

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Messiah's Coming Kingdom Spiritual

"Behold, a King shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment" (Isaiah xxxiii, 1).

Brooklyn, Sept. 4.—Pastor Russell preached today in the Academy of Music, our largest Auditorium, the "Tabernacle" being of insufficient capacity. He had a very attentive hearing. There were many Hebrews in the large audience. He said in part:—

"Coming events cast their shadows before." Startling shadows are all about us. A great change in the affairs of men is indicated and acknowledged by all thoughtful, intelligent people. The world's pace during the past fifty years astonishes everybody. New conditions meet us on every hand. The majority of books written half a century ago along scientific lines are considered rubbish today. Rules and customs and theories of the past, supposed to be immovable and absolute, are abandoned as worthless—in chemistry, in manufactures, in art, in finance and commerce. All these changes necessitate a new view of social conditions and a re-examination of the relationship of religion and the Bible to man and his conditions, as seen from the present viewpoint. The business and social world have been compelled to keep pace with the steps of progress, some of them gladly and some of them reluctantly. But religionists have been placed in a most awkward position. Religion and moral sense constitute the backbone and fiber of the best progress in civilization. The perplexity of religious thought, and its manifest inability to adjust itself to the changed conditions, is working a serious disadvantage to all disposed to look to the Almighty for guidance in life's affairs.

The increase in worldly wisdom, the improved human conditions, the advancement along scientific lines in material prosperity have turned many of the world's brightest intellects away from God and from the Bible. Many of these, still professing Christianity in an outward, formal manner have really abandoned it in favor of a theory of "civilization." They have wandered from the Divine Revelation, the Bible, into paths of speculation—their own and other men's. They have cogitated that the reverse of the Bible statements is the Truth—that instead of man falling from the image of God into sin and death, he is rising from a brute or monkey plane upward, gradually, to Divine heights. Instead of looking for a great Deliverer, Messiah, Savior, Life-Giver, they are hoping to be let alone by any outside influence, that certain fancied laws of Evolution might help them upward and onward to glory, honor and immortality.

The result is that religious thought today everywhere and in all denominations is chaotic. The whole of Christendom has practically become Agnostic—admitting that they do not know the Truth nor how to adjust their reasoning faculties to present consecration. They are in an expectant attitude—seeking light. Nevertheless many fear the light lest it shall make manifest cherished errors or selfish hopes and ambitions which must be abandoned. But they are still pretending to know many things which we and they know that they do not know. But daily the strain becomes more intense. Gradually everybody is recognizing that there is a great crisis along every line—that the people are awakening and thinking and will no longer receive their errors.

Converting the World to God. Fifty years ago Christian people, full of faith in the Bible which they seriously misunderstood and read with sectarian spectacles of various colors, were fully agreed that God had given his Church the commission to convert the whole world and to establish Messiah's Kingdom, when the nations would learn war no more, but beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks. Zealous Christian people urged that the heathen were going down to a hell of eternal torment at the rate of ninety thousand every twenty-four hours. And noble men and women sacrificed their earthly interests for the assistance of the heathen—to prevent that awful catastrophe, to help thwart the very program of God which some other Christian people of an earlier day had declared was pre-destinated and foreordained as unalterable. God was certainly attempted. We trust that some good was accomplished. We know that some harm was done, in that fallacious conceptions of the character and plan of the Creator were promulgated amongst the heathen, which have hardened and embittered some of them.

But by and by practical people sought for statistics, and now know that there are twice as many heathens in the world as there were a century ago. Of course, there are unthinking and unstatistical people who refuse knowledge and who are today clamoring with a commendable zeal, but a reprehensible ignorance, that large contributions of money would enable them to capture the whole world for God. Nevertheless, the masses no longer see the matter as they did, and

can no longer be swayed to the same extent. Thinking people refuse to believe that God for centuries has sat calmly viewing the situation, allowing millions to go to eternal torment. They refuse to believe that their hearts and sympathies are more tender than those of their Creator.

