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Be Not Afraid!

By ARTHUR T. GUTTERY.

The year 1917 will demand from us persistent courage and enduring will the refusal to falter in our great world-purpose. Prospects are brighter than at the beginning of 1916, but we have felt the strain of another year of suspense and suffering, and it is not easy to maintain the full flush of valour in face of cruel disillusion and repeated disappointment. The foe is feeling the dread of doom, but we do not escape the pressure of growing need. Tyranny is afraid, but the oppressed know the agony of hope deferred. The goal is in sight, but it is the last yards that demand most from us. It would be fatally easy to listen to the seductive whispers of unworthy peace. The excuses would be attractive and plausible. We could place upon posterity the fulfilment of our mighty task, but in the ease we gain we would incur our deepest shame. We dare not assent to fear or yield to the wiles of the foe and the plea of neutral nations. We have a work of restoration to fulfil. We are called to excel a great cause from the life of nations. We have been joined by gallant Allies. We are surrounded by the gratitude of peoples, who through all oppression maintain their hope of restoration. We dare not be afraid; but in the language of Abraham Lincoln: "With malice towards none, with charity towards all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, we will strive on to finish the work we are in." The reply of the Grand Alliance to the German pretended plea for humanity breathes the spirit that must possess us, if we are to fulfil the tasks of a year which promises to be the greatest the world has known. There will be mistakes in both Church and State. We shall have weary days and weeks of waiting and hope deferred. We may see political strife revived, for the children of intrigue will not abandon the unbloody game in which they delight. It is probable that we shall suffer in tense inconvenience and feel severe economic pressure, but if we have courage, if we refuse the counsels of fear, all shall be well with us. The New Year will carry us on towards the accomplished Will of God.

Courage is needed in all worthy tasks under all conditions. It is the essential and germinal moral quality which secures achievement in any enterprise. It is more than brilliance or genius; it is nobler than cleverness or craft. The man with all talents but no courage is a glittering pretence. While he who has but one talent and valour will do the impossible thing. The Church can learn courage, for it has become a commonplace to-day. There is scarce a college that has not its heroic story; the wife and mother who keeps the home sweet and bright, though her heart is breaking; the maiden who is full of cheery activity while her dream of love is cruelly postponed; the father who mourns that he is too old to stand with his boy in the firing line, but who takes up again his former tasks, begins business once again to keep things going for his son; the British men who have stood the strain of war, with its demand on nerve and will, its aching home-sickness and its disgust with foul brutality. All these are the modern prophets of courage. They would nerve the preacher to demand from his congregations not to be afraid.

This courage is a central virtue. It is not a quest in the chamber of life, but the absence of fear as mere limb of personality, it is the glow of life, the tingle of health, the dynamic that makes the dream a deed and crowns effort with victory. Our sons we pray may be kept pure and true and gentle. It is our love that dictates our prayer, but we must not forget that if they are to cleave to honour, truth and chastity they will need courage. Moral hostilities, foul and brutal conditions press in upon them, and it is only in daring that they will prevail. Church leaders and some Methodists should learn that it is courage and not delay, a passionate daring and not a plausible postponement that will enable us to overtake our calling to revival and reform.

Courage is ennobled by its apprehension of danger. It is not a mere march the absence of fear as its conquest. No man is a coward who "is afraid of being afraid." Time was when war appealed to many with all the glamour of a new adventure. We heard the bands play, were caught in the whirling enthusiasm of unselfish devotion. We did not know what war meant, but now all the novelty and the vanity are gone. Our sons have lived amid the dust and mud of the West, the dirt and vermin of the East; they have seen disease, death, and the vilest passions at close quarters. Our armies no longer live in glowing dreams; they know all the grim realities of the most tragic of all wars. The old boisterous valour has been succeeded by a faithful and intelligent obedience, and it is infinitely impressive. The Church must not fear to acknowledge the results that will follow this war. We must not hide in flattering dreams. We shall face a period of awful reaction and excess, of moral inertia and passionate indulgence, of social suspicion and class hostility. These evils threaten us. They can be overcome, but it will only be by a Church that knows no fear. Her courage must be open-eyed, and she will do well to settle all her internal questions of reform swiftly that her hands may be free for all the enormous tasks that will challenge wisdom as well as daring.

