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## Consecration

By T. O. Chisholm

O JESUS, "man of sorrows,"  
O wounded Christ of God,  
Thy love for me is written  
In characters of blood,—  
Thy Cross a message speaks to me  
More meaningful than words could be.

The Father did not falter,  
For me, to give Thee up  
To cruel contumely,  
To drink the dreadful cup,—  
"So loved the world,"—so loving me—  
He yielded Thee to Calvary.

Accept the gifts I bring Thee,  
So poor (yet all I have)  
Beside Thy great oblation  
My ruined self to save,—  
I could not one of them withhold,—  
Would they were more—ten thousand-  
fold!

And now I live, yet not I,  
Thou livest, Christ, in me,  
My life with Thine united,  
My springs are all in Thee,—  
I share with Thee Thy blest abode,  
My life is hid with Thee in God.

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## Satan Hates Prayer

Satan hates God and Christ, therefore Satan hates prayer offered to God in the name of Christ. For the Adversary knows that this means God's working in omnipotence against him and his followers. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES (Feb. 9) reported Vancouver's Day of Prayer called for the first Sunday of this year by the newly elected Mayor of Vancouver, the Hon. G. G. McGeer. This Christian Mayor's prayer proclamation was reverent and humble, a truly Christian document. But a daily newspaper in Vancouver published

an editorial of bitter, sneering criticism. "All Vancouver, young and old, is instructed by Mayor McGeer to hit the sawdust trail next Sunday and line up under the old wailing wall to beseech divine blessings upon the McGeer administration. . . . Revivalist McGeer is encroaching upon a field that belongs to the churches and the ministers. . . . The business of making a monkey out of people through their religion has never been successfully done on British soil. . . . It must embarrass them [the churches and the ministers], as it embarrasses intelligent Vancouver citizens, to be asked to pull up the canvas and stage a clown act in order to ornament the emotional honeymoon of Vancouver's impetuous Chief Magistrate." It is always a good sign when Satan attacks God's people: it is welcome evidence that God's people are really hindering Satan. Undoubtedly Vancouver's Day of Prayer was observed the more earnestly and effectively because of the attack upon it.

## Great Christian Teachings

God is the Father of those who have received his Son as Saviour. Is he the Father of any others? Why do we believe in God as our heavenly Father, and in Christ as the only Saviour of men? Is there a future life after this earthly life?

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## Peter the Great Protestant

IN ALL history there is perhaps no Christian leader who is farther from the character and claims of the Roman Catholic "Pope" than the apostle Peter. Yet the papal system is built on the view that Peter was the first Pope, or head of the Church, that this headship was exercised as Bishop of Rome, and that each succeeding Bishop of Rome has been the God-ordained head of the Church.

But Peter was not the first Pope. He was the first great Protestant. The name "Protestant" was first given to the German princes who protested against the edict of the Catholic party at the diet of Spires in 1529; from this the churches that protested against the errors of Rome received their honorable name. But the name is not merely negative. They were protesting against the departure from the faith by the Roman Catholic Church. But they were protesting positively for the great standards of truth and righteousness, the pure Gospel that was preached by Peter and the other apostles. Where they dif-

ferred from Rome, they were agreeing with Peter and his teaching. At one point there may be noted a real similarity between Peter and the Popes. Peter made many mistakes, and the Popes also have made many mistakes. But the mistakes and sins of Peter were all acknowledged and rebuked; and also they were forgiven and put away. The mistakes and sins of the Popes have been unacknowledged and unrebuked, and many of their errors and monstrosities remain to this day as part of what Rome claims is the deposit of truth. Peter was married, and his wife was a true helpmeet, traveling with him from place to place on his missionary journeys. Most of Peter's successors among the Protestant ministers and elders are married to Christian women who are joined with them in the service. So it was with the bishops in the early church (1 Tim. 3: 2; Titus 1: 6). But the Popes, who claim to be successors of Peter, forced upon all clergy that celibacy which has been the mother of

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## Foreign Missionary Betrayals of the Faith

The laymen of a great denomination speak out

ONE of the large churches in Philadelphia was packed to the doors by a great audience drawn from the entire city and many suburbs. The thousand or more persons present, and other thousands listening over the radio, heard challenging addresses on the crisis in our mission boards and in the foreign field. It was a Presbyterian Mass Meeting called by leading laymen of the denomination and held February 28 at the Central North Broad Street Presbyterian Church. The printed invitation sent to thousands said:

We believe it is necessary to inform the membership of our churches of the increasing departure from the standards of faith and practice which have made the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. such a mighty evangelical force.

But this extraordinary meeting went far beyond Presbyterians and Presbyterianism in its significance. It sounded an alarm that should awaken and startle true believers in every evangelical denomination today. For the Philadelphia meeting, while denominational, was but a cross section of the whole Church of Christ; and the shocking facts brought out at that meeting could be duplicated in greater or less degree in most of our denominations.

