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Reviews in Feb. By a layman. 1874

This morning the preacher said that ^{all the signs pointed} we were approaching ^{the} disintegration of our civilization as great as that of the break up of the Roman Empire - that we were approaching chaos. Yet we cannot foresee what will happen. Things never happen twice alike. It will be the unexpected that will happen. If man knew what was going to happen, he would prepare against that day and change it.

But what I have been thinking about is God - and why our lives are not more changed by him - and of the presentation of God to children. I think it is safe to say that I heard most about God in church and S. S. - but what was read from the Bible rather a thorn in church was that - the constant repetition without illumination - what I heard about God from the pulpit and in S. S. I often wanted to contradict, because altogether too much was taken for granted - If the reasons were arguments - to prove the resurrection, or to prove a God, or to prove anything, they started with an assumption - Three fourths, I suppose, of what I heard I did not believe - and ~~any~~ no intelligent child could have done otherwise - Yet in spite of that, I believed came to a belief in God through my own reasoning, but the beauty of the Christ life never came to me in its fullness ^{as I} until I had passed beyond maturity ^{at that time} Can my children be saved that experience!

Why is it to-day - that 95% of our Christians are
like narrow Christians - instead of having given over their
lives their brains, their reality, their strength to the service of
God? Is it not because of our mistakes in training
the young? ~~Alas! that from which them to~~
~~study on my own personal~~

Why is it that - perhaps 50% of the Christians or at
least potential Christians are outside the church?
Why is it that 50% of those who are not truly there
are within the church? Is it not so? Is not life
in these days such that tho' a life be apparently
griffed by Christ; yet it shows in nothing but church
going, a slight giving of substance, a verbal acceptance
of certain Christian principles & action. Where
is the power of Christ and God in our lives; it
is working powerfully in some - but that
great power that great dynamic is hidden
and buried in too great a number of our
Christian lives - ^{For that when a man is Christ like}

a fellow might say, "you belong to the church, you
are a supposed Christian, and yet you do things I
would scorn to do" - and a fellow might say
"I saw a man to-day do something bigger than
I am capable of, altho I am an avowed Christian"
"What is it, dear God, that my life lacks?" how is
it that we number thousands and that, in spite
of it, we individually make less impress on the
world than the early Christians? "What can we
do to gain that power again?"

It seems to me that we must, in the first place, be
careful not to spoil the Bible for the young child - it must
not be so often read and the story ^{must be} repeated that
the child's attention is no longer attracted by them
that they become stale in other words.

On the other hand a progressive story of God and Christ
must be brought to them in such a way that they do
not inwardly doubt what they hear.

If every preacher of the gospel could hear the
inward and involuntary comments of their audience
and especially of the children, it would teach them
many a lesson.

As for with regard to that progressive story of God
and Christ - It seems to me, in my ^{own} ^{mind}
History that I had to believe in God before I could
believe in Christ - I.e. that necessary
sound knowledge of Christ precedes that
God!

It seems as if the proof of God can more
easily be brought to a child than any other
for it can so easily be proved by things he
knows - whereas even if he believes in Christ
when he is a child, as he becomes older if he
is intellectually honest, he must find out whether
Christ is historically true, and then he must
trust that his words as put down by human hands
inspired to be sure, divinely led - but not
incapable of misinterpretation, God's leading is
absolutely perfect and accurate as is proved by
their being four separate accounts each
one differing from the other slightly - God does

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But, it seems, want us to look to the Bible
as our only source of authority, But he wants us
to use it as Christ used the old T- for study
and learning and use. Christ quoted
it so many times - and yet he contradicted it,
When the world was ready for the higher message

If the human beings have progressed from
a condition where they could not read to the
present state of intelligence, it must follow by
the law of psychology, that at different times
in their development, they are ready for different
messages of differing value. As a baby drinks
milk and later ^{adds bread + corn} ~~meat + veg.~~ ^{meat + veg.}
in his early development received the
milk message, and then came to ~~meat + veg.~~
and ~~vegetables~~, and then later the ~~meat + veg.~~
Whether we have read the meat + veg. yet, I
do not know, but no thinking man could
state that we have not a greater bigger
knowledge of Christ, ^{at all} to-day than we had
500 years ago 1500 - 1600. ^{but we have} ~~but we must get that~~

Now concerning the proof of God to a child
It is so easy to take a flower ^{or a piece of paper} and put it into
inky water and to show the child the color of
the paper, or paper as it draws up the inky
water, but its petals + as teachers the minds

Things I wish had been emphasized more fully in
my religious development:

Giving -

Belonging of self and all to God.