This courage grows in facility as in ardour. The man, be he young or old, who faces duty or danger bravely will find that he "grows fit." Some things grow harder as we grow old. Courage is not one of these. Age, when the fires of youth have died down, finds courage has become a habit. When war broke out and our children heard the call and obeyed we never dreamed that we could endure the burdens we carry to-day. When death took from us the gallant lad whose laughter made us proud we thought we must break down; but we live on, resolved to suffer even further that we may not betray our deed. When the Regular Army of 1914 was shattered Germany believed that our new legions would never have courage to withstand the infernal machinery of modern war, but the boys who trembled when first "on guard," who shuddered at a shadow and heard a threat in the falline of a leaf, now stand firm with the strength of veterans. The Church that attempts the great enterprise finds during growth till it is swift in revival and wise in reform. It escapes the chill fear of the dead hand, and no longer seeks the easy ways of evasion and delay.



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th.

London and Suburbs.

- BERMONDSEY, ST. GEORGE'S HALL, OLD FENTON ROAD, S.E. 11.** Rev. R. Goldsboro; 7.30, P.E.A.; 8.30, Rev. H. Taylor.
- BRUNSWICK HALL, 240, Whitechapel Road, E. 11 and 7.** Rev. Thomas Jackson.
- CALEDONIAN ROAD, N. (corner of Market Road), N. 11.** Rev. W. H. Wright.
- CAMDEN TOWN, N.W., King Street, 11 and 8.30.** Rev. A. K. Calvert.
- CANNING TOWN, E. (Mary Street, Barking Road), 11 and 8.30.** Rev. J. Dawson Wilson, Cornsant Service.
- FOREST, E. (Epita Lane, 11, Mr. W. Robins; 8.30, Rev. A. B. Baker; 3 P.E.A.)**
- FULHAM, Wandsworth Bridge Road, 11 and 8.30.** Rev. A. Heaton.
- HAMMERSMITH, Dalling Road, 11 and 7.** Rev. J. Holland.
- HARRINGAY, Matfield Road, 11 and 8.** Rev. E. J. T. Bagall.
- SURREY CHAPEL, Central Mission, Blackfriars Road, S.E. 11 and 8.30.** Rev. J. Tolpelt; 11 and 8.30, Brotherhood.
- UPPER Tooting, Lynton Road, S.W. 11 and 8.30.** Rev. John W. Chappell. Visitors welcomed.
- WEST NORWOOD, Chislet Hill, 11, Rev. G. Arncliffe; 8.30, Mr. M. T. Vignani. Visitors welcomed.**

Provincial.

- BIRMINGHAM, Bristol Hall, Bristol Street, 10.45 and 8.30.** Rev. G. Bicheno.
- BIRMINGHAM, Yardley Road, 11 and 8.30.** Rev. A. Bateson.
- BLACKPOOL, Chapel Street (facing the Central Pier), 10.45 and 8.30.** Rev. D. Oakley, Thursday, 7.30 to 8.30. Devotional Hour. Visitors heartily invited.
- Central Road, 10.45 and 8.30.** Mr. R. Dodd.
- BRADFORD, Central Hall, 10.30 and 8.30.** Rev. R. Rowley.
- BRIGHTON, London Road, 11 and 8.45.** Rev. A. A. Hammond. Visitors welcomed.
- CULLERCOATS, 10.45 and 8. Supply.**
- FLEETWOOD, Mount Road (facing Promenade), 10.45 and 8.30.** Rev. R. Johnson.
- HARBOROUGH, Victoria Parade Church, 11 and 8.30.** Rev. W. Younger.
- LEEDS THIRD, Rabotham Central Mission, Park Lane, 10.30 and 8.30.** Rev. J. Marcus Brown. Visitors welcomed.
- LEEDS NINTH, Moorwood Road, 10.30 and 8.30.** Harbottle Avenue, 10.45 and 8.30.
- LIVERPOOL FIRST, Prince's Avenue Church, 10.45 and 8.30.** Rev. A. T. Guttery.
- MANCHESTER, Barrow Green Church, Blackley, 10.30 and 8.30.** Rev. T. P. Miles. Visitors welcomed.
- MATLOCK, Bank Road Church, 10.30 and 8.30.** Rev. John Bradbury, Sunday, Devotional Hour, 7.30. Thursday, 8.30, 7.30. Visitors invited.
- MORCASTLE, Fidler Street, 10.30 and 8.30.** Rev. R. Shields.
- Parliament Street, 10.30, Mr. B. Hickson; 8.30, Mr. W. Hughes.**
- NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Central Church, 10.30 and 8.30.** Rev. T. Spies.
- NOTTINGHAM FIRST, Ouseway, Broad Marsh, 10.30 and 8.**
- SCARBOROUGH, St. Sepulchre Street (off Eastborough), 10.30, Rev. W. S. Beeson; 8.30, Rev. G. T. Fawcett.**
- SOUTHPORT, Seabreeze, 10.30 and 8.30.** Rev. J. Wesley Hall; 8.30, Rev. J. T. Buckley.
- SOUTHSEA, Central Hall, near King's Theatre, 11 and 8.30.** Rev. I. Hancock. Visitors welcomed.
- ST. ANNES-ON-THE-SEA, 10.45 and 8.30.** Rev. J. Campbell, P.E.A.
- TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Camden Road, 11 and 8.30.** Rev. J. Dodd Jackson.

