

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



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Workmen Needing Not to Be Ashamed.

"Study to Show Thyself Approved Unto God, a Workman That Needeth Not to Be Ashamed, Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" (II Timothy ii, 15).

Louisville, Ky., June 19.—Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, New York, today addressed the International Bible Students' Association here, using the above text. He also gave a public address under the auspices of the association. He had crowded houses and earnest attention. On the above text he said in part:

I address you, dear friends, as Christians, students of God's Word, and not as sectarians. Although the world is full of denominations, each claiming to be the Church of Christ, we all admit that there is but the one "Church of the firstborns whose names are written in heaven" (Hebrews xii, 23). This conviction is being borne in upon us more and more as the days go by, and as the eyes of our understanding open more widely to the teachings of God's Word. We realize increasingly that our division means our shame in the eyes of the world, and that our Creedal contradictions imply that we are not all in all things by the Holy Spirit, the teachings of which cannot be Yea and Nay upon the same subject. It is this sentiment which is taking hold of the ministry of all denominations and making them anxious for an outward show of Unity in Church Federation, which will shortly be effected. The Christian public, however, and especially Bible students, are not deeply sympathetic with the Federation idea. They realize that at most it would be a gloss of deception so far as doctrinal oneness is concerned; and that otherwise it is but a business or worldly combination.

Bible Students are more and more coming to prefer the Lord's way—the Scriptural way. They are coming to realize that what God's people need is not more organization but less organization, not more explicit creeds but the one standard of fellowship which the Bible sets up. They are learning that this simple creed is—a turning from sin and acceptance of the Lord Jesus as the Redeemer from sin and death and the full consecration of the believer, mind and body, to know and to do the Lord's will to the best of his ability, under the Lord's Providential guidance. We all see that this simple bond of fellowship is the only one laid down in God's Word, and that whatsoever is more than this is injurious—bondage to men and to systems. We all see that "the Church of the Living God whose names are written in heaven" is composed exclusively of such as conform to the terms of this simple creed—that those alone will constitute "the Body of Christ which is the Church"—"the Bride, the Lamb's wife," whom he will accept and unite to himself in the end of this age. We all see that in this class alone is referred to in the Scripture as "the elect," who are to be associated with the Savior in his glorious Spiritual Kingdom, which, invisible to men, is shortly to be established in power and great glory for the blessing of natural Israel and through her for the blessing of all the families of the earth—living and dead.

"Workmen Not Ashamed." Let us consider the latter part of our text first: The Apostle's suggestion is that Timothy and all the ministers of the Gospel of Christ are professedly workmen, laboring under the guidance of God's Word. In the larger sense every Christian is a minister of the Gospel, or, as St. Peter declares of all the consecrated, "Ye are a Royal Priesthood, a Holy People, a Peculiar Treasure." In the end of the age will come a reckoning time, a showing of results. "Every man's work that he hath wrought shall be made manifest" (I Corinthians iii, 13).

Our text urges that Timothy, and every faithful servant of God should be so loyal to God and his message that in the great time of examination in the end of this age preparatory to the introduction of the Kingdom the showing shall be one of which we need not be ashamed. Let us, then, as Christian Bible Students of all denominations gathered here today, ask ourselves respecting our own work in the world, and how it must appear to God, to himself, and to our fellowmen—yes, how it must shortly be made manifest to all!

Let us call the roll. Baptist brethren. What have you to show as workmen who need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth? Methodist brethren, what say you? Presbyterians, next. Congregationalists, Lutherans, Catholics—all!

The answer of one is practically the answer of all: "We have—so many hundred Churches. They cost—so many millions of dollars. Their steeples are—so high. Their cost of maintenance is—so much. The number of ministers is—so many. The Church collections amount to—so much. The amount collected for foreign missions is—so much. The amount expended on fine choirs and elegant organs is—so much. The aggregated debts of all our churches is—so much. The unpaid interest on many of these debts is—so much. The time and energy expended in fairs, bazaars, etc. to help pay the expenditures is—so much. The number of Church membership is—so many. The number in Sunday Schools is—so many."

