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This morning the preacher said that we were approaching the disintegration of secular civilization as great as that of the break up of the Roman Empire—but we were approaching chaos. Yet we cannot foresee what will happen. Things never happen twice alike. It will be the unexpected that will happen. If man knew what was going to happen, he could prepare against that day and change it.

But what have been thinking about is God—and history lines are not more changed by him—and of the presentation of God to children. I think it is safe to say that I heard most about God in church and S.F.—but what we read from the Bible—other than in church was stale—this constant repetition without illumination. What I heard about God from the pulpit and in S.F. I often wanted to contradict because altogether too much was taken for granted. If the sermons were arguments—end to end from the resurrection to the prodigal son, or from anything, they started with an assumption. The fourth of what I heard I did not believe—and any un-informed child could handle otherwise. Yet in spite of that, I believe came to a belief in God through my own reasoning—but the beauty of Christ life never came to me in its fullness until I had passed beyond maturity. Can my children be saved that experience!
Why write to-day - that 95% of our Christians are like warm kites - instead of having given over their lives to the service of God? Do it not because your mistakes in training the young? Are the telephones which them to stay so my own personal.

Is it that - perhaps 50% of the Christians are it least potential Christians or outside the church? Is it that 50% of those who are not truly are within the church? Is it not so? Is not life in these days such that the life be apparently grifled by Christ, yet it cheese in learning that church going; a slight grifled of substance, a verbal acceptance of certain Christian principles? Is it the form of Christ and God in our lives? It is working harmonically in some - but that, great power that great dynamic is hidden and buried in too great a number. Some Christian lives - for that reason I have been writing to (see above).

A fellow might say, "You belong to the church, you are a member, do these things?" Well, a fellow might say, "I saw a man to-day do something bigger than himself. He did an enormous thing." What is it, dear God, that my life lacks? How do it that we number thousands and that, in spite of it, we individually have less impress on the world than the Early Times? What can we do to gain that power again?

It seems true that we must, in the finest place, be careful not to abridge the Bible for the young child. It must not be so often read and the story so often recited that the child's attention is no longer attracted by them. That they become stale in other words.

On the other hand, a情况进行 story of God and Christ. It must be brought to them in such a way that they are not unwilling to believe what they hear.

If many preach of the gospel could hear the sound and involuntary comment of their audience and especially of the children, it would teach them many a lesson.

Now with regard to that forthcoming story of God and Christ - it seems to me, in my own mind, that many who do not believe in God or Christ - it is that necessary knowledge of Christ preached that God.

It seems as if the fruit of God can more easily be brought to a child than any other, for it can so easily be proved by things. It is intellectually honest, he must find either that Christ is historically true, and then he must Christ is historically true, and then he must.

Christ is historically true, and then he must be true. There is no more - but not incapable of misrepresentation. God's leading in absolutely perfect and accurate as is found by being from separate accounts, each one differing from the other slightly. God does
Not, it seems, want us to look to the Bible as our only source of authority, but he wants us to use it as Christ used the Old Testament and learning and use. Christ quoted it so many times — and yet be contradicted it. When the world was ready for the higher message of the human beings have progressed from a condition where they could not read to the present state of intelligence; it must follow by the law of psychology, that at different times in their development, they are ready for different messages of differing value. As a baby drinks milk and later meat and vegetable, so man in his early development received the milk message, and then came the bread and fruit; and later the meat or veg. Whether we have read the meat or veg. yet, I do not know, but I think man could state that we have not a greater bigger and greater knowledge of Christ than he had 500 years ago, 1521—1421. Find the same Bible text, but immerse it in it.

Concerning the proof of God to children, it seems too easy to take a flower and put it into inky water and to show the child the wonder of the contraction of a flower as it dries up the inky water but its Stella was discovered the minute
Things I wish had been emphasized more fully in my religious developments.

Giving —
Belonging to self and all to God.

The fact that teachings of Christ are in reality the highest ethical & spiritual message the world has ever received — or it is likely to receive.

The facts of the character of Christ —

Not effeminate but bold beyond words.

Not anxious for popularity.

