

TRUE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE

HAS CHARITY AND GENEROSITY

Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt Preaches on the Scriptural Injunctions Given by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, Counseling His Hearers to Give Freely and They Shall Receive Back Again a Recompense—People Do Not Realize the Divine Nature of Giving—Every Dollar Given to God is Thereby Stamped With His Own Love.

“Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.”

“Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your hands. For with the same measure that ye mete, withal it shall be measured to you again.”

This passage of Scripture from the Sermon on the Mount, found in Luke 6:36, 37, and 38, is the basis for the sermon of Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, yesterday morning. Mr. Mallinckrodt pleaded for a constant growth towards perfection, for a charity regarding one's neighbors which pays heed to the injunction regarding the mote and the beam, and for a deeper realization of the divine nature of giving. Every piece of money given to God, said he, is blessed with the stamp of His own love and money is valuable only in proportion as it is devoted to accomplishing the great purpose of our blessed Lord's sermon on the Mount is given to us in two places, said Mr. Mallinckrodt, “complete, perhaps, in Matthew and in part by Luke. According to the latter, both accounts, although the sermon was delivered at the beginning and not at the close of His ministry, He demanded perfection. Christianity does not consist merely in belonging to the Church or to any club or other organization. The Church is a divine institution and organization to beautify the soul, to cause us to grow in divine grace, to make us better and better day by day, more charitable in disposition, more holy in life. Until we grasp this aspect of religion we cannot expect Christianity to be a vital thing in our lives.”

OPPOSITION TO PROGRESS. Many of us think that the Church is a thing intended to keep us about on a par. We say, “Let us go on smoothly and undisturbed. We will attend church as regularly as possible; we would be respected in the community in which we live, perhaps, but don't let us exert ourselves too much in these directions.”

Every Sunday ought to find us a little bit holier than we were the day before, a little bit more punctual in the pew, a little bit more prayerful, a little more anxious to come back than before, a little more anxious to conquer that tired feeling and the lassitude of the flesh; to display the Christian character and Christian love which Christ displayed so beautifully while on earth. When we think about getting into heaven, we should not be satisfied with the thought of mere entrance into the Celestial City. We should be just as earnest and just as anxious about getting nearer and nearer to the Divine Master as the two sons of Zebedee.

The services held here at the church are not merely for the purpose of getting you to come to church. They are to help you to conquer a little more every day the lusts of the flesh. And then at the last when the summons comes and you enter into your reward you shall go, loved and beloved of all men, because of the goodness of your character, your zeal, your earnestness.

The text attempts to open your mind a little more fully along the line of love. “Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.”

NOTE AND BEAM. This doesn't mean that we are not to be people of judgment and discernment. It does not mean that if our neighbor is wicked, we shall not be aware of the fact. But even if we suspect one of evil, if we look around us we see that God endows oftentimes to prosper; that the sun and the rain minister alike to all. Therefore should we be content and be merciful to the wicked. God bids us first have the beam removed from our own eye, that we may see clearly to remove the mote that is in our brother's eye. There is a difference between the beam and the mote which is highly significant. The mote is a thing which gets on the surface of the eye. The beam is a distortion of the eye itself. It is a disease.

We may see people whom we think are morally diseased, when it is merely a surface trouble, and there may be corruption in our own life. There may be extenuating circumstances in the case of our neighbor which will in God's sight render his offense less worthy of blame than ours.

Therefore ought we to forgive and so live that the poor and needy should ever find in us a brother and a helper. We want to have a name for love and for charity in this world.

GIVING A DIVINE ACT. Jesus Christ says give and it shall be returned to you. This means that we do not realize the divine character of giving. We do not realize what valuing we can give money. When we give to God we put on each piece of money the stamp of His own love. And it will all come back to us. No man, so far as the speaker knew, who had ever given, did not also receive. No one in all history is there who gave away all that he had who died a beggar. You can read the records of kings who gave and you will find that their kingdoms grew greater and they grew rich in their time.

