A STRONG SERMON TO MEN

DR. HARDIN AT FIRST CHURCH

Ivelve Hundred Men. Representing I through a man.

Traternal Orders, Cubs, Unions and Military Companies Attend

Big Mans Meeting and Listen to Earnes, and Forential Appeal to Acknowledge Themselves Chiristians—Christ Made Laws That Have Indusenced Civilized World for 1.000 Years—The Sermon in Full.

The mass meeting held at the First Presbyterian church yesterday aftermon was one of the most interesting gatherings of the kind ever assembled in Charlette. The meeting was for men, and there must have been 1,200 present. Dr. Martin D. Hardin preaded what was termed by many one of the ablest sermons ever heard in this city. He spoke with enthusiasm and feeling to the inspiring audience. The music was first class and every one seemed to take an interest question. ence. The music was first class and every one seemed to take an interest in what was said and done. Many of the various organizations of the city turned out en masse.

The sermon is as follows:

"But as many as received Him, to
them gave He power to become the
sons of God, even to him that believeth on His name." John 1:12.

"Jeans Christian Line 1:12.

"Tesus Christ claimed to possess an absolute unique power over the lives of those men who would put them-selves trustingly into His hands.

"Our text is but one out of many where it is asserted that Jesus has done and could do, marvelous things for all lives that are opened to Him through faith. When John writes these words he is simply stating a fact of his own experience. Through Jesus' power over him, John himself is lifted out of a dull, monotonous, provincial life where his only thoughts were upon his fishing nets and the stupid gossip of his village, and is made a writer perienced all this and more. He wrote this gospel when he was an old man, after he had had years of opportunity to see what the influence of Jesus was upon many of his countrymen and men of other lands; and he asserts that as many as received Christ were made the sons of God. There had come out of Jesus' personality a transforming regeneration and glory in the lowest and hardest lives. John had himself

felt and seen these things.

"Now the most prosaic account which can be given of Jesus Christ cannot hide the fact that here was a human life doing the work of God among men. A young, unknown vil-lage carpenter, untaught in the schools, unread in the world's wisdom, suddenly appears and begins to speak

as never man spake. "He writes nothing. He simply takes the incidents of life as they come up about him, and leads men's thoughts through these incidents back to God. All that he says is off-hand. as spontaneous as the gushing of a clear stream of water from the mountain side. Broken fragments of these are written down by unlearned men, and now for 1900 years the world has been going to these sayings of Christ for the ultimate word of truth upon human life and duties to God and man and all the wisdom of philosophy, all the accumulated knowledge of civiof Jesus run on as far beyond the wisthe world two thousand years ago.

known. He was from the beginnig re-sisted by the rich and the powerful, hated by the learned and ruling ultimate realization of the very pur-Father forgive them, for they know not what they do? And lo, this cross, this instrument of death and shame,

'Jesus is put into the tomb, but all his disciples become so convinced that their own strength, they become good they have seen and talked with Him Then they will come to Christ. Now. face to face after his death as they let me say to every such man, that if had in olden days, that all doubt and you wait for that day to come, you dread is taken out of their hearts and will wait forever. You will not, you they go forth to give their lives unto cannot, work your way to God, by death in the effort to make the world merit system; you cannot come to God know their joy, and the freedom, the or Godliness wothout God. You delib-peace and the love. This Christ leads erately reject the highest thing in you. the civilized peoples of the earth captive. Millions believe on Him; they need o Him in theologies and prilosophies; they lay at His feet silver and gold, aye, their very lives. They worship Him in song; they madly hate, they passionately love for His sake.

"No matter what theories we may accept to account for the power of this unique life, these facts remain as absolutely undeniable. Here is human being who has literally plowed His way into the destiny of races, a human being who has exercised a power over the destiny of the world, which is greater than that of all other wise and good men put together. Here is a human being who so masters mankind that His personality is liter-ally a stronger and more dominant ce for billions of lives than century-long inheritances of sin and an-

"Hoy do you account for all this? Is it accidental? If so, we live in a chaos and it is vain to search a rational explanation of anything. Was it by pretending to be God, when He was not God? If so, we have this strangest and most unbelievable of all things: that an unreality and a lie have given to men all the reality and truth that they can ever hope to know. "How did Jesus account for Himself and for the results that He was ab-

ousness of every true follower of Je-usus Christ, when he said: The acknowledgement of God, in Chirst, accepted by thy reason for thee, solves all questions in the world and out of it. Let a man once grasp this sublime truth with his intellect, and then be willing to live his life on the strength of it: that Jesus Christ was ond is God, and then comes to him a power that no man who is trying to live his life without God can ever realize.

