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Those Few Exceptions

Refusing to register for selective service training, several divinity students in New York were recently sentenced to prison for a year and a day by a federal judge. The stand of the young men against war is to be admired. No one can read the accounts from Coventry, the Detroit of England, and not raise his voice and soul against the horrors of war.

The young men, just as there are the few exceptions in every other movement, good or bad, are doing themselves and religion little good when they sincerely or stubbornly tell the world that they will not do the biddings of a government that offers them protection against the persecution and actual extinction that have befallen their comrades in other lands.

The law stated that everyone between the ages of 21-35 inclusive should register; that conscientious objectors would be heard in due time. But, no, the apparently half-cracked students decided they would publicly and brazenly question the government's order to register for selective service. It would have been far better had the young men registered and then quietly entered their objections to the military call.

But there are those few exceptions in every movement. Some are well intentioned, but in too many cases some few would upset a program that is designed to serve the welfare of the majority. When it comes to the religious group, it seems difficult to understand its attitude in the face of the persecution that has been dealt the church in those countries overrun by barbarians. But there are others who reserve their complaint and willingly march forward to do what they think is right and which when done will bring freedom and blessings that the few students and others of their ilk will enjoy along with those who shoulder the burdens in war or in peace.

A Doubt Remover

In nearly every mail from the office suites on Park Avenue and from the dominated typewriters from state after state come pieces of literature and letters picking flaws in the New Deal and urging a return to the old order. The facts are distorted and warped, and while an occasional argument would tend to carry some weight and one is ready to concede a point, he merely turns back to the early thirties and recalls the conditions as they existed then. All doubt about the value of our present system as compared with that system in effect under Hoover quickly vanishes when one recalls the trying times that saw millions swept and kicked out of their homes and the human soul was given a value below that of a work beast or a machine.

Today, we may be traveling the wrong road, but the millions have recently stated their preference to continue their present course rather than turn back to experience Mr. Hoover's system—a system that quite a few self-interested groups would have us grope under again.

When someone would cast doubt in our minds about the value of our system today, we merely recall the old days—those bad days—take heart and express a willingness to march on, hoping and believing the future will be no worse than was the past under Mr. Hoover's administration.

Criminals Are Made Not Born

Defender of the Faith.

Statistics of criminology show that a very great per cent of our public enemies in every department of society were individuals who grew up without a father or mother, and took the wrong course because they were left to themselves. John Dillinger, Robin Hood, Jesse James, and many others were examples of this type. How much better our country would be if those who have large incomes and immense fortunes, would do some thing materially to help educate and train those fatherless ones who will otherwise grow up as untrained, undisciplined, undesirables.

A child does not need to be born with a silver spoon in its mouth to become great. Many poor homes have been the birthplace of the earth's most mighty religious and political leaders. Poverty is not always an enemy, but will become such unless the poverty-stricken boy or girl gazes through the slime of their environment, and by strides that are made possible through Christian training and educational opportunities, hitch their wagon to a star and find that there is room for them at the front.

Let's turn a new leaf and begin fighting our bandits, racketeers, and other criminals by inculcating good things in the minds of our youth. If we place before them good and show them by our acts of charity and benevolence that they are welcome to ascend to all the attainments we enjoy, they will willingly become our contemporaries in good citizenship.

In giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free—honorable alike in what we give and what we preserve.—Abraham Lincoln.

"LET NO MAN PUT ASUNDER"



Christians Spiritual Defense Program

By REV. Z. T. PIEPHOFF
Pastor, Presbyterian Church

"Prepare to Meet Thy God." Man is on his way to meet God. Each day draws him closer to his Maker and Judge. Some will be called upon to meet Him today, others tomorrow, and all of us within just a few years. Therefore, the most important question of the day isn't, "Are we prepared to meet some earthly foe?" but "Are we prepared to meet our God?"

Some day we shall meet Him. Of that there is no doubt. As we stand before Him to give an account of ourselves—our stewardship, our time, our talents, and our possessions we must have a good defense program already worked out.

The Christians first line of defense is to have an advocate, a lawyer, a go-between to stand between him and God and that advocate must be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Christians' second line of defense is to have a case already prepared to plead before the Judge. This case the Lord Jesus Christ has already prepared for those who love Him.

The Christian's third line of defense is a Christian character that will be able to stand the test of fire.

If we are to spend eternity in the Father's House and in His presence, then we must be preparing a character like His, a character that will make us feel at home in His presence. We are forming a character of some sort or other each day and the kind of character we are forming now will determine whether or not we will feel at home in the presence of God on that day.

Building a character is a matter of cultivation.

Taste and desire and habit are products of cultivation. We can choose and we do choose the things that result in taste, desire, and habit and the cultivation of these result in character.

e.g. Take the use of tobacco as an illustration. The first chew of tobacco a young man takes inevitably makes him sick. So sick that he does not know whether he is standing on his head or on his feet. But, in spite of this first effect, he takes another and another until soon afterward that which made him sick is now a sweet and juicy morsel in his mouth.