THE RETURNS MANIFOLD. But even if the return in money should not equal the amount given away, the honor in which we will be held, the regard which others will have for us, the love which we will possess, the tenderness with which we will be considered, our earthly rewards, as well as our own individual feelings, are enough to repay us amply for the inconveniences which we may perhaps have suffered and the uneasiness of parting with our possessions.

Here is a means by which the manifold and worries of the rich may be eliminated, said Mr. Mallinckrodt, a fact which some fellows do not realize. But the tenderness of consideration which formerly existed has passed away. Joseph's brethren exhibited it, and even in later days it existed in the East. There, too, it has vanished since Christianity has mingled with Mohammedanism. The rich have more worries, more sickness, more disorder of mind, more anxiety about money than any other class. It is because they have not learned this lesson—that the true

value of money springs from its being put into use in the manner which does most to bring to pass the highest and holiest purposes.

ALUMNI WANT DR. HILL. A. & M. Students Endorse Him For Presidency of That College to Succeed Dr. Winston.

The Observer prints the following by request: Durham, N. C., July 8th, 1908. To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, N. C.

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the graduates, students and former students of the A. & M. College who now reside in Durham it was announced that the name of Dr. E. H. Hill is to be presented to your honorable board as a well-fitted successor to Dr. George T. Winston, resigned.

Dr. Hill made a model vice president under Dr. Alexander Q. Shilday and under Dr. George T. Winston and we, the undersigned, feel sure that he is thoroughly competent to fill the position and we wish to go on record as friends of his and of the college.

We feel sure that the trustees will make a wise selection in naming Dr. Hill for the president of the A. & M. College.

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MR. J. P. COOK WILL BUILD. Lincoln Lithia Country Club a Splendid Piece of Property Says Well-Known Connoisseur of Estates.

Mr. J. P. Cook of Concord, was at the Selwyn Saturday. He was returning from the Lincoln Lithia Country Club. Mr. Cook is a member of the club and went up to drink the water and enjoy the building.

“What you build in the near future on the lot you selected?” Mr. Cook was asked. “I aim,” said Mr. Cook, “to be among the first of those who build. I think Colonel Pottock, of Kingston and Mr. Alexander Webb, of Raleigh, will build cottages this fall, and I expect to build also. It is really astonishing to find what a fine property the club owns. The club building is commodious, splendidly built, beautifully furnished and has all modern conveniences. It is as comfortable as the Selwyn and that's not running the Selwyn down either. A membership in the club is worth the price for the water alone. If there was a good macadam road all the way from Charlotte to the club it would be a great trip to make and the club would be a great auto meeting place. For good climate the club is not out of the way at all.”

Curious Old Human Nature. Some weeks ago a newspaper man in an otherwise favorable article on a certain picture in a public place and suggested its removal. It chanced that three or four days elapsed before the management of the picture gallery knew of its character and it was put out of business. “In the meantime,” says one connected with the place, “after the publication of the article, that picture did far more business than all the others put together. Many who did not know what it was but heard of it, hunted through all the others till they found it.”

“Was ever thus. One or two unusual books in the last year have had their sales run high into the thousands by denunciatory articles.

Mr. H. M. Bryant to Study Law. The many friends of Mr. H. M. Bryant are glad to learn that he intends to move with his family to Chapel Hill this fall and enter the law department of the University. Mr. Bryant was formerly a student at the University and is peculiarly qualified for the profession which he purposed to make his life's work. After a two-year course he will secure his license and then settle down. He has not yet definitely decided whether he will locate in Charlotte or not.

It Hit the Spot. What is held by some to be the most timely and comforting sermon of the year was preached last night to a congregation of Democrats by a “charismatic” minister, within a hour of Bryan's nomination for the presidency. The text was: “And now I exhort you to be of good cheer.”

There was not the remotest reference to politics in the sermon, but the politicians insisted on taking it that way, and accordingly they made noble efforts to obey the injunction.

