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**CHRIST APPLAUDED AND THE  
CHURCH HISSED.**

The great problem that confronts the preachers and publicists of to day is how to carry the gospel to the masses of mankind.

In the days when the religion of the blessed Jesus was first proclaimed, the common people heard him gladly.

It was the toiling poor who were his earliest disciples, and the first martyrs were from the ranks of the humble and the poor.

There was no problem then of how to reach the masses. They saw in the new gospel a justice to them that had been forever denied to them by the ruling classes.

They saw hope for time and eternity for them in the new gospel, and they accepted His message and His teachings, and tried to bring their lives into harmony with the noble precepts of the gospel of light and justice and purity.

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while it does not ring in trumpet tones, or thunder with the voice of cannon, or sing the verse of poets, yet is as high, as noble as the others named.

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In most of the cities the poor people do not attend church. It is the fashionable and the well-to-do who take the best seats in the Christian synagogues, and say to the poor "stand thou there."

As a consequence in many homes of the working people an indifference as to Christianity has come to bring dullness and coldness where spiritual light and warmth ought to glow.

In others, there has come a skepticism and unbelief among the laboring people which has caused them to reject Christianity as it is presented to them and to despise its churches and its ministers.

A recent writer in the North American Review gives this incident in the life of BENJ.

TILLET, a young English labor leader:

He was speaking to an immense crowd of workingmen, many of them Socialists. He spoke to them about the Christian church, and the people hissed bus alision to the church, showing that they hated it and its pretense of helping to lift them up. Then he began to talk about his Divine Master. He spoke of what the Man of Nazareth said when he was upon earth; he told them what the Man of Nazareth did when he dwelt among men; and he added what he believed the Man of Nazareth would do to workingmen and dock laborers were he here to-day. He grew more and more earnest as he spoke of the righteousness and sympathy and unselfishness and love of the Man of Nazareth.

At last a Socialist cried out: "Let's give three cheers for that Man of Nazareth! He is the best man of whom we have ever heard!" And immediately thousands of hats and caps were uplifted, and thousands of voices joined in ringing cheers for the Man of Nazareth.

Hisses for the church, and hurrahs for Christ, "the Man of Nazareth," in almost the same breath was a strange spectacle.

It would not be fair to argue from this that the church has repudiated the gospel of Christ, or that all its ministers and members are false to their professions. Far from it. But this incident teaches the needed lesson that religion consists not in splendid structures, eloquent sermons, trained singers, and an outward exhibit of the highest culture, but in doing good to all men and exhibiting the practical gospel that all men are brethren, that all are equal in this world as well as in His sight.

That is the lesson the church has too often failed to teach. It has too often bowed down to wealth, position or influence. It has too often had a code of morals for men that was more lax than that for women, and a code of rules for the rich that was soft and luxurious, and for the poor that was hard and full of thorns. People of rank and wealth and influence have too often sought to perform their duties to their poorer brethren by proxy, and seemed to think that a money contribution was as valuable as a warm grasp of the hand. Chapels for the poor and churches for the rich have made an estrangement, and those who have most of worldly goods have too often regarded themselves as made of superior clay to their poorer and more pious neighbors. Sectarianism has run riot and retarded the growth of true Christianity.

In the great labor problems and dis-

cussions that have begun to agitate the world the church has not always been Christ-like in its deep interest, and has not sought as it should in practical ways to make the teaching of Christ the standard by which all problems should be settled.

Is there ground for hissing the church and applauding Christ? We think not, but that it has been done is evidence of the fact that the church has come far short of its duty, and has not come up to the measure of its responsibility and has not fulfilled its high commission to take the world for the carpenter's son—the Man of Nazareth whom the untaught multitude applauded after hissing the church.

What the church needs is less of "church charity" and pride and pomp and more of the spirit of the Man of Nazareth who regarded service in His name above all gifts and possessions. When the church measures up to this ideal, not even the most vicious would dare to hiss when it was spoken of. Then the church and the Man of Galilee would be one, and all mankind would lovingly speak of both in one breath in words of tenderness and devotion.

**A TRUE AND ELEGANT TRIBUTE.**

(Asheville Citizen.)

Among the nations Ireland has one distinction which causes her to shine as a star. It is not her eloquence, though she produced a BURKE. It is not her poetry, though MOORE and GOLDSMITH are numbered among her sons. It is not her valor, though it took a CROMWELL to conquer an O'NEIL. It is not her patriotism, though from O'CONNELL to the present Irish members of Parliament, Ireland glories in a list unsurpassed by the scroll of any other nation. These and other glories never can be effaced, though Ireland should sink in to the sea.

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This national sanctity of the Irish people has received a ghastly wound at the hands of Ireland's foremost champion for freedom. PARNELL, while battling for public liberty, has wallowed in private misery. He has said: An Irishman may be an adulterer without injury to him as a patriot. We much mislead Irishmen and Irish women if the virtue of Ireland does not rise indignantly and rebuke the shame of PARNELL.

