

# THE PULPIT.

AN ELOQUENT SUNDAY SERMON BY  
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Theme: Children and Church.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—In Sands Street Memorial Church, the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Francis Bourne Upham, preached Sunday morning a Children's Day sermon on "Children and the Christian Church." The text was from Matthew 18, 2 and 3: "And Jesus called little children unto Him and set Him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Dr. Upham said in the course of his sermon:

The theme selected for the morning has been given me by the general custom of the church; for, as you know, this is Children's Day, honored and observed everywhere. It is expected that we turn our thoughts to-day away from the study of the battle and the bruise of life, away from the study of the shadow and the smoke, for the study of the faces of little children; that we come to-day from the counting house, and from the shop, and from the store, as it were, to the nursery; that we suffer the little children to come unto us, take them up in our arms and get from them instruction and blessing; it constitutes a most peculiar and most interesting service.

As a rule, little children are presented to-day for the sacrament of baptism. Not to make them fit for heaven, for they are already; but to signify deliberately, and with the dignity, the authority, and the worth of the church behind the form, our belief that they already belong to God. The tapers, you know, came to the priest, not to get cleansed by him, but to tell him that they were already cleansed; and our children are brought to God, not to have them received, but for us to show, when we bring them, that we believe they already have been received. It is the outward mark of what we believe to be the inward work of grace, partly, then, because of the custom of the day, and partly because, I trust, of the direct suggestion of God's Holy Spirit, the theme of the day concerns children and the Christian church.

Our Lord said three things concerning the children, by word and by deed. First of all, with this old story of our Lord's teaching through the little ones in mind, consider with me the call of little children. It comes from God Himself. "And Jesus called a little child unto Him and set Him in the midst of them." It is not Peter; it is not James; it is not John; it is not some loving mother or some equally loving father; but it is the Master Himself who calls the little child; it is the call of God.

Professor Starbuck in a book recently published, entitled, "The Psychology of Religion," says that conversion belongs almost exclusively to the years between ten and twenty-five; that some come at the age of seven; that others come, larger numbers, at the age of ten; that the climax is reached at the age of sixteen; but that between the ages of ten and twenty-five conversion almost exclusively is known. Take any group of Christian people together, any body of Christian ministers, as Bishop Goodsell, for example, is wont to do, and ask them to express by rising the year of their conversion and you will see that the great body of a large congregation will say that they were converted between the ages of thirteen and twenty. There is a time when it seems as if God through His blessed Son, under the inspiration of His Holy Spirit, is doing what was done 1900 years ago, calling little children; and I never meet a group of little people, lads and lassies that play upon the street or worship here in the house of God, without feeling that I am face to face with those to whom God gives a peculiar call.

Years ago (if I may be pardoned a personal reference), when I was a lad of sixteen, one summer evening two of us were walking along the shore—a lad of my own age and I, each the son of a Methodist preacher. Our fathers were friends and each of us members of the Christian church. We were talking seriously, as at times boys are wont to do; and little by little, without any cant in our words, there was the echo of what we had been hearing, and we came to ask one another serious questions. I never can forget that evening; I do not think that in my life I was so stirred as that night. I hurried home, asked my mother a few searching questions, and then turned to my God and Father in prayer. Why? He called children nineteen hundred years ago.

A few weeks ago—let us say one Sunday afternoon (the illustration may be true; it is like a composite photograph, true to so many cases)—your boy came to you. We will say you were idly reading a book or newspaper, or getting a bit of physical or mental rest; and your boy came to you with a question or two, and in a moment you saw that he was thinking of deeper things than you were thinking of—for a boy's thoughts are deep thoughts at times. Why? Because God speaks to the children, and God calls them as He called them nineteen hundred years ago.

You and I must remember that God is our Father. You and I must remember that what seem to us little things may be large things in His sight.

You and I must remember that even though the little things be little, they may be the things that attract and hold His tender love because they are little and simple and need a Father's care.