Connexional Evangelists' Engagements.

MISS PERRETT, Malby, near Rochester.

MR. J. B. BAYLIFF, Worcester, January 6th to 16th.

Evangelists' Engagements.

- BISTER ELLEN.** Applications for Services to 231, Lee Road, Oldham.
- MISS LOCKWOOD.** Open for Week-ends and Special Missions—Apply, Gillingham, 64, Dealy Street, East Dulwich.
- MR. J. S. CAREY.** North Shields Circuit, 11th February 28th, 1917.—Apply, 3, Ludlow Street, Thornley, Co. Durham.
- MRS. J. B. HORTON and MISS KATE DREW** are free from April 19th for Missions or Week-ends. No charge of any kind.—80, Green Park, N.W.
- MR. ARTHUR SHEARSHY.** Barnoldswick, near Colne, January 19th to 22nd.

MR. TOM HOLLAND. Rawmarsh, Rotherham, January 6th to 15th.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths.

NOTICES must reach the Office, 7, Parkington Street, London, E.C. 2, by Friday morning. They must be in words of 25 or less; and must be accompanied by a printed form.

BIRTH.

FAYELL.—At the Manse, Stanhope, on December 26th, to the Rev. G. K. and Mrs. Fowell, a son.

MARRIAGES.

FRICE-OLDROYD.—On December 30th, at Highbourn Chapel, Huddersfield, Rev. E. Clements, of Castleford, Richard Fricke to Ann Oldroyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Oldroyd.

FORSTER-BIRD.—At Carol-street Church, Sunderland, on December 26th, by the Rev. F. W. Bate, William Bird, the youngest son of Charles and Martha Forster, to Mary Biner, youngest daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Bird.

MARTIN-SHEPPARD.—On Boxing Day, at Southfield Chapel, Leeds, by Rev. E. Barrett, Allan Elvyn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin, of Bury, to Edith Doris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shepperson.

NORMAN-SERVICES.—On December 27th, at Wymondham Church, by Rev. J. C. Mantrip, Albert W. Norman, of Boston, to Bertha J. Stubbings, Fern Bank, Wymondham.

ROBERTS.—On December 26th, at Edgewood Memorial Church, Penarth, S.S., on 26th December, by Rev. J. R. Denyes, D.D., William, fourth son of Robert and Mrs. Penman, Motherwell, to Ethel Florence, eldest daughter of William Pepp, Motherwell. (By cable.)

SANDERS-ROBERTS.—On December 25th, at Bradley-street Chapel, Castleford, by Rev. E. Clements, Pica Isaac Sanders, A.B.C., to Sarah Emma Roberts, both of Castleford.

DEATHS.

BROWN.—December 11th, at Hill House Farm, Little Broughton, Cockeremouth, Isaac Brown, aged sixty-nine years. Interred in Burial Churchyard, December 16th. For address of the bereaved church, see elsewhere.

DAVISON.—December 24th, at 62, Crown-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Martin Davison, formerly of Lamey Thicks, Broughton-in-Spring-Field.

HARRISON.—On December 14th, Robert, beloved husband of Mary Handcastle, an active worker on Grasmington Circuit. Interred at Skipton. "His and was peace."

KEMM.—At 11, Rock Hill, Chipping Norton, Oxon. 14th December, Gladys, five years, on December 26th, Edith, age twenty-one; the beloved daughters of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kemp. "They will be missed."

LEWIS.—On December 24th, at Ecclehill, Bradford, Mary Lewis, widow of the late John Lewis, in her eighty-second year. The oldest and a deeply respected member of Rebekah, Bradford. Interred at Skipton Road.

MASON.—Tabella, the beloved wife of John Maddison, of Edmondeston, Durham Circuit, who died through accident, on Wednesday, December 13th, aged sixty-five. A life-long active worker in the Methodist Church.

MIRAN.—December 20th, at 33, Westmoreland-street, Darlington, Matthew Thompson, beloved husband of Ellen Miran, aged sixty-five. For many years an active worker in York Circuit. "There came immortal reign, And pleasure banish pain."

RATNER.—December 22nd, at 35, Franklin-road, Harrogate, Robert, the beloved husband of Elizabeth Ratner, in his eighty-first year. "Rest after a life of well-earned rest."