Therefore THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES, which is not a Presbyterian or a denominational journal, but is interdenominational and is loyal to all evangelical communions of the Christian Faith, believes it has a duty to its readers of all denominations, and to the whole Church of Christ, to publish some of the facts presented at that

### From Letters Received

*"When the laymen's meeting was broadcast, the interference of another station was so great I could only catch a word now and then. But enough was heard to make me want to know the whole story."—A New Jersey reader.*

*"To put it mildly, I was thrilled to listen to your address last night. An address like that will do more good for foreign missions than a thousand missionaries who temporize with unbelief. While you concerned yourself with one denomination, what you said could be applied to most of the denominational boards. I certainly do hope and pray that you will see fit to print it in THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES."—A Philadelphia minister.*

*"Please let me thank you for your splendid address last night. I could not attend, but I heard it with almost startling clearness on the radio. I knew many of the facts, though by no means all—but I seemed to get a new grasp of them and of their bearing. I write to ask you to please publish your address. Every Christian ought to get it and master its contents."—A missionary from Japan.*

great and typical meeting of last month.

The Editor of THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES, Charles G. Trumbull, had been asked to speak, as a Presbyterian layman and elder, on "Betrayals of the Faith, in Our Foreign Mission Board and in the Field." His address brought together startling facts showing the tragic inroads of Modernism in a great denominational Board of Foreign Missions and in the ranks of the foreign missionaries. Dr. Trumbull's address will be published in full in next week's issue of the TIMES.

E. Schuyler English, Managing Editor

### A Letter from Dr. J. Gresham Machen

Ever since I listened to your address last Thursday night I have been trying to put into words something of what my feeling was in listening to it. I felt that the delivery of that address was one of the most important events in the recent history of the Church. A great issue is now presented to the Church. And it is an issue that does not affect any one ecclesiastical body, but is of the profoundest interest to the true believers in Christ in the whole world.

Publication of your address would give untold comfort to Christian people throughout the world who have been longing for just such an utterance. There are many who are under this Modernist tyranny, with its effort to conceal the real issue.

It does seem to me that real possibilities of great revival lie in this thing. The hearts of people will be stirred if that address is published; there will be earnest prayer; and I do believe that, as a result of its publication, with the blessing of God, precious souls will be saved.

A member of the Episcopal Church told me that, after listening to that address of yours, another person in that Church had said to her what a splendid thing if this same issue could be raised in that communion. That seems to me to be typical. If we raise this issue aright and are not afraid to testify against Modernism and in favor of the Gospel in the Presbyterian Church, you are going to find that many people in many churches may be likely to do the same thing. On the contrary, if we cover this issue up, then other churches are going to continue to sleep in the deadly indifference in which they are now bound. Really, it does seem to me that you have a truly ecumenical opportunity just now.

of Revelation, spoke on "Christian Liberty in Giving," and said:

"There never would have been an Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions had the members of the official Board held true to the Confession of Faith and to the Word of God. It is because they have been untrue, in temporizing with Modernism, in literature, in union, and in the examination of candidates and the support of unsound enterprises and missionaries, that the present issues are before us."

Dr. Gordon H. Clark, Instructor in Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on "The Auburn Heresy." He showed the meaning of the sinister and antichristian document called the Auburn Affirmation, which has been signed by some 1,300 Presbyterian ministers, including missionaries and members of the Foreign Mission Board. One of his ringing declarations was this: "We did not begin this fight, but, please God, we'll finish it."

Such facts gave that Mass Meeting of last month a vast and incalculable importance. Those attending the meeting were tense with expectancy and deep conviction. Feelings deepened as the meeting continued. The congregation attending it can never forget what they heard and experienced that night, nor can the great unseen audience that was "listening in."

It is because of these considerations that THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES will publish, next week, the full address delivered at that meeting by Dr. Trumbull, in the hope that the Church at large may be informed, awakened, and prepared for whatever God's leading may prove to be.

### From the Address

*From a textbook recommended for study by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions: "What was the Cross to him [Christ]? Naught but an incident in the life which he had already laid down for his kind."*

*Said Dr. Robert Dick Wilson: "There are many missionaries whose views it seems almost impossible to find out. And every missionary should be intelligent enough to know what he believes, and honest enough to tell what he believes!" Yes, they should; and so should every Board secretary. But they don't do it.*

*A Modernist Board of course sends to the field Modernist missionaries. Naturally, logically, inevitably, they send representatives holding their own views. The unsaved in the foreign fields and those who are already Christians there are actually taught by these unbelieving missionaries to doubt or deny the Word of God, the deity of Christ, the Blood Atonement, the Bodily Resurrection—and there is no salvation for lost sinners if these doctrines are not true.*