



The Opinion Of Rev. Barrington.

The following sermon by Rev. Arthur Barrington, of Christ's Episcopal church, Jamesville, Wisconsin, was read before the Bi-Chloride of Gold club of this city at the Sunday morning service some weeks ago.

THE BI-CHLORIDE OF GOLD CURE.

"Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark xv. 15. MY FRIENDS: I am pleased to see you here to-night, especially so large a proportion of men.

To-night I am simply to preach the gospel to you in my humble way—the gospel of Jesus Christ. You know the Holy Catholic Church, as it is found to-day, and of which this church is a part, derives its existence from the fact that the mighty Conqueror, after he had overcome the hostile powers of darkness and the grave, before he ascended up where he was before, gave the holy commission to the apostle and the successors the bishops of the church: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

A partial analysis of that commission reveals two well-known facts: The first fact is the gospel was preached "to every creature." There was to be no conditions, no qualifications, no limitations of any kind. The gospel was to be preached to all, every one. Hence our foreign missions; hence the work of the church in our nation to-day that every one may have the pleasure of accepting or rejecting it.

Next, the word "gospel" means glad tidings or good news that will make one glad; so that the second fact that we learn from our analysis, is that the gospel is the message which brings joy to the heart and peace to the soul. To-day, notwithstanding that this gospel has been preached for many centuries, still Christendom is groaning under the curses of sin. The three which surpass all others in their deleterious effects are gambling, prostitution, intemperance. The three powers by which Satan can sap the strength and undermine the foundation of any nation or people however great, however strong. Behold then the reason why the Christian, the patriot, the man, should array himself against them. The greatest of these evils is undoubtedly intemperance. You well know that it enters all walks of life, all classes of society, scattering millions and devastating thousands of homes annually. It is appalling simply to think of it. What is being done to check it? The various temperance societies, moral suasion, the signing of the pledge, all are doing a good work in the way of prevention, yet far more is being done in this direction by and in the Christian home, always bright, cheerful, happy, attractive, which keeps the boys from the streets and the husband from frequenting the saloon. Another preventative is prohibition; for in spite of the fact that large quantities of liquors are sold in prohibitory states, it spite of the assertion that such states furnish the largest proportion of inmates of inebriate homes and institutes for the cure of the liquor habit—in spite of these facts, assuming that THEY ARE facts, prohibition may do a grand work in banishing that hot-bed of iniquity, the saloon, from our midst, so that the rising generation may not become familiar with it or see how the other wise goodly citizen, by frequenting it, lends his character to make it appear respectable—and the future generation may not know either the saloon or its pernicious influence. In this respect prohibition has a grand work to perform.

Notwithstanding all these preventative measures, drunkenness is still a terrible curse, a blight, a disgrace, upon this fair Christian land. What, then, is the church doing to PREVENT and to CORRECT this evil? She would still preach the gospel to every creature. Take for example one of the creatures of God, the confused inebriate, to who has fallen from a position of honor and distinction to the lowest depths of degradation through drink. What has the church to say to him in the way of good news, which is to bring joy to his heart and peace to his soul? By chance you are walking over a bridge which spans a raging torrent. Half way across you meet a fellow man, once noble, kind, generous, famous, but has been debased through drink. His wife, broken-hearted, his children in hunger and rags, himself a broken wreck, an unwilling slave to drink driven to desperation. He sees upon the one hand the horrors of the delirium, he feels his only relief is suicide.

What is the gospel you would preach to him to bring joy to his heart and peace to his soul? To urge him to join a temperance society would be a cruel mockery. To expect him at such a stage because of your earnest solicitation and kindly use of help to give up drinking and sign the pledge would be met with the hollow laugh of despair. He could tell you if he would, how he had signed the pledge again and again, had resolved by all the powers at his command that he

would conquer the habit, but in vain. Why? because alcohol had so impregnated his system with disease that you might as well ask the rheumatic who through disease had lost the use of his limbs to do without crutches, as to ask the victim of alcohol such a stage to do without the drink. Both need to be cured before they can stand alone. Would you urge him to throw himself upon the mercies of Jesus Christ and be saved by him? The fact is the church is full of those who toy with sin and take their places with the warring in the struggle for the right, honor and pleasure of this life, using worldly notions as the surer and quicker way of obtaining them and falsely imagining that what the Lord Jesus Christ offers them is merely salvation from the consequences of their sins in the far distant hereafter. Such religion is not worth the snuff of one's finger. What we want to make us men and women, what we want the victims of alcohol want is to be released from sin and its iron bonds here and now. He will tell you on the authority of a St. Paul that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of God. What can the future have for him in his troubles. What he wants therefore is to be cured before he is cured, made whole by the touch of the Master.

