

Homiletics 713.
Oct. 8, 1924.

Allan A. MacRae.

A good paper

MY CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

For many years I have had a growing conviction that all earthly considerations are slight in comparison with the duty incumbent upon every human being of conforming his life to the Will of God for him. I believe that God has a definite place for each individual, and that if we will let Him lead, He will guide us to the place where He wishes us to be.

It has not been my lot to receive any miraculous manifestation of the Divine Will, nor to see any vision which would show me definitely what He wished me to do. But as I have studied His Word and sought to draw near to Him in prayer, I have found that God has drawn near to me. He has led me, and is leading me, step by step, whither, I know not, but He knows, and I praise Him for it.

God has permitted me to realize His immanence in a wonderful way. I have seen the world, lying in misery and want, thinking itself rich, and being in reality poor, and I have seen Jesus Christ ready and anxious to satisfy the need of the world, if it will but forsake the vain baubles which it pursues, and follow Him.

I have seen men, blinded by the god of this world, striving with all their might to lead others to forsake the true God, and to follow other gods, creatures of their own minds. I have seen hundreds and thousands of innocent people following blindly these teachers, these blind leaders of the blind.

I see Jesus Christ, the God of all perfection, who shed His blood on Calvary's cross that human beings might be purged from sin and made worthy to be sons of God. He is being slighted and ridiculed. His claims are being derided. But He is calling all the world to come unto Him and find peace.

I hear Him say, as He said to Isaiah of old, "Whom shall we send, and who will go for us?", and I answer, "Lord, here am I. I am unworthy of any great place in Thy work. It is more than I deserve that I should be given any position in Thy service at all. But if there is any place that I can fill, Lord, here am I, send me."

And I have heard Him answer. He has a place for me. And He has promised that He will give me the strength to fill that place.

you do not make this idea clear. Are the following sentences supposed to explain it? If so, bring out the idea more clearly. If not, either eliminate the reference to God's immanence or introduce an explanation.

It is not entirely necessary but it might be better to make one paragraph out of the two that pertain to the condition of the world and one out of the three that present Christ. See the brackets.