Many a man knows that it is the little things that make him tender toward those whom he loves; and our God, who is our Father in heaven, you and I believe to be tender toward the little children. Christ called a little child to Him. The call comes now as it came then; the call comes

## TO USE BLACK ANT IN THE EXTERMINATION OF BOLL WEEVIL.

Ants, the little black species which frequently infest kitchens and pantries, may be experimented with near Durant by the government next year to exterminate boll weevils. The discovery was recently made by Special Agent S. W. Murphy of the department of agriculture, who is located in this city, that the ants will devour the young weevil and the larvae before they hatch, and that they are very fond of the weevil as food.

## NEW NAVAL SHELL EFFECTIVE IN MODERN WARFARE.

France's latest pattern of naval shell for heavy ordinance seems to be highly effective, judging from the results obtained last week when the wrecked battle ship *Lena* was used as a target. The first shell was fired at one of the funnels, which it pierced as easily as a revolver shot would go through a piece of paper, and carried

it away, hurling it into the sea 400 yards off. A second shot struck one of the gun turrets, and when twenty minutes later the artillery committee arrived in a stream pinnace to see the effect of the shot the steel walls of the turret were red hot from the fire started by the explosion. For more than an hour it was impossible to ap-

proach within six feet of the turret, so great was the heat, and the turret wall was battered as though it had been a tin cup. Some goats and poultry shut up within it had been killed by the gases liberated by the explosion. A third shot was fired at the lower decks of the battle ship, which were protected by a thick steel belt, and although it did not pierce the ar-

whose direction Mr. Murphy is working.

Mr. Murphy has made further observations of the habits of ants and is confident that in them he has found an insect which will destroy the boll weevil without damaging the crop. His explanation of the reason why the ants have not already exterminated the weevils is that the advent of the latter into this country is of comparatively recent date, and that since their coming they have spread and in-

creased much more rapidly than the ants. He intends to colonize as many of this city next year, and to assist him in his efforts he has asked that a government expert be detailed.

If the ants can be successfully colonized and propagated Mr. Murphy's discovery will prove of untold worth to the cotton-growing industry, and the ants, which are now regarded as household pests may prove a blessing.—From the Dallas Morning News.

There's a Rub.  
"Died in poverty!" cried the philosopher scornfully.  
"Died in poverty, did he, and you expect me to sympathize? What is there in dying in poverty? I've got to live in it."—The Sporting Times.

It is not every man's lot to gain the oort of Corinth.—Horace.

# Pass the Word Along

It won't cost you a penny to reach out a helping hand to a great army of honest, hard-working and deserving men and women.

Just your moral support will insure work, a living, and comforts which are now either partly or wholly denied them.

How so?  
Come on, let's have a look.  
You've often been importuned and many have been commanded by advertisement or otherwise to "refuse to buy anything unless it bears the union label."

Looks harmless on its face, doesn't it?

It really is a "demand" that you boycott the products made by over 80 per cent. of our American workmen and women, who decline to pay fees to, and obey the dictates of the union leaders.

It demands that you ask the merchant for articles with the "union label," thus to impress him with its importance.

It seeks to tell you what to buy and what to refuse. The demands are sometimes most insolent, with a "holier than thou" impudence.

It demands that you take away the living of this 80 per cent. of American workmen and women.

Is that clear?  
Why should a small body of workmen ask you to help starve the larger body?

There must be some reason for the "union label" scheme.

Run over in your mind and remember how they carry on their work.

During a discussion about working or striking in the coal regions, about 25,000 men preferred to work, they had wives and babies to feed. The union men said openly in their convention that if the employers didn't discharge these men they (the union men) would kill them.

So they dynamited about a dozen homes, maimed and crippled women and children and brutally assaulted scores of these independent workers.

The big boys of the union men were taught to pound the school children of the independent men. How would you like to have your little girl shortly grown from the toddling baby who used to sit on your lap and love "Daddy" pounded by some big bullies on her way home from the school where she had gone to try and please Daddy by learning to read?

The little bruised face and body would first need tender care while you ponder the inscription writ deep in your heart, by that Master and Guide to all human compassion, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren ye have done it unto Me." Then perhaps you would drop to your knees and pray Almighty God for strength in your right arm to strike one manly and powerful blow for baby's sake, even if you went to death for it.

Helpless children were brought home, with faces black or bleeding from the blows and kicks of these fiends, teaching independent Americans that they must stop work when told and pay fees to the leaders of "labor." Thousands of men, women and children have been treated thus.