He can meet persecution, loss of property, disease, sickness, suffering and death, without fear. His spirit realize.

triumphs over all. "O, that I might meake it clear here to-day to every man who hears me, that there is an Infinite reality and power in the religion of Jesus Christ! O, that I might convince those of you who are trying to live without Jesus Christ, that you are robbing your own souls; that you are neglecting the one thing which can give meaning and digwhose insight into Jesus' character nity to all your activities. O, that you has been the inspiration and moral of might be convinced of your own sin, the ages, is made a power for truth when in the face of the Christ, who and righteousness, which the world will humbled Himself and took upon Him never outgrow. John had himself ex-perienced all this and more. He wrote You deliberately close your heart to Him, and go living your own cruel, selfish life which thwarts, by whatsoever power you may possess, God's blessed purpose to save a lost world! care not how moral you may be, care not how respectable you may be in the eyes of men—if your heart is closed to Jesus Christ, it is closed because of sins that you love better than the God who has died to save you; and you are going down to your grave a lost soul that has missed the one thing for which it was createdunion with God and the power to glorify Him forever.

"Now, if Jesus Christ was God in-carnate, do you doubt—dare you doubt that He has the power to save you? "God in His own infinite wisdom has seen fit to lean the responsibility upon you, of accepting Him or re-jecting Him. He will not take your own freedom of choice; that would be to reduce your manhood to the level of mere machine. He leaves it to you, to your own will, not whether you will save yourself, for this can none of us this in his writing and preaching discourses—what can be remembered do, but whether we will let Him save

power to create the worlds and to sustain their myriad forms of life; the power to create you, but you dare doubt that he has the power to save lized man humbles itself before the spontaneous, self-evident truths of life when there is not one of us here who when there is not one of us here who does not have a large part of his being that fell like cut diamonds from this does not have a large part of his being strange man's lips. Instead of being longing for freedom from sin? Men may talk about the incredible things of religion; but I say that to my of religion; but I say that, to my lom of our day, as they did before mind, here is a position which is so unreasonable, so incredible that "He lays down laws so hard that whole universe shouts aloud that it human nature does not like to obey them, and yet when he says to mea: 'Follow me,' they forsake all and come after Him, as filings play to the magnet. Here was a human life that the life of man, He can save you, if you

"I have talked individually with a classes, persecuted into death by the about giving their hearts to Jesus priests of religion. He stirred the pas-sions of men as no other has ever ception, they have every one expressed about Him, He was as calm as an same reason for holding back from elemental force. He goes to the cross taking the step, and it is this: They and meets a death of unpitied in-hold a high conception of what a famy. But He accepted this as the Christian man should be; and let me say that I do not want to lower that pose for which He came into the world. standard one lota beneath that which He sees it approaching. He sets his Jesus Christ has set, namely a striving face to meet it saying: 'And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men into me.' in the soul. But all of these men He dles with this prayer upon his lips: take the step of pretending to give their hearts to Jesus Christ, and then falling back. They wanted to be assured that turns into a throne of glory, from when they became Christians, they which there goes out to the hearts of men a power, such as no Caesar ever of themselves holds them back. They seemed to have the idea that they will stay away from Christ until, on which is your consciousness of the need of God, and then try to find God. aptive. Minions believe the interpret of God, and then try to him God.

Speaking the authority of the words of God, I say to you that 'God resisthey lay at His feet eliver and gold, eth the proud.' As long as you hope that you may become strong and good without submission to Jesus Christ, and without the aid that He gives to sinners, you are trusting in yourself, and not in Jesus Christ, and if the Bible and human experience makes anything clear, it is, that strength comes through fath in Christ, and not through self-reliance; but the very moment you are willing to humble yourself, as a little child, and cry to God, in repentant prayer, 'Lord I am a poor, weak, sinful man, conscious of my unworthiness, of my failures, my need of Thee: save my Lord or I die,' and you cast yourself at the feet of Jesus in this spirit, He will life you up, and He will pour into your waiting soul a power that is not the power of man but of God; and lo, in your

of man but of God; and lo, in your weakness, you are made strong; in your humiliation you find yourself exalted. In the stoop of your soul at the feet of Jesus Christ you are empraisedbeyond yourself, or, rather, for the first time to find your true self, communing to Jesus Christ in this sense, you die with sin and self, and the miracle of the new birth is wrought. You find yourself a babe in the king-"How did Jesus account for Himself and for the results that He was absolutely certain would flow from His life and death? And then his resurrection into life again? He said that he was one with God, that He was God, came into the world to accomplish this very result—namely, the extortion of all who would trust themselves to Him.

