

# OPINIONS OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DECLARED TO BE AMAZING

## Dr. S. J. Reid Takes "Be of Good Cheer, and I Have Overcome the World" as Text for Sermon in East Side Baptist Church.

"The Supreme Optimist of the Ages," Dr. S. J. Reid, took as his text for his sermon at the East Side Baptist church, "Be of Good Cheer, and I Have Overcome the World." He said that the world is full of hope, and that the Christian should be a pessimist, he is no Christian. It was the wonderful optimism of Jesus that filled the apostles. It was that which thrilled the world when they saw him.

Let us look at Jesus as we find him in the gospels that we might appreciate a little better the wonder of the hopefulness of the Lord.

Christ dealt with people in a faithfulness way, but also in a hopeful way. How to be faithful and at the same time hopeful is one of the most difficult of problems—how to be true to our own sense of truth, and at the same time keep alive hope. Under the thrill and music of his speech poor sinful creatures who had fallen, began to hope again, they knew not why. The thief on the cross, after a lawless life, awoke to feel that he might be remembered in that very hour that they were self-exposed and found themselves judged as men had never judged them. In that very hour they began to hope. This is always the wonder of Christ's hopefulness. It leans on the human perfect moment, but it sees the vicious and does not despair. It knows the worst and yet it hopes the best.

Herein is the optimism of Jesus is still moving and mighty in the world, while other hopes that were vain and empty, pointed out for us the way of hope.

**Christ's Patience Cited.**

From the Bible proceed to Christ's attitude toward the twelve. He was not only patient with the twelve he was magnificently hopeful, too. He was patient with the twelve because he had been surprised. They were so ignorant, those twelve disciples, they were so slow to learn, so unresponsive.

Christ always trusting when things were blackest, he was always hoping when hearts were coldest. He fashioned them into that band of heroes and into that band of disciples. He saved by hope. Had Christ not hoped for them, had he not trusted in the very end he clung to them and trusted them in the teeth of all the evidence, and hoped them into a manhood that was his own.

**Lessons Are Found.**

Let me say in passing how vivid in this feature is the optimism which Christ drew from nature. Christ dwelt on the hopeful side of nature in a way that is difficult to describe. He speaks of the lily blooming in the meadow, of the bird flying in the sky, of the goldfinch and the dove, and of the golden lily and the white lily. He takes his lesson from the most insignificant things in the world, and he teaches the kingdom. He feels the kiss of the wind upon his cheek, and says that he will be like the wind. Everywhere in his native teaching you have the glorious spirit of optimism shining forth. The hopefulness of faith, as to its quality is optimism set to music. The desert places break forth into joy and singing. The red

of affliction becomes a harp of seven strings. This optimism is of such a quality that it finds in all events a new covenant link with God. When God makes a man it is a seal of a covenant which he makes with that man. The true God is the God who believes in hope. It is the power in heart that shall see God. The believing spirit is the only temple great enough for the manifested glory of God who inhabits eternity. And the vision is of the eternal beauty and of infinite truth and love.

Again the optimism of Christ was based up with his gatekeepers.

What, tell me, in your life and mine, is the most deadly enemy of hope? It is not calamity, for if we be men at all there is something in us that rises to calamity. The deadliest enemy of optimism is sin, and every time you and I yield to sin with all the miseries it brings there is always a dimming of hope. And the more we sin, the more we are brought to the other hand I never met a man who was living in a victorious way in whose eyes there was not a gleam of hope. He was not a man of light of a fine hope. So the sinless Jesus was the optimistic saviour of the world.

Not only his sinless life, but his love created his optimism. Love hope all things. Think of the father with his children, and you will find hope in spite of all the evidence. Think of the wife of an unworthy husband, and you will find hope. For love remembers nothing else remembers. And love can see where other eyes are blind, and love can cling with divine tenacity when other hands are loosened in despair. Surely Christ was wonderfully optimistic, for he still hopes in the poor finite love hope all things for the beloved then in the love of Christ we find another secret of his optimism.

The optimism of Christ was his utterance of the optimism of God. It

was the revelation of the father's goodness and in saying that there is no more to say. Have you ever seriously thought out what is conveyed by the hopefulness of God in the long story of the universe, in the steady trend of every year from harvest to harvest, in the upbuilding of every human life, in the discovery of the hopefulness of God? It is unquenchable. It is unquenchable. The universe is the expression of the God of hope. If he had no hope for it why continue it? Why maintain it with his almighty power?

