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FIVE WEEKS CAMPAIGN OF EVANGELISM IN NORWICH

WORK REVIEWED AND ESTIMATED

Nine Churches Co-operated in the Services—A History of the Work—The Views of Dr Stough and His Aides—The Opinions and Estimates Put Upon the Results of the Meetings by the Pastors and Leading Laymen

THE REV. DR. STOUGH

MUCH MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE CHURCH AT LARGE.

My years of experience in evangelistic work have revealed clearly to me that evangelism is regarded by much misunderstood by the church at large. It is doubtless true that there is a reason for this which is well grounded. Many recitals have been unworthy of the name and have brought discredit upon the churches and the community. There [illegible] really usual the evangelistic [illegible]. If he only realized it. But there is the good and the bad in evangelism. [illegible] as in every other [illegible]. The present evangelistic movement has been extended through the country for the last few years [illegible] the churches [illegible] as they [illegible] work for the [illegible] Stough [illegible] revival. If the [illegible] that does not [illegible] work [illegible] of actual [illegible] work [illegible] Mr. Stough [illegible] Mr. Stough [illegible] and [illegible] front to the city, to [illegible] its grand historic past, may be worthy in an infinitely greater way of the name which it so rightfully bears, The Rose of New England.

HENRY W. STOUGH.

A CAMPAIGN OF UNTOLD BLESSING.

God Has Set His Approval Upon the Work.

The campaign of evangelism, under Rev. H. W. Stough and his associates, in my judgment has been one of untold blessings to the entire city of Norwich. A careful study of the facts be[illegible] the permanent results are [illegible] in view of the great and [illegible] work [illegible] Dr. Stough [illegible] Culvery [illegible] Mr. Spooner [illegible] God [illegible] Mr. Stough [illegible] and all [illegible]

(REV.) J. R. VERY.

Norwich, Nov. 10, 1909.

A MASTER OF ASSEMBLIES.

He Knows How to Feel the Pulse of a Community and Is Successful Effecting Results.

[illegible] Dr. Stough is a specialist in the art of conducting religious meetings. His searching messages are as fearless as tender. He is at once sunshine and shower. When one hears it is emphatically "the Master's business," and campaign performance has been an office for the regeneration of a multitude of deeds all carefully planned and methodically worked out. Dr. Stough is a master of assemblies. Swift to feel the pulse of a crowd, he is as alert and resourceful as any keen business man of the street. His message is born of a certain theology. It is [illegible] sin's hate it also bleeds a contrite heart, his love is a Christ-like love of souls, and to this numerous converts are eager to bear witness.

During the enforced absence of Dr. Stough, a sick wife and the whole city [illegible] Rev. Mr. Cunningham [illegible] quickened hearts by his sweet, simple, illuminated messages to the souls of men. This city will not soon forget the ministries of these two evangelists. And Norwich has never known the [illegible] as it has been [illegible] Messrs. Spooner and Herring. [illegible] God [illegible] clearly heard as we [illegible] the peculiarly sing-[illegible] inspiration. Can anyone Mr. [illegible] he is one of God's born evangelists.

REV. GEO. H. EWING.

Norwich, November 10, 1909.

GATES OF THE INFINITE OPENED

Years Alone Will Be Able to Reveal What Has Been Accomplished.

[illegible] not so successful [illegible] as many had hoped it might be, has [illegible] has [illegible] will be [illegible] The individual Christians who during these days has awakened and shaken. Certainly nothing has happened in this city for years that has meant so much to it as these meetings under Dr. Stough and the men associated with him, Messrs. Cunningham, Spooner and Herring.

Dr. Stough is a man of clear and burning convictions and intense moral and spiritual passion. It is hardly less than a revelation to watch him at his work from day to day.

As general [illegible] it has been my privilege to study the movement from within and watch the process of its formation and growth. Dr. Stough's effective [illegible] comes from energy and reality in work himself. It is no grapple and shake awake cheers as to hasten [illegible] [illegible] in the last analysis, very simple. [illegible] he has learned as well the crystal art of keeping [illegible] against the heart of [illegible] the power of Christ. It is by [illegible] he has been taking moving, [illegible] when in many it seemed as such it could not be done. Others [illegible] wholly from without [illegible] God, [illegible] work [illegible] the [illegible] of the infinite be [illegible] of this city [illegible] of the Infinite has [illegible] the same alone will [illegible] what has been accomplished.

LESTER L. WEST.

Norwich, Nov. 11, 1909.

RESULTS NOT READILY MEASURED.

All Will Remember With Gratitude the Day of Rejoicing.