TRICKEY.—At Queen-street, Church Gravelly, on December 22nd, Robert, the beloved husband of Hannah Trickey, aged forty-eight years. "After much suffering, rest at last."

IN MEMORIAM.

FOX.—In loving memory of William Fox, the beloved husband of the late Mrs. Fox, who passed away on December 1st, 1916. From his wife and family, Kingston-terrace, Witham, Hants.

GART.—In abiding memory of Ada, the beloved wife of Alfred George Gart, of Golden Valley, who arrived home from her long illness on 1st December. "I miss her more each day."

HALL.—In loving memory of Rev. John Hall, non-in-law of the late Rev. David Tuton, who passed peacefully away, January 7th, 1916, in his seventy-second year. "After much suffering, rest at last."

HARVEY.—Mary Ann Harvey, of Shephard, who died December 30th, 1906. "So gentle in nature, so patient in pain, Our dear mother, with her kind, With her love and kindness so kind, 'Till her life's work was done, To our fond hearts, she is dearer than gold."

MISS PERRETT.—In loving memory of Miss Perrett, who died on December 1st, 1916, in her seventy-second year. "After much suffering, rest at last."

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Ministerial Changes and Engagements.

Changes in 1917.

Rev. J. P. Messop from Belper.

Changes in 1918.

Rev. James M. Ridge from Middleham after five years.

Engagements for 1917-18.

Rev. J. H. Veal to Wolverhampton Second.
Rev. Wm. B. Richardson to Nuneaton.
Rev. J. P. Messop to Alford.
Rev. Ward to Wetherby to Brompton.
Rev. H. Pickup to Barrowford.

Engagements for 1918-19.

Rev. Marnaduke Robinson to Canook.
Rev. E. N. Wetherley to Peterborough Second.
Rev. G. P. Maynard to Boreley.
Rev. G. Osborne to Rhyemead a third year.
Rev. J. K. Elliott to Halesowen.

Engagements for 1919-20.

Rev. J. Toun to Trinity a fourth year.
Rev. T. Cook from Gristley to Hill Fifth.
Rev. T. A. Brown from Gristley to Grimsby Third.

PERSONAL.

Rev. and Mrs. James Pickett have been staying the last fortnight at Sunday's Hydon, Matlock. We are glad to learn that Mr. Pickett has derived much benefit through the change, and is hoping soon to recommence his duties.

The Missionary Committee have approved of the Articles of Association of a Corporation for the holding of land for foreign missionary stations. Alderman E. C. Rawlings, J.P., has rendered the Committee great service in the drafting of the Articles.

The Missionary Committee have requested Rev. A. Baldwin to have oversight of the Mission Church at Brudenell-road, Leeds, and for the present to continue as superintendent of the Home.

Our General Orphanage Treasurer (Mr. T. Robinson, J.P., St. Albans) has been on the look-out for opportunities to help the cause of the fatherless. On Christmas Day the dinner-table collection was instituted in his family circle, resulting in the gratifying sum of 28s. 4d. If this important cause has been overlooked, we are sure it is hoped that New Year offerings will be taken next Sunday.

Rev. E. J. T. Bagall writes that in the camp where he is working (in one of our own huts) there is a scarcity of magazines and reviews. Friends who have back numbers of the "Leader," "Quaker," or other monthlies or Christmas publications would be rendering excellent service to our soldiers by sending parcels, carriage paid. His address is in Canada Hall, Wilder Camp, Surrey.

Rev. James Flanagan writes: "The remark I made respecting the profession of Mr. Arthur Henderson was one which I heard from a miner with whom I was having a conversation. I think your Gateshead correspondent for his correction of my remarks, and some of our monthlies or Christmas publications would be rendering excellent service to our soldiers by sending parcels, carriage paid. His address is in Canada Hall, Wilder Camp, Surrey."

Rev. J. T. Booth, of 108, Highbury-road, Bulwell, Nottingham writes:—"I shall be glad to receive the names and addresses of all those who are interested in the military hospitals in Nottingham. I will undertake to forward particulars to my brethren who have indicated their willingness to minister to the sick and wounded. I shall be glad to receive the names and addresses of all those who are interested in the military hospitals in Nottingham. I will undertake to forward particulars to my brethren who have indicated their willingness to minister to the sick and wounded. I shall be glad to receive the names and addresses of all those who are interested in the military hospitals in Nottingham. I will undertake to forward particulars to my brethren who have indicated their willingness to minister to the sick and wounded. I shall be glad to receive the names and addresses of all those who are interested in the military hospitals in Nottingham. 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