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Wiser Than the Children of Light

"For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

The words of Jesus must have intense significance for every true disciple. That He should chide his own people with a lack of proper foresight, and with failure to grasp that which is of genuine importance, should arouse every true Christian to examine thoroughly the character of his religious activities. Without any further prelude, we wish to show where in our opinion, the words of Christ are as applicable to present times as when our Lord made the observation, twenty centuries ago.

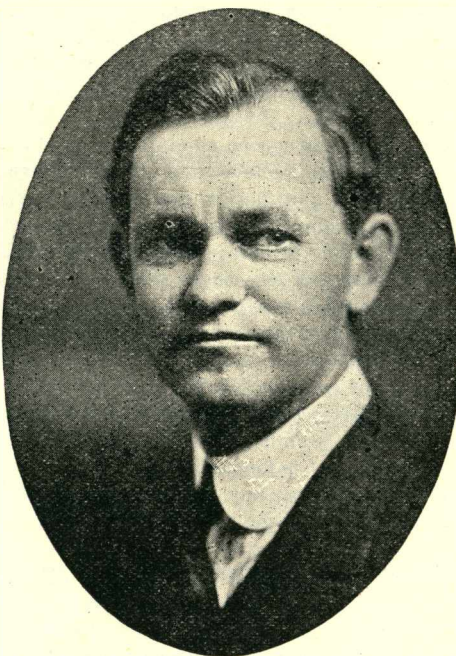
(I.) Why do not our people of wealth, or even of moderate means, make generous provision for the education of young people according to Bible standards?

We well remember when Senator Stanford made provision for the building of the Leland Stanford Junior University in memory of his son. The papers were filled with accounts of his magnificent gift. We visited the institution when its first buildings were only partially completed. It was our privilege recently to again visit the university and we viewed with no small degree of amazement, the rapid progress which had been made. In this university, thousands of young men and women have been better fitted for positions in life, and this great institution stands as an enduring monument not only to the memory of the son, but to the wise provision of the father.

With thousands of young men and women, the loved children of our own homes and the converts of Gods anointed evangelists, who in loving devotion have laid all at the feet of the Master and are seeking, not an education for this life but preparation for a better service in the Kingdom of God,--with such an opportunity for service, why are our colleges struggling with debt, our professors limited in books and equipment, and our administrators all but disheartened? Is there any answer to this question other than that given by our Master,--"the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light?" Doubtless the heart of Jesus was deeply grieved over this condition of affairs, and our fear is,

that only when those now bearing the burden have broken under the load, will the people be aroused to see the importance of this work. If there was ever a time for real prayer and supplication in regard to our educational work, that time is now.

(II.) Why do our people profess to believe in the awful truth of eternal de-



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struction of those not saved by the blood of Jesus, and then fail to make provision for their own youth and the children of others in accordance with their avowed beliefs.

We have no hesitancy in saying that the generality of colleges and universities base their teachings on the evolutionary hypothesis, and that the young people educated in these institutions are usually so tainted with this anti-Christian teaching as to unfit them for large service in the Church. Why then do parents send their young people to institutions where their faith will be wrecked and their hope of eternal salvation all but destroyed? Why

not rather, provide at any sacrifice, institutions where their young will be confirmed in their belief in the inspiration and authenticity of the Scriptures, the salvation through Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the blessed return of our Lord? What answer can be given other than that "the children of this world are in their generation, wiser than the children of light."

(III) How can the church hope to evangelize the world except by preparing her young people to carry the message?

Dr. Bresee once reported to us the following incident. It seems that he desired to make an address on education in one of the holiness camp meetings, but was refused the privilege. He was told however that he might speak on missions and laughingly reported the matter as follows:--"I began my missionary address," he said, "with this introduction; 'First, there is great need of missionary work; Secondly we must have trained men and women to carry on this great work; Thirdly, we must have schools in which to train our workers;' and then proceeded to deliver my educational address." And why not? The missionary work is inseparable from the school work.

The report of the Board of Education shows that of the 120 missionaries of our own Board, either on the field or on furlough, 115 of these were from holiness colleges and all but three of these from our Nazarene Colleges. The world has schools of commerce, schools of engineering, schools of medicine, schools of art and music, where the ideal held before the students is self-aggrandizement,-- why does not the church catch a new vision of the possibilities of our institutions as schools of evangelism, and schools of missions and rally with renewed strength to the support of our schools and colleges that are training young people for this express purpose,--young people who will find a way or make one, in order to evangelize the world. Our only answer is, the children of this world must be wiser in their generation than the children of light.

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The Return and Day of the Lord

Evangelist W. P. Jay

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(V.) The Period known as the Last Days comes before the Return of Jesus.

