

**WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?**

(By Dr. Frank Crane.)

Confusion arises in finding an answer to this question when we do not keep in mind that Christianity is an ideal, and its practice, at the present stage of development, can only be approximate. If we could literally practice an ideal, it would be an ideal no longer. The ideal floats before us as a guiding star. The ideal is set for us as the perfect copy in the copy book, toward which, by constant practice, we are to work nearer and nearer.

A great deal of conscience-lashing and misery would be spared honest people if they realized this. Love is the fulfilling of the law, which means that the earnest desire and effort to do right is all that is expected of human beings.

Christianity consists of that body of ideas and emotions taught and exemplified by Jesus. These constitute distinct force in human progress. They are drawing individuals and the whole world onward in a development toward better things constantly.

While the principles of Jesus are simple, few and easy to be understood, it must not be forgotten that they are based on absolute justice.

Absolute justice cannot be maintained by anybody except under social conditions that are absolutely just. The only way he can be a Christian under such conditions is to go out and be crucified. The social structure cannot endure him. When we speak of a man being a Christian, therefore, it is an accommodated sense of the world.

To be a Christian, implies that one should change the world.

Louis F. Post in, a letter to Everybody's Magazine, expresses this thought. He says: "An actual Christian is one who in individual concerns sincerely tries to practice the Christian ideal and in common affairs sincerely tries to convert to the Christian ideal the social organism of which he is a part."

In the last half of this statement lies the gist of the matter. Christianity is a social ideal. Every man in the United States, and in measure in every country,

is more than an individual. He is a maker of laws and government. He is responsible for the whole social organism.

We can no longer shift responsibility for work conditions to rulers. We are rulers. At first Christianity expressed itself in terms of individual salvation, because all countries were autocratic. The growth of Democracy has rolled the burden of government upon the shoulders of the citizen.

We are awakening to the fact that no man can save his own soul without saving all souls. I share the crime of every criminal because I help create or perpetuate the conditions that make criminals. I am guilty along with my country, if it makes war, because I stand for those things in government that make war possible.

The day is past when the Christian conscience can be satisfied with being "plucked as a brand from the burning." Nothing can satisfy the conscience of a man who accepts the leadership of Jesus but to put out the fire.

**CAT COMES BACK 300 MILES.**

**Goes Away in Crate on Train. But Her Return Trip is Mystery.**

"Susie," the family cat of Mrs. C. T. Banks, has completed a hike of almost 300 miles, returning home after more than a year's absence in Broadhead, Wis., fat and sleek and showing no signs of travel fatigue.

Mrs. Banks sent the cat in October, 1913, to her mother, J. A. Broughton, of Broadhead. Pussy went in a crate by day-an express. She did not seem contented and often wandered away for a day or two. Last May she disappeared and neither family had seen her since until she walked in the Banks' back door, purred her greetings, and made herself at home again.

"I wish we knew where Susie has been and how she got here looking so well," said Mrs. Banks. "Mr. Banks is a railroad man and some think maybe she got a pass, but how did she know which train to take?"

**ANOTHER CREAMERY IN NORTH CAROLINA.**

During the last two years there has been considerable interest and substantial growth in the creamery business in the South and especially in North Carolina. All of the creameries in North Carolina are located in the western half of the State and the interest is so large that often there is demand for more creameries than there is cream to supply them.

The operation of cream routes has been so successful that many are being put into operation where a creamery would not possibly exist now. The cream route serves to collect the small amount of surplus cream in communities where previously dairying was not considered seriously. The cream routes soon doubled their output and others who would not join the movement at first, soon hear the jingle of coin that comes regularly and surely and everybody goes to milking cows. The cream separator agents say that North Carolina is their idea of the promised land. Even the cotton farmer says better days are coming if cotton never gets any higher for with a creamery check coming in every month he does not mind the separator agents or the supply man and the cow makes better fertilizer than he can buy so he is just saving the cotton and is living on cream.

Most of the farmers in the central and eastern parts of the State have not had the privilege of cream routes because the creameries were in the western part of the State and railroad facilities were not convenient for extensive shipping.

Raleigh is a good central point and would serve a large territory if a good creamery were located there. Viewing the lack of creamery development in this section of the State and the good location at Raleigh for a creamery, the authorities representing the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Agricultural Experiment Station and the State Department of Agriculture have organized the Experiment Station Creamery.

