



Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn and London tabernacles addressed large and interested audiences twice at New Haven, Conn. in his discourse on Thanksgiving, he said:

Our experiences in life are to a considerable extent what we make them. Bible students should be philosophers—every one of them. Why? Because the wisdom from above is the noblest science and the best instruction. As St. Paul declares, it tends to promote the spirit of a sound mind—and a sound mind is necessarily a philosophical one. Murmurers and complainers are not philosophers, but the reverse. A sound mind tells us to take things as they are, to make the best of them rather than to quarrel over them and find fault with Divine providence and make ourselves and everybody else in our environment miserable.

True Christian people in every land and under all conditions have found plenty of cause for thankfulness, even though they have had their share, or more, of life's difficulties. Nor was this thankfulness because they had mastered the Divine philosophy and understood the why and the wherefore of the present reign of sin and death. They accepted their portion of life's joys and sorrows by faith, believing that their portion was measured to them by the Lord and that full obedience and submission, with cheerfulness, was their duty.

Excuses for Unthankfulness.

We are ready to concede that the world, awakening from the sleepy superstitions of the past, can readily find many excuses for declining to be thankful. If we mention some of these it will not be by way of endorsing them, rather to show the unthankful masses that we recognize their viewpoint, but do not agree with it. We would point them to the better course of thankfulness and proportionate happiness. To their complaint that they have fewer and smaller blessings than their more wealthy neighbors, we remind them that the poor of this favored land habitually waste more than would make very thankful some of the poor of other lands.

We remind that under Divine blessing upon the soil and the Divine blessing upon human skill, conveniences and comforts have multiplied about us so that the "common people" of our land have home comforts and conveniences and educational facilities and parks and libraries, well paved and lighted streets and cheap transportation such as we not dreamed of in our grandfathers' days, nor enjoyed even by the rich. Let us not greedily ask more along these lines until we have fully appreciated present privileges and blessings and returned thanks therefor.

"But," says one, "our forefathers were superstitiously thankful, and we must avoid that." They gave thanks to God for the sunshine and the rain. We have learned that these are provisions of nature and we thank nobody for them. Our forefathers thanked God for escape from feudal slavery, but we see that they should have rebelled against feudalism and bought their freedom with their own courage.

"Our forefathers thanked God, if they were sick, that they did not die and go to eternal torture. We are coming to the rationalistic idea that they should have thanked their physician for recovery from sickness and should not have believed in an everlasting future of torture, because so far as we can see that teaching is all humbug and intelligent people of the world have no more knowledge than ourselves re-

specting a future. We agree with the college professors that our race is progressing by an evolutionary law of nature, and that God has nothing to do with it, and that there is no future life for us except in the sense that we, in the future, will be represented on a higher plane of living, by our evolved children. You will perceive, therefore, why we consider Thanksgiving day a piece of medieval superstition."

Replies to the Unthankful.

Our reply to this reasoning must be along two lines: first, philosophical; second, analytical.

(1) Are not these increasingly large numbers of pantheistic and atheistic evolutionists unphilosophical? They admit that they have blessings far beyond anything known to their forefathers, and they admit that their unhappiness has increased in proportion as these blessings and reasonings respecting them have been received. Would not a true philosophy tell them that if happiness is their aim and desire, their loss of happiness is not due to the increased blessings, but to the improper and unthankful manner in which they have received them? Would not philosophy alone, apart from the Bible or religion, have warned them that even if their theories were true, it would be unwise to cultivate them in their own minds and in the minds of others?

(2) Let us now analyze the foregoing complaints. Who can prove to us that there is no living and true God—that there is merely a god of nature, a blind force? Who can explain to us the power which holds our earth in its orbit around the sun, and which has given us summer and winter, cold and heat; has given us mountains and valleys, hills and plains, in pleasing variety and loaded with minerals most useful to us and merely waiting for heaven-directed genius to bring them forth for the blessing of our race, and to make of earth the Paradise of God?

What philosophy can prove to us that these things have happened by chance and that we are wrong in accepting the Scriptural suggestion, "Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge, and there is no place where their voice is not heard"—proclaiming an All-wise and beneficent Creator? We know that the wisdom and beneficence of our Creator were hidden from our mental view by our superstitious and irrational creeds of the past, but now, as the electric light has superseded the tallow candle, so God's Word today is shining forth to those who have eyes to see its beauty.

Let us not boast ourselves as possessed of so much greater courage than had some in feudal times. Let us note, on the contrary, that the patriotism which demanded and got the "Magna Charta" of our liberties was as noble and courageous as any that we have today, or more so. Our freedom from some of the superstitions of the past is the result of the spread of education, and we must thank neither ourselves nor our forefathers for this widespread education; we must thank the Lord for it. It came upon the world in spite of the opposition of the rich and the indifference of the poor. It came because God's due time for it had arrived.

