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"No salvation except in the Gospel of Jesus Christ". John 3:16.

First this Gospel came to me as a personal gospel, a gospel of believe and be saved. I believed, my sins were forgiven and I was saved.

Thirty years ago this gospel came to me as a missionary gospel. (Told of his realization of the great need of that half of the world which was unevangelized and of his feeling with Paul, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." During these days was rising early and devoting the hours from four to five to Bible study and from 5 to 6 to prayer. Told of going to India 28 years ago with this missionary gospel. Told of China with forty million boys and forty million girls entirely uneducated. Told of one of these boys who believed that missionaries stole the eyes of boys and girls to make telegraph equipment. Told of the death of Pitkin, his friend and class-mate, during the Boxer uprising and of how a certain soldier's heart was touched and he said, "What is this religion of the foreign devil." Twelve years ago Mott and Eddy went to the town of the soldier who heard the Gospel for the first time and believed. That soldier is now General Feng. In his army 15,000 out of 30,000 became Christians. He has the cleanest army in the world. It is nearest to a Christian army since the days of Cromwell's Ironsides.

Twenty-seven years ago the Gospel came as a satisfying gospel. In the midst of discouragement and failure came the words of Christ to him, "He that drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of living water, springing up into everlasting life." Not an hour of thirst or discouragement since then and shall never thirst again.

Ten years ago this gospel came as a social gospel. In the war as a non-combatant saw war as the symptom of a warring world underneath. This gospel of Christ would meet the need of those in Chinese labor slavery, would do away with drink, annihilate the slums, etc. He spoke of 270,000 rooms in New York with no outside light, where 1/3 of all the mothers have to work for a livelihood, where the children's death rate is four times as high as in the rest of the country, where poverty leads to death, crime, vice, disease. Gave specific instances and mentioned his Christian friend who is worth a hundred million and asked if Jesus would grow rich in a poor world. Told of being left his father's business when his father died thirty years ago. He had seen money "get" men. Referred to old miser whom he tried to get to help foreign missions, then home missions, then hospital. The man was too old. Money had "got" him. Soon he died and twenty-six million dollars slipped from his fingers to curse his son. Told of how he and his brother and mother had kept up the business which his father left, with all profit going to the support of God's work. Said this satisfied him for a while but no longer, and that now he is giving away

the principal as well as the interest. No longer can face a world where the lives of men could be saved for \$12 and retain his property. Aside from provisions for bare support of his daughter, who is going to the foreign mission field, will give away all the rest of his property. Referred to John J. Eagen who turned \$400,000 back to the laborers and when he died gave all the common stock to them. Told of Herbert Hoover's work and declared that Hoover is a million dollars poorer now than when he began to relieve Belgium. Contrasted William Randolph Hearst and Herbert Hoover, both of whom graduated from college about the same time, Hoover with his relief for millions and Randolph Hearst with his yellow press, a veritable poison. The world will be the worst because of Hearst.

Last year this gospel came as a gospel of peace. This was against all my traditions. My mother was a classmate of Buffalo Bill. I was for Roosevelt and against Wilson. My favorite amusement as a young man was shooting, as later it was hunting big game in India. Told of his experiences in war and of how both sides must descend to the depths that the worst side is willing to descend to. "You can't conduct a war with poison gas on one side and rose water and kind words on the other." Told of report that Germans had crucified some allied troops. "Are you taking many prisoners now?" "Mighty few." Would Jesus participate in war? Is it right? Told of field hospital where one side bayoneted one hundred men in bed. Told of the re-taking of that same position when two hundred were bayoneted in bed. "Ten years after 1914 do you dare to think it is easy to refer to the Germans as baby killers? Did not our hunger blockade kill more babies than the Germans ever got a chance to kill?" Spoke of wholesale lying in mass propaganda. Raised again the question, "Is it right in its results?" Ten million dead on the battlefield, sixteen million more non-combatants dead, forty million at least total dead. Twenty million wounded. "After ten years, fighting every step of the way, stiff-necked and slow of heart to believe, I have reached the conclusion that war is wrong, inhuman, unChristian, futile, suicidal, that it threatens the very destruction of our civilization and I am done with it forever."

Declared that love is stronger than hate, stronger than machine guns, declared that if Germany had been met in Belgium by universal good will she would have been beaten in Belgium; that she would have been beaten in Germany as France was later in the Ruhr and far more quickly, since the German nation would have seen the falseness of the claim of the leaders that they were fighting a war of defense; would have been beaten before the world as Musilino at Corfu. No nation can stand out as a moral leper among the nations. Told of the slogan adopted at Asilomar, "Jesus' way all the way."

At after meeting distributed cards which students were not asked to sign then but later, in which they pledged themselves to the acceptance of Jesus as Savior and master of life, to the purpose not to grow rich in a poor world but to live the simple, sacrificial life of service, to equality of race treatment (not implying racial inter-marriage) and to abstain from membership in any organization fostering hostility on grounds of race or religion, and work for the outlawing of war as slavery, piracy, the liquor traffic, etc. have been outlawed.