The creamery will be operated in the Agricultural Building, West Raleigh, where the College has granted the use of the laboratories and equipment. Extra supplies and equipment have been ordered and the creamery will soon be ready to receive cream by May 1st.

It will be under the direct management of the Dairy Farming Office and they already have two extra men in the territory organizing cream routes and arranging for cream shipments.

The creamery will be operated on a co-operative basis, receiving the butter fat from the farmers, charging the necessary manufacturing and marketing expense, and turning all that is left back to the producer, the same as any other co-operative creamery.

Prices paid for butter fat will equal that paid in other North Carolina creameries. It is not the purpose of the Experiment Station Creamery to enter any other territory now occupied by a creamery or to build up a large central factory, but to act only as a local market to develop the dairy business within easy shipping distance of Raleigh and as soon as communities develop by cream shipping sufficiently to support a factory other independent creameries will be built.

There are going to be some splendid opportunities at this creamery for young men to get training and experience in creameries that will soon be organized in the South.

Individuals who are interested should write the Dairy Farming Office, West Raleigh, for information about organizing cream routes and securing shipping

cans, etc. Correspondence is solicited from local Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, and Farmers' Unions who wish to push dairy farming in their communities. Literature will be supplied and some special features in local boosting are on hand for those who ask for them.

**CHARLOTTE DRUG STORE IS RAIDED.**

Charlotte, April 29.—Following the trial and conviction of two well known white men of the city yesterday and their sentence of four months each to the county roads on the charge of selling liquor, the police department this afternoon arrested four more men charged with the same offense and raided Bowen's drug store in the heart of the city, where they found about forty quarts of whiskey of different kinds and a barrel with a small quantity in it that apparently had been used for some time as a storage tank for the goods.

The four men arrested, one of whom is a clerk in the store, will be tried tomorrow morning before Recorder Jones. The clerk is S. C. Jordan. The other men are L. O. Wilson, Robert Johnson, white and Charlie Lindsay, colored. The case against the drug store, charging it with keeping liquor for sale, will be tried next Monday.

They say that when Senator Beveridge was abroad he granted interviews to several crowned heads. And we'll bet that he told them how to run their bloomin' countries.

**SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage executed by Henry Rogers to the undersigned on the 22nd day of

September, 1914, and duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance county, North Carolina, in book No. 66 of Mortgage Deeds, pages 314-317, to secure the payment of a certain bond, conveyed a certain real estate, and whereas default having been made in the payment of said bond and interest, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of the county of Alamance, on Monday, May 10, 1915, at twelve o'clock P. M., the land conveyed in said Mortgage Deed to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land in Thompson township, Alamance county, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of William Bason and others and bounded as follows:

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This 31st day of March, 1915.  
G. W. HOFFMAN,  
Mortgagee.

**INJUSTICE TO RAILROADS.**

Unfair! The glaring injustice of the government's treatment of the railroads in the matter of carrying the mails is brought out in a comparison of what Uncle Sam pays his own road and what he pays others. The government-owned Panama railroad received last year, according to a statement by the committee on railway mail pay, \$2.77 for each ton of mail carried a mile, while the private roads in

the United States, according to estimates of the Post Office Department, received about 10 cents per ton for each mile. If this is the kind of extravagance the government ownership of railroads stand for, it will be a long while before the voters of this country will give it serious consideration. Had the privately owned railroads of the United States been paid on the same basis as the Panama Railroad, instead of receiving \$56,000,000 or about one-fifth of the Post Office Department's revenues, they would have received \$1,557,000,000, or more than five times the total revenues of the Department. The railroads have not asked Congress to advance mail pay rates. All they have asked for is to be paid all the mail they carry and for all the special facilities and services they furnish and the Post Office Department. Why not, Uncle Sam?—Leslie's.

**ONE ON TAFT.**

Former President Taft tells this one on himself:

"There is a lad of my acquaintance in New Haven," said Mr. Taft, "who used to bite his nails. 'See here,' said his nurse to him one day, 'if you keep biting your nails like that, do you know what will happen to you?'"

"No," said the youngster, "What?"

"You'll swell up like a balloon and burst."

"The boy believed his nurse. He stopped biting his nails at once. About a month after the discontinuance of his habit he encountered me at luncheon. He surveyed me with stern disapproval. Then he walked over and said to me accusingly: 'You bite your nails!'"

—Everybody's Magazine.

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