Thank God that the prayers offered up in the midst of our distresses have been wanted to the throne of grace and the Almighty in his good appointed time, hath heard them and hath raised up a power to release the cure from his bondage just as in the early days of Israel. He raised up a Jephtha a Samuel and a David to come to the rescue of his chosen people. God's creatures then, Gods creatures now. In the bi-chloride of gold treatment, I recognize a God-given remedy, in that all good comes from God. It is a cure that you can preach to our unfortunate brothers and it will bring joy to their hearts and peace to their souls, and restore them to their country and to their families, cured and in their right minds. Already the scoffer and the doubter has been heard. They say that the cure is not permanent. They think 50 per cent is too large an estimate. What do they know about it? Next to nothing. They are only surmising in their own little narrow way. The instances that have come under my own personal observation the last fifteen months are comparatively few, yet they seem marvelous and from more than ten thousand homes throughout the country have prayers been waited up to high heaven in thankfulness to Almighty God, for the husband, father and brother restored to his family again through this remedy. Those, therefore, who honestly want to throw their influence for good and yet have doubts in regard to this remedy and cannot accept the testimony of those who know what has been and is still being accomplished thereby, should investigate for themselves before they presume to condemn or discountenance or criticize those who would see its beneficent effects, less happy they be found arraying themselves against God and the good he is accomplishing in the world and among his people through human instrumentality.

Let us acknowledge with thankfulness the good already done, and while we admit that alcoholism is a disease, we yet claim that the remedy is due to the fact that the cure of God as well as to the researches of man. It is not claimed that this cure changes one's entire being; one's disposition and natural characteristics are the same after as before the treatment. Only being freed from a terrible bondage, one is more susceptible to good influences and the redemption of the soul, mentally and spiritually to be induced to henceforth lead an upright and Christian life. One thing it DOES do. It creates or develops in those who have been treated a wonderfully strong fellow feeling, a most powerful sympathy for those who are still in bondage to the terrible sin. They do not like the average temperance orator, depicted in vivid colors their former life of debauchery which we cover with a mantle of charity. They make no reference to their past; they seek no public notoriety; rather do they go quietly to work to help others to subvert this wicked trade, in which we make them men again, making arrangements even for the time which they may be away under treatment. Such, I understand, is the object of the Bi-Chloride of Gold Club. Of its members it may be truly said in the words of St. James: "He who converteth (turneth) a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall have a multitude of sinners."

That there have some narrow-minded persons assailed them and their noble work, and in the name of the Master too, is evidenced by the fact that they refer to an incident in the life of Jesus. It is narrated in Mark and Luke, the ninth chapter. Jesus had called the twelve to him and was instructing them in hunting out devils in his name and he followeth not us, and we forbade him, because he followeth not us." And Jesus said: "Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us." Many there are to-day who will throw their influence against the good work that is being done, will forbid it, because "they follow not us," because they did not consult us, because they do not conform to our way and we therefore will not see good in any other. In the name of our Lord and Master we say, "Forbid them not: for he that is not against us is for us." Rather say: "Go speed the work." The church cannot be true to her Master nor true to herself and let alone one of the grandest and best of movements to work out what good it can unaided.

Brother I see in this bi-chloride of gold treatment one of the most marvelous discoveries of the century, one that will bring joy and peace and thanksgiving to thousands of homes throughout this land, and I doubt not that it will in time wipe out this terrible evil of all Christendom. I see in the church a divinely organized institution for the elevation of all mankind which leads us to the whatever good we can in our generation and among the brotherhood of men.

Here, then, is a grand opportunity for the church to demonstrate her power, her usefulness and accomplish a grand work in the name of the Master for humanity. She finds the land cursed with drunkenness. In consequence of this, she finds many a man on the verge of desperation, debased from heaven, and his earthly life but torture and misery. She would help such, but hitherto her efforts have not met with marked success. Now, however, through the mercy of God a door has been opened in the bi-chloride of gold treatment for inebriates and she cannot be true to her Master or herself unless she uses every means in her power to rescue every one of God's creatures that she can from this terrible bondage. She cannot sit quietly on and be content to see FORNISHED the glorious work being done. She must be ACTIVELY ENGAGED in helping on the work of rescue or be condemned for laxness in regard to her duty. There must be no quibbling, no questioning, no whys and wherefores, any more than there was with them who brought those possessed with devils to the Master to have him cast them out. The cure is complete. Let us thank God for it and take every measure of it to help our fellow men. Oh, my brethren, bring the gospel to preach to our unfortunate brothers, who through drink have been driven to desperation and thought there was no help for them in earth or in heaven. Let us preach it into them, let us see it into them on every occasion. Let us help on the work of rescue in every way possible. Let us join in it when and where we can—that the bonds of this terrible monster may be broken and man be restored to his family, his country, his God and his Savior.