Having been asked to express my opinion with reference to the evangelistic campaign now closing in this city, I am free to say from the point of view of city religious history that, I have no doubt that the influence of the movement in the families with whom the United Workers are associated has been of a kind that cannot readily be measured. It is believed that some of our consistency have been helped to a better life. The only thing we are sure of now is that all of them will have cause to remember with gratitude the day of rejoicing that belonged to the campaign and will rejoice down as one of the most Christian things done during the past weeks. While the outburst of generous feeling engendered by the meetings has blessed the givers, the receivers are most likely to reap a rich harvest.

CHAS. A. NORTHROP.

Norwich, Nov. 12, 1909.

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Will Be More Apostolic, Aggressive and Evangelistic.

We are doubtless agreed that it is altogether too early to put any adequate valuation upon this union evangelistic movement. The writer is convinced, however, that one danger is in the premature estimation of its worth to the community, rather than in the overestimating its influence. With the coming of the spring months, if our churches are true to their calling, we shall be surprised at the meagerness of our estimate that we made as the special work under the leadership of Dr. Stough and his associates was brought to a close. Of course, the ultimate end in such a movement is the reaching of the unsaved. And to know that one person has experienced regeneration through Christ, and had forced upon him the interpretation of life in Christ, would bring adequate compensation for all the expense of these days. But the by-product is not easy to comprehend. Norwich has witnessed the vindication of evangelism as heralded by men full of zeal and of power. The churches have received a truer conception of their calling and a deeper interpretation of their message. The participating ministers and churches, having contributed to the betterment of their own ministry, have been brought into a unity that if wisely nurtured, will be of inestimable service to the cause of Christ in Norwich. [illegible] more will not [illegible] these [illegible] will be [illegible] The individual Christians who during these days has awakened to the significance of his calling as a co-worker with God, will find that his conscience to say nothing of the spirit of the Lord, will not allow him to be satisfied with a discipleship that will urge him to press on to the work of the apostleship. The large Norwich as yet having no interest in things Christian, must see a reality in the Christian's faith and the claim of the gospel.

The writer is fully persuaded that if ministers and churches awake to the character of our individual and united service, Christianity will be lived in our city this winter as it has not been lived for years. Christian ministry will be more apostolic, aggressive and evangelistic, and the revival spirit in the [illegible] together with the impetus [illegible] from the devotion of new [illegible] will make [illegible] not inevitable, a [illegible] with a more unanimous co-operation, on the return of another fall and winter.

WILLIAM T. THAYER.

Norwich, Nov. 11, 1909.

OF GREAT AND LASTING BENEFIT

Much Fruit Will Result from the Services Now Drawing to a Close.

I believe that Dr. Stough's work in Norwich will prove of great and lasting benefit to the co-operating churches. Many hundreds of Christian people have recommitted themselves to God, dedicated themselves to Christian service and many scores of people have been helped to enter the Christian life. Dr. Stough as a preacher has been faithful and fearless in proclaiming the great evangelical truths that have made the best Christian history. He has preached those unwelcome truths which have searched the human soul to its depths, exposed its sins, its self-deceptions, its false refuges and set it in the light of the judgment. He has preached some sermons of unusual and reasoned eloquence, notably on those occasions when confronted by the great audiences which gathered on Sunday evenings. His subject and his message [illegible] to a degree the necessary [illegible] and the necessary [illegible] a great deal of good has been done by these who have closely [illegible] him in his campaign. His handling of large audiences has been masterful and his dealing with both large and small companies of inquirers has been delicate, tender and faithful to the last degree. I am confident that much fruit will result from the services which are now drawing to a close.

REV. S. H. HOWE.

Norwich, November 10, 1909.

THE MEN'S WORK.

The Student Volunteer Movement an Evidence of Consecration.

We are living in an age in which organizations of men form an important part in the work of the churches. It puts the right sort of emphasis on the law of service. God has blessed us with the privilege of living at a period in which great things are done, mainly through the co-ordination of men's activities. A practical illustration of this is seen in the numerous brotherhoods that have recently been formed in the churches. The student volunteer movement is showing us what may be accomplished when able and consecrated young men devote their powers to the enthronement of Jesus.

Moves with this idea in mind that the men's work was organized that has proved a considerable factor in the present evangelistic campaign. The noon meetings held for men on two Sunday afternoons have shown the interest the men have taken in this work. On account of Dr. Stough's enforced absence for more than a week, when the campaign had gathered some impetus, made a change of plan imperative in regard to the shop meetings that we proposed to hold. However, one important open-air service was held at the gate of the Shetucket company at which nearly two hundred were present. Rev. Mr. Cunningham had this service in charge and gave a short but effective message to the men. His cornet playing and Mr. Herring's singing were much appreciated by the people. Another meeting of similar character was desired by the people, but, on account of the water famine, and the consequent running on short time, it was impossible to repeat the service. On account of the evident impression made upon the men of our city, the committee feels grateful to Dr. Stough and his assistants for their work among us.