Not afraid of what folks would say.

etc.
Florence Clement, Circulation Manager,
Mount Holyoke Alumnae Quarterly,
South Hadley, Mass.

Please find enclosed my check or money order for $1.50 drawn to the order of the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Quarterly in payment of my subscription to the Quarterly for one year beginning with the April 1922 number.

Name_________________________ Class_________________________

Address_________________________

Date___________________________
When the story of Christ has been impressed on us, it seems to me that the lesson of Christ's life should be taught to us.

The hardest lesson is the one in which most is the giving up of self-including personality-love, houses, lands, mind, strength.

We need to be taught, of how truly, that what we find in our hands is useless, that what we speak for is not ours.

The Lord's gift is the first Commandment's most forgotten.

"Thou shalt love thy God in me, then shalt love him with all thy mind, with all thy strength, and with all thy soul."
paths to which the form is led.
A hundred experiments like these are
close at hand, and so wonderful that
a child has had these things pointed
out to him - he cannot fail to
realize that some power makes them
so - whether the power that forces
God or not depends on his future
training.

Experiments of nature. Physics, Biology

with microscope

Knowledge of stars -

Truths from geology -

Then "God so loved the world -"

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shall be brought home to the
child with its story of the Christ
and the affirmation of its
historicity and be made at the
time of the story - with the assurance
that "blessed are they that heard them -"
With this teaching would come the solution of the Socialism & the Social problem of today. Then we must be taught to hunger after righteousness.

P.S. Then I was taught that our Lord the world— the only conclusion was God as Lord America— or God as Lord this little town— or God as Lord this little church— or God as Lord the Jew— both Christians— no broad interpretation made. That Christ was sent for the Jew first as much as for
I believe that the power
God not only works through the universe
but "in our earth."
I think that this god may have more power over physical
life than the spiritual contacts that we can know.
I believe that this form of God has ever guided man
just as far as they have been able to be guided.
That he has given messages to his people thru the test
men of the world.
He knows 8 arms of these messages which come
originally pure and true—but often times felt degenerated
and mixed.

Buddha
Confucius
Plato

Christian fathers & prophets—paraclete
David & Daniel

Until finally thru the development of one particularly thoughtful
people the world was ready for a message greater than any
that had ever been before.

The message of Christ—

Transcends other messages before hand.

Jesus as a little child—
"What will it profit a
man if he gains the
world and lose his
soul?"—

Must give up all—father, mother, children and brothers

"He shall inherit all"—not just as a man.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

"We love one another, that thou mightest know that
ye have the Father and that ye are sons of God."

Love neigh nor as myself.

"God is a spirit, and
the little children know
unto God, as do you when
abroad by your own country."

"Aren't we all brothers?
Seek the little children & come unto me.
Do as you would be done by.
"Give your enemies what would you have?"
December 14 1923

Mrs E.S. Hildreth
American Board Compound
Peking  China

My dear Mrs Hildreth:—

Your letter of December 11th reached me this morning and I was very much pleased to hear from you. I had had a letter from Mrs Baker, and also a short note from Mr Hildreth saying that you might be returning to South China about the 15th or 17th of the month, so I was rather waiting to hear from you and expecting to see you.

I have been holding some letters which came on the last mail from America until I knew whether you expected to pass through Shanghai or not. Now that I have your letter I am sending them on to you today, also a newspaper and magazine.

Your ticket will be just as safe here in the safe, I think, as anywhere, and you can get it any time you ask for it.

I wonder if you have met Paul Cressey's brother, Mr George Cressey, who is attending the Peking Language School? He is planning to spend Christmas with Paul I understand and he may be glad to take anything to South China for you which you might wish to send.

I am very glad to hear that you are progressing so well, and I sincerely hope that you may continue to do so.

With all good wishes for a pleasant Christmas although I know you will be very lonely away from your family, I remain,

Yours cordially

[Signature]

Acting Mission Treasurer.
Dec. 30, 1923.

How desires change! If you don’t believe it, just make a list of what you want most just now (it’ll spare you from putting in paper your heart’s deepest desires) — and lay it aside for two years or ten, and find out how many things you have not missed, and how many you would change with the passing years.

