

DANIELS PRAISES WORK OF METHODIST LAYMEN

Laymen's Day Speech At Columbus, Ohio, Reminds Hearers That Women Are Included in Term Laymen and Tells of Their Wonderful Work For the Church.

Extracts from Address of Hon. Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, delivered at Laymen's Day at the Methodist Centenary Celebration, Columbus, Ohio, July 5, 1919.)

For weeks, in this capital of a noble commonwealth which furnished two Methodist presidents, the militant forces of Methodism have gathered to celebrate the missionary centennial of American Wesleyans. Great leaders of faith and great men of other creeds have brought their messages of cheer and congratulation and faith. Whatever Methodism is or is not, it is always and everywhere Christianity in its best and most robust form, of buoyant optimism, of confidence in the uplift of mankind and always a welcome force, two or three Methodists are gathered together. The only unacceptable guest in any of our meetings is the man who lacks vision, preaches pessimism and looks into the past rather than confidently into the future. Enthusiasm, zeal, earnestness and conservation are words descriptive of old time and new time Methodists. Agnosticism makes no appeal to a people who know in whom they have believed. Hopelessness and scepticism assail this church with no more effect than the waves dashing on rock.

I am glad to speak at this centennial Laymen's Day, the day particularly apart to discuss the duty and service of those in the pew. The churches are too often stood still because the men were at ease in Zion, leaving the faithful ministers the task of pushing forward the wagon of salvation. No church can be Wesleyan unless its membership is at work, wholly utilized and in harness. The early Methodists understood this better than a membership of most other churches. Teachers were few and laymen preached and held classes and were the active spiritual leaders. The real church is one with all the members busy, all at work in the Master's vineyard. Is it too much to say that next to the Wesley and Whitfield, their true yoke-fellows in the gospel, it was the abundant labors and all of the laymen, men and women, who made Methodism the mightiest constant agency in arousing indifferent people to the imperative claim of religion?

The Centenary Fund.

There are more Methodists in America than there are Christians of any other Protestant faith. Numbers count if they are active and alive. The centenary campaign for the Centenary fund which more than a hundred and fifty million dollars was raised for Methodist missions and other forward movements attests the fact that when we get to the grace of giving Methodists pull in the line. It is a fact that that notable achievement of the ministers found laymen on the firing line leading in providing this foundation for the great work the church is undertaking.

This Centennial marks a long step in the accomplishment of church union. A time has come when Methodists of various divisions are keeping step to the same music and we see the day near hand when Methodists of the North and the South and the East and the West will compose one compact army, under one direction and organization, that which Fock led to victory. As if as each allied army looked for dition to its own general, the forces freedom lacked the energy and the glossiness of aim which insured success when they became one army following one leader and following one command. That lesson leaves no room doubt that all branches of Methodism see the need and are hastening to complete one perfect unity.

We speak of what the laymen have wrought. It is but an earnest that which they must garner for the world's redemption in the fields ripe to the harvest. But it is not always understood, as we speak of laymen that we include the women of the church. It is the glory of Methodism that its pulpits are early open to consecrated women whose hearts flamed with the love of God. Indeed if we ever begin to make men in our church, the first one to be canonized will be Susannah Wesley her than her illustrious sons. She is the inspiration of their consecration, their sermons, and their songs. All fiction there is no finer character than that of the Methodist woman created by George Eliot. The great woman novelist has depicted in Dinah Morris the best type of the early Methodist woman in that noble woman who lost sight of self in the loving service all about her, for Dinah Morris' life the fragrance of the fairest flower that grows in God's out-of-doors, the day that has lately dawned of man's full partnership with men in ornament as well as in church and city, there is belated appreciation all the great and helpful work of thousands of Dinah Morris who shaped the lives of men with such precision of self that neither they nor those they helped understood how they were their ministrations.

Worth More Than A World of Money

Mrs. Raspberry Gains Thirty-five Pounds on Taking Tanlac.

"I had rather see my wife well and happy like she is since taking Tanlac than to have all the money in the world," declared Henry Raspberry, of 1512 Campbell St., Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Raspberry, who has recently been employed as a foreman by the Armour Packing Company, was formerly in the service of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad.

"Before my wife took Tanlac," continued Mr. Raspberry, "she had rheumatism in her limbs so bad she couldn't even dress herself. I would have to help her out of bed in the mornings and put her clothes on for her. Her stomach was in such a bad condition that she could hardly digest anything. The gas on her stomach would cause intense pains in her side and such awful spells of palpitation of the heart that she could hardly stand it. She was extremely nervous, her breath was short and very offensive, and she had fallen off in weight until she was hardly more than a frame.