"A distinction must be observed between the 'last days' when the prediction relates to Israel, and the 'last days' when the prediction relates to the church. Also distinguish the expression the 'last days' (plural) from the 'last day' (singular); the latter expression referring to the resurrections and last Judgment."-SCOFIELD.

(1.) THE LAST DAYS AS RELATING TO THE APOSTACY AND END OF THIS CHURCH AGE.

I. Tim. 4:1-3 "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith."

II. Timothy 3:1-8 "In the last days perilous times shall come."

Heb.1:1-2 "God....hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son."

I. Pet. 1:4-4 "Ready to be revealed in the last time."

II. Pet. 3:3-9 "There shall come scoffers in the last days."

(2.) THE LAST DAYS AS RELATING TO ISRAEL AND HER EXALTATION, WHICH IS SYNONYMOUS WITH THE KINGDOM AGE.

Isa. 2:14 In the last days the mountain (Kingdom Dan. 2:85) of the Lord's house shall be established.....and all nations shall flow unto it."

"They are the last days not with reference to this dispensation, but with reference to the whole of Israel's history."-Scotfield.

(3.) THE LAST DAY (SINGULAR) REFERS TO THE RESURRECTION AND LAST JUDGMENT.

John 6:39-40 44-54 "Every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 11:24 "Martha sayeth unto him (Jesus), I know that he, (Lazarus) shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

John 12:48 "He that rejecteth me,..... the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

(VI.) Scoffers are to come in the last days.

"There shall come in the last days, scoffers." To "scoff" is to "mock," to show contempt with scorn. Jude says, "They told you there should be mockers in the last time." v. 18

(VII.) They are lustful, "walking after their own lust"

"The lust of the flesh, and the lust of

the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." I. John 1:16-17

(VIII.) They are skeptical; "Where is the promise of His coming?"

They do not ask this question for the sake of gaining information as to its location in the Bible. No, they mean, what has become of God's promise? Has it been fulfilled? Then they attempt to show that it will never come to pass. They are as G. W. McPherson says of the destructive critics, "marked by their indifference to the claims of the Bible. They never say with the great prophets, 'Thus saith the Lord.' Most of these teachers (scoffers) claim that even Jesus Christ may have been mistaken; that he accepted at least the opinions current in his own day, especially those relating to the Old Testament and His Second Coming." The doctrine of the second coming is scoffed at and those who believe and teach it are looked upon as fanatics, and sad to say, this opposition comes from prominent religious leaders of today, and some of you are helping to pay their salaries. They say, "where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." We shall let Peter answer them: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

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(IV.) *A Final Question: How can the church even hope to preserve herself in the purity of her doctrines and the glow of religious experience, unless she impresses these ideals upon her young people?*

During the middle ages there arose two orders of monks, with different ideals, the Franciscans, who gave themselves to evangelism, and the Dominicans who gave themselves to teaching. The Franciscans went everywhere preaching, but neglected both organization and instruction. The Dominicans camped beside the great mediaeval universities and preached to the students. What were the results, the Franciscans failed to conserve their work, while the Dominicans set the standard of doctrine in the church for nearly a century.

At one time Yale College gave 72 per cent of its graduates to the ministry; Williams College 59 per cent; Amherst 61 per cent; Hamilton College 38 per cent;

Brown University 32 per cent; and the University of Rochester 46 per cent. At the present time, only a small fraction percentage of the graduates of these institutions ever enter the ministry. Our own institutions show an exceedingly large proportion of pastors, evangelists, and missionaries, and everywhere they go they preach holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. This accounts for the great doctrinal unity which our church enjoys as was so ably set forth in the masterly address of the General Superintendents. Why do not our people see this great truth more clearly and our churches and people rally to the support of our educational institutions? We can find but one answer, that enunciated with supreme emphasis by our Lord, "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

Dear Editor:-

I do so enjoy reading the Messenger. How I would love to do more for the school. I certainly enjoyed Brother Little's message last year.

Yours truly in the Lord,
Mrs. Ed. Allen.

A letter from Walter D. Miller locates him at Bridgewater, Va. He writes, "I have come east with my folks for a visit this winter. We arrived at Bridgewater, our old home town last Friday evening, and have nine aunts and two uncles, all but one with families. I am getting acquainted with my relatives." Bro. Miller plans on teaching there this winter. We are always glad to hear from former students, and find that others are glad to hear from them through the columns of the Messenger.

Miss Evelyn Hutton, our unique senior, also plans on teaching for awhile. Miss Hutton is now with her people in Pasadena, California. Miss Hutton is an experienced teacher and doubtless will have no difficulty in securing a position. We miss her very much from the front row in the chapel this year.

Mrs. Edith Whitesides reports a very successful and blessed meeting in Billings Montana on her way home from the General Assembly. The presence of the Lord was in the services in a marvelous manner and a number prayed through to victory. We are always glad when the representatives of our work go out not only to help financially but to win souls also. She is leaving in a few days for Portland and coast points.