**Optimism Restores World.**

Third—The optimism of Jesus went beyond this world. I have overcome the world. Well, after the victory, what? The optimism of Jesus demanded immortality for the expression of its delight in God. So great is the joy, so divine the rapture, that the few years of fleeting time are hopelessly outweighed by it. The praise of God returns in mockery on every human life, in every state of eternity, and tunes its harp to the exultant cry "For ever and ever."

Each new day is a covenant of life with God. The more a soul hopes in God, the more it becomes one with God. It finds its ideal in the life eternal, and forsakes the things of this world. The things of this world cannot break these covenant bonds without disappointing the divinest desire of love and life. They are the things of this world, the things of the spirit. Here is endless life and joy. Here is the music that goes on for ever and ever.

The optimism of Jesus demanded immortality for the expression of the joy of the vision of God. It is based on God's joy in it, it is because he rejoices over us with singing that he will work out his purpose in us. And what a splendid purpose that! The man who has admitted to his fellowship and love and to whom he has given strains

for time has created such a man as we should honor for the honor of his glory in the eternities. When will the glowing words of the words of the Bible be known his purpose of love in us, we look up the ascending way of an endless life and cry triumphantly, "For vermore, for his name be used for an encouragement by all those who work for the life of faith in God and the kingdom of righteousness. For us it is always brighter on before. Unrighteousness may sometimes appear to have gleams of triumph, but God's righteousness remains certain. Upon all wrong the night shall fall, but upon the children of hope the sun shall not go down for ever and ever."

Let this message be made a joy for the children of hope in the stormy life and in the shadow of death. Let faith keep her vision clear. We must keep strong the power of pouring out in the dungeon of disappointment and pain, and of blessing him who maketh in God his chariot, and rides upon the wings of the wind.

This message is a holy allotment to those who have refused the vision of God. Only in God's eternal love can there be a real joy for any man except in the triumph of the believing soul. Only in God's eternal love can man be satisfied. Who can sing over the hopes of these fleeting years, which must soon be laid in an endless grave, the grave of death and oblivion.

Believe in Jesus Christ, the manifestation of the father's love and the poor things of time shall be transfigured in the shining of eternity. Your fleeting pleasures shall be changed into immortal raptures, and in earth's darkest days the Lord shall be your strength and everlasting consolation. We know that he loves us so into a holy vision of hope and the God will work out his purpose in us. And what a splendid purpose that! The man who has admitted to his fellowship and love and to whom he has given strains



Dr. S. J. Reid, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church.

**The Truce of God.** by Mary Roberts Rinehart. George H. Doran Co., New York city.

Just in time for consideration and their admiration, before the Christmas gift season, comes this novel with a fine spiritual and a human touch that adds to its attractiveness. Mrs. Rinehart has written many creditable novels, but this one, "The Truce of God," has done such fine literary work of satisfying excellence. The novel, also, is pure and clean in its portrayal and can be taken with safety and mental benefit into any home in America.

"The Truce of God" has the same lasting charm as two other novels of value, "The Cloister and the Hearth," by Charles Reade, and "The White Company," by Howard Pyle. In some directions, and measurements, "The Truce of God" reaches even a higher sphere in the reader's affectionate regard.

"The Truce of God" is a novel that lives in the middle area of France, when warlike and cruel, and a human heart feared arrows as modern soldiers fear machine-gun bullets. The hero is Charles, evidently king or overlord of France. He is a man of a high estate, and his heart is ever set on worldly advancement. His principal ambition is to be king of France, and he has his royal name. His queen had left him, in tears, because Charles, in bad and abusive temper, reproached her because she was a foreigner, and he had a French wife. The queen took refuge with her husband's cousin and kingly rival, Philip—he the dark beard and scheming brain.

If no son is born to Charles, Philip inherits Charles' throne. Charles leaves behind his little daughter Clotilde, who is wondering and fearful because she is not a boy, and that she might inherit the throne.

The scene is set early one Christmas morning during "a truce of God," a period of peace in the midst of the war from Thursday evening of each week to the morning of Monday. During this prohibited time the church did not allow any fighting or war operations, under pain of dire ecclesiastical displeasure.

Charles seeks in his castle. His men at arms sing this Christmas hymn:

The light of light divine,  
The bright and shining star,  
He bears for us the shame of sin,  
A holy, spotless child,  
The Bishop of Tours arrives to see Charles, who, it has been rumored, thinks of continuing the royal line of his house only by a royal marriage. Charles defies the bishop.

