

Albert Schweitzer.

Instead of conventional charity  
--- man, life an unparalleled  
exemplification of sacrifice.  
In reading Living Age - short  
account of life of A.S. very  
little - but even this little reveals  
him as uniquely interesting per-  
sonality.

Scholar, artist, physician,  
missionary, through which  
--- breath spirit of --- devotion  
to high ideals.

His life "is like the rainbow,  
which gleams in every color  
and yet maintains a magni-  
ficent unity."

2.

Born of poor -----  
refined parents -- Alsace  
father pastor -- child-  
hood -- pleasant one -- of  
ideal relations -- understood  
parents.

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Qualities ... to make his  
life one of such varied con-  
tributions to mankind --  
greatest -- earliest boy-  
hood.

(1). As a little boy of 9  
-- already organist or  
played polyphonic chorals  
-- head, for benefit of his  
teacher -- no more -- fugues  
out -- melody -- harmonium.

(3).

(2). Prophetic for  
critical theology --- eight  
--- when little boy began  
to wonder --- why wise  
men & shepherds ---  
--- Tenderness of  
heart also apparent ---  
story of Joseph ---  
--- at confirmation --- so  
awed --- almost fell ill  
--- only to be ~~re~~subbed

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--- he carried with him  
--- unique combination  
--- radical theological ---  
--- glowing Christian mysti-  
cism.



(4).

(3): Sympathy with  
human beings - - -

disposed Jew  
--- & smile. "His  
smile overcame me," says  
Schweitzer. "From that  
Jew I learned for the  
first time what it means  
to accept persecution silent-  
ly. He became a great  
teacher to me."

We hear also how  
social conscience awoke.  
"Fight & meat soup."

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(5).

For some years, father  
ill health -- shadow --

During last year or two  
in gym. . . . . poverty re-  
lieved.

Then too, young man with  
all friendly nature . . . .  
suffered -- loneliness, began  
to make friends -- of own age.  
His joy in transformation  
was ever with him. He  
began to wonder -- right to  
so much good fortune, & grew  
cheerer in his mind. must do  
a good deal in return for so  
much -- beautiful in own life.  
The 21 yr. . . student made

(6)  
up his mind. to study  
science & music until  
30th. yr. & then to devote  
himself to service of mankind.  
A plan ... carried out to letter.

He began his theological,  
philosophical & musical  
researches in his early  
twenties.

Read - -

1. Nature of Country.

2. Nature of people.

3. His work.



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Luke 18, 18 - 30.

"yet lackest thou one thing  
- - - - - & come & follow me -  
- No man <sup>that</sup> hath left house - - -  
who shall not receive manifold  
more - - in life everlasting."

These startling words,  
uncomfortable <sup>words, all of</sup> to us who like  
life to be comfortable, have been a  
challenge to <sup>these</sup> men throughout  
centuries who have felt in any  
degree that the ~~gospel of Christ~~ <sup>gospel</sup>  
was not ~~about~~ <sup>but</sup> a merely  
gentle ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> remote ideal -  
beautiful <sup>a self-purification in the</sup> abstract - but a  
~~category of~~ life to be lived - a  
~~so~~ wholehearted, ~~and~~  
passionate,  
life of renunciation <sup>and of</sup>  
self-giving <sup>entirely</sup> wholehearted  
passionately. Many men  
accepted this challenge, some in







in humble, obscure walks of life - others have had their names writ in large letters across the pages of history. What is more stirring, more ~~out of~~ disturbing of ~~the~~ <sup>20th century</sup> complacent ease of our own ~~times~~ - than the names of those who lived in a simpler more primitive but more ardent age of simple, ~~if~~ <sup>consumming</sup> ~~firm~~ <sup>firm</sup> faith and zeal - of a faith & zeal spirit, though often intolerant and narrow, of vitality & <sup>force</sup> enthusiasm enough to ~~lift~~ <sup>lift</sup> men up to a ~~higher~~ <sup>higher</sup> spiritual plane that made possible the life of a St. Francis d'Assisi, Raymond Lull, Francis Xavier, Wilhem Carey & David Livingstone - not to mention scores of others.

We justifiably admire individual <sup>explorers</sup> administrators, soldiers,



missionaries, physicians,  
 who leave their own home land  
 and families for arduous  
 and <sup>ofttimes</sup> dangerous toil service  
 in some far-distant, lonely,  
 land and in ~~life~~ disagreeable  
 & pestilential climates.