Take the use of alcohol as another illustration. Very few, if any, of those who are today the users of this beverage, liked the taste of raw alcohol in the beginning. At first it was dressed up in high balls, gin fizzes, and cocktails, but gradually the taste took hold and today many of these persons can drink raw alcohol from open fruit jars or bottles without the usual chaser.

How true it is that our tastes, desires and habits are the results of cultivation.

Just one other illustration. The story is told of a minister who lived in the low country for many years and was often a victim of malaria. Some years later he moved to the hills. One day he was invited out to dinner and his host placed before him a dinner fit for a king. Before he ate it he reached in his pocket and took out a small bottle and sprinkled some of its contents over the meal. The contents of that bot-



- Palmolive, Bath size 4 for 25c
- Palmolive 3 for 20c
- Super Suds (blue box) sm 3 for 25c
- Super Suds (blue box) lg 2 for 43c
- Octagon Soap, giant 6 for 25c
- Octagon Soap, small 10 for 23c
- Octagon Powder, large 6 for 25c
- Octagon Powder, small 10 for 23c
- Octagon Toilet 6 for 25c
- Octagon Cleanser 2 for 3c
- Octagon Flakes 2 for 18c
- Octagon Granulated 2 for 18c
- Crystal White Soap 3 for 14c
- Hollywood Beauty 3 for 14c
- Klex (Pumice) Soap 3 for 14c
- Crema Oil Soap 3 for 14c
- Universal Soap 3 for 14c
- Triple Cake Soap 3 for 14c

Lindsley Ice Co.

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

The Sunday next before Advent.

The Collect

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

Choir rehearsal at 7:30 on Friday night in the old church.

PRESBYTERIAN

The regular services will be held at all points this Sunday. All the services will be under the direction of the pastor.

presence today?" Of course you wouldn't. With such a character Heaven itself would seem more like Hell than Heaven.

In closing let me say this: That if you do not feel at home in the presence and company of those who pray, study their Bibles, attend church, and serve God, then you had better begin at once to cultivate a character and dispositions and interests that will, for these are the traits that shall make us feel at home in the Father's House.

A man is not prepared to meet his God until he has the Lord Jesus Christ as his Advocate; until he has the Lord Jesus Christ to plead his case before Almighty God, or until he has developed a character that will make him feel at home in the presence of God.

Do you have such a defense today? Are you preparing such a defense today? If not, why not begin preparing one today?

For—Behind such a defense we are eternally secure.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Things Money Cannot Buy."
Young People meet, 6:30. Subject, "Grateful for Everyday Blessings, Thanksgiving."
Evening service, 7:30. Subject, "Trials and How to Bear Them."
Junior Choir meets Monday, 7:15, and the Senior Choir follows at 8:00 o'clock.
Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30 o'clock. Subject, "The Bank of the Saints."

The every-member canvass will begin on this date. An opportunity will be given the membership present to underwrite the church budget for the coming year, which means the release of the church for that much service during the year. The Junior Choir will render special music at the evening hour.

RIDDICK'S GROVE

Regular services will be held on Sunday afternoon at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church at 2:30 p. m. We urge all members to be present. The public is cordially invited.

Piney Grove Baptist

There will be a special service at Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. Prof. Russell Martin will bring the message on Thanksgiving. We urge all members to be present and we invite the public to be with us in the service.

ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Mornnig worship, 11 a. m.
B. T. U., 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank our loyal neighbors and friends for all the acts of kindness and the lovely floral offerings given, and aid ministered during the sickness and in the death of our son and brother, Mrs. C. T. Johnson and Family.

Reita Theatre—Washington

Sunday-Monday November 24-25
"NIGHT TRAIN"
with Margaret Lockwood and Rex Harrison

Tuesday Nov. 26
DOUBLE FEATURE
"Meet the Wildcat," M. Lindsay, R. Bellamy
Plus "DEVIL'S PIPELINE"

Wednesday-Thursday November 27-28
"DANCING ON A DIME"
Grace MacDonald and Robert Paige

Friday-Saturday November 29-30
"RAINBOW OVER THE RANGE"
with Tex Ritter

NOTICE

Due to the increased cost of materials, and cleaning supplies, we the undersigned, have found it necessary to establish the following dry cleaning and laundry prices:

Effective Dec. 2

DRY CLEANING SUITS And PLAIN DRESSES

50c Each

ALL FAMILY FINISH LAUNDRY BUNDLES

10c Per lb.

NO DISCOUNTS TO ANYONE

Alpha Cleaners-Pittman Cleaners

Edenton Laundry-Lilley's Laundry

Taxes PAYABLE AT PAR During November

Interest Rate Of One Per Cent Per Month Will Begin in December

SAVE Money Pay Your Taxes Now

C. B. Roebuck Sheriff of Martin County