After another unhappy time with her father, the child prays for guidance and resolves to do a good deed. Unknown to her father, she dresses one prisoner in the castle, a Jew, and then, as a reward, she is half-witted fellow, set out to find her mother.

When Charles learns that both Jew and daughter have left his castle, he bursts into new furious anger. He surmises that the child had gone to her mother. He and his armed men ride in wrath to Philip's castle—where a great surprise awaits him in his distracted family.

More? It wouldn't be fair to the author, and to the sale of her novel.

**A Life of Arthur James Balfour.** by E. T. Raymond. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.

Arthur James Balfour is a celebrated British statesman who has won prominence not only in his department of statecraft but also in philosophy.

By competent judges Mr. Balfour was considered to have quite an important influence as one of the British representatives at the recent peace conference only recently held at that of Lloyd George.

Mr. Raymond has done able work in these 289 pages in fashioning such a fair, finished and complete portrait of Mr. Balfour. The book will be read with profit and pleasure by American readers.

**Reads to Childhood.** by Annie Carroll Moore. George H. Doran Co., New York city.

Annie Carroll Moore is supervisor of work with children in the New York public library. In this volume of 240 pages, with kindly purpose and tactful skill, she presents a series of easy-to-read views and views of children's books. There is little in print so far about such a subject, and the views of the author written in this book are not only a printed treasure-house, but it fulfills a long-sought for need.

**Black Bart's Quest.** by Jeffrey Farnol. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.

Much of the great personal charm of Kipling's novel "Ward's Ho!" is again in these glowing pages reflecting pirate days of the Spanish main. Many brave adventures are related in this Mr. Farnol's first sea story, and in the recent he wins new honors of lasting value.

The hero, Captain Conisby, Lord Wendover, who escapes from slavery

religion to health. He discusses: Prayer, sacrifice, purity, abstinence, nervous disease, dreads, suffering, the Bible and health, recreation, etc.

**NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.**

What Music Can Do For You, by Harriet A. Seymour. The Educational Book Co., New York.

On the Spanish galleon Esmeralda and makes his way to an English ship which bears him to England.

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**Birth Through Death.** reported by Albert Durrant Watson. The James A. McCann Co., New York.

This message of 374 pages is stated to be "a revelation received through the 'psychic consciousness' of Louis Benjamin and reported by Albert Durrant Watson, M. D. The belief herein expressed is that the dead do hold communication with the living, and many spiritualistic messages from the other world are recorded. Several of these messages are from persons who in life were notable in music, philosophy and different other departments of learning."

**On Setbacks.** by David Leslie Brown. The James A. McCann Co., New York.

Written in condensed, brief style and told in crisp sentences and short paragraphs, Mr. Brown, who is manager of export advertising for a well-known business concern of Akron, O., presents 92 pages of good-natured, cheerful philosophy for the business man of either sex.

Mr. Brown's message has real mental value and if it could be put into daily practice the world would be happier.

**Jim Lofton, American.** by George Brydges Hedley. The James A. McCann Co., New York city.

A common-sense, rousing novel, depicting the working out of the destiny of Jim Lofton, miser and mine owner.

**Mary Roberts Rinehart, author of "The Truce of God," a Christmas story.**

guard, also knight-errant of other activities. Labor and capital conditions, and I. W. W. are touched on. But the chief merit of the story is its hearty exposition of the true principles of true Americanism.

**The Yacht Girl.** by Compton Mackenzie. Harper & Brothers, New York city.

Norah Coffin calls herself Dorothy Lounsdale, and in defiance of her mother, she goes to England, where she makes good, and afterward marries one of her many admirers, Tony, earl of Chatham, when her real exciting adventures begin, and they are related in this clever and restful English novel.

Tony is a gambler and a sport. He bets on horse races, and generally loses. Things go so badly with him generally and then, along comes the big world-war.

**Mr. Dimock.** by Mrs. Denis O'Sullivan. John Lane Co., New York city.

Horace Dimock is an American business man, ignorant of the ways of women until he meets the latter with caution to educate him along the street of matrimony.

The story has international scenes set in this country, England and in Serbia and the hero's adventures are told in a way that will power to entertain the reader.

**Beligion and Health.** by James J. Walsh. The James A. McCann Co., Boston.

Dr. Walsh is medical director of Fordham university, school of sociology, and in calm, reassuring, instructive and helpful words, he gives comfort as to the close relation of

**College Held Hampered.**

President Penrose Tells of Pressing Needs of Whitman.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The building of Whitman college is seriously hampered by lack of accommodations. President Penrose, who is in charge of the college, said that the college must have additional buildings before it can expand further.