Many of our dear Christian friends say, "What lack we yet? Have we not really attained the goal of our Church ambition? Should we build finer edifices or pay larger salaries? Are we not straining ourselves with collections at every turn? What more could God ask of us? "We are rich and increased in goods and have need of nothing" (Revelation iii, 16-19).

In reply we may suppose the Lord to ask, "Where did I give you instruction respecting these things? Where in my Word did you find the suggestion that what I desired you to do in the world was to erect great church edifices, piles of stone and iron and mortar, polished woods and stained glass? You are not rightly reading my Word. However good in intention, you have failed to "rightly divide the Word of Truth!" The Temple respecting which I gave instruction is the spiritual one, the Temple of the Holy Spirit—the Body of Christ which is the Church. I fear that you have forgotten the true temple of God while rearing so many temples of earthly materials. Concerning the true Temple I instructed you that "the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are"—"living stones" being shaped and polished "for the habitation of God through the Spirit." Show me what you have accomplished in this way. Show me to what extent you have rightly divided my Word, and properly instructed mankind respecting my glorious character and my great Divine Plan of the Ages! Show me fruitage of the glorious message!

How many in all the millions that you report are "New Creatures in Christ Jesus," who "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit?" Let me hear the message of my love and grace in Christ as you are proclaiming it! What mean these sectarian divisions amongst you? Why are there so many Church edifices and so few saintly worshippers? Who authorized you to put these creedal fences between my people to divide the flock? Know ye not that I said, there is one flock and one Shepherd? Why have you so neglected the spiritual interests of my flock and their instruction in righteousness? Why are you so unable to rightly divide my Word?

Instead of coming together as one Church of the Living God whose names are written in heaven you have divided into hundreds of sects and parties! Instead of taking my Word as a whole and rightly dividing its teachings as between the different ages and dispensations of my work, you have divided my Word in a sectarian manner. One sect has made one selection from my Word and another sect has made another selection. Thus ye array one part of my Word against another part of it, and hence get into confusion and conflict. What have you to answer for these things?

With shame of face we must all acknowledge that "We have done those things which we ought not to have done and have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and there is no help in us." The proper thing for us to do, dear Christian friends, is to get down upon our knees before the Lord and in contrition of heart to acknowledge that we have wrought no deliverance in the earth (Isaiah xvi, 18); that our sectarian differences are our shame; that the ignorance that we have all been in respecting the Word of God is humiliating. Now that our eyes are open so that we can comprehend as never before the harmony of God's message from Genesis to Revelation, it means a rich feast and blessing to our souls. The Word of God becomes more precious to us daily as we become able to comprehend it. Our duty is to fly to the assistance of our dear brethren and sisters in Christ, of all denominations, and to call upon them to join with us in a determined stand for righteousness, for Truth, for God and for his Word.

We must show them that ignorantly we and they have dishonored our God by misrepresentation of his character and misrepresentations of the real teachings of the Bible. We must point them to the fact that the Bible does not teach that all mankind except the "Elect" saints will be assigned to an eternity of torture at the hands of fireproof demons. We must show them that the election of the Church during this age—a saintly little flock—does not mean injury to the non-elect. That, on the contrary, it is the Divine purpose that the elect saints with their great Redeemer in glory shall constitute God's Kingdom. That his Kingdom when established will blind Satan, put down sin, banish ignorance, error and superstition and uplift mankind by "restoration," by resurrection processes, up, up, up, to all that was lost in Eden by disobedience and to all secured for Adam and his race through the great transaction at Calvary (Acts iii, 19-21).

"Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth." Alas, how many intelligent people have turned aside from following Christ and from hearing the voice of God through the Bible! Alas, how many are looking to Theosophy, to Spiritism, to Christian Science, to

Higher Criticism, to Evolution—wandering farther and farther daily from the "faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude iii). We fault them no more than we fault ourselves. As a whole we have been workmen who need to be ashamed. We have dishonored God through misunderstanding and misrepresenting his Word and his Character. We have driven away from God and the Bible some of the most intelligent of our fellows, by reason of the contradictory nonsense of our creeds.