The fact that teaching of Christ are a reality the
highest ethical & spiritual message the world has
ever received - or is likely to receive.

The facts of the character of Christ -

- { Not effeminate but bold beyond words.
- { Not anxious for popularity.
- { Not afraid of what folks would say.
- etc.

Florence Clement, Circulation Manager,
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paths by which the poem is fed.

A hundred experiments led to the
close at hand, and as wonderful. When
child has had these things pointed
out to him - he cannot fail to
realize that some power made things
so. Whether he calls that power
God or not depends on his previous
training.

Experiment of water boiling
" with microscope

Knowledge of stars -

Travel from galaxy -
similarity

Then "God so loved the world"
shall be brought home to the
child with its story of the Christ
and the affirmation of its
historicity, and ^{the fact that} be made at the
turn of the story - with the assurance
that books will prove it when they are
old enough to read them.

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With their teaching would come the
solution of the Socialism & the
social problem of to day -
There is must be taught to hunger
& thirst after righteousness -

It then I was taught of Jesus
Lord the world - the only
Conclusion - was God is Lord
America - or God is Lord the
little town, or God is Lord the
little church, or God is Lord the
little body of Christians - no
broad interpretation was given
that Christ was sent for
the Jew ^{& gentiles} fully as much as for
the
1912

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December 14 1923

Mrs E.S. Hildreth
American Board Compound
Peking China

My dear Mrs Hildreth:-

Your letter of December 11th reached me this morning and I was very much pleased to hear from you. I had had a letter from Mrs Baker, and also a short note from Mr Hildreth saying that you might be returning to South China about the 15th or 17th of the month, so I was rather waiting to hear from you and expecting to see you.

I have been holding some letters which came on the last mail from America until I knew whether you expected to pass through Shanghai or not. Now that I have your letter I am sending them on to you today, also a newspaper and magazine.

Your ticket will be just as safe here in the safe, I think, as anywhere, and you can get it any time you ask for it.

I wonder if you have met Paul Cressey's brother, Mr George Cressey, who is attending the Peking Language School? He is planning to spend Christmas with Paul I understand and he may be glad to take anything to South China for you which you might wish to send.

I am very glad to hear that you are progressing so well, and I sincerely hope that you may continue to do so.

With all good wishes for a pleasant Christmas although I know you will be very lonely away from your family, I remain,

Yours cordially

Edith K. Lacey
Acting Mission Treasurer.

Personal papers

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 Self
 1923

How, desires change! If you don't believe it, just make a list of what you want most just now - (will spare you from putting on paper your heart's deepest desires). and lay it aside for two years or so, and find out how many ^{of the} things you have not missed, and how many you would change with the passing years.

- A pair of skates & skates on the P.C. & C. rink.
- A pair of woollen gloves for winter here
- Some good looking white shoes for next summer
- A summer hat for ^{the winter} Peking and dress of ^{the same} material
- Some fur - for this winter ^{to take home or to} wear in Peking.
- Some clean green blocks for John
- Do paper cutters for presents Xmas 1924.
- 1 doz. fruit knives (Peking requires 2.10 each).
- etc etc. I could make the list long, but I only copy the urgent ^{present} list on my desk.

Fifteen years ago how I would have thrilled and rejoiced at the thought of spending a winter in Peking! And now how I would have given almost anything to get away from Peking in order to spend the winter with my husband and children!

But since I can't go back, what an opportunity it is! It is like going back to College again and having a choice of

The President of China is defied by every foreigner. How hard must he
be. He brought his way to the presidency by the use of three million dollars.
Two or three years ago when he was governor of a province he spent a million
dollars. (in the face of unpaid salaries in government schools) to build a
temple to the God of War! He made the God of War, too,
and since we made figure cannot change its expressions, he
made a second figure of the same God of War upstairs, just
opening his eyes as he is about to rise from his couch where his
military boots are put close to his hand.

Is that same city is a baby town where the tones of unweaned
infants lie this day.