Miss Ruth House, of Scotland Neck. Correspondence of The Observer. Scotland Neck, July 10.—The remains of Miss Ruth House were interred at Kaboke Baptist church, near town, to-day at 10:30 o'clock. Elder W. R. Strickland conducting the burial exercises. Miss House was the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. House and was about 22 years of age. She had been in feeble health for two years or more, but had been ill only about two weeks. There was a large gathering at the funeral despite the driving wind and rain at that hour. The floral offerings were beautiful.

Right to Powder. St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Judge Tracey, of St. Louis, fined Christian Johnson \$100 for seizing his wife's powder bag and throwing it out of the window, saying a woman had a right to use a powder bag without interference.

FOR THE OBSERVER. WHEN MOSES CROSSED THE SEA. En so Marse Joe, you wants ter know, Huccome I ter cross de sea? It happen jes so, some y'ars ago, In de good ship, Bumble Bee, My dady was er big black king, In de lan' where de nigger grows, En dat day, he sends me down to de sho', Ter hep my ma wash clothes, When I reach dat clump er cocoa trees, Where marm' been out de wash, She want dare, en don't make no case, When somethin' goes, ker-er-aplaah! I rushes down ter de water's edge, En-dare was a gre't big boat! En dare de deck was er gre't big man, Wid wiskers lak er goat, I was jest er lil yearlin' buck, En I stan' dare er-suckin' my thum', Twel de man on deck, er-stretchin' his neck, Yell, “He's our meat by gum!” Den dey lowers er lil boat, De cap'n en er nigger lak me, Dey rows in er jiffy, ter where I is, En dat nigger, says he, ter me: “Dis is de cap'n er de Bumble Bee, Cap'n Bille Gourd, er de Bumble Bee, En de cap'n, he wants yer ter come er-board, En he's yerse' ter sat in silk, En he's yerse' ter honey in milk, I kin see dat salt, feet dat stik! Smell dat honey, taste dat milk! So, I goes erboard with Cap'n Gourd, En dat nigger what looks lak me, En de cap'n, he know, 's bumpin' de flo', Er hundred mile, know, 's bumpin' de flo', —HAROLD CHILD.

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CANNIBALS EAT CREDITORS.

Lady Hetty Menendez Reports That Life in “Darkest Africa” Is Exciting—New York American.

“The west of Africa, from which my husband and I have just returned, is about the hottest and darkest part of the continent. The inhabitants are cannibals and life in the wilds of Zingru is most exciting, even though it may not be amusing.”

Lady Hetty Menendez, formerly Miss Tilyou, of Englewood, who married Sir Raymond Menendez, chief justice of Northern Nigeria, about six years ago, she continued. “But his devotion to a four years' sojourn in ‘Darkest Africa.’” She talked to a representative of The American yesterday.

“Sir Raymond's health is greatly impaired from living there so many years she continued. “But his devotion to the colonial service may lead him back again if he recovers sufficiently in the next six months. We are sailing to England Tuesday.”

“We lived in the little town of Zingru. Our honeymoon was spent in a bungalow elevated from the ground on account of the dangerous reptiles which infest the place. Although there were fifty or more white persons in the barracks, we were never quite sure of the natives, who are warlike and do not hesitate to eat their enemies if they get a chance.”

“I remember a tobacco merchant who was slain by a debtor and eaten by the slayer and his friends.”

“Our first journey up the picturesque Niger was an extraordinary one. It lasted ten days, although the distance is only 500 miles. There is a railroad for twenty miles from Zingru. The trip took about two hours. Along it we saw many animals strange to our eyes. Antelopes, wild hogs, and thousands of snakes hanging in festoons from the trees or crawling along the ground.”

“I am fond of America, but I like England almost as well. It is such a comfort to pick up one's clothes and not find them covered with ants and mosquitoes. We were always at war with insects, and in order to evade them we arranged our beds with the casters in cups of kerosene. This prevented the ants from creeping upon us.”

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