The Bursar's Page

Nothing Succeeds Like Success

From every viewpoint or angle we see success in our midst. Our dormitories are nearly filled to capacity, the rooms are comfortable and the students who have roommates are pleased with them. The deans, Sister Wallace and Brother and Sister Myers are doing their work well. This is SUCCESS.

Never before in the history of the Student's Club have the meals been better. The days of brown beans and dried prunes will be remembered by a few of the old, old students, but these good days, when milk and honey, with pheasant and venison cooked by Mother Hanson will be looked back upon with a degree of satisfaction which too, means SUCCESS.

From a financial standpoint, we feel to rejoice, the students have been prompt thus far in settling their bills. The Districts are rallying with the Budget—and just here we wish to make favorable mention of the way in which the Northwest District is responding. Well Sister Idis L. Anglin is treasurer and has a systematic business like way of remitting regularly immediately after the first of each month. We too are receiving some small donations from friends and students.

Is this not SUCCESS?

We received the following interesting letter:

The Stephens Orchards

E. P. Stephens

Nampa, Idaho

Nov. 17, 1923.

J. T. Little, Nampa, Idaho

Dear Sir:

I have been interested in the Nazarene College, both educationally and financially, ever since I came here. I lived beside Doane College in Nebraska for 40 years and have always been interested in students.

The financial condition you are in seems to be the normal condition of institutions of the kind.

Last year I gave your school one of their notes and I see no reason why your creditors should not extend the time necessary for you to pay out.

Very respectfully,

E. F. Stephens

If you are interested in the school and wish to help by a word of appreciation or a generous donation this will add to our SUCCESS.

Last year the wife of the president of a certain college in the east made the remark that it was gratifying that either three or five families whose children were attending the school had three or more in attendance. We agree that this is good but our records show that last year we had twelve families with three students in att. five " " four " " " three " " five " " " two " " six " " "

We hope to report something like this at the end of the year. We think this is not far from SUCCESS.

Education as an Asset to Success

Some one has said;

"No matter what a man's work he can do it better if he is well informed.

And the point here is that education, while it has a larger bearing than a mere preparation for ones trade or profession, is the very best equipment for any sort of efficiency.

Whatever your peculiar calling, your expertness is more telling if it rests upon a basis of general culture.

Culture means intellectual background.

It means accumulated force behind your stroke.

It means that you are not only capable yourself, but that you know how to absorb and use the capability of wiser persons.

It gives you perspective.

It increases your personality.

It strengthens your influence.

It keeps you from settling down to become a mere cog in the wheel, a little specialized piece of machinery to do a certain task, and makes you a Human Being, alive, vibrant, radiating.

It makes you Somebody, not just Anybody.

There is no single thing so essential to SUCCESS, in whatever calling, as Education."

And we might add that if you get your education at N.N.C. we think you will be a decided SUCCESS.

First Church Billings Montana

In the good providence of our own God and without any special arranging on the part of the pastor or the church, the Lord sent Mrs. Edith Whitesides to us on the 14th of October, and held her here until Sabbath night October 28, in special revival services. From the very beginning of the meeting the Lord in a very marked and special way laid the interests of the work

here in Billings on her heart, and nearly all her messages were on the subject of prevailing prayer, and faith in a mighty God, who always intrusts heavy soul burden and travail on those who cut loose from every questionable thing, swear allegiance to Him and His truth, and prove their fidelity to Him and His great work of saving the lost, by minding the voice of the Holy Spirit, His leadings, checks and tender touches. Those of us who heard these wonderful messages from this woman of God and handmaid of the Lord, can never be the same again, if we are true to the enlarged vision of the nature and character of God, the nature and character of man, and the crying need of a lost and ruined world, that has come to us through her faithful preaching. Our dearly beloved Superintendent, Rev. W. G. Bennett was with us through the entire meeting, and with us carried a heavy burden for the unsaved and unsanctified as did others also. Nor were the heart cries, weeping and fasting of the Lord's people overlooked by the Head of the Church, for He rewarded us by giving us several souls in the fountain of cleansing, and bringing a new touch of divine life and glory to the entire church. Two individuals gave up their lodge, and united with us on the last Sabbath evening. A choice young man, President of the District Y. P. S. who feels the call of God on him to preach the gospel has gone with Sister Whitesides to attend the School at Nampa, Idaho. We will continue the good work by holding three prayer-meetings per week, beside the Sabbath services. Our next battle, D. V. begins Dec. 30, with Brother J. B. Chapman as evangelist and Sister Williamson as song leader. We crave an interest in your prayers.