REV. CHARLES H. RICKETTS.

Norwich, November 10, 1909.

EVANGELISTS OF POWER.

The Results Will Fully Justify Outlay of Time, Money and Labor.

So eager had I long been to witness in our city a genuine revival of genuine religion that I hailed with inexpressible delight the opening of this campaign. In my candid judgment we made no mistake in calling Dr. Stough and his three most efficient helpers. They constitute a team of exceptional effectiveness. Each one in his own field is a master. It is this that makes their team work so successful. The week preceded by the sorrowful absence of the chief seemed to be a calamity, and yet the admirable way in which Rev. F. O. Cunningham filled the breach saved the day. That the meetings reached much larger proportions and far wider impression upon the community in the Armory than would have been possible if held in the churches at first, I am fully convinced. The chorus was a telling attraction. It could not have reached its high excellence in any other place.

What might be termed the machinery of the campaign is eminently adapted to produce results. The methods employed are above criticism from my viewpoint. They are calculated to attract and impress favorably a great variety of people. But, after all, the throbbing heart of the whole movement, the very life of it all, is the preaching, which has been of a very high order by both preachers. They were both scriptural, evangelical, practical, convincing. Since Dr. Stough has ben longest in this kind of work, a word concerning his pulpit power cannot be amiss. I do not hesitate to pronounce him the ablest preacher of evangelistic sermons I have ever heard, and it has been my privilege to hear the leaders in this field for years. He astonishes me with his talent for keen analysis, his clear vision of truth and insight into the deep things of the spirit; his knowledge of the scriptures and his divinely guided interpretation of them. His chief charm to me is his ability to pass by nonessentials and to emphasize so mightly the fundamental truths of our gospel, both by clear statement and most happy and most forceful illustration. If he is not a great preacher of the old gospel of Christ, I have never heard a great preacher.

The net results of our combined labors in the revival cannot be definitely ascertained, but that they will fully justify all the outlay of time, money and labor expended on them, I have no question.

REV. M. S. KAUFMAN, PH.D.

Norwich, Nov. 10, 1909.

THE BIRTH OF THE CAMPAIGN

Earnest Hearts Heard Cheering News from New Bedford, Mass.—Nine Co-operating Churches Unite in Calling Dr. Stough — Splendid Team Work of the Four Men a Marked Feature— Nothing but the Spirit of Christ Could Have Wrought Such Work.

The first point at which this campaign began to take tangible shape was through the story which came to some of the pastors of the similar movement that sprang up at New Bedford, Mass.

For months [illegible] had been praying for it, and now and again had spoken to each other of the hopes of their hearts. As their courage slowly grew and they began to talk about for a possible project, there came the report from the sister city. Later the Rev. Charles M. Gallup and the Rev. F. E. Fastwell came to Norwich and gave to [illegible] gathered for the purpose a history of the work there. Later [illegible] night met Dr. Stough in Chicago and after all this the call was made by the nine co-operating churches and pastors.

From start to finish the campaign has been caught again and again in the grasp of most bewildering and unexpected difficulties and problems. It is safe to say that never in the history of these workers have they been so buffeted and put about by every sort of adverse force. Nothing but the most earnest prayer of vital faith could have overcome these things, and brought them through these five strenuous weeks with the measure of success that has been attained. We shall never forget how in the very midst of it all Dr. Stough was called to his home in Illinois by the illness of his son. For a week he hung over him, only to see him die at last. But he hastened back to the work with all speed to give himself to it with deeper spiritual passion than ever.

One of the marked features of the campaign has been the splendid team work of the four men. In every emergency each one has been alert to do the thing required on the instant without question, and in the most noble spirit. When Dr. Stough was compelled to drop out Rev. F. O. Cunningham, who had been brought from New Bedford to help with his cornet, slipped into the place and carried on the meetings without a jars and with him the other men co-operated in the most perfect harmony.

Nothing could have been more beautiful than the way in which each man has been instantly ready to do anything he could, with absolutely no question concerning his own personal rights or feelings. Nothing but the Spirit of Christ could have wrought such work. It is no wonder that a new arrangement has been made, and that Mr. Cunningham is hereafter to be a part of the corps.

L. L. WEST.

REV. MR. CUNNINGHAM.

NORWICH DOES NOTHING BY HALVES.