The Scriptures fully assure us that it is a special mark or evidence that the new era of Divine blessing, prophesied in the Scriptures long ago, is now at hand. Compare St. Peter's words (Acts III, 19-21) with the words of the Prophet Daniel, (Daniel xii, 1), very arguments used to oppose God are grounds for almost praise and gratitude and hope for the future. The law of sin and death is referred

to in Scripture. We grant, as all thinking people must, that the teachings of the creeds formulated in the Dark Ages, respecting the torture of the dead, are absurd; and more than this we hold that they are unscriptural; that they were concocted up under superstitious fears, and that certain symbolical pictures of the Bible were wrested to the support of those misconceptions of the Divine character and plan.

But does the rejection of those absurd theories disprove an Intelligent Creator and disprove the Bible's declaration that He is a God of Love, and that there is a rational explanation of the present reign of sin and death, and a rational basis for hope for the resurrection of the dead, under the glorious reign of Emmanuel, the Prince of Life, and the blessings which His Kingdom will surely bring to every member of our race?

That the human family is in a weak and depraved condition, mentally, morally and physically, is beyond dispute; and evolutionists have not proven the Bible in error in its explanation that present weakness, mental, moral and physical, is proof of degeneracy which came to our race because of sin. Consanguinity between the human and the ape has not been proven, but if it had been there would be just as much ground for reasoning that a monkey is a degenerate human as for claiming that humanity are evolved apes.

In opposition to this irrational theory we note that mankind in general, even those of humble birth, have organs of the mind which they rarely use, and which cannot, therefore, be said to be evolution by them; and those organs are not the lower but the higher ones, the nobler ones. These qualities of mind are present but dormant, merely waiting to be quickened into activity. This fact favors the Bible view that mankind are fallen and that few are living up to even the best of the impaired organism which they possess.

The evolutionary theory, that we should live and die simply for the advancement of future generations, may prove an incentive to some, but in our judgment there will be few. Of far greater interest is the Bible's teaching that the present is the night time, in which our friends and neighbors and ourselves, one by one, fall asleep in death; and that God's infinite wisdom and power and love have provided a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust—the just to glory, honor and everlasting life, the unjust to a glorious condition very different from the present reign of sin and death—under the reign of the Prince of Life, with glorious opportunities, for a thousand years, of uplifting blessedness. Then everlasting life will be the reward to the faithful and appreciative.

Discontent the Viper of Anarchy.

We have noted that unthankfulness means discontent, and that discontent means unhappiness and misery. Who then can afford to be unthankful, or to take the road of unbelief, which surely leads thereto? St. Paul draws our attention to the fact that much of the degradation of the heathen should be directly traced to unthankfulness. He declares that the heathen of the Almighty over all creation, and His unlimited power, are clearly manifested in the things of nature.

He declares that the heathen "are without excuse, because they, when they knew God, glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise they became foolish; and idolaters. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves. (Romans I, 21). Unthankfulness to God was not punished directly nor threatened with a future punishment. Acting automatically it separated the unthankful ones from their Creator, and their course became downward, degenerate.

The spirit of unthankfulness as a malady threatens our present civilization with death. Year by year the sentiment is growing and discontent, when fully hatched out, will be the viper of anarchy, for whose virus there is no human remedy.

We think God that although this awful anarchy foretold is near at hand, and is beyond human ability to cope with, yet Divine love has planned to intervene to save the unthankful world by the establishment of the Messianic kingdom in power and great glory, for the blessing of all the families of the earth; for the making straight of all the crooked paths; for the opening of the eyes of understanding, that all may see the truth.

The Thanksgiving of Christians.

St. Paul, addressing Christians, says: "What manner of persons ought we to be?" Similarly, we might say, How earnest should be the thanksgiving of Christians! But alas! Thanksgiving day with us has lost much of the religious import known to our forefathers. Notwithstanding false doctrines inculcated by man-made creeds, our forefathers believed the Bible record of man's original perfection, his fall into sin and condemnation, the redemption accomplished through Jews, and a restoration to Divine favor thus made possible. These truths constituted the foundation for a living faith in God and led them to give thanks for the harvest of the year, accounting that if every good and perfect gift comes directly or indirectly from the hand of God it should be received accordingly and acknowledged.

Today, however, we have the form of godliness without the power, because the precious faith has been well nigh destroyed by the higher critics and evolutionists, who for the past 50 years have been laboring constantly to this end, and with wonderful success. Well does God ask, Who believes the Divine Record or Message, and who sees the Arm of Jehovah connected with the world's affairs?

Anyone having lost faith in the Bible and its God has therefore little left except the form of godliness, without its power. Nevertheless, here and there in all nations and all sects of Christendom are to be found loyal souls, notwithstanding the present trend of affairs, and crying out to God for further light, and appreciating and giving thanks for every blessing, even

Bring on a Hero Medal



Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—Forced, through circumstances over which he had no control, to support his starving mother, his brothers and sisters, the little four-year-old Martin Horbat rose to the occasion with spartan pride, and is now succeeding where his father, with his mature years, foresaw the little lad and his mother to their fate. The little boy on the streets selling his papers or running errands, usually greets you with a bright smile though he is burdened with cares far over his years. The circumstances were brought out

when officers discovered the boy seated on a doorstep with his papers under his arms almost frozen to death on one of the recent cold nights. When he arrived at the police station and realized that he was in the hands of friendly men he told his pitiable tale and the burly men, hardened to crime through their work, were noticed to rub their sleeves carefully over their eyes as the story progressed. It may have been a cinder, but there is good reason to believe that the big hearted men were trying to hide a tear of pity for the little boy confronted with a man's work.