The Apostle urges, "Study to show thyself approved unto God." We are not to suppose, therefore, that the highest of all science, that which pertains to the Divine purpose and the Divine plan, can be acquired without study. We are not in this claiming that study alone would bring the desired results of proper knowledge. We heartily agree in the Scriptural proposition that "the world by wisdom knows not God." We are not therefore to study along the lines of worldly wisdom, but along the lines of "that wisdom that cometh from above"—along the lines of the inspired Scriptures. We must study! Whoever will not study will not know. "The secret of the Lord is with them that reverence Him." And reverencing him means the giving of our best thoughts and talents to the study of his Word, that we may "know the things freely given to us of God" (I Corinthians ii, 12).

We should note further as Bible students that we must not study to be approved of men, but to have the Divine approval. This will bring to us, as it did to the Master and his apostles, the disapprobation of the worldly-wise and nominally religious. It was the Chief Priests and Scribes and Pharisees, and not the common people of the Jews, nor the Roman soldiers, who were guilty of the crucifixion of our Lord. And we must expect similar conditions, because, as the Apostle says, "As he was so are we in this world." The class who called the Master Beelzebub is the same class which will oppose his footstep followers.

God permits all this with wise and loving foreordination. Nothing connected with the opposing forces is in any sense of the word interfering with his great Program. He set apart with Divine wisdom this Gospel Age of nearly nineteen centuries for the sole purpose of selecting from the world "the Church of the firstborns"—the antitypical Priests and Levites. The restriction of his message, the darkening of counsel, the clashing of creeds, the opposition of the world, the flesh and the Devil, are all wisely permitted with the foreordination of God's part that thus all through the Age the way of the cross—in the footsteps of Jesus—should be a "narrow way," so that comparatively few finding it would care to walk in it.

It is those few, that "little flock" zealous for God, for his Word, for righteousness, that he is now marking out as the prospective joint-heirs with Jesus in his glorious Kingdom, which is to bless the world with full opportunities for earthly salvation—"restoration." The trials of the faith, the patience, the love, the devotion of this "little flock" are all designed and not accidental. Satan and his hosts may think to thwart the Divine Plan and may mislead and use humanity as their tools, but it shall yet be seen that all of the Divine purposes shall be accomplished. The Word that has gone forth out of Jehovah's mouth shall prosper in the thing whereto he sent it.

St. Paul declared of earthly Israel, that they enjoyed "much advantage every way, because to them were committed the oracles of God." So now, dear friends, it seems to me that you and I and all sincere Christians the world around enjoy much advantage every way. Looking to the past we find great excuse for our dear forefathers, who, with sincerity of heart, so misunderstood the Divine Word and so misinterpreted the spirit of the Master that they burned one another at the stake. We should not think so harshly of them for this—as though they lived today under the greater advantages which we possess. We should sympathize with them. We should consider them as blinded by the great Adversary as was Saul of Tarsus, when he, as a member of the Sanhedrin, authorized the stoning of St. Stephen. We should think of them sympathetically—as St. Peter spoke of the Jews who crucified the Lord. He said, "I wot, brethren, that in ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers." So also we should kindly, lovingly cast a mantle of benevolence over similar conduct on the part of John Calvin and others of our forefathers. But as we would not go to the Jewish rulers, nor to Saul of Tarsus for religious instruction, neither should we go to Brother Calvin or others of our forefathers who were blinded, as he was, respecting the true character of God and the true Spirit of his Word.

