

PILOT LIGHT

A Sermon preached in St. Paul's Church, Toronto,
Sunday Oct. 4th 1942 7 p.m.

TEXT: "Let your light so shine before men that
they may see your good works and glorify your
Father which is in Heaven." ✕

MATTHEW V:16

Remember

INTRODUCTION

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A Pilot light is not a great search-
light but a little convenient flame from which
one person or a thousand may light his candle-
---. It only necessary that it should be an
authentic flame and it can kindle enough fires
to burn a forest or consume a city.

(NB) In some respects Christianity is like
that. It cannot be taught, it must be caught.

-E.g.-
2

Modern Advertising is a remarkable
thing. Sophisticated people may be bored with
it but it must pay or it would not go on.
Tooth Paste, Hair Tonic, the Soap that Holly-
wood uses--are all the best without a rival.

Take the words "Christian Civiliz-
ation" for instance. It is used so often and
so carelessly that sometimes one wonders if
the words have any meaning. I make no att-
empt to define the phrase. But we all know
that a Christian Civilization can only be
brought about by the deliberate effort of
Christian men and women.

NB

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We are in the stress of a war that
may easily put an end to all Civilization as
we have known it upon this earth. Men are

beginning to hate. And hate poisons those who let themselves be its slaves. What will be left when the war is over? is there any hope that mankind can ever return to the spirit of Christ? We get our best answer in the Bible especially in the words of Christ.

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Broadcast

I have just found a newspaper report of a sermon by Dr. Iremonger, Bishop of Lichfield on two letters written twenty-five years ago during the last war. They breathe the very Spirit we should strive after now. The first is from a British Airman who had shot down an enemy machine within our own lines. It is written to the Mother of the German Flyer who lost his life when he crashed. The other is the reply of the bereaved Mother. Dean

After the Broadcast in England the Dean was told by a listener that the Airman After the war went to visit the German Mother. They became fast friends. He went to see her every year till the day of her death