



THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM Mark iv, 1-20—July 14.

THE SALVATION open at the present time has been obtainable only through faith, and faith is dependent upon a measure of knowledge, or revelation, and this knowledge, or revelation, came to us from God; for, as said St. Peter, "Holy men of old spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

The point of today's lesson is to show the importance of having the right kind of spiritual food, and not allowing the new nature to become choked by earthly ambitions. Such as these overcome will be inheritors with Jesus of His glorious Messianic Kingdom.

Jesus gave the parable of the Sower of the "good seed." The disciples were perplexed and inquired its meaning.

His answer was that it related to the Kingdom, but it was not to be understood by outsiders. It was for this reason that Jesus spoke in parables, because the masses even of the Jews were not in a heart condition to understand. Only such persons as were willing to undertake the stringent conditions of the "narrow way" were to fully and clearly understand the parables. This is in harmony with all of God's dealings in the present time. We read, "The secret of the Lord is with them that reverence Him, and He will show them His Covenant."

In Verse 13 the Master indicates that this parable would serve as a general key to the interpretation of all His parables. "Seed" does not mean literal seed, "birds" do not mean birds, "thorns" do not mean thorns, etc. Proceeding, the Great Teacher explained the parable as follows:

1) The seed that was sown represents the Word of God; it represents that particular feature of God's Word which relates to the Kingdom. This is shown by St. Matthew's account of the same parable. (Matthew xiii, 19) Our lesson says that the wicked One is Satan. Satan and his evil agents are therefore represented in the parable by "birds," and the import is that we lose the benefit of that which we do not understand.

Evidently, then, much of Bible study and religious reading is lost. The "good seed" does not enter into the understanding because the heart is not in a receptive attitude. Like the way side path, it is hard.

2) The seed sown in the stony place represents those who, when they hear the Kingdom Message, are delighted. They say, How good that sounds! What a grand time there will be when Messiah rules in righteousness to bless the world. And how great is the privilege of becoming members of the Bride of Christ, to be associated with Him in His Kingdom work! But the class represented have little depth of character; they are merely emotional.

When they find that the good seed of the Kingdom is unpopular and that it will bring them a certain amount of reproach and contempt and perhaps persecution, the Kingdom Message fails to produce in them the fruitage desired.

3) The seed sown in the thorny ground represents those whose hearts are divided. Let us note carefully that these thorns do not represent gambling devices, card parties, saloons and other places of ill-repute, nor secret sins. None of these things should appeal to Christians. The Master distinctly tells us that the thorns represent "the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches." Thus every Christian who has received the Message of the Kingdom and has allowed the cares of life and the deceitfulness of riches to choke and frustrate his prospects of the Kingdom is represented in this parable.

4) According to the parable there will be one class who will attain the Kingdom in the sense that they will bring forth the kind of fruitage acceptable to the Lord; but the difference will be in the amount of fruitage—some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold.

The Lord does not explain the difference between these fruitages, but the fully appreciative and loving will be the most energetic to know and to do the Master's will, and will bring forth the largest fruitage and will have the chief places in the Kingdom.

St. Paul declares that as star differs from star in glory, so it will be with those who attain unto the First Resurrection. Jesus assured James and John that, if they were willing to drink of His cup and be baptized into His death, they should surely sit with Him in His Throne; but as to the chief places of honor, it was not for Him to say. Those places will be given according to principles of justice and of merit.

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY

FINAL PRESENTMENT FOR SUMMER TERM CONTAINS SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

Grand Jury Deems Jail Conditions Should be Remedied—Recommendations That Magistrate DesChamps at Mayesville and Ingram at Privateer be Removed From Office.

State of South Carolina, Sumter County—Court of General Sessions. To Hon. John S. Wilson, Presiding Judge:

Your Grand Jury beg leave to submit their Presentment for the Summer term of the Court of General Sessions, 1912.

We have passed upon all Bills of Indictment handed us by the Solicitor.

