

GOOD ADDRESS ON MISSIONS

The following abstract from a speech by Rev. James H. Franklin, Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Society on "The Way Out of the Present Emergency" will be of interest to many in this city.

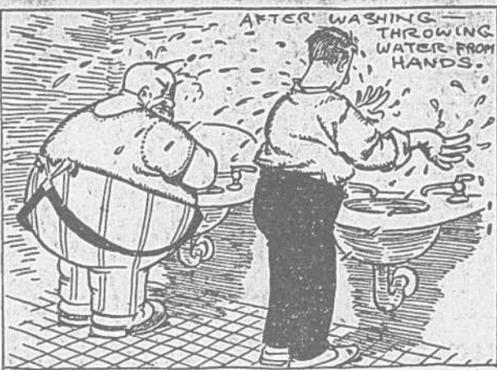
When, in July, 1914, I took passage from New York on a small Norwegian steamer, expecting to visit various countries in Europe, the head lines of the papers told of a war cloud in the Balkans. But there had been war clouds in the Balkans frequently and no world-conflict had followed.

Over four years later, soon after the Armistice was signed, it was my privilege to visit many of the battle fields of France with the war still unsalvaged and the trenches were still in evidence. Some of the fields were still beset with unexploded shells and gas masks, deserted tanks and other implements of death.

When one stopped to ask the cause of the conflict which had brought such terrible suffering, the answer was always the same—either "German or French selfishness" or "English or American selfishness."

In Europe again last summer I found conditions in some respects that immediately after the Armistice. Money had depreciated unbelievably in its value. There was dire need of proper food and clothing, and that need was the basis for international uncertainty.

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"Surely the future looks black enough, yet it holds a hope, a single hope. One, and one only, can arrest the descent and save us. That is the Christian religion. Democracy is but a side issue. The paramount issue, underlying the issue of democracy, is the religion of Christ, and Him crucified; the bedrock of civilization; the source and resource of all that is worth having in the world, that is, that gives promise in the world to come."

It is a comfort in the midst of this grave emergency to discover that statesmen, philosophers, editors, commercial advisors, and others are saying that the Spirit of Christ is the only solution for the world's problems. If these men are right, there is a tremendous challenge to the missionary forces to take Christ and His Cross to the ends of the earth and to see that they are applied to all human relationships.

Some time ago a prominent Boston paper declared in a full-page Sunday editorial that if we can only know what a man thinks of God we can know what that man's character is. The statement is true. Man reaches out to become like his highest ideal. Man must worship, and man unconsciously becomes like the god he worships. If he learns to worship the King of Righteousness, he becomes righteous. Men who learn to worship a God of love will become loving.

manly to be discovered? The missionary forces, and Christian men in general, reply that nothing less than the spirit of the Christ of Calvary is sufficient to meet the needs of the world.

In the late afternoon of Good Friday, 1919, I saw men in American uniforms digging on St. Mihiel battle field. "What are they doing here?" I inquired. "Taking up the bodies of American soldiers buried under shell fire, to give them burial in a military cemetery." A halt

found a remedy for the ills that do now confront us. The spirit of the Crucifixion must lay hold upon the humanity if the world is to be redeemed. If this is true, as many leaders of men hold that it is, then there rests upon the Christian forces of the world an unspeakably great responsibility. We must hasten to the very ends of the earth with the Gospel of Christ. We must point to all other lands would be asking, "In whose name and by what power have ye done this?" Let us hasten, therefore, to apply these principles to our own lives and to our problems in America, while, at the same time, we share with man

before we can preach the Gospel of Christ in "convincing power" we must live it. There must be in our own conduct the spirit of our Master's crucifixion. A great hindrance in missionary work today is the fact that our own practice is inconsistent with our preaching. If the spirit of Christ was really dominating our lives in America, men in all other lands would be asking, "In whose name and by what power have ye done this?" Let us hasten, therefore, to apply these principles to our own lives and to our problems in America, while, at the same time, we share with man

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