Even the heathen are getting awake to the inconsistency of what has been given them under the Gospel label. They are finding out that the word Gospel signifies "good tidings," and that what has been preached to them is the most awful message conceivable—that all of the heathen and the majority of their civilized neighbors and friends and relatives have been decreed, sentenced, foreordained, to eternal torture because of ignorance, because of a misbelief in respect to which they were thoroughly honest. Perplexed, the missionaries ask, What shall we preach? The message of damnation does not sound good to the heathen, and they do not run after it nor feast their souls upon it. The question comes to the ministers and professors of colleges throughout Christendom and they are perplexed what answer to give. The majority of them have become "higher critics" and no longer accept the Bible as the Word of God; they are Evolutionists and no longer believe the Gospel which the Missionary Societies were organized to proclaim. They are in perplexity. And many of them are prepared to abandon the former theory of missions and to continue their work henceforth merely along humanitarian lines. Indeed, within the last twenty-five years missionary effort has turned gradually to secular education and medical practice in the interests of the heathen, with little religious doctrine—and so much the better.

Everybody is agreed that the Kingdom of Messiah cannot be brought about by the wholesale conversion of the world. And logical people see that larger numbers have been lost to Christianity in civilized lands during the last twenty-five years than were ever claimed to be converted amongst the heathen. We say lost to Christianity, because why should anyone be called a Christian who has lost all faith in the Bible—in the Law, the Prophets and the teachings of Jesus and his Apostles? The great cloud of bewilderment which encompasses Christendom is realized by all earnest people—churchmen and others. And no wonder there is a certain dread associated with the dark cloud. What kind of a storm will result? And what will be the effect upon the great religious systems of civilization? It is to join hands against these ominous conditions that the clergy of all denominations are arousing themselves in favor of Church Union or Federation of some sort. But the people—the people feel comparatively little interest in the proposition, which they will not oppose, however.

"The Hour of Temptation."

—Rev. J. B. —

The difficulty with the present situation is that we have stupidly and blindly misread the Bible. We have twisted what we did read and picked out certain portions which pleased our own fancies and supported best our various creeds. We have neglected the honest, truthful study which we should have given to our Heavenly Father's message. The confusion of Christendom is the result. That confusion and perplexity the Scriptures portray, assuring us that we are in the midst of a great falling away from faith in God and in his Revelation. We see fulfilled all about us the wonderful prophetic and symbolic picture of Psalm 90. A thousand fall at our side and ten thousand at our right hand—only the "Israelites indeed," in whom there is no guile, will be kept from stumbling in this evil day. The chaos which we already see everywhere in evidence is only beginning.

God's Great Remedy at Hand.

The fault of Christendom has been the rejection of the Divine Plan and the acceptance instead of a human plan. The Church was going to convert the world—going to conquer the world for Jesus and present it to him as a trophy. Alas, we have not been able to convert ourselves, which is the particular work the Master gave us to do. Greater humility would have shown us our folly long ago.

Bible Students do not need to be reminded that all through the Old Testament Scriptures God's promises abound, telling Israel and all who have ears to hear of the glorious reign of Messiah and of the success of his Kingdom and how the result will be that "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God," of how "all the blind eyes shall be opened and all the deaf ears shall be unstopped"; of how the blessing of the Lord will be with Israel restored to his favor and operate through Israel to the blessing of all peoples. We remember the prophecies which picture earthly governments and show us their termination and the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on their ruins. We remember the Jubilee picture repeated by the Israelites every fiftieth

year, proclaiming liberty for the people and restitution of all that has been lost through sin, and which is to be restored through Messiah's Kingdom.

Bible Students know also how the New Testament abounds with references to the Kingdom! the Kingdom! the Kingdom! Nearly all the parables that our Lord gave were in illustration of something connected with the Kingdom or the class called out of the world to inherit the spiritual Kingdom. All such know, too, that the Great Teacher proclaimed that Kingdom and point the Church to its establishment for the realization of her hopes—the time when the marriage of the Lamb will take place—the time when God's New Covenant, with Israel will go into effect. The time when he who scattered Israel will also gather them, and when the Law shall go forth from Mt. Zion, the Celestial Kingdom, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem, the capital of the earthly princes, God's remedy is just what humanity is coming to realize it needs. In its establishment, as the Scriptures declare, "the desire of all nations shall come" (Haggai ii, 7).