Ireland would better not build ruined homes into the foundations of her liberty. PARNELL was necessary to Ireland's cause until he sinned against one of Ireland's greatest glories. His fall has ended this necessity. The assumption on his part that the entire Irish people would condone his rank offense is an insult which only a leader of supreme selfishness could offer to a nation of pre-eminent virtue.

In the present state of English morality even a DILKE might be received back to favor and influence. Ireland in PARNELL's case will illustrate how different her hardy virtue is from the rotten im-morality of the English aristocracy.

WE THANK YOU SINCERELY.

[Mecklenburg Times—Alliance Organ]

The more we reflect on the subject the more we are impressed with the fact that the conservative attitude of the STATE CHRONICLE towards the Farmers' Alliance and its judicious handling of the issues of the campaign, went far to produce the harmony which resulted in the big Democratic victory last November.

THE TRUTH WELL STATED.

(Lenoir Topic.)

Mr. PAT. CALHOUN was preparing to ride the Georgia Alliance up to the pearly gates and leave it hitched outside, just as MAHONE served the nigger in Virginia, but the skittish colt broke away before stable-boy MACUNE got the bit in its mouth.

DESERVES WELL OF THE STATE.

Rev. R. L. ABERNETHY makes an appeal to the friends of education to help him rebuild Rutherford college. Read his appeal in to-day's CHRONICLE. His services have been conspicuous and generous in aid of indigent young people, and he deserves well of the State.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Rev. Jas. A. Weston has temporarily accepted a position as assistant minister at Trinity church, New York. This is but a temporary arrangement, as Mr. Weston does not propose to leave Hickory.

Miss Mary Jones Beall, late a pupil of Miss L. Norwood, passed through Hickory Wednesday en route for New York city to spend the winter. Miss Beall is the most distinguished teacher of decorative art in the South, and her services have already been bespoken by ladies of Fifth avenue, where many of the mansions are already adorned by her beautiful tapestry painting.—Hickory Press and Carolinian.

We hear with the sincerest regret that Mr. Robert Haydn has resigned the editorship and management of the Charlotte Chronicle and will retire from the paper January 1st and take a newspaper position in Baltimore. Mr. Haydn is one of the brightest men on the State press, and one of the most elegant gentlemen. The Landmark will regret to see him leave North Carolina. We understand that his retirement from the Chronicle is the result of disagreements between him and the directors of the company which owns the paper.—Statesville Landmark.

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**COMPILATION RESOLUTIONS.**

Resolutions Passed in Reference to Rev. W. S. Black, D. D., Upon His Retirement as Presiding Elder.

Tuesday night the last quarterly meeting of Edenton Street Methodist Church was held, Rev. W. S. Black, D. D., presiding. There was a full attendance. Mr. W. J. Young was re-elected Sunday School Superintendent, and Mr. Jos. G. Brown District Steward.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, We the members of the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Edenton Street M. E. Church, South, Raleigh District, North Carolina Conference, have learned that Dr. W. S. Black, the Presiding Elder of said Raleigh District, and his faithful wife, Mrs. Mary F. Black, by virtue of his election to the Superintendency of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, will soon leave us to take charge of said institution;

WHEREAS, Being highly appreciative of their faithful service, do hereby

RESOLVE, 1st. That as Presiding Elder, we take pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr. Black's worth, integrity and faithfulness in the discharge of the duties of his office; that in all things under the guidance of the Holy Ghost, he has been to us a "workman of whom we are not ashamed."

2nd. That while we deplore the necessity that removes him from our midst, we feel that the call is from God, and do by these presents assure him of our continued interest in his welfare and of our sincere appreciation of the good he has done as God's servant, done in our midst; that our prayers shall follow him; that he may be as faithful in the discharge of his new duties as he has been in the performance of the functions of his office as our presiding officer.

3d. That in loss of his faithful wife, our church loses one of its most efficient members; that she was indeed a help-meet unto her husband in every good word and work; that we shall miss her Godly counsel, her Chris-tian example and exemplary life; that her usefulness as a leader has been marked and pre-eminent.

4th. Most heartily do we commend them as in all respects worthy of the love and fellowship of all God's people.

5th. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Conference and furnished the Raleigh Christian Advocate, STATE CHRONICLE, and the ORPHER'S Friend, for publication:

J. H. Cordon, A. M. Powell, Josephus Daniels, Wm. H. Hughes, Garland Jones, W. J. W. Crowder, D. W. Bain, E. F. Pescud, R. H. Whittaker, G. W. Wynne, W. J. Young, J. A. Jones, R. E. Lumsden, J. C. Palmer.

Feeling and appropriate remarks were made by Dr. Black who was deeply moved at this expression of love and regard. He was followed by Dr. Cordon who spoke touchingly of the relations between Dr. Black and himself and the congregation.

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