From somewhere, Oh, Father of us all, we try to believe that You look with pitying eyes upon these brutal blows, cuts and scars on the many human bodies made in your likeness and image.

They are beautifully and wonderfully made, each the dwelling place of a Divine Soul.

Is it Your wish that they be crushed by iron shod heels, cut by knives or torn asunder by bullets and dynamite?

May we venture to think that a long suffering patience is extended in the hope that the men and women of America may some day wake to a realization of the awful cruelties perpetrated by this spirit of oppression and that they will some time learn the lesson that the "sacred gift of human freedom and liberty" was given by God and must be defended even to death itself.

Our forefathers were used by the infinite God to establish our freedom in 1776, and our fathers gave freely of their blood and treasure to establish the freedom of the black. Now again it seems we are called upon to protect our brothers and ourselves from that old time spirit of tyranny which comes up from time to time to force people to obey tyrannous rules and bend the knee of the slave.

In Wellston, Ohio, thirty Americans sought employment in a factory. They were seeking to earn food for their families. They were bombarded by rocks and pounded with clubs in the hands of union men.

One of the injured, John Brannihan, was taken to the city hospital with a broken jaw, crushed skull and other cuts and bruises. He was the father of two children, and was thought to be dying. Perhaps he did. I don't know, but I sometimes wonder what the children said to Mother when "Papy" didn't come home, and how they and the little woman got any food, and how they could place their wrongs before their own American fellows.

Mayhap sometime some kind person will equip a home where the orphans and widows of the victims of the Labor Trust may be cared for and fed.

It would take a big home. It has been said there were 31 Americans, many of them fathers, killed in one strike, (the teamsters in Chicago) and over 5000 maimed, many for life. That's only one "lesson" of these bullies. There are literally thousands of cases wherein your fellow American has been assaulted, maimed or killed by these men. The same work is going on day by day. Suppose you make a practice of picking out each day from the papers, accounts of brutality to American workmen who prefer to work free from the impudence and tyranny of self constituted leaders (?) than to be always subject to their beck and call, pay them fees and be told by them when and where to work, and for whom. You will discover the same general conditions underlying all these daily attacks.

In every case the workman prefers to be free. He has that right. He then tries to go to work. He and his family sorely need the money for food or he wouldn't run the risk of his life. Many such a man has wiped the tears away and quieted the fears of a loving wife, left with a kiss on her lips, set his manly jaw and walked into a shower of stones and bullets to win food for the loved mother and babies.

A good many have been brought home on stretchers with blood oozing from nose and ears, some cold, while some gradually recover, and carry for life the grim marks of the "union label."

They are your fellows, my friends, and yet you supinely read the accounts and say "too bad."

Have you grown so calloused that you care nothing for the sufferings of these men who need food and these helpless ones who rely on the life and strength of husband and father?

Let us hope that soon you may be moved by a just God to rise in your might and by voice and pen, by vote and right arm you will do a man's part in protecting yourselves and your brothers from this onslaught on American citizens. This cruel warfare is carried on not always to raise wages, but to establish union control, kick out the independent men and establish the "label."

Unfortunately the "Labor movement" which started many years ago honestly enough, has fallen under control of a lot of tyrannical, vicious "men of violent tendencies."

There are too many to attempt to name. You can recall them. They include men who have planned the murders of miners, teamsters, pressmen and carpenters, shoemakers and independent workmen of all kinds. Many of them have escaped hanging by an outraged public only because juries became terror stricken and dared not convict them.

Some have been punished slightly and some, including the principal officers of this nefarious crew are now under sentence to imprisonment but have appealed their cases.

Right here some apologist rises to protest against "speaking thus of laboring men." Bless your dear heart, it isn't the honest and real workman who does these things, it is the excitable ones and the toughs and thugs who don't work except with their mouths, but have secured control of too many unions. I don't even attempt to specify the criminal acts these persons have assisted or winked at in their plan for destroying free workmen and forcing men to stay in the "union" and hence under their control. The newspapers for the past 7 years contain almost daily accounts of the criminal, lawless and tyrannical acts against American citizens and haven't told half the tale. Right here it becomes necessary to say for the ten thousandth time that there are scores of honest, law-abiding union men who deplore and are in no way responsible for the long infamous record of the "Labor Trust" under its present management, but they don't seem to stop it.