Bible Students are more and more coming to see that this Gospel Age is the time in which Messiah is selecting from amongst men—of Jews and Gentiles—a saintly class and is testing and proving their loyalty to God and to righteousness. These are to be Messiah's assistants—the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. As Abraham typified the Heavenly Father, so the Messiah was typified by Isaac. And Messiah's Bride and joint-heir and co-laborer in his Kingdom was typified by Rebecca. Thus seen the great Plan of God has progressed well.

The Great Day of Wrath.

Our neglect of the Word of God and our study instead of the Talmud and the Creeds of the dark ages have been our undoing. Under all this wrong influence we have failed to cultivate the fruits of the Holy Spirit—meekness, gentleness, patience, long-suffering, brotherly-kindness, love. Instead we cultivated pride, ambition, selfishness. We have done those things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. Our help must come from God. According to our understanding of the Scriptures help is near, but coming in an unexpected way. Pride and selfishness blossomed and brought forth a fruitage of strife. The bad example set by Christian people has extended to the world and been thoroughly appropriated. It has become the spirit of the world—all classes. Now, as faith in the Bible is waning and respect for God and his Word is proportionately waning, what could we expect but that which the Scriptures declare is at hand, namely, the "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation?" The selfishness which both rich and poor, learned and ignorant, have cultivated will, in that time of trouble, be represented in conflicts between labor unions and capitalist trusts. The Bible declares that then "every man's hand will be against his neighbor"—all confidence will be lost—the bond of human sympathy and brotherhood will be utterly snapped in riotous selfishness.

The Scriptures identify this trouble with Messiah's taking to himself his Kingdom power and beginning his reign (Daniel xii, 1; Revelation xi, 18). Thank God, the intimations of the Scriptures are that the conflict of that time will be short. It must, however, last long enough to teach humanity a lesson never to be forgotten—that God and his arrangements must stand first and must be obeyed, if blessing is sought.

Messiah's Kingdom Invisible.

When it is remembered that Messiah's Kingdom is not only to bless those living at the time of its establishment, but gradually to awaken the dead from the slumber of the tomb and to give all of Adam's race a full opportunity for attaining life eternal or death eternal, then it will be seen that the Kingdom must be a spiritual one. Then, too, Messiah's Kingdom of light is represented as superseding Satan's Kingdom of darkness—both spiritual. With this thought our text is in full accord—"A King shall reign in righteousness." (Messiah will be that Great King, his Bride being associated with him.) And "princes shall execute judgment in the earth," carrying out the decrees and regulations of the Heavenly Messiah. This is the meaning of the Lord's promise to Israel, "I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning" (Isaiah i, 26).

The princes who will execute judgment will all be Israelites and all perfect men—tried and approved of God. They will be the Ancient Worthies, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the prophets. These men, great in faith and obedience to God, will be known to the Jews as the "fathers," as the prophecy respecting them declares, "Instead of the fathers shall be the children, whom thou (Messiah) mayest make princes in all the earth." They will be the children of Messiah in the sense that they will derive their resurrection life from him, the Great King. Indeed, the Scriptures assure us that eventually the whole world shall receive new life from Messiah, in offset to the life received from Adam forfeited through sin. Thus amongst the various titles of Messiah mentioned by the prophets we find that he will be the "Age-lasting father," as well as the "Prince of Peace and mighty Elohim and a wonderful Counselor" (Isaiah ix, 6).

NERVOUS

Collapse Suffered By President C. H. Beck

And He Is Unable To Preside Over Conference

Rev. J. T. Black Named On Stationing Committee

At The Opening Session Of The Conference

List Of Ministers And Delegates Enrolled

Zanesville, O., Sept. 2.—Because of the illness of Dr. C. H. Beck, president of the Muskingum annual conference, who suffered a nervous collapse Thursday morning, Dr. Elderdice, president of the Westminster, Md., Theological school, preached last evening at the first evening session of the conference. The many friends of Dr. Beck will learn with pleasure that his condition is greatly improved and that he will possibly be able to be about by Sunday. The stricken man is at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Coburn.