Yours in Jesus name, coming up the road,

J. A. Kring.

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Mrs. Edith Whitesides, Deaconess, Repr. and Treas.

Nazarene Missionary Sanitarium and Institute

The Nazarene Hospital

It is true that our medical work in the mission field opens the way as nothing else for the spread of the gospel. It is the old story of a kind deed winning a listening ear. This is so in the homeland too where a similar work is being carried on.

The work of the Nazarene Hospital is unique. Not only is the physician in charge a most successful surgeon but he is also a devout Christian and has gathered around him a corps of workers who are the same. I was so impressed during the short time I was there last spring, with their godly, dignified, always capable and willing service. There is an atmosphere about the hospital that is FELT; it is the result of consecration and much prayer.

I am sure that the Lord has placed this work as a veritable lighthouse in this country where almost all is pioneer work as yet. Here the gospel light is shed upon weary hearts as they come for treatment, and as one of the nurses told me only the other day, very few come in even though they are very wicked and know nothing of true Christianity but that they are impressed before they have been in the hospital a few days. They cease their cursing and begin to weep, and as the workers watch their opportunity to lead them to God and pray for them, they soon yield and many a one has found the Saviour even in the eleventh hour, who but for this chance would probably have been lost forever.

The present buildings are too small for the growing work and cannot even now accommodate the nurses, who have been rooming in the girl's dormitory. We are joining them in prayer that the Lord shall give them a larger property near and so enable them to care for the increasing number of patients who come to them.

What a future there should be for this work, the only one of its kind in our church. In this wonderful climate there should be no better rest home for returned and disabled missionaries, and as an educational institution too it has a great place.

Prospective missionaries and those who have returned from the field are taking advantage of the classes given for Christian workers and will be able to do so much better work in the needy fields. We in

the college are looking forward to the day when, as a university we shall have connection with this great work and regular medical classes will be given in the hospital for those who are studying to be medical missionaries.

As the good work is already going on it is only a matter of time and of our Father's good hand upon us, and all these visions of a great work for the Master that shall be felt all over the world, shall have its center here.

A grateful friend,
Emily Gustafson

Words of Appreciation

A little over two years ago it was my privilege to enter the Nazarene Sanitarium as a patient. A privilege I say, because, if one is in need of a hospital and a surgeon's care, I know of no better place than our Sanitarium, with its consecrated doctor and nurses.

Several things stand out clearly in my memory of my stay there. First among them, the operating room. It is a trying moment, that of waiting before the anaesthetic is given but when the doctor and nurses knelt around the table while Bro. C. H. Davis led in a prayer that God would take charge and guide the surgeon's hands and have His way, the dread disappeared.

Thank God for the doctors that link their skill with the power of the everlasting God.

Then one day as one of the nurses was trying to relieve my pain I heard her low breathed prayer, "Jesus help her," and again I realized that God was a Partner in the great work.

The atmosphere of the place is one of peace and harmony, and from the time that I heard family devotions in the dining room in the morning till bedtime, and on through the watches of the night, God seemed to bend over the place with a benediction.

Praise God for a hospital where one can have the best of medical care and spiritual care as well, where prayer and praise do not seem out of place but God is honored in everything.

Mrs. Earl Pounds.

Nampa, Idaho, 11-14, '23

Mrs. Edith Whitesides,
Nampa, Idaho

Dear Sister Whitesides: Shortly after coming to Sunny Idaho in June 1923, I was struck amidsthips by acute appendicitis. An operation was necessary immediately so I came to your Hospital.

Dr. Mangum supplemented his skill by earnest prayers for poor me. During the eighteen days I was a patient in the Nazarene Hospital, I seemed to be in the Anteroom of Heaven. The patience and kindness of the Doctor, the loving care of the nurses, your prayers and encouragement, the atmosphere of devotion, the echoes from the nurses' noonday prayer meeting not only brought me physical health but spiritual vision needful. I shall offer thanksgiving to our Lord forever for the Nazarene Hospital.

Gratefully,
Robert H. White.

News Items

We were glad to welcome Dr. Mangum back after six weeks of absence in the East. After the General Assembly he spent some time in Chicago taking post-graduate work. After reviewing the work done here in the past few weeks, he feels that the Lord has marvelously answered prayer for us.

It has been on our hearts for some time to arrange for a nurses' home where they could rest after the day's work and where they could have a time for recreation, and above all a place where they could pray. God has answered prayer and just last week this was made possible through the kindness of friends who have enabled us to purchase a small cottage near the hospital to be used for this purpose. We rejoice and praise God for this added blessing. It encourages our faith to ask and believe more than ever.

Two probationers have entered training this fall, -Mrs. Mandtler who is training for the mission field and Miss Varnadoc who has spent several years in India. These are both fine young women of deep strong Christian character and will be a blessing to the institution.