Now, for many, however,  
~~it~~ such service is a part  
 of the occupation or profession  
 for which they have prepared themselves  
 and for which they may have felt particular <sup>dearly</sup> <sup>valued</sup>  
 respect and valuable & <sup>& estimable</sup> noble  
 though their work may be it does  
 not involve any very great

renunciation. A few, however,  
 definitely turn their backs on profession  
 life-work, ~~throw over the results~~  
 major interest, and for which they  
 may have been preparing for half a  
 life-time and deliberately & irrevocably  
 enter on the road of complete  
 renunciation, <sup>in order that</sup> people  
 less fortunate than they may have  
 spiritual or physical comfort hitherto.



heat & excessive humidity & almost  
 complete absence of climatic variation  
 either daily or seasonal - the nights  
 being nearly always as hot as the  
 days - make the climate almost  
 unbearable for the European. "After a  
 year's residence fatigue & anaemia  
 begin to make themselves disagreeably  
 felt. At the end of 2 or 3 years the  
 European is unable to do any real  
 work and is forced to return to  
 Europe for a year in order to recruit."  
 Moreover malarial fever is prevalent,  
 & deadly & the greatest foe of all is  
 the dreaded sleeping sickness which  
 makes frightful ravages each year.  
 Within <sup>that region</sup> ~~the portion~~ <sup>in the</sup> French equatorial  
 Colony called Gabon, less than one  
 degree south of the equator, ~~lies~~ <sup>is</sup> on  
 the Ogone River, <sup>there is</sup> a mission  
 station called Lambarene. At this <sup>wholesome</sup>  
 place there is a hospital, <sup>the</sup> ~~mainly~~ <sup>made</sup> of  
 corrugated iron <sup>with</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> hospital  
 under the <sup>shelter</sup> ~~burning~~ rays of the tropical sun or  
 tropical deluge ~~the~~ <sup>under</sup> the heavy  
 incessant pounding of the <sup>merciless</sup> tropical rains,  
 amidst the <sup>strenuous</sup> ~~strenuous~~ <sup>efforts</sup> of  
 the black <sup>men</sup> with <sup>various</sup> ~~various~~ <sup>different</sup> diseases  
 there is ~~a~~ tireless ceaseless working



or else he is at work on  
his fugalow, writing his studies  
in the history of civilization

man - a doctor - but not an  
ordinary soft of man or doctor.  
on the <sup>title page of</sup> one of the books of which this  
man is author, after his name  
there is the following - Dr. Theol. Dr.  
Med., Dr. Phil. Author of  
Quest of Historical Jesus, Pauls  
His Interpreters, G.S. Bach,  
the Psychiatric Judgment of Jews,  
etc. On one of the rooms of the  
hospital is a piano, constructed  
especially for use in the tubercles  
on which the doctor practices  
every day, for he is one of the  
Europe's greatest organists, a  
master interpreter of Bach, of  
whom he has written a monumental  
work, and the author of a book  
on French & German organ-making.  
Dr. Prof. Albert Schweitzer, ~~is~~  
~~that name has become~~ is  
the name of this remarkable, gifted  
physician missionary. He was born poor  
but refined parents in Alsace -  
his father a pastor and his childhood  
a pleasant one of ideal relations with  
understanding parents. The qualities  
that were to make his life one of  
such varied contribution to mankind



were revealed in his earliest boyhood  
 As a little boy of nine he was  
 already an organist & played  
 polyphonic chorals out of his head  
 for the benefit of his teacher who  
 could himself do no more than  
 finger out a melody on a harmonium  
 From a tender age he had poignant  
 sympathy with human suffering. He  
 himself declares once said, "As far  
 back as I can look into my life, I have  
 always suffered as well from the  
 misery I saw in the world that  
 I have never greatly felt. Pure joy  
 in living". There is an incident of  
 a despised Jew who used to make  
 his way through the village with a  
 donkey cart, etc. - "His smile  
 overcame me," says Schweitzer, "from  
 that Jew I learned for the first  
 time what it means to accept perse-  
 cution silently. He became a great  
 teacher to me". We hear also how  
 his social conscience awoke -  
 "Fight & meat soup."



His father recovered it

8.

For some years his father's ill health cast a shadow over his life, but during the last year or two that he was in the gymnasium the family's poverty had been relieved. Then, too, the young man, with all his friendly nature, had hitherto suffered bitterly from loneliness, began to make friends of his own age. His joy in this transformation was ever with him. He began to wonder if he had rights to so much good fortune & grew clearer in his mind -- do good deed & return so much -- beautiful in -- over life. It was then, in his 21st year, that he made up his mind to study science & music, until 30th year & then devote himself to direct service of his kind -- of them carried out by the letter. When ~~at~~ 30 years old he gave up his position as professor in the U. of Strassburg, his literary work & began playing & began his study of medicine. He explains himself







10.  
I shall read sections pertaining  
to three topics: - nature of county,  
nature of people; his work.

1. Nature of County: 41;  
~~19~~; 19; 58; ~~143~~ 143; 148;

2. Nature of people  
6; 50; 68;

3. His work.

30; 38; 45; ~~46~~. 79, 82, 85; 92, 93;  
148; 170;



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