Only within the past century have the masses of God's people been able even to read the Bible, if they had possessed it. And only within the same time have they had the Bible to read. Our great hindrance has been that with Bibles in our hands and with ability to use them, we looked for instruction to our well-meaning fathers instead of going to God's Word itself. Now by God's grace the eyes of our understanding are opened. The wonderful Bibles of our day with their marginal references, their concordances, etc., and other assistances in Bible study are bringing us in touch with the whole message of God's Word. Now one passage of Scripture throws light upon another and thus with increasing brightness the Word of the Lord as a lamp gives light upon the pathway of his Church.

TALENT For The Assembly The Best Of General Interest From That Can Be Secured

Nearly all of the Chautauques held nowadays are purely money-making affairs, and the stockholders in the companies are looking forward to the financial statement in order to learn the amount of their dividends. Hiawatha assembly has no stockholders and if the management keeps even it is pleased. The earnings have always been put back into equipment and extra talent, and it is due to this very fact that Hiawatha assembly programs are good.

This year the people of Mt. Vernon and Knox county will be privileged to hear Sumner R. Vinton's Pagoda Land lectures, which will be given on opening night, July 25. Mr. Vinton gives travel talks on the Far East, and illustrates them with moving pictures and lantern slides made by himself. Mr. Vinton's family associations for three generations are all connected with Burma, twenty-one members of his own family and that if Mrs. Vinton, who travels with him, have been residents there. His lectures and pictures therefore record, not the transient impression of a hurried visit, but the experience of many years of actual residence there.

This well get a great attraction for the opening of the best program ever given at Hiawatha assembly. It is believed that fully 1,000 season tickets will be sold in Mt. Vernon and Knox county.

Society Notes

Carroll—Wilhelm Wedding

At St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic church, Akron, O., on Wednesday morning, June 15, Miss Laura Marie Wilhelm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhelm of Akron, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas P. Carroll of Youngstown. The bride is a niece of Mrs. Emma Foss of this city. Mrs. Foss attended the wedding.

Entertain Mr. and Mrs. Dowler

The Busy Bee class of the Mulberry street M. P. Sunday school delightfully entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Squires, East Hantramack street, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Dowler. The evening was delightfully spent in games and delicious refreshments were served. During the evening the class presented Mrs. Dowler, their teacher, a beautiful jewel case as a token of their appreciation.

GET A CONTRACT

The Mt. Vernon Bridge company has been awarded the contract by the trustees of Ohio State University for a railroad bridge over the Olentangy river within the university grounds.

TRUSTEES

Of State Sanatorium Held Monthly Meeting

The members of the board of trustees of the Ohio State Sanatorium arrived in the city Thursday evening and remained all night at the institution, holding their monthly meeting Friday morning. Dr. S. P. Wise was in the chair and the usual routine of business was transacted. The bills for the month were allowed. A number of changes were made in waitresses and other minor positions about the institution.

SCHOLARS

Of St. Vincent De Paul's School Have An Art Display

A very clever display of water color paintings, the work of the scholars of St. Vincent de Paul's High school, can be seen in the large window of the Frank E. Kirby store. The work is exceptionally good and shows much artistic development among the scholars of the school.

Dr. H. H. Baxter returned to his home in Cleveland Friday morning after attending the commencement exercises at the Mt. Vernon High school on Thursday morning.

NOTES

(Utica Herald) The Logan has the derrick up on Peter Vanwinkle.

The Logan has commenced drilling on Hiram Hughes No. 2.

The Ohio Fuel is rigging up on the Elizabeth Bebout lease.

The Mochican company got a dry hole in its test well in wildcat territory near Millwood.

The Columbus Gas and Fuel Co. got a light well with 24 feet of sand, on the Jordan lease one-half mile west of Highwater.

The Ohio Fuel Fuel Supply company drilled in Will Burger No. 2 near Martinsburg, getting a volume of one million.

The Ohio Fuel Supply company has leased the Eden church lot in Eden township, for \$200 per year, and has a derrick up in the cemetery.

Banning Sigler of the Logan company has recently been able to resume his duties, after having been laid off all winter by illness.