Your Grand Jury beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

We find that the County Jail is entirely inadequate for the uses of the County. There is not sufficient room for the prisoners therein confined, and no provision whatever is made for separating the sick prisoners from the well; there being now confined in Jail a City prisoner by the name of Farmer, who has tuberculosis, constantly having hemorrhages, confined in the jail along with the other prisoners. We therefore recommend that the County authorities sell the Jail property, and build a new, modern jail, large enough to meet the demands of the County, or if in their judgment, they find that impracticable, or ill advised, that they make such additions to the Jail as in their judgment seems best. If they determine not to build a new jail, that they at least construct a building for hospital purposes in the jail yard. We do not think it humane, or right, that well prisoners should be compelled to be confined in cells in which they are liable to contract loathsome disease. While waiting for these recommended improvements, we deem it necessary that the present building be kept in a sanitary condition. In our last Presentment we recommended that the plumbing in the jail be repaired or overhauled, the same being inadequate for the uses of the prisoners therein confined; we note that said recommendation has not been carried out, and we ask your Honor to direct the County Board of Commissioners to have this matter looked into, and have necessary improvements made immediately. In our criticisms of the condition of the jail, we do not desire to reflect or discredit, the management of Jailer Owens; on the contrary, we want to commend him for the manner in which he keeps the jail, and his treatment of the prisoners, with the present equipment.

We recommend that Magistrate George T. DesChamps of Mayesville, be removed from office, for the reason that he had admitted to the Grand Jury that "his principal reason for accepting the office of Magistrate is to help him in his collections of private accounts, he being in the horse sale business."

We recommend that Magistrate John E. Ingram be removed from office, for incompetency and inattention to duty.

Your Grand Jury desires to commend our Rural Policemen for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of the office, each one of whom seems to be anxious to discharge their duties in a proper manner, and we feel sure that the County at large has been greatly benefited by the services of these gentlemen.

A Committee of the Grand Jury inspected the Public Roads of the County, built with money derived from the Bond Issue, and find the same very satisfactory, and we recommend to the County Board that they continue this work, and if necessary, that they do issue another series of bonds for said purpose.

Thanking Your Honor and the officers of the Court for courtesies extended.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. CHANDLER, Foreman.

Addenda: We recommend that the seats in court room and door of grand jury room be repaired at once.

Solicitor Stoll's Child Dead.

This community was saddened by the announcement at 9 o'clock this morning of the death of little Evelyn Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Stoll. The little one had been sick since Sunday, but was not thought to be seriously ill, until yesterday, when its condition grew worse, and Mr. Stoll, who was attending court at Sumter, was wired for. Cholera infantum was the immediate cause of death.—Kingstree County Record.

Sometimes Best to Be Patient. Frequently the worm that turns rarely gets itself brushed on the other side.—Chicago Record-Herald.

NUMBER OF BILLS RETURNED

What the Court of General Sessions Has Done up Today.

The court of general sessions is getting on fairly well with the business which has been brought before it. A few cases have been tried and a large number of bills have been returned by the grand jury.

The following bills were given out by the solicitor and have been returned:

O'Neal Jackson, murder, true bill, continued and order from the court granted \$1,000 bail, continued.

Thomas Wilson and John Davis, murder, true bills, Wilson heretofore granted bail in the sum of \$500; Davis granted \$1,000 bail, continued.

Sam McFadden, buggery, true bill, order from the court granting bail on sum of \$500, continued.

Dave Way, assault and battery with intent to kill, continued.

Garfield Richardson, larceny of bicycle, true bill.

Hardy Johnson, larceny of bicycle, true bill. Johnson was tried and found not guilty by the jury.

Commodore Council, disposing of property under lien, true bill.

"Rubber" Rose, violation of prohibition law, true bill.

John P. Smiling, discharging firearms at dwelling house, true bill.

Gephas Toney, murder, true bill.

J. R. Sprott, forgery, true bill. Sprott plead guilty and was sentenced to the gang for 12 months and to pay a fine of \$5.00.

Henry Sanders violation of prohibition law, true bill.

Susanna Watson, violation of prohibition law, true bill.

Robert Davis, resisting an officer, assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons, true bill, continued.

Reese B. James, violation of prohibition law, true bill, continued.

John Woods burglary and larceny, true bill, continued.

Clinton McLeod and Lucy Ardis, fornication, true bill, continued.

Carrie Smith violation of prohibition law, true bill, continued.

Frank Robertson, violation of prohibition law, true bill, continued.

Michael Smith violation of prohibition law, true bill, continued.

Carrie Smith, violation of prohibition law, true bill, continued.

William Epps, larceny from field, true bill.

Lot G. Johnson, breach of trust with fraudulent intent, true bill, continued.