A pair of skates to skate on the P.U.C. rink.
A pair of woolen gloves for winter time.
Some good looking white shoes for next summer.
A summer hat for morning and dress of underwear.
Some fur[s] for this winter to take home or to.
Some clear German blocks for John.
20 paper cutters for presents Xmas 1929.
1 doz. Fruit knives (Peking regular $0.10 each).

etc., etc. I could make the list long, but I only copy the urgent present list on my desk.

Fifteen years ago how I would have thrilled and rejoiced at the thought of spending a winter in Peking! And now how I would have given almost anything to get away from Peking in order to spend the winter with my husband and children!

But since I can’t go back, what an opportunity it is! It is like going back to College again and having a choice of
It is wonderful to use the libraries with their wealth of valuable knowledge. Now the treasures of the ancient capital - the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace, the Drum Tower, the Lama Temple, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Western Hills etc. call! How the chances to play piano daily call! How the chances to work a little at Fung's College and Birdyman Academy call! How the chances to visit every activity of missionary work, live in Peking and surrounding country call! How the chances to sew and make things - ---- call somewhat faintly? I want to - but I'd much rather go skating or do the other things.

It is fascinating to know, too, that one is in a big city - with a million Chinese (of whom 1,000 freeze to death every winter) and a large group of foreigners of all nationalities. When will one rub against? - And what will be the results? -
Other men have known some of these statements, but
now man has known all of them.

Because Christ has given us a message greater than that of
any other from their history,
because his own life corresponds to his teachings,
because he was conscious of a peculiar relationship to
God.

I and the father are one,
only the father knows that. Mark 13:32
He prays to God, as to an authority. Matthew 5:24
you need to perfect your kinship, father is perfecting.
Mark 6:18
you must also perfect your kinship. Matthew 6:18.

He who is in great love and kindness is God. Mark 10:18

Now good and kind, that is God. Mark 10:18.

Matthew 6:11: I am not mine to give—your father which is in heaven
forgive you. Matthew 11:26

I believe that Christ has been our greatest religious teacher,
and that his teachings are still the greatest and highest princi-ple
of life we have received; or, it seems, are capable of receiving
nothing in our conception of life can go beyond

Those shall love thee and God with all thy heart, etc.

and thy neighbor as thyself.

I believe that he is the spiritual son of God in a
greater sense than any one of us seems to be able to attain.

I believe that he could be the physical son of God.

If he were the physical son of God
his message to men would have much more value
for we could never hope to attain to him.

He has kindness and power that we have no part of.

I believe that he had power on earth to do things
that would seem miraculous ones—both that this
happened from his innocence this disciple— but succeeded in giving
a helping to many of them. I am not sure that the record of
his miracles has come accurately true— but the important
thing is that we should have faith, and gain so much
power as possible to see him.
He seemed to indicate clearly that this life is but a preparation for another — and that what we do here-conditioned what we should do hereafter which is strictly according to the laws of development.

For myself I have no real feeling. Sometimes I feel very certain that our lives will continue hereafter. I don't find there a distinct feeling that those who have died exist somewhere else. (I dislike going to the grave place and associating with the dead.)

But as far as I am concerned, when I use my mind, I seem forced to allow the possibility that we as individuals may disappear leaving only our physical descendents and what we have done and said our and our physical elements as reminders of our existence. This seems the most logical conclusion and personally I feel that I could still live on, buoyed up and pressed forward that with the thought that we should carry out our great will of God — for the future good
of some creatures who will be enrolled.
The teachings of Christ seem contrary to this.

"This day shall then be with me in Paradise."
In my father's house are many mansions
If it were not so, I should have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.

'Similes of Kingdom of Heaven'
Goat or sheep
Judgment.

'Heaping up gnashing of teeth.'