Cy Coyle is about to start No. 2 for Foster Dodd. It is on another of his farms, and about three-fourths mile from No. 1 which came in dry.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified executor of the estate of JOHN RICHERT late of Knox county, Ohio, deceased, by the Probate Court of said county, June 11, 1910.

WM. F. LIFER, Executor. Lewis B. Houck, Atty. for executor.

FOR SALE—Registered Jersey bull, 9 months old; best of breeding. W. E. George, R. D. 6, Bell 'phone 1 on 900.

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A pretty, serviceable and economical floor covering, which costs less than carpet, wears well, is a saver of housework and will harmonize with all decorations. We have the carpet in 27, 36, 54 and 72 inch widths.

Table with 2 columns: RUGS, size and price. RUGS, size 6x9 \$3.98; RUGS, size 8x10 \$6.50; RUGS, size 9x12 \$8.50

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Max Kurlander & Co.'s Big Stock To Be Sold Below Cost

Owing to the recent death of Mr. Kurlander's father, which has made it necessary that he take charge of stores in Lorain, the large

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In the store now located at the N.-W. corner High and Mulberry Sts., will be closed out regardless of cost.

This is a stock of all new Spring and Summer goods and it is first class in every particular.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In pursuance of an order of the Probate Court of Licking county, Ohio, I will offer for sale at public auction on Thursday, the 29th day of June, 1910,

between 9 o'clock forenoon and 12 o'clock noon upon the premises, the undivided one-half of the following described real estate:

Situate in the County of Knox, State of Ohio, and in the Township of Miller and bounded and described as follows: Being lot number 37, in the 3 Quarter Section of the 5 Township, 15 Range, U. S. M. Lands estimated to contain 100 acres. Appraised at \$2,500.00. Also the undivided one-half of lot number 36, in the 3 Quarter Section of the 5th Township and 15th Range U. S. M. Lands in said Miller Township, Knox County, Ohio, estimated to contain 100 acres. Appraised at \$3,366.66. Terms of sale: One-third cash on hand on day of sale, one-third in one year, and one-third in two years, deferred payments to bear interest from day of sale and to be secured by a mortgage upon the premises, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

R. S. FULTON, Administrator of Frederick F. Phillips, deceased.

SHERIFF'S SALE

John S. McConnell vs. Frank B. Showers, Knox Common Pleas. By virtue of an execution issued out of the court of common pleas of Knox county, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the door of the court house, in Mt. Vernon, Knox county, on Saturday, the 9th day of July, 1910,

between the hours of 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. of said day, the following described lands and tenements, to-wit:

Situated in the township of Wayne in the county of Knox and state of Ohio, being lot No. 10 Foots addition to the Village of Fredericktown in the said county and state according to a plat recorded in the office of the Recorder of Knox county on the 28th day of May, 1904, in plat book No. 2, pages 113 and 119. Appraised at \$165.00. Terms of sale—Cash.

P. J. PARKER, Sheriff Knox County, Ohio. P. L. Wilkins, attorney for plaintiff. 6-7-11, 12, 13, 7-58

SHERIFF'S SALE

John Kinnard, vs. Sally Ann Hawkins et al, Knox Common Pleas. By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Knox County, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the door of the Court House, in Mount Vernon, Knox County, on Saturday, the 9th Day of July, 1910,

between the hours of 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. of said day, the following described lands and tenements, to-wit:

Situated in Millford township, Knox county, Ohio, and bounded and described as follows: A being part of the west half of the southwest quarter of section nine in township five, range fourteen, corner two rods and thirteen feet and a half to two rods and thirteen feet and a half to the Sycamore road, one rod and a half; thence northwest in a right angle along the center of the Sycamore road to the center of said Johnstown road; thence southwest to the line of lots; thence south along said line to the place of beginning. Appraised at \$40.00. Terms of sale—Cash.

P. J. PARKER, Sheriff Knox County, Ohio. Waight and Moore, attorney for plaintiff. 6-7-11, 12, 13, 7-58.

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