And feet of young girls are bound in that province to sleep.
Altho many people in China know better than to do that now.

the courses there are. It is bewildering
How the libraries with their wealth of valuable
knowledge call!
How the treasures of this ancient capital -
the Temple of Heaven, The Summer Palace, The
Dram Tower, The Altar Temple, The Forbidden
City, The Great Hall, The Western Hills etc.
etc. call!
How the chances to play piano daily call!
How the chances to work a little at Yenching
College and Bridgman Academy call!
How the chances to visit every activity of
mission work here in Peking and surrounding
Country call!
How the chances to see and make things
- - - - call somewhat faintly!
I want to - but I'd much rather go skating
or do the other things.
It's fascinating to know, too, that one is in a big
city - with a million Chinese! (of whom 1,000
freeze to death every winter) and a large group
of foreigners of all nationalities. whom will
we rub against? - And what will be the
results? -

2 Other men have known some of these statements, but no one man has known all of them.

Because Christ has given us a message greater than that of any other from the history, because his own life corresponds to his teachings - because he was conscious of a peculiar relationship of God

{ I and the Father are one
only the Father knows that. Mark 13:32
I do pray to God - as to an authority. Matthew 5:48
You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48
You Father who is in secret. Matthew 6:18.
You God but Father, that is God. Mark 10:18.
is not wise to give - you father which is in H. forgive you
Mark 11:26

Matthew 6:11 I believe that Christ ~~has been~~ ^{is} the greatest religious teacher, and that his teachings are still the greatest and highest principles of life we have received - or, it seems, are capable of receiving - nothing in our conception of life ^{dependent on} can go beyond them. We shall love the Lord the God with all thy heart etc.

and thy neighbor as thyself.

I believe that he is the spiritual son of God in a greater sense than any one of us seems to be able to attain to.

I believe that he could be the physical son of God if God wanted it to be so - but if he were the physical son of God

his message to men would lose much of its value for we could never hope to attain to him. He has brotherly and fraternal love that we have no part of

I believe that he had power on earth to do things that would seem miraculous to us - but that this power he ^{actually} promised to his disciples - but awarded it ^{in measure} to many of them.

I am not sure that the record of his miracles has come accurately down - but the important thing is that we should have faith, and gain as much power as possible through him.

is interesting. And now with the dear
children your life must be very full. You
cannot have many leisure hours. When
you can find time a snap shot of both
Alice - the last picture you sent me from
Mt. Holyoke is dear & better than any
I could get of you. Please try and write to
me once in a while. I do not mean long
letters - for you have not the time - but
just to let us know how you are and
about the children. We will be glad to hear
you just as to the things. God for every
thing do your usual work - Kathleen
before to go East on a visit - a year
from this fall. She says that she is
going to write to you before you leave for
Europe. With much much love always
- your Caroline -

It seemed to indicate clearly that this life is but a preparation for another - and that what we ~~do~~ here - ~~Conditioned~~ what we should do hereafter - which is strictly according to the law of development.

In myself I have waves of feeling. Sometimes I feel very certain that our lives will continue hereafter - I find I have a distinct feeling that those who have died exist somewhere else. ~~(But I dislike going to the grave place. and associating that existence with the dead.)~~

But so far as I am concerned, when I use my mind, I seem forced to allow the possibility that we as individuals may disappear leaving only our physical descendants and what we have done and said ~~as~~ ~~our~~ and our physical elements - as reminders of our existence. This seems the most logical conclusion

and personally I feel that I could still live on, buoyed up and pressed forward that with the thought that we should carry out god into touch with and carry out the great will of God - for the future god

4 of some creatures who ~~will~~ be evolved.

The teachings of Christ seem contrary to this
hypothesis.

This day shall thou be with me in Paradise.

On my father's house are many mansions

If it was ~~not~~ so - I should have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.

Similes of Kingdom of Heaven

Goats & sheep

Judgment.

Reaping & sowing of teeth.

So, altho my mind tells me - it is not sure - my instincts
tell me it is so - and Christ not only corroborates but
affirms. Since he has given us the highest Law this
by, why should he have had such intimate relations with
God, have reliable revelation with regard to the future -
So I go on having faith, but not truly believing.