So, all the my mind tells me - it is not sure - my instincts
tell me it is so - and Christ not only corroborates but
affirms. Since he has given us the highest laws then
by, why should he (who had such intimate relations with
God) have reliable revelations with regard to the future.
So I go on, having faith, but not thoroughly believing

Christ must work in the individual and the
individual must lead the group... the church.
But the church time and again has fallen into error.
That the church is a new life which is always
in crisis. How Christianity should be emphasised
upon the teachings of Christ, bring back the
world to a new allegiance.

Whoever denies the truth denies God.

I believe that the Bible is the source of the highest and
truest messages that God has given to man.

The purpose is truth, as always.

The man is, however, made to fit being to early
man knowledge of the order of creation.

The purpose is truth, as always.
FALL ANNOUNCEMENT
...TO...
MOUNT HOLYOKE ALUMNAE

A new office of special interest to alumnae has been organized at the College and has been in operation since September first.

NAME
Office of Field Secretary

ORGANIZATION
Administrative Office, under supervision of Gertrude Bruyn, 1914. Responsible directly to the President and Board of Trustees.

PURPOSE
Development of the material resources of the College, and establishment of certain financial policies of the College.

DUTIES
1. Organization of a permanent clientele of non-alumnae to supplement the already existing army of loyal alumnae.
2. Stabilization of college income through the financial assistance of this alumnae and non-alumnae constituency, so that in the future the College may be able to avoid all hectic financial campaigns.

DEFINITE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIELD SECRETARY.

FIELD WORK
Establishment of points of contact with the outside world, and the development of a genuine interest in the College.

ACCUMULATION OF FUNDS
Organization of the "Living Endowment."

1. ALUMNAE FUND.
The outline of the "Alumnae Fund" which was sent to you last spring by the Alumnae Secretary and the Committee of Five will be followed in every detail, payments on these pledges being turned over directly to the Treasurer of the Alumnae Association.

2. NON-ALUMNAE FUND
This will consist of annual subscriptions from a non-alumnae constituency.

3. COMPLETION OF THE $3,000,000 FUND
The Trustees and Alumnae are working rapidly to clear up the outstanding amount of approximately $3,000,000 to be raised to complete the total.
Feb. 24, 1935.

Present Crisis

2. Sinclair Lewis.


Russia = "stale away."

"Gabot: Remarks that shall never forget

Indifference.

1. Albert Perry has more x-tremity in his little finger.  
2. We all every day do things that unknown Christ  
   would not have done.

3. If we only believed the churches would become.

4. We could have done it if we wanted to.

5. I want to give that way to give all, if
   I give at all.

We could have done it if we wanted to.

This was not a personal matter, but the raising money

Raising money for the Congregational Church at large.

... salaries of trained men

... state conferences

... strengthen weaker churches.

2. builds up knowledge.

3. promotes summer conferences

4. cultivates interest and loyalty in
   every branch church.

5. carries on the moral effort to
   exemplify the life in
   creating international goodwill.

5.scholarships

5. Yes, in the end efforts to
   promote peace.
If you were an officer of the Cong'l church at large, and were trying to promote the cause of Christ, what would you try to do? Would you state your interests in movies - schools - aeroplanes?

How is Love to Xt. shown? Interest in others.

But, we could have done it, if we wanted to.

At a time of crises in the religious world - we were indifferent - "did not want to"

Is not this indifference characteristic of the average Xtian of the last 50 years? Can I, living in your community to some extent, tell the difference between Xtians - those who do not claim the name by the kindness of their hearts - the zeal and earnestness of their desire to know God and do His will?

In some individuals, perhaps, but as a whole, not as well as we would like to.

We have been content to join the church to bear the name, to share the local financial burden, live morally for the most part. "Loving mercy and walking humbly with our God." Perhaps this is.

Perhaps this is.
I feel that we have been cause of great failure. The remark (if we had wanted to that Mr. H. and I have failed in our work and to-day in contrition of heart and in the hope of heart to heart fellowship with you, we have called you together to talk over again what this world the crisis in the world to-day and our part in it as a church of it.

I have built to-day an illustration. This board represents a scene seen we are divided in Christ's eyes into the fellowship of those who care and... don't care.