The men who manage, who pull the strings and guide the policy have made the record and it stands, as made by them.

Examine, if you please, the record of a string of members of the American Federation of Labor and you will view a list of crimes against Americans, stupendous beyond belief. They defy the laws, sneer at the courts, incite mobs and are avowed enemies of the peaceable citizens of all classes.

This band wields an iron bar over their subjects and drives them to idleness whenever they want to call a strike or exact extra pocket money for themselves.

Men don't want to be thrown out of work and lose their livelihood, but what can they do when the slugging and murdering committee stands always ready to "do them" if they try to work.

The poor women and helpless children suffer and no one dares present their case to the public. They must suffer in silence for they have no way to right their wrongs, while the notoriety-seeking leaders carry out their work.

These men cannot thus force oppression on the weak and innocent or use them to bring newspaper notice to themselves and money to their pockets unless they can "hold them in line."

Therefore, with the craft of the fox and venom of the serpent they devise the "union label" and tell the public to buy only articles carrying that label.

Smooth scheme isn't it?  
They extract a fee from every union man, and in order to get these monthly fees, they must hold the workers in "the union" and force manufacturers to kick out all independent men.

Can anyone devise a more complete and tyrannical trust?  
If allowed full sway, no independent man could keep working in a free factory, for the goods wouldn't sell, no matter how perfectly they were made. Then, when the factory has been forced to close and the employees get hungry enough from lack of wages the workers must supplicate the union leaders to be "allowed" to pay their fines (for not becoming members before) and pay their monthly fees to the purse-pat managers of the Labor Trust. Thereupon (under orders) before the factory be allowed to start they must force the owners of the business to put on the "union label" or strike, picket the works, and turn themselves into sluggers and criminals towards the independent workers who might still refuse to bend the knee and bow the head.

In the meantime babies and mothers go hungry and shoeless, but who cares. The scheming leaders are trained to talk of the "uplifting of labor" and shed tears when they speak of the "brotherhood of man," meaning the brotherhood of the "Skinny Maddens," "Shees," "Gompers," et al., always excluding the medium or high-grade independent workers.

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If these poor wageworkers wish thus brave fine and slugging to help out other men who seek to live a free life under our laws and constitution cannot you, reader, help a little?

Will you reach out a hand to help an independent workman earn food for his wife and babies? Or will you from apathy and carelessness allow him to be thrown out of work and the helpless suffer until they prostrate themselves before this stupendous and tyrannical aggregation of leeches upon honest American labor?

The successor of Henry Ward Beecher in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, says:

"Union labor hatred for labor burns like a flame, eats like nitric acid, is malignant beyond all description. But the other day, a woman representing a certain union visited many families in Plymouth Church asking them to boycott a certain institution. . . . Alas, this union woman's hatred for non-union women burned in her like the fires of hell."

She was pitilessly, relentlessly and tirelessly pursuing the non-union women and men to destroy the market for goods, to ruin their factory and to starve them out.

In the French Revolution only 2 per cent. of the French people believed in violence. The 98 per cent. disclaimed violence and yet the 98 per cent. allowed the 2 per cent. to fill the streets of Paris with festering corpses, to clog the Seine with dead bodies, to shut up every factory in Paris, until the laboring classes starved by the score.

The small per cent. element in the Labor Trust which hates and seeks to destroy the large per cent. of independent Americans sends out letters declaring "free" industries unfair and tries to boycott their products. If they could bind every one it would bring suffering upon hundreds of thousands, immeasurable ruin upon the country, and land it absolutely under control of the men now attempting to dictate the daily acts of our people and extract from each a monthly fee.

There are babies, children, women and honest, hard-working and skillful fathers who rely upon the protection of their fellows, when they seek to sell their labor where they choose, when they choose, and for a sum they believe it to be worth.

Every citizen having the rights, privileges and protection of a citizen has also the responsibility of a citizen.

The Labor Trust leaders may suavely "request" (or order those they can) to buy only "union label" articles, and you can of course obey if you are under orders.

Depend upon it, the creatures of the Labor Trust will, upon reading this, visit stores and threaten dire results unless all the things bear "the label."