Christ must work in the individual and the
individual must lead the group - ∴ the church.
But the church time and again has fallen into error. 8

That the ~~church~~ new life which is always
in sinners & honest humanity should by emphasis
upon the teaching of Christ bring back the
world to a new allegiance.

Whoever denies the truth - denies God.

• says that every part of the Bible is equally valuable
apparently denies truth -

• when says that every part of the Bible is ~~important~~
as we have it to-day - translated and collected in
a infallible guide - is apparently wrong
for Christ himself showed us how his words
were greater than the O.T.

Believes that the Bible is the source of the highest and
best messages that God has given to man -
that God has with purpose allowed the book to come in its present
form - with ^{its} ~~its~~ ^{contributions} ~~contributions~~ ^{its} ~~its~~ ^{wisdom} ~~wisdom~~ ^{its} ~~its~~ ^{words} ~~words~~ } as well as its wonderful messages

The purpose is truth - as always.

The wonder is, however, ^{that} God ^{has} made it so ^{early} & ^{early}
man knowledge that of the order of creation -
of things which happened ^{before} ^{the} ^{beginning} ^{of} ^{the} ^{world} ^{as} ^{we} ^{know} ^{it} ^{now}
they could have been laid down by word of mouth.

5. To-day - as far as a universal
religion is concerned believe

1. The church has too much formalism
ritual
set form.

2. ^{it} ^{has} ^{many} ^{serious} ^{faults} -

1. ^{it} ^{has} ^{too} ^{much} ^{dogmatism} ^{and} ^{inclusion} ^{of} ^{the} ^{past}

2. ^{it} ^{has} ^{emphasized} ^{the} ^{depth} ^{of} ^{the} ^{faith} ^{beyond} ^{the} ^{living} ^{of} ^{every} ^{day}

3. ^{it} ^{has} ^{emphasized} ^{giving} ^{of} ^{money} - ^{beyond} ^{giving} ^{of} ^{self}.

so that it begs - it carries on business
just as not here for carrying on jobs -
the funds that the same people devote to

4. ^{it} ^{emphasizes} ^{not} ⁱⁿ ^{words} ^{but} ⁱⁿ ^{acts}
the necessity for cleanliness & good clothes
above a pure heart & charity for God.

5. ^{it} ^{has} ^{been} ^{unconsciously} ^{responsible} ^{for} ^{the}
spread of the idea that if one attends church
services & takes part in ch. activities he
is doing his duty as a Christian.

6. ^{emphasized} ^{the} ^{church} ^{above} ^{Christianity}

7. ^{emphasized} ^{Christ} ^{above} ^{God}.

instead of in him & thus ^{since}
there is no rivalry between ^{between} ^{Christ}

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF
THE FIELD SECRETARY

November 1st, 1923.

FALL ANNOUNCEMENT

..TO..

MOUNT HOLYOKE ALUMNAE

A new office of special interest to alumnae has been organized at the College and has been in operation since September first.

NAME	Office of Field Secretary
ORGANIZATION	Administrative Office, under supervision of <u>Gertrude Berry</u> , 1914. Responsible directly to the President and Board of Trustees.
PURPOSE	Development of the material resources of the College, and establishment of certain financial policies of the College.
DUTIES	1. Organization of a permanent clientele of non-alumnae to supplement the already existing army of loyal alumnae. 2. Stabilization of college income through the financial assistance of this alumnae and non-alumnae constituency, so that in the future the College may be able to avoid all hectic financial campaigns.

DEFINITE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIELD SECRETARY.

FIELD WORK	Establishment of points of contact with the outside world, and the development of a genuine interest in the College.
ACCUMULATION OF FUNDS	Organization of the "Living Endowment."
1. ALUMNAE FUND.	The outline of the "Alumnae Fund" which was sent to you last spring by the Alumnae Secretary and the Committee of Five will be followed in every detail, payments on these pledges being turned over directly to the Treasurer of the Alumnae Association.
2. NON-ALUMNAE FUND	This will consist of annual subscriptions from a non-alumnae constituency.
3. COMPLETION OF THE \$1,000,000 FUND	The Trustees and Alumnae are working rapidly to clear up the outstanding amount of approximately \$1,000,000 to be raised to complete the total.

at Cabot

Feb. 27, 1925.

Followup

Present crisis

2 in chain Lewis.