Mingo Smith, Bunyan Smith, Henry Smoot, Jr., Captain Smith, highway robbery, true bill.

Garfield Richardson, plead guilty to stealing a bicycle and was sentenced to spend one year in the reformatory for colored youths at Lexington.

City of Sumter against Louisa Loney, appeal from the Recorder's court on being found guilty of violation of the prohibition law, appeal dismissed.

City of Sumter against Lily Holman, violation of prohibition law, appeal from finding of Recorder's court, order dismissing the appeal.

The case of the State against Commodore Council for disposing of crop under lien, was tried in the court of general sessions this morning and resulted in the jury returning a verdict of guilty.

City of Sumter against Lily Holman, violation of prohibition law, appeal from finding of Recorder's court, order dismissing the appeal.

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HEARING POSTPONED.

T. B. Felder Will Not be Examined at Augusta July 8.

Bennettsville, July 5.—J. F. Evans secretary of the dispensary investigating committee, announced today that the examination of T. B. Felder in Augusta, which has been set for Monday, July 8, has been postponed to a later day of the same week.

Affairs at Privateer.

Privateer, July 5.—This section had a fine rain Friday, which was very much needed. Corn is as good as usual and cotton is very small for this season of the year. Some planters say that cotton is thirty days late.

A few candidates visited in Privateer the past week. We think as a general thing the voters of Privateer are always glad to see the candidates for the different offices.

Mrs. Nina Mellette, of Chadbourne, N. C., spent the past week with Misses Tabba and Edna Ramsey.

Mr. E. G. Rivers, of Bastover, is visiting his father, Mr. E. W. Rivers. Miss Corlie Wells is visiting in Elmore.

Pr. Ben Harvin, of Elmore, spent the week-end with Mr. S. A. Harvin.

The Privateer baseball team was re-organized Saturday and is ready to cross bats with other teams of the adjoining neighborhood.

Misses J. B. Osteen and W. S. Lyman who have been having a hard time with measles, are able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown, of Columbia, spent Sunday at Mrs. E. S. Nesbitt's.

THREATS AND PROMISE.

BLEASE MAKES BID FOR BLIND TIGER VOTE.

Jones Cheered When He Goes Into Details in Answering Executive's Bishopville Speech—Bleasle Attacks Mayor—Will Stand by Stothart.

Charleston, July 5.—"I want to put a proposition to you, and you answer it at the August primaries. Whatever you do, I will be governor anyway for September, October, November and December and 21 days in January. If you want government by injunction and a metropolitan police force, you vote for Ira B. Jones, and I'll give it to you." With this audacious threat Gov. Bleasle closed his long awaited address at the State campaign meeting held here tonight, an address in which he intimated that the recent break between him and Jno. P. Grace, mayor of Charleston, began when he refused to commission as notary public a negro, S. W. Bennett, whom the mayor had recommended. He said further, with reference to charges voiced by the mayor that graft collected in Charleston had been traced to the office of the governor. "No gentleman would insinuate that I had ever received any graft and any man who says I did is a malicious character thief and a cowardly liar." The governor also declared his intention of standing by Benjamin H. Stothart, chief of the constabulary in Charleston, against whom graft charges were recently brought before a legislative investigation committee.

More than 1,200 persons, no women being included, were assembled in the Hibernian hall when the candidates for governor were introduced. These spoke as usual. The meeting opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and continued until all of the candidates in the party had been heard. It was an attentive audience, but one quick to express approval or disapproval. Quick also to laugh as some of the speakers learned to their discomfort, when a point put forward in all seriousness tickled, for some reason the risibilities of the crowd.

Tremendous demonstrations were given in honor of both the leading candidates for governor, but it appeared that applause for Judge Jones came more generally from over the house and men long acquainted with Charleston audiences said the majority opinion among those present was in favor of Jones as against Bleasle. Undeniably, however, the volume of sound was greater in the pro-Bleasle outbreaks, as it usually is. Hissing was more freely resorted to here than elsewhere on the campaign, as an expression of disapproval and Gov. Bleasle was the target of a good deal of it. Excellent order prevailed. An extraordinary number of policemen in uniform was distributed about the hall and these were prompt in suppressing demonstrations which they deemed improper. An admonitory wave of the hand proved all that was necessary in every case.