They go so far as to have their women pretend to buy things, order yards of silk or cloth torn off and various articles wrapped up and then discover "no label," and refuse them. That's been done hundreds of times and is but one of the petty acts of hatred and tyranny.

Let no one who reads this article understand that he or she is asked to boycott any product whether it bears a "union label" or not. One has a constitutional right to examine the article and see whether its makers are Labor Trust contributors and slaves or are free and independent Americans.

I have tried to tell you something about those who are oppressed, vilified, hated, and when opportunity offers are attacked because they prefer to retain their own independent American manhood. These men are in the vast majority and include the most skillful artisans in the known world. They have wives and babes dependent on them.

These men are frequently oppressed and have no way to make their wrongs known. They are worthy of defense. That's the reason for the expenditure of a few thousands of dollars to send this message to the American people. Remember, I didn't say my "excuse" for sending it. The cause needs no "excuse."

C. W. POST,  
Battle Creek, Mich.

N. B.  
Some "parlor socialist" who knows nothing of the Russian Czarism of the great Labor Trust will ask right here: "Don't you believe in the right

of certain workmen to 'organize'?" Oh, yes, brother, when real workmen manage wisely and peacefully, but I would challenge the right of even a church organization when its affairs had been seized by a motley crew of heartless, vicious men who stopped industries, incited mobs to attack citizens and destroy property in order to establish their control of communities and affairs, and subject every one to their orders and exact the fees. When you see work of this kind being done call on or write the prosecuting officers of your district and demand procedure under the Sherman anti-trust law, and prosecution for conspiracy and restraint of trade. We have the law, but the politicians and many of our officers even while drawing pay from the people are afraid to enforce it in protection of our citizens, and now the big Labor Trust is moving heaven and earth to repeal the law so their nefarious work may be more safely carried on.

But You. Why don't you strike out and demand defense for your fellows?

Put your prosecuting officers to the test and insist that they do their sworn duty, and protest to your Congressmen and legislators against the repeal of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. Its repeal is being pushed by the Labor Trust and some big capital trusts in order to give each more power to oppress. Do your duty and protest. In this great American Republic every one must be jealous of the right of individual liberty and always ever resent the attempts made to gain power for personal aggrandizement.

Only the poor fool allows his liberty to be wrested from him.

Some one asks "how about your own workmen?"

I didn't intend to speak of my own affairs, but so long as the questions almost sure to be asked I don't mind telling you.

The Postum workers are about a thousand strong, men and women, and don't belong to labor unions. The Labor Trust has, time without number, sent "organizers" with money to give "smokers," etc., and had their "orators" declaim the "brotherhood of man" business, and cry salty tears describing the fearful conditions of the "slaves of capital" and all that. But the "confidence game" never worked, for the decent and high grade Postum workers receive 10 per cent. over the regular wage scale. They are the highest paid, richest and best grade of working people in the State of Michigan and I believe in the United States. They mostly own their own homes, and good ones. Their wages come 52 weeks in a year and are never stopped on the order of some paid agent of the Labor Trust. They have savings accounts in the banks, houses of their own and steady work at high wages.

They like their daily occupation in the works (come and ask them) and are not slaves, and yet the Labor Trust leaders have done their best to ruin the sale of their products and force them into idleness and poverty.

It would cost the workmen of Battle Creek (our people and about 3000 others) from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00 a month in fees to send out to the leaders of the Labor Trust, if they would allow themselves to become "organized" and join the Trust.

Not for them, they keep the money, school the children and live "free." That's some comfort for white people.

Once in a while one of the little books "The Road to Wellville," we put in the pkgs. of Postum, Grape-Nuts and Post Toasties, is sent back to us with a sticker pasted across it saying "Returned because it don't bear the union label."

Then we join hands and sing a hymn of praise for the discovering by some one that our souls are not seared with the guilt of being conspirators to help bind the chains of slavery upon fellow Americans by placing added power in the hands of the largest, most oppressive and harmful trust the world has ever seen.

When you seek to buy something look for the "union label" and seal your sentiments. That's an opportunity to reach out a helping hand to the countless men and women in all kinds of industry who brave bricks, stones and bullets, to maintain their American manhood and freedom by making the finest goods in America and which do not bear the seal of industrial slavery, the "Union Label."