INVESTIGATION PROPOSED.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A thorough investigation of the interior department by the house committee on expenditures in that department is proposed in a resolution presented by Representative Graham of Illinois, chairman of the committee, today. His resolution would empower the committee to recommend reforms.

An Alarm at Night.

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(Notice for Publication.)

Application for Patent. United States Land Office, Missoula, Montana, October 20, 1911. Min. entry No. 03766.

Notice is hereby given that Frank M. Kelm has made application for a United States patent for the Deep Lode Quartz Lode Mining claim situated in Gibbons (unorganized) Mining district, Missoula county, state of Montana, consisting of 1500 linear feet of the vein, lode or deposit, bearing gold, silver, lead and other valuable minerals, and surface ground as shown by the official plat filed with said application, being Sur. No. 9276, and described in the field notes and plat of the official survey on file in this office, with magnetic variation at 21 degrees, 26 minutes east to 22 degrees, 28 minutes east as follows:

Commencing at corner No. 1, a corner of the claim, from which U. S. L. M. No. 6054 bears north 35 degrees, 58 minutes west, 1987.7 feet, and corner No. 2, thence south 71 degrees, 34 minutes east, 1500 feet to corner No. 3; thence north 17 degrees, 28 minutes east, 599 feet, to corner No. 4, thence north 71 degrees, 34 minutes west, 1500 feet, to corner No. 1, the place of beginning, and containing an area of 20,524 acres, for which patent is applied.

The nearest known location is the Landowner lode, survey No. 6054. JOSIAH SHULL, Register. WOODY & WOODY, Attorneys for Applicant. First publication October 22, 1911. 10-22 to 12-11-23 Inc.

Notice of Probate of Will.

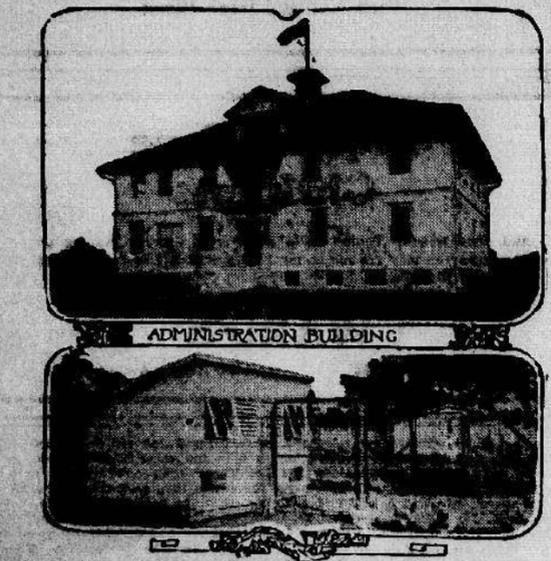
In the district court of the Fourth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Missoula, the matter of the estate of Annie A. Rowe, deceased. Pursuant to an order of said Court, made on the 1st day of December, 1911, notice is hereby given that Saturday, the 16th day of December, 1911, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the Court Room of said Court, at the Courthouse in the County of Missoula, has been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of Annie A. Rowe, deceased, and for hearing the application of Maud Gibson for the issuance to her of letters testamentary when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same. Dated December 1, 1911. THOS. P. CONLON, Clerk. Frank A. Roberts, Attorney for Petitioner. 12-1-11.

A STERN CAMPAIGN

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mobility was a great feature of the campaign. "I encountered a curious objection which I never knew to cut any figure anywhere else. All over the country regions I found that the men did not want the women to serve on juries. It was almost the only objection they offered to the amendment. I met it frankly by stating the kind of cases in which I thought women ought to serve. "Our case was fought out strictly on its merits in California. No man voted for the amendment or neglected to vote against it because he didn't know what it meant, for it said plainly on the ballot that the amendment was to give votes to women."

Egg-Laying Contest



St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Poultry fanciers over the entire world have their eyes on one of the most interesting races ever conceived which is to extend over a period of one year, from November 1, 1911, to November 1, 1912. The race is between over 640 hens representing 37 breeds and representing entries from 34 states and Canada. It is to determine what particular breed is the best money-making fowl to own. Thirty-two laying houses, each house representing one particu-

lar breed of hen, will be the home of these fowls throughout the year, and here the eggs will be carefully counted and weighed and at the administration building statistics will be kept so that at the end of the year the world will know whether the Plymouth Rock or the Bantam produce the most real returns on the investment and also which breed of fowl has the highest percentage of perfect chickens hatched from the various breeds in incubators and many other interesting facts.

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