Judge Jones devoted some portion of his time to a reply in detail to the speech delivered at Bishopville by Gov. Bleasle.

The governor made his usual declaration regarding negroes, lynching and other matters, but gave his attention principally to points of local interest in Charleston. Some of his most interesting statements were made in response to questions from the floor.

"What about beer?" asked a voice in the audience.

"You bring me a glass of it up here and I can talk about it better," said the governor.

"What about racing?" was another question.

"Do as you did this year," retorted Gov. Bleasle. "Act like men and do as you please." This question and its answer related to the passage by the last legislature of an act outlawing metropolitan racing in South Carolina from July 1, 1912.

Gov. Bleasle spoke after the meeting to an audience, including a number of women, in the Fish Volunteers' hall.

Without the Stork.

There are no storks in the dense forests of Dutch Guiana, where live simple, happier Indians. The poor Indian mother goes out of her home, a simple shelter from rain raised on a few stumps, and broods in the forest. She soon comes back, not alone as she went out, but with a little baby boy or girl, sometimes twins. Old Mr. Indian smiles quietly when he first sees the little one and from some superstition he believes he must not work and kill game for several weeks. So he lies in his hammock and sometimes holds the little one as the other Indians come up and tell him how happy he ought to be as the father of the fine baby. In two or three days the little one is swung in a hammock and carried at its mother's breast while she works the cane fields. Baby seldom or never cries and is not one tenth as much trouble as an American baby.

NEW INSURANCE COMPANY.

BUSINESS MEN OF SUMTER ORGANIZE THE PALMETTO.

Meeting Held to Map Out Plans for Line of Work—Will Begin Business August First, Taking Local Business at First and Will Gradually Expand.

The Palmetto Fire Insurance Company is the name of a new enterprise which is being formed in this city, the capital stock of which is \$25,000. Many of the prominent business men of the city are interested in the formation of the company and have already pledged subscriptions to the full amount of the stock of the proposed corporation.

The new insurance company has already received its commission and, at a meeting to be held Tuesday, the 9th, will select a board of directors and officers and take steps for securing a charter. Communications have been received from Mr. F. H. McMaster, insurance commissioner, concerning the licensing of proposed corporation and active steps will be taken soon to have a plan of action mapped out for the newly formed company.

Such an organization has been needed in Sumter for some time and many of the insurance men, realizing this need, have gotten together on the proposition and succeeded in forming the company. The new enterprise will be strictly an "at home" affair, for the stock has been pledged by local business men and the company will start out with the idea of getting home business first with a view of spreading out as the business of the company grows and as conditions demand. Some of those who are interested in the proposed corporation are: Messrs. R. I. Manning, C. G. Rowland, N. O'Donnell, G. A. Lemmon, W. B. Wilson, D. D. Moise, H. J. Harby, I. C. Strauss, P. Moses, Jr. of Sumter, and E. G. Seibles of Columbia.

While the capital stock will be \$25,000, the corporation will have a surplus of \$6,250 and the capital stock of the company will be increased as the business increases. Sumter will be the home office of the corporation, which will at first do business only in this State, extending into other States with the growth of the company. The new company has made arrangements for excellent reinsurance facilities.

Agreements have been made with old line companies by reason of which the new company can take care of a very large line of insurance, which it otherwise could not handle as they will limit their liability in each city block.

The new company will be ready for business the first of August at which time it will have established offices and be in shape to attend to all work in its line.

IN GENERAL SESSIONS COURT.

Two cases were tried in the general sessions court Friday, one resulting in a verdict of not guilty and the other resulting in an acquittal. Friday afternoon and Saturday the court was busy on the first murder trial to come off at the session. Cephas Toney was being tried for the murder of Nolan Benjamin. Both parties were colored.

"Bubber" Rose was tried for violation of the prohibition law and a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury. Rose was defended by Mr. P. A. McLeod and Mr. Epps acted as solicitor.

Mitchell Smith was also tried for violation of the prohibition law. He defended himself and was acquitted.

This morning the case of the State against Cephas Toney was in progress and will probably be completed some time this afternoon.

Court of general sessions will adjourn this afternoon, but will convene again Monday for the hearing of equity cases.

Stateburg Personals.

Stateburg, July 5.—Mrs. John Barnwell and son are visiting the family of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Barnwell.

Mr. Frank P. Burgess, of Manning, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. James Simons.

