Lord who called him to salvation, commissioned him to service, was captain of his life-bark, as guiding him cross the sea of life and into the haven of rest.

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heretics are some illustrious names. The names of the Apostles Peter and Paul are registered, for they were none other than holiness men. To these may be added such worthy names as Irenaeus, Cyprian, Martyr, and Origen, men of the Early Church who maintained that only a holy life was acceptable to God. Later history added the names of Fenelon, Guyon, Fox, Law, Taylor, and the Wesleys—all dedicated to the concept of holiness and to its proclamation. The name of the Son of God must be added as well, for when Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them," He left forever stamped upon the minds of His followers His ultimate purpose for them.

In a recent sermon, Roy S. Nicholson, president of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, stated, "If holiness is a heresy, then the doctrine that sin must continue to dwell in the heart of a Christian is a greater heresy." This puts it bluntly but effectively.

Once on being accused of extremism because he preached that one could be saved from all sin, J. B.

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