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Wednesday Night. The entertainment on Wednesday evening differed but little from the usual order, with the exception, perhaps, of the programme was longer. Miss Hattie Witt took the audience by storm and was vigorously encored. Mrs. Barnett and Miss Mildred Rabe were also greatly appreciated; but Mr. Barnett, in "McSorley's Twins," received the highest honors of the evening. Following is the programme:

- Recitation—"To-day," Mrs. Loecky. Recitation—"When the Swallows Homeward Fly," Mr. Finley. Solo—"Good-bye, Sweetheart," Mr. Baker. Recitation—"Christmas Night at the Quarters," Miss Hattie Witt. Solo—"He Giveth His Beloved Sleep," H. Shepard. Selection—"Harmonia and Guitar," Dr. Messinger. Solo—"Good-bye, Sweetheart," Mr. Baker. Selection—"Selected," Miss Hattie Witt. Solo—"The Last Chord," Mrs. Barnett. Solo—"The Opera of Barber de Seville," Mr. Baker. Comic Song—"McSorley's Twins," Mr. Barnett. Selection—"Harmonia and Guitar," Dr. Messinger. Messrs. Clifford and Snyder.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Picked Up at the Club Rooms and Around the City. Mr. Conway left for home Wednesday. Mr. Dow, of Missouri left for home last Tuesday. Mr. Morrill made his good-bye talk to the boys Wednesday morning. Twelve names, a very small number, were accepted for membership Tuesday. Mr. Ed. S. Wheat, of Nashville, Tenn., has been appointed sergeant-at-arms. Col. Walker of Minneapolis talked to the club at some length last Monday morning. Mr. Greinhurg, of Chicago, said good-bye to the boys Tuesday morning and left the same day. Capt. Noble of Colorado, bade the club good-bye Wednesday and departed for his home in the far west.

The STAR and HERALD is the only paper which gives all the club news. Your subscription is always in order. Mr. W. E. Conlan, our worthy sergeant-at-arms, left Monday. The best wishes of the club go with him for his future welfare.

Dr. Cole, of Peru, Ill., made an excellent talk to the boys Wednesday morning and departed for his home that afternoon. A short letter announcing his safe arrival at home was received Wednesday morning from Jno. Hartford Tingley of New York.

A letter was received Monday from Hon. Thomas F. Mitchell of Chicago, announcing his safe arrival home and reunion with his family.

An interesting letter was received from Mr. Wm. Haywood Wednesday morning. He was a member last August and was the 1000th gentleman to join the club. It has been arranged by the officers of the club to get the names of departing comrades from the institute hereafter. Very likely more parting talks will now be heard in the club room.

Mr. Chas. Coleman, of Rockford, Ill., a graduate of last June, was called to the platform Tuesday morning. He gave his experience since leaving Dwight and assured us that all was well with him. Mr. C. M. Handy was called to the platform Tuesday morning to make his farewell address. He is a cured man and leaves with a heart full of thankfulness to Dr. Keeley and the club.

It was said by a young fellow, bright, I indulge, but I never get tight; But it grew on the lad, And he went to the bad, And now he's with Keeley at Dwight.—Transcriber.

The subscription price of the STAR and HERALD is but \$1.25 a year. The paper will contain everything of importance that appears in the club each week, and we are sure would be a welcome visitor in your homes. Subscriptions will be received at the office by our club reporter, Mr. Shepard, or by Mr. Kehoe, the secretary. Lyman H. Lyon, of Lyons Falls, N. Y., one of the directors of the club, left for his home last Saturday, having finished up his work for the club in this city. He has been untiring in zeal for the interests of the club, and will remain on the board of directors until the next general convention.

Hanley Mansfield, of Freeport, Ill., a July graduate of the institute, visited the club Tuesday morning and made the boys a short talk, telling his experience since leaving the institute. He says he has not the slightest desire for stimulants of any sort, and that no man has ever reaped the benefits of the cure as he has. "Happiness shines in

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