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THE KNIGHTHOOD THAT NEVER RETREATS

~~****~~ Ephes.6:4, and ye fathers.....bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Genesis 18:19, He shall command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment.

The knighthood that never retreats is more than dream-stuff. Since Adam's exile from thrice blest Eden for sins he had done against himself, his wife, his home, and his God, man has sought to regain the place of obedience within whose sacred walls alone lie concord and peace. Forty centuries this quest continued and its anguish of soul thru prophet and seer at length found answer in the advent to this world of the Christ man.

And when the Christ man came he taught one stable truth: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself.

Then, acting upon these words of Jesus, worthy men have spent twenty more centuries to make effective the dictate of the Christ. Their effort adds lustre to the achievement of prophet. Lighting up the dark places of sin they became the cup-bearers of God's forgiveness, and all the while stood, oak-like, against ~~the~~ impending doom.

* On the initiative of Mrs. J. B. Dodds, of Spokane, Washington, with the endorsement of the Ministers' Alliance, and the kindly approval of Mayor Pratt and Gov. Hay, the third Sunday of June ~~was~~ 1910 was observed as Fathers' Day. The success of the experiment leads the promoters to hope the day may become a companion event with Mothers' Day throughout the land.

Such service is conspicuous. It constitutes man's proof of his acceptance of God's redemptive plan, and the proof is his life testimony. There is a hint in this that human insubordination to God shall no longer be sponsor for

"Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn."

While there have been reserve thousands in every age who have not bowed the knee to Baal, but who have instead responded to the voice of God speaking in the soul, and while these select sons have not failed in their high calling of God in Christ Jesus, it is a truism none the less that their number has been relatively too small for the knightly service of our God. And since what is the duty of the few is the imperative command of the many it follows that in the fulness of time there starts today a movement to emphasize the need of ^a world-wide essay of men into the deeper significance of masculine influence and power in ~~XXX~~ human affairs.

Nobler theme could not engage the pen of poet, or saint, or philosopher. To win all men as an asset of the Cross will be the crowning achievement of mankind. Out of the heart are the issues of life. Capture the heart and life's problems are good as solved. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Therefore reclaim his purpose from the intoxication of mammon and he will serve the God who made him and blessed him and who seeks ever to bring to him world wide peace and joy and prosperity.