"I know myself what I am and what I am not better than any other human being can know me; you know yourself better than I or any other man can know you; and to say that this man, who has exercised such a contrast over the life of the world did not know Himself, is, to my mind, simple nonsense. That the greatest man who ever trod this earth should not know more of himself, of his own nature, than any other man should know, and that therefore His word should not be the richest revelation of that which is in His life and makes His power over mankind, that is incredible. There is but one explanation of the life of Jesus Christ in the light of all the facts that cluster about Him and His work which oas assisty the normal reason, and

"If you will not take this first alco, if you will not come to Jesus just as you are, in all your sins, you will not come to Jesus just as you are, in all your sins, you will not er come to Him at all.

"Dr. Weit Mitchell, the great nerve specialist, or Philadelphia, once had in his hospital a nervous woman, who had laid upon her bed for years, and had resisted every effort to induce her to try to walk. She said she could not, and as long as she believed she could not, she would not try. One day Dr. Mitchell touched a match to the bed clothing, and as the flames the spointe or die, and she leaped from the bed and ran out of the room, and from that time could walk. O, that I had some power to touch with the fire of God's holy spirit to touch the poor, sin ensnared wills of

some power to touch with the fire of God's holy spirit to touch the poor, sin ensnared wills of the men in this house, who have labored for years under the delusion that they could not so much as will to let God take hold of them. You my dear, dear men, have but to hold on the third debutter. hold on to this delusion, live as you have lived, and the fire will come, but Oh, God! what a fire! a fire that will consume in eternal death! Will you resist the spirit of God and die without Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection. Or will you, will you let Him in now, with all His cleansing, healing powers, to make you at peace with self and God?

"Every man in this audience, who will in his spirit cast himself upon. Jesus Christ, will find himself, from this hour forth, possessed of the power to know that he is a son of God."

THE REVIVAL SERVICES.

Crowds Increasing in Size and More and More Interest Manifest-Rev. Pierson Coming This Week

It is expected that more interest will be taken in the protracted services this week than at any time since they were begun. For three weeks the pastors of the city have been preaching and have been doing personal work that has proven effective. The services from the first have been attended by large congregations, the numbers increasing almost every day. The meetings have been characterized by thoughtful, earnest preaching on the part of the pastor, and by close attention on the part of the men and women who have heard them. There has been nething of the nature of the sensational about the meetings, al-ready the number of applicants for membership in the various churches will reach into the hundreds and a large number of professions and ac-cessions is hoped for the week.

Rev. Arthur J. Pierson will hold his first service in Charlotte to-night. He is a man of world-wide reputation as a minister and preacher. He stands as one of the strongest spiritual lights of the 19th and 20th centuries. He has rarely, if ever been excelled as a student and expounder of the Bible, and he is a man of wonderful faith. in the introduction to one of his best known books, "The Crisis of Missions," he uses this expression which has become so widely known-"Facts are the figures of God," and he proves Charlotte is fortunate in securing his services, especially at this time, and his ministry will no doubt be blessed "He has the power to fill the vast his ministry will no doubt be blessed his ministry will no doubt be blessed in this community. His simple faith in this community. His simple faith is God's word and the power of prayer has made of him a man the loves to honor, and in the life of no man, of modern times, probably has been more forcibly proven the truth of the words "Prayer and pains, through faith in Jesus Christ will accomplish anything."

THE CONCERT LAST NIGHT.

The Richardson Trio, Assisted by Mr. Davis With the Clarionet, Delighted a Gathering of Choice Spirits in Manufacturers' Club After Church-Comments on Concert.

The Richardson Trio, violin, piano three years was publicly will but be willing to trust yourself and cornet, assisted by Mr. William be was from the beginning re- to Him. delightful programme last night good many men, in the last few weeks the northern hall of the Manufacturers' Club after church services. The northern stairway served for bleachers, and was well filled with members and guests, and there was stirred them; and yet, amid all the the wish that they might be Christi- members and guests, and there was hatred and excitement that raged ans. They have virtually all given the quite an audience of women and men in the parlor adjacent.

Very well received were the Over-ture from "The Magic Flute." (Mo-zart.) and several other numbers by the orchestra: and "Palms," a cor-net solo, by Mr. L. Baker; Fantasia from Faust, violin solo, by Mr. Richardson; Prelude Siciliana, clartnet solo, by Mr. William Davis; and a piano solo by Mr. Karl von Lowrenz. Heber die Steppe.

Mr. Richardson, by request, gave the andante and scherzo from Rubenstein's Sonata, op. 13. for violin and plano. He managed the difficult tenique of the piece and interpreted it exquisitely and his audience was delighted with it. The plane part, taken by Mr. von Lawrenz, who is a planist from your heart was equally well

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