Countless people are on both sides. The board is almost in equilibrium. We cannot see except as indication one given in the voting of our nation but supposing that evil has got the upper hand. I.e., persecution in Germany Jews, Abyssinia, murder rations in Russia, injustice in Italy, war and injustices in Japan do you realize the extreme importance of the small group who fees from the side of those who do not care to the side of those who do. Supposing even that in this small community 90% of the people round...
that they would give all to it -
that ... would commit every area
of life - body, mind, soul - talents to Christ.

Do you see the possibility that that
small group of 900 or so people - might
change the balance of things and that Christ
might be supreme in the world to-day?

Men came to John the Baptist group. I men
asked: What shall we do?

What have we to give to Christ?

1st. Look at the problem seriously.
Study it out individually.
What does Christ require of me today?

Have I given him all.
He requires love.
He requires truth. He is truth.

We have deceived ourselves into
thinking we gave steps and yet
we did not gather.
Look at ourselves to-day.

Has there been growth?
If so, we are on the right track and we
only to keep on.

And this growth comes thru the
Love in the heart.
If we do not yet love - we can
desire to live - and say - please
help me to love thee more and more, and
that state of mind will bring growth.
He can not love Christ without
5. without loving our fellow human
This love must be active not passive.
And now I want to read to you a story
which shows love.

Can we love like them true people?

Can we love like the Chinese who lived his
life?
Can we love like the folks who gave
this hospital at Weehawken?
Pleased to add who have gained a fame
that that institution could be set
down in the midst of troubled China
and show forth the love of X.

Unworthy as we are, we can aspire
to love even if we do not yet feel that we do.

If we love truly — the object
of our affection is in our the's to
constantly — Can you remember
when you loved most ardently some
hero or heroine? Nothing that you
could do was too much.

And so we can have one active way of
showing our love in our lives, and that
further act of giving. Some of you in
giving two pennies — give more than 1000
from others. The glory of it.

And so we ask each one of you to have a
little symbol in your home — a symbol of
6. your love to Christ.
It is only a symbol.
your love starts in the heart
your heart wants you to give something
you think of money first.
But Christ wants first you.
He wants your the - your devotion.
you earnest willingness to do what you
personally have thought out.
Then the to if given to him will prompt
you to sacrifice, and your sacrifice
goes into this box with joy knowing
one penny for the whole year could
be a hundred dollars -
So in your homes place this box
in a prominent place and so
this the act of worshipfully dedicating one penny or more
to make a Klean world - and
your joy will be great - your sorrow
will be only that you could not do
more - and to and hopefully you
have done more than all the
rest.

To those of you who can give, I
say that God will open your heart
if you so desire. If you want to do
7. it, you can just give such a support to the cause of Christ as we have not yet given to it.
TO STATE CIVIL WORKS ADMINISTRATION
From Local Civil Works Administration

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(Other than Foremen and Supervisors)

Wages Per Hour
- not including 40 cents
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- not including 80 cents
- not including 90 cents
- not including $1.00

Supervisors (sum of items 1 and 2)

Wages (sum of items 4 and 5)

Supervisors (sum of items 7 and 8)

Certificate to the State Civil Works Administration

I hereby certify that the above statements are correct and are attached payrolls covering separate sheets.

Date ...........................................  Disbursing Officer ...........................................
Present crisis

Indifference

If we had wanted to probably there isn't any god.

What would you do, if you were earnest sincere.

Whatever Abraham Lincoln did

What is the difference between a nominal Christian

There's a difference, and a real

We have failed.

Illustration

Vision of immense importance of a small group of intensely earnest people

Suffering evil has the upper hand as evidenced by

Conditions in Germany, Jews

Russia, murder

Italy, great iron rule

Japan, greed

U.S.A., civil war

Suffering

90-90 of our people would commit all to Christ, so that he could wish two them and do his will?

How can we commit ourselves to Him?

Desire to love

Not deceive ourselves

Lack of knowledge. (Living words)

Commitment of growth.

We must know what he said.

Study we must try to understand and do.

In this community.

To live his life in Stamos story.

What can we do?

Friend to student: We came give ourselves recogni-