

The Ministry Spirit:
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~~The account of the interest developed~~
~~in that side of ministry~~
~~activity Burma.~~ During the past
week a series of meetings of
great importance have been
held in the neighboring
towns of North Aden & Millers-
town. This is a meeting of
the ~~the~~ American Board of
Foreign mission celebrating
the hundredth Anniversary
of the famous Haysbrook foun-
dation. ~~The number of~~
the importance and success of
these meetings was to derive

to speak upon the general subject
of the missionary spirit.

If you stop to think of it—
Christianity is fundamentally
a religion of missionary activity.
The missionary work of the
Christian church is not new
and never has been based
upon any specific saying of
the founder of Christianity, or
his followers. It is not because
Jesus said "go forth the word"
nor indeed because Paul
actually did go and preach
the word, and establish the
Gentile church, and inculcate

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the entire Roman world with
the gem of religious truth, which
~~is~~ was the spirit of Jesus
teaching.

It may be that every a man
and every a religious enthusiast
has given as the ostensible reason
for his missionary activity, the
command of Jesus or the warrant
for his zeal, and example of
Paul as the stimulus for his
sacrifice, and hardship. But
far deeper than that one must
seek as he comes to the foundation
stone upon which rests the activity
of the Christian Church in its attempt
to extend the influence of the
teaching of Jesus.

Christianity is a religion of Idealism
It was conceived and born in
Idealism. Tracing its ancestry back
over the Jewish line of descent
we see there the growing plant
of an idealistic conception of the
world towards which it is
growing and for the realization
of which it is working. Whatever
way have been the forms in
which the suffering Jew of
the exile expressed his hope
in better days, and a broader
justice, and a fairer and
more peaceful life, at the
bottom of ~~all this~~ the great
hope in the coming of the
messiah, is the idealism

of a nation of Idolaters, to dream ⁵
dreams, and to see visions, and
to feel that where there is not the
fuel of dreams and visions, thus
the fire, the worth of life goeth
out. That has been predominant
at every phase of Jewish life
since the days when it first
came to its national self-
consciousness.

But Christianity is not alone
Jewish. It is the progeny of
the marriage of the Jewish
Genius, and the Greek Genius.
Christianity was born of ~~the~~
the ancestry of Plato and
Aristotle. Here again we trace

its origin to a nation that at its ¹⁶
best made all things according
to the Pattern, the ideal, of
which particular events, and
things were but the mani-
festation. ~~A~~ ~~world~~
of justice, a world in which
wisdom, courage, and obedience
shall obtain, is not alone the
thought of the Greek Philosopher,
but it is a part of the Greek
mind, ~~and~~ ~~from~~ ^{for} this nation
of idealists and dreamers, Christianity
has its roots.

~~Whether~~ Whether we trace it to
its Jewish or its Greek source

we find the stream of the Christian religion taking its origin high of on the mountain sides of Jewish and Grecian Ideology, where the human soul sees not above the rough and forbidding rock earth beneath his feet. But can look up, and feast his being upon the infinite expanse of the deep blue heavens. In Jesus the prophet of this new dispensation heathed, both this spiritual Ideology of the Jewish race, and the worldly and ~~the~~ intellectual Ideology of the Greek.

In the menage of the carpenter prophet, the fusion of these

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Ideals like forces became the
voice of God speaking through
is prophetic, saying Repent ye.
For the Kingdom of God is
at hand.

But the fusion of these forces
took place in the midst of
the Roman world, and Jesus
lived and preached at a time
when the Roman world was
great, and its arm of authority
extended into all countries, and
its great city of the seven
hills, became the centre for
all inflowing, and outgoing
tides of human thought and

activity. While Christianity⁹
was born in the
deserted land of the
East, it was educated, and
grew into its maturity, amid
the atmosphere of administrative
and executive ability of Rome.
Rome could not dream, could
not think, could not see
ruins, but it could conceive
visions, and build a great empire,
guided not so much by its
idealism, as by its keen sense
of the inherent force of living
politics. To build from the
bottom up, from facts to theories,
from facts to the whole. From

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the seen to the unseen, that
was the Genius of Rome. When
we see in the Christian church
the beginning of that organization
of a spiritual community into
a complete, and perfect system.
we are reaching the hand which
of the Roman Genius upon the
wool of human history. It
is a fiber not to be severed at,
nor to be looked down upon. Looking
it the Jewish Messianic life still
remained a dream, and still
the Jew looked back over the
of history to the days of David
and longed again the greatness
of Israel. Looking it the
Grecian Idealist still lived

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in the midst of an Efigueron
Greens. There and few both
having it, the world blossomed
into the glory of the new
dispensation, endowed not
only with the will to believe
in idols, ~~but to~~ to dream, dreams
and to see visions, but also
endowed with the power to
act.

Now finished.
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