3 5 likely high on European conditions

5 Spiritual conflict

1 Russia v "steal away"

Cabot's
Remember that I shall never forget

Interpretation

1. Albert Perry has more Christianity in his little finger.
2. We all every day, do things that a better Christ would not have done.
3. If we only believed the churches would be saved.
4. We could have done it, if we wanted to.
5. I want to give that way - to give all, if I give at all.

We could have done it if we wanted to
 this was not a personal matter, the raising of money
 Raising money for the Congl Church at large.

" " " salaries of trusted men

" " " state conferences

and you that 1 strengthen ^{the} weaker churches

2 builds up knowledge

3 promote narrower conferences and your people work

4 cultivate interest and loyalty in every branch of work

5 carries on the missio efforts to accomplish the life of God in creating international good will

negroes
 Obdians
 Porto Ricans

schools
 colleges
 hospitals
 churches

with
 which courageously
 to fight liquor
 " promote peace.

7. that they would give all to Christ.
that .. would commit every area
of life - body, ^{with every} soul, talents to Christ.
Do you see the possibility that that
small group of 900 or so people - might
change the balance of things and that Christ
might be supreme in the world to-day?
men came to John the Baptist group of men
and they asked "what shall we do?"
What have we to give to Christ.

1st. Look at the problem seriously.
study it out individually.
What does Christ require of ~~me~~ to-day?
Have I given Him all.
He requires love.
He requires truth He is truth.
We have deceived ourselves into
thinking we were steeps and yet
reaped nothing but fruit.
I look at ourselves 10 yrs ago and
what.
Has there been growth?
If so, we are on the right track and we
only to keep on.

And this growth comes thro the
love in the heart.
If we do not yet love - we can
decide to love - and say "please
help me to love thee more and more, and
that state of mind will bring growth.
He can not love Christ without

5. without loving our fellow humans.
This love must be active, not passive.
And now I want to read to you a story
which shows love.

Can we love like those two ^{young} people?

Can we love like the Chinese who risked his
life?

Can we love like the folks who gave
this hospital at Weehawken?

Pleased be all who have given a penny
that that institution should be set
aboard in the midst of troubled China
and show forth the love of X^t.

Unworthy as we are, we can ~~show~~ ^{desire}
to love even if we do not yet have
feel that we do.

If we love truly - the object
of our affection is in our thoughts
constantly - Can you remember
when you loved most ardently some
hero or heroine? Nothing that you
could do was too much.

And so we can have one active way of
showing our love in our lives, and love
is further act in giving - Some of you in
giving two pennies - give more than 1000.
from others. The glory of it.
And so we ask each one of you to have a
little symbol in your home - a symbol of

b. your love to Christ.

It is only a symbol.

Your love starts in the heart

Your heart wants you to give something

You think of money first.

But Christ wants first you.

He wants your thro'to - your devotion
your earnest willingness to do what you
personally have thought out.

Thro'to if given to him will prompt
you to sacrifice. and your sacrifice
goes into this box with joy

one penny for the whole year could
be a hundred dollars -

So in your homes place this box
in a prominent place and see

this the act of worshipfully
dedicating one penny or more
to make a X'tian world - and

your joy will be great - your sorrow
will be only that you could not do
more - and to and for Christ you

have done more than all the
rest.

To those of you who can give, I
say that God will open your hearts
if you believe. If you want to do

7. it, you can just give such a
support to the cause of Christ as
we have not yet given to it.

TO STATE CIVIL WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Chester
 (Name of State)
 FROM LOCAL CIVIL WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Harvey
 (Name of Locality)

Payroll Analysis

	PROJECT No.	PROJECT No.	PROJECT No.	PROJECT No.	PROJECT No.
(Other than Foremen and Supervisors) Wages Per Hour not including 40 cents not including 50 cents not including 60 cents not including 70 cents not including 80 cents not including 90 cents not including \$1.00 Foremen and Supervisors (sum of items 1 and 2) Paid by Employers and Supervisors Paid by Foremen and Supervisors (sum of items 4 and 5) Paid by Foremen and Supervisors (sum of items 7 and 8)	within Houghton Fellows Burbank Mr. or Mrs. Jenkins				

CERTIFICATE TO THE STATE CIVIL WORKS ADMINISTRATION

I hereby certify that the above statements are correct and are attached payrolls covering separate sheets.

Date Disbursing Officer