Funds Freely Furnished—The Campaign Closes Without a Deficit.

While it has been my privilege to be identified with the evangelistic campaign in Norwich as a member of the business committee, I have been especially impressed with the influence of the same upon the community as seen from the financial standpoint. It has often been said that "Norwich never does anything by halves," and the financial support that has been given to these meetings during the past few weeks has been in keeping with this tradition. Almost without effort on the part of the finance committee, funds required to pay all current expenses have been pledged and the entire campaign will close without a deficit.

If the statement that the interest of a community in any endeavor is measured by its financial response is secure, then it is true that the present campaign has been of untold benefit to this city.

[illegible] are that Norwich is a better place to live in than before these services began. Many a man has been influenced to lead a better life because of the preaching of Dr. Stough and Mr. Cunningham. The singing, under the leadership of Mr. Spooner, has been most inspiring, while Mr. Herring has touched the hearts of many by his splendid solos.

I count it a privilege to be identified with this movement, and believe that great good will result in Norwich in the coming days.

JAMES L. CASE.

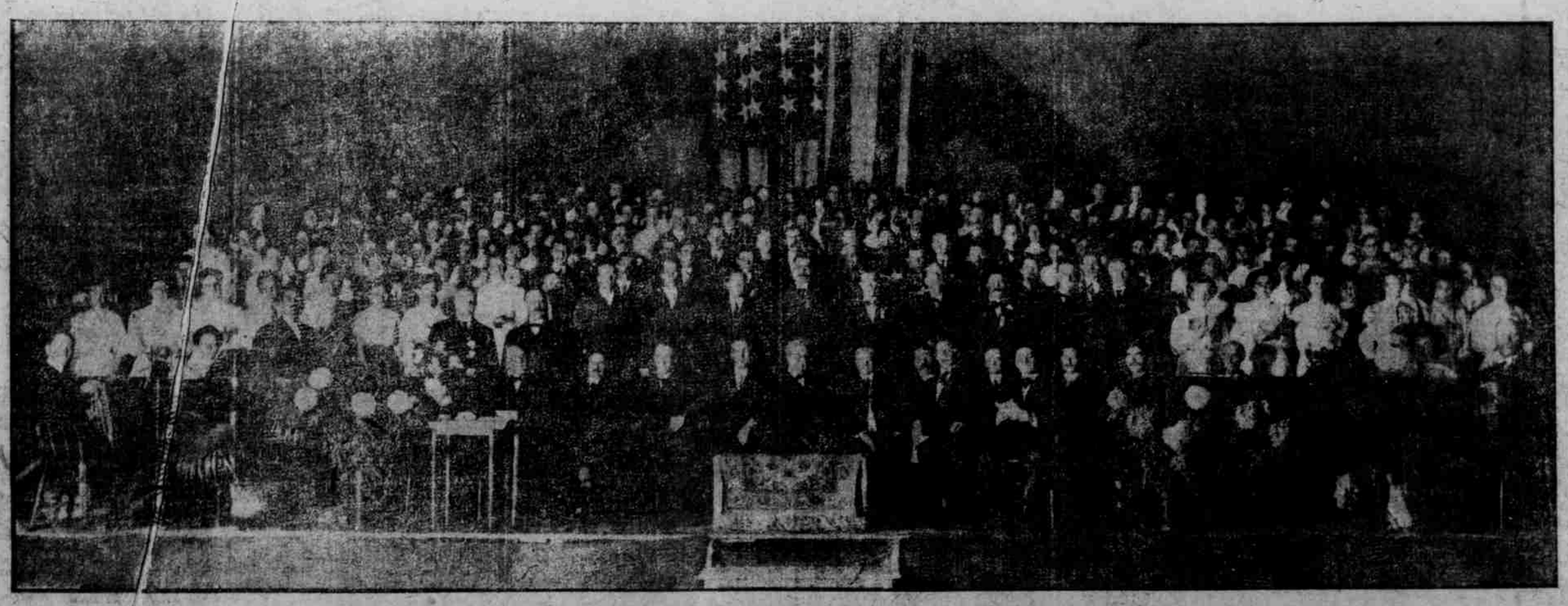
Norwich, November 11, 1909.

Dutch Thrift.

For a man who is writing at a dollar per word the colonel now devastating the jungles is using "I" with suspicious frequency. Is there a survival of the Dutch thrift? — Detroit Free Press.

Seems Impossible.

Does anyone remember how it was possible to run this country before Speaker Cannon went on guard?—Chicago News.



The Full Chorus Choir As It Appeared Under the Head of D. Lansing Spooner, at the Armory Meetings