Mrs. C. Lester Boyte, of Asheville, N. C., is on a visit to her family here.

Mr. Harry Bull left for Sewanee, Tenn., yesterday, after a few weeks spent at his old home here.

Mr. Screven Moore, of Charlotte, spent several days here during the past week.

Mrs. Thomas H. Rodgers and son, of Darlington, are spending some time with her parents, Col. and Mrs. J. J. Borgan.

Miss Hennegan of Columbia has been the attractive guest of Mrs. Guy Nelson for the past week.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell spent Monday at Hagood.

Mr. John Richardson, of Pinewood, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Guy Nelson.

DISSENTS FROM MACVEAGH.

THINKS A. PIATT ANDREW THOROUGHLY EFFICIENT.

Sudden Resignation of Assistant Secretary's Hot Retort and Other Developments Worry Officials.

Washington, July 5.—Senator Lodge today vigorously dissented from Secretary MacVeagh's statement that his former assistant in the treasury department, A. Piatt Andrew, was asked to resign because he was inefficient.

"The statement of Mr. MacVeagh that A. Piatt Andrew was inefficient is absurd," was Senator Lodge's comment.

"I know of him as a professor of Harvard, and President Taft recommended him to the national monetary commission as a trained political economist and linguist. When he was director of the mint I know he was considered an efficient administrator, and I am told that during the year he held the office he saved the government \$320,000 through reforms. While he was assistant secretary, I am told, he inaugurated reforms which resulted in large economies."

Government circles today had not recovered from the shock of the abrupt resignation of Andrew, his strictures on Secretary MacVeagh and the latter's retort that Andrew had practically been dismissed because of inefficiency.

In the treasury department it was said one at least of the other officials whom Andrew mentioned in his letter to President Taft as being "hampered by Mr. MacVeagh's indiosyncracies" might be on the verge of resigning. Others hastened to reiterate their declarations that their relations with the treasury head were cordial, though some of these were qualified.

Mr. MacVeagh will return Monday. It was reported today that he had indicated to President Taft his determination not to continue in the cabinet after March 4, should President Taft be reelected. It could not be confirmed. It is known, however, that two other members of the cabinet have given notice to that effect.

TINDAL NEWS NOTES.

Death of Mrs. Hattie Hodge—Crop Prospects—Personals.

Tindal July 6.—The prospect now is more encouraging to the farmers. The crops have improved a great deal since the recent rains.

Mrs. Hattie Hodge, wife of Mr. T. R. Hodge, died at her home in this neighborhood on Wednesday morning, July 3rd, after an illness of about 19 days with typhoid fever. She was about fifty-two years of age and leaves a husband and five children. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. N. Booth at Providence church on Thursday morning, July 4.

Mr. C. M. Witherspoon and family, of Mayesville, spent the Fourth at Mr. T. E. Hodger's.

Miss Ellis Ridgeway, of Columbia, is spending some time with relatives in the neighborhood.

Miss T. E. and J. M. Hodge went to Manning on Wednesday to be present at the campaign meeting.

The people in this section are not talking politics very much, they seem to be more interested in their crops, and how to destroy the grass.

The health of the community is not good, there has been, and is now, more sickness than usual.

THE NEWS FROM EGYPT.

Crops Doing Well—Many Other Matters of Interest.

Egypt, July 3.—The dry weather still continues in our section. A light shower came last Friday and that has kept the crops growing. Cotton is doing fine, while most of the corn seems backward. Mr. L. A. White has the best crop of corn in our community.

Mr. J. R. Kirkley has recently bought an automobile.

Mr. W. J. Gibson spent Saturday night with relatives here.

Misses Nona Geddings and Zula Corbette have returned to Paxville, after spending a few weeks with relatives here and at Smithville.

The third quarterly conference of the St. John's and Rembert Circuit, was held at Rembert yesterday, Rev. W. L. Herbert presiding over the conference.

Messrs. Wylie Hogue and Purney Huggins visited friends here yesterday.

Mrs. A. B. White entertained last Friday evening in honor of her guests, Misses Nona Geddings and Zula Corbette.

So Thoughtful of Him.

Bridegroom (two days after wedding)—"I haven't seen anything yet of that \$5,000 check from your father."

Bride—"Well, you see, dear, papa beard that your father had already given us one, and he know we shouldn't care to have duplicate presents."