"At the time she began taking Tanlac she only weighed eighty-seven pounds and had not been able to do any of her household work in four years. But she now weighs one hundred and twenty-five pounds—and is as healthy and active as she was thirty years ago. The rheumatic pains have all gone and she can do all her work and look after the family without the least trouble. She can eat meat, pickle, all kinds of vegetables and anything else she wants and never has a sign of indigestion. She is not the least nervous any more, sleeps like a child every night and is as well as she ever was. I can't find words to express my thankfulness for what Tanlac has done for her. It is nothing short of wonderful."

Tanlac is sold by leading druggists everywhere.—Adv.

A Prohibition Church.

"Our is a Prohibition Church" has been the record and claim of the Methodist Church. Those who hail national prohibition as a blessing rightly give the Methodists credit for their long fight against the evils of drunkenness and their large share in the adoption of the latest constitutional amendment. Those who doubt wisdom and have opposed its passage, equally agree in placing the blame largely upon our church. Praise blame, Methodists were among the foremost in the long and successful fight which preceded ratification by forty-five of the forty-eight States.

efforts must be supported by the civilian population if they are to save fighting men from the ravages of this infection. The Inter-Departmental Board has broad functions relating to law enforcement work by providing for the treatment and maintenance of persons found to be carriers of venereal diseases and legally committed to detention hospitals; in promoting, extending and endorsing better educational methods and facilities; and in stimulating and financing scientific investigation and research into the causes, methods of spread and cure of these diseases. It is safe to say that more progress has already been made along those lines than could have been secured in a quarter of a century without awakening to the lessons which mobilization taught and without the instrumentality of a Federal organization possessing the resources and coordinating powers of the Board.

War, continuous by officials and civilians, churches and organizations, men and women must be waged until no red light district is tolerated anywhere. More than that: Education, moral and physical, in schools and colleges, in homes and industrial plants must be emphasized until every youth knows the perils of the veil. Higher still: the goal is to preach continence as the only effective and complete and worthy life to lead, the only way to the best efficiency, the sane protection of the family. The church must lead in standing for the single standard of morality alike for men and women.

The Vision of John Wesley.

Methodism was founded on the declaration of John Wesley "the world is my parish." His conception of his call was bounded by no parochial lines. He was of the mould of the apostle who heard and answered the call "Come over Macedonia and help us." To him the duty was as imperative to cross the seas and carry the gospel to the Indians in Georgia as to preach to miners in Wales. Those of his faith have followed his example, and in every land his missionaries of the Methodist church are found as brothers and friends of those who had not hitherto felt the uplift and benediction which nothing but the religion of Christ can impart. "The world is my parish," he did not even have a church in which to preach, but sought his congregations in the lanes and streets. But when the people saw that he came with a burning zeal and a glowing faith and had a message that transformed their lives, they heard him gladly. He profoundly stirred the people of his day, woke up the sleeping established church, and the least of the influence of the early Methodists is the organized church which followed their preaching. Its converts are found in every communion and the influence set in motion by Methodism revolutionized much of the thought and more of the action of men like Spurgeon in other creeds and of no creed.

Wesley's broad conception of duty to mankind, which leaped over mountains and seas, embraced in "the world is my parish" is the dominating and driving force of all Christian churches today. The church that does not send out its warmth it enjoys to others who sit in darkness have no kinship with Wesley. But the big thought uttered by Wesley has special significance for us today as citizens as well as Christians. The world is the parish to the minister, speaking in the language of the pulpit. The world is equally the field of duty and opportunity to all men of all faiths. Any less horizon narrows and dwarfs and starves the soul of every man and every nation.

The World One Brotherhood.

Who is my neighbor? That age-old question was wisely answered by the few in the early days of Christianity. It has been left for this generation and this hour to declare that the world is one brotherhood, and that every man in every nation is neighbor. Not only has this old truth been re-born and revitalized, but it has been incorporated in the noblest covenant the world

I speak out in the South where these awful crimes are committed. I talk against the reign of mob law directly to the white people of the South. By this method I hope to get results. Criticizing the Southern white man who does not make him disposed to do the right thing, and it requires more courage to pursue my policy than by indulging in condemnation many miles away. I confess it is made easier and more agreeable for us to do the popular thing; but the popular thing, which might give you a great deal of pub-

licity, is not always productive of the results you wish to attain. You will always find Moton standing straight on the race question, no matter what you hear to the contrary.

Has Whole Cattle Family.

Kinston, July 6.—A returned soldier, being capable of most anything, Jack Temple, a local druggist, brought back with him from France, where he served with Ambulance Company 317, a cattle family embalmed in alcohol. Temple is exhibiting a vial containing the specimens in a window, where they have attracted a lot of attention. He has the history of the bugs down pat, and classifies them as of French origin. Temple claims that the two largest of the beetles are the parents of the others in the bottle.

Belgium Honors Henry Clews.

Henry Clews, banker, was notified yesterday that he has been named by King Albert as an officer in the Order of Leopold II. "as a token of his appreciation of the devotion shown to the cause of Belgium." Mr. Clews was active in Belgian relief work.

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