One of the most interesting events of Thursday's session was the report of the conference faculty which recommended for admittance to the conference Mr. George T. Shurtz, who has been assisting the Rev. Mr. Coburn for some time past. Mr. Shurtz will be ordained at the morning service Sunday.

The various schools and colleges of the Methodist Protestant denomination were ably represented Thursday afternoon. The Westminster Theological school was represented by Dr. Elderdice; Adrian, Michigan by Dr. L. Seeman; the Kansas City college by the Rev. Mr. Welker and West Lafayette by the Rev. Mr. Sickle.

The election of conference officers resulted as follows:

President—Rev. C. E. Sheppard of Cambridge.

Secretary—Rev. Stokely S. Fisher, Coshocton.

Stationing Committee—Rev. Mr. Sheppard, Rev. J. T. Black, Rev. C. H. Beck, J. F. Keepeel of Uhrichsville and W. M. Drum of Tiffin.

Financial Secretary—Rev. E. D. Beck, Newcomerstown.

Statistician—Rev. C. S. Johnson, Tiffin.

At the morning session the president's address was read by Dr. Beck's brother, the Rev. M. Beck.

The devotional exercises are in charge of the Rev. C. E. Stockdale, and the music is in charge of A. W. Acheson and the Rev. R. P. Hudnall.

Delegates Enrolled

The following is a complete list of delegates enrolled on Thursday:

Ministers—J. W. Rice, Wellsville; C. W. Hubbell, Adair, Mich.; C. O. Harvey, Columbus; J. H. Longworth, Lewisville; Geo. C. Shurtz, West Lafayette; C. B. Tuttle, Tappan; L. Bowman, Maynard; A. H. Martin, Adena; L. H. Allen, Tiffin; N. E. Hewitt, Beverly; E. J. Larrick, West Lafayette; H. L. Elderdice, Westminster; C. H. Rank, West Lafayette; H. O. Lucas, Empire; S. Fisher, Empire; D. C. Wees, Attica; A. C. Lendering, LeMerts; Geo. W. Beck, Dillwalle; E. D. Beck, Newcomerstown; J. C. Beery, Bremen; A. J. Allman, Mt. Pleasant; C. P. Alban, Plainfield; W. S. Murphy, Belle Valley; J. T. Black, Mt. Vernon; J. H. Gray, Belmont; C. J. Johnson, Tiffin; A. B. Williams, Uhrichsville.

Delegates—John Scott, Maynard; John Cappel, Uhrichsville; J. A. Rippe, Newcomerstown; O. J. Sponsole, Bloomville; John Seip, Attica; Walter Holliday, Carpenter; Wesley M. Crum, Tiffin; Earl Rosenberger, Tiffin; C. A. Sicker, West Lafayette; Frank L. Brown, West Lafayette; J. W. Rice, Wellsville; Charles Culp, Wellsville.

CALL FOR STATEMENTS

Washington, Sept. 2.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Sept. 1.

APPOINTED A JUDGE

Mr. Luther A. Stream received word Friday that he had been appointed a judge for poultry exhibitions by the American Poultry Association which held its sessions in St. Louis Mo.

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HORSES

From This City Entered For State Fair Races

The entry list for the various races at the Ohio State Fair to be held next week shows a number of Mt. Vernon horses as follows: 2:15 trot, purse \$1,000, Don Temple and Country Tramp, C. E. Price; 2:35 trot, purse \$600, Don Temple, C. E. Price, Tempest, C. E. Price, Brown Nelly, John Hawk; 2:20 trot, purse \$600, Don Temple, C. E. Price; 2:19 pace, purse \$800, Tempest, C. E. Price, Brown Nelly, John Hawk; 2:26 trot, purse \$600, Don Temple, C. E. Price; 2:10 pace, purse \$1,000, Tempest, C. E. Price; 2:19 trot, purse \$800, Don Temple, C. E. Price; 2:16 pace, purse \$800, Brown Nelly, John Hawk, Tempest, C. E. Price; 2:12 trot, purse \$1,000, Don Temple, C. E. Price.

WED

On Silver Wedding Anniversary Of Parents

Wooster, O., Sept. 2.—Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Work, of Wooster, yesterday celebrated their silver wedding anniversary, the chief event at their pretty home being the marriage of their daughter, Jessie M. Work, to Mr. Charles A. Noome, a school man of Red Bank, New York. Immediately after the ceremony the minister received a telegram from his son, Bruce Work, announcing his wedding today to Miss Urna Scales, the ceremony being performed at New York City. The son's wedding was a surprise to his parents. Another coincidence is that Rev. Work's sister was married with him twenty-five years ago.

Rev. and Mrs. Work are former residents of Mt. Vernon.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

First and Final—Edgar Beckley, administrator of Chas. E. Hall. Received \$595.13, paid out \$595.80.

Frank E. Hall, administrator of Louisa Hall. Received \$701.73, paid out \$701.73.

Deeds Filed—H. H. Greer, executor of Eli Vernon, to Wm. Lahmon, 90 acres in Pleasant, \$3,773.70.

Same to same, 68.82 acres in Pleasant, \$2,886.30.

Anna Black to Lulu Clifton, lot 63, Buckeye City, \$1,800.

Quincy Cullison to Anna Black, lot 8, Miekley's proposed addition, Danville, \$1,800.

Josephine Lepley to Elizabeth Y. Colgin, lot 53 C. & G. Cooper Co. park add., \$715.

Wm. Welsh to John Ewing, lot 423, Thomas add., Mt. Vernon, and also part lot 438, same addition, \$1,750.

OBITUARY

De Wayne Pion

De Wayne, the one-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. E. C. Pion, died at the home of his parents on Coshocton avenue on Thursday evening at about 6:30 o'clock after a short illness caused by cholera infantum. The funeral at the house Saturday morning, Rev. G. A. Reeder officiating. Interment in Mound View cemetery.

Mrs. Alwilda Bebout

Mrs. Alwilda Bebout died at her home on West Vine street Thursday night at about ten o'clock after a several weeks' illness caused by a complication of diseases. She was a widow, forty-five years of age at the time of her death and is survived by one son, Alva Bebout of Mt. Vernon, one daughter, Mrs. Celestia Baker of Gambier, three brothers, Mr. Dennis Horn and Mr. Urah Horn of Gambier and Mr. Steven Horn of South Dakota and three sisters, Mrs. James Dudgeon and Mrs. Marvin Dudgeon of Gambier and Mrs. Ralph Fawcett of Mt. Vernon. The funeral at the Vine Street Church of Christ Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. France's officiating. Interment in Mound View cemetery.

NEWSPAPER PLANT DAMAGED

Newcomerstown, O., Sept. 2.—J. T. Duff, noted temperance worker, editor of the Index and a dry leader, also a former member of the Ohio legislature claims that incendiaries set fire to his plant this morning. The plant was only partially destroyed.

Alleged Slayer of Little Girl Maintains Innocence



Joseph Wendling, formerly a janitor of St. John's parochial school in Louisville, Ky., was arrested in San Francisco, charged with the slaying of eight-year-old Alma Kellner, as the result of the man's efforts to win the affection of Mrs. C. A. Munca of Vallejo, Cal. The police of every state in the Union had sought Wendling for several months before he was finally located, and, despite severe cross examining on the part of detectives in the California metropolis, they failed to gain a confession from him. He readily admitted that he was the man wanted, but asserted that he left Louisville only because he wanted to get away from his wife.

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FORMER HAWAIIAN QUEEN IS 72

Honolulu, Sept. 2.—Former Queen Liliuokalani observed her seventy-second birthday anniversary today by holding her customary public reception. The function was attended by several thousand persons, with each of whom the former Queen shook hands.