Whitman board of overseers, the construction of at least five new buildings was approved. The new buildings will include a library, a new women's dormitory, a men's dormitory, a new building for the men and a central heating plant.

A library building is the chief need, said President Penrose. The library at present is a quarter of a mile from the main building and is "so cramped that its growth is arrested, there being no room for the books of the library." The quarters contracted to the smallest degree.

"Equally immediate are the needs for dormitories," said President Penrose. "The present quarters for students than we can house. On account of lack of dormitory facilities, students are crowded into the dormitory at night, and the present quarters accommodate 100 at night."

**WESTERN VIEWS BROADER.**

Professor Finds New Ideas Are Easily Grasped Here.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The force and vigor of western people attract the admiration of Robert Perkins Bass, ex-governor of Utah, who is visiting here. Bass, who is director of the economics department, said that he had received no more letters from the west than he had from the east, "there is direct opposition to anything new just because it is new. This tremendous inertia is hard to overcome and the progress of the west is retarded. It entails considerable preparation. In the west there is open-mindedness, which makes it easy to introduce new things."

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**GOVERNOR AGAIN MORMON.**

Utah Executive and Legislature to Be Republican After January 1.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 4.—Governor-elect Charles R. Mabey of Utah, Republican and elected in Bountiful near Salt Lake, who will take office January 1, succeeding Simon Bamberger, Democrat, will have a republican majority in the legislature.

Member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), served during the Spanish-American war in the Philippines and during the world war in the United States army with a rank of captain. When he takes over state affairs he will have a republican majority in both state and senate and house of representatives, while Governor Bamberger had a democratic majority.

Governor Bamberger, who goes out of office with the resignation of the new year, is the only non-Mormon ever elected governor of the state of Utah. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, electric railroads and other business enterprises and is reputed to be many times a millionaire.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PLANNED.**

Engene Elks to Furnish Candy for Poor Children.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The Engene Elks of Eugene is planning a public tree Christmas tree 40 feet high will be erected in the street in front of the temple and decorated with lights and garlands. Children of Lane county present will be distributed, according to announcement of J. E. Turnbull, secretary of the lodge.

Carols and other music will be rendered from the balcony of the lodge room above the tree.

Joseph Hergeshimer, by Llewellyn

## THE LITERARY PERISCOPE

**ETHEL R. SAWYER.**  
Director of Training Class, Library Association of Portland.

**THE Nobel prize for literature for 1920 has been awarded to Knut Hamsun of Norway.** Hamsun was born August 4, 1859, in central Norway. His childhood was spent largely much farther north in that rugged region than there is only one day and one night in a year. During the '80s he twice visited America, working largely in the north and in Chicago. Speaking of work reminds him of the miscellaneous nature of his activities as coal heaver, road builder, school teacher, surveyor, farmhand, streetcar conductor (the New York World says on the old Chicago street horse car line in Chicago from which he was discharged because he read books instead of conducting), lecturer and farmer, to name a few of his varied occupations. He has farmed in North Dakota and held a job in a Newfoundland bank fishing boat in 1890 has been awarded his first volume—a collection of poems. Hamsun has long been a favorite author in the Scandinavian countries. His works with Ibsen and Strindberg, fiction, plays, a volume on literature in America, and other books have been translated into 600,000 pages in 23 languages. We have in English translation his "Hunger," "Shallow Soil," "Growth of the Vines" and there is promise of others to follow.

**Previous Nobel prize winners in literature have been:**  
1901—Sully-Prudhomme.  
1902—Theodore Mommsen.  
1903—Bjornstjerne Bjornson.  
1904—Frederic Mistral and Jose Echegaray.  
1905—Henryk Sienkiewicz.  
1906—Giosue Carducci.  
1907—Rudolf Kipling.  
1908—Rudolf Lenz.  
1909—Paul Hervey.  
1910—Paul Heyse.  
1911—Maurice Maeterlinck.  
1912—Gerhart Hauptmann.  
1913—Rabindranath Tagore.  
1914—Knut Hamsun.  
1915—Romain Rolland.  
1916—Werner von Heidenstam.  
1917—Karl Gjellerup and Henrik Pontoppidan.  
1918—Not awarded.  
1919—Jacinto Benavente.

**John Galsworthy and his wife are to spend the winter in America.** They called for this country October 23. Galsworthy has recently published his latest novel "In Chancery."

**H. G. Wells is coming over here in January,** after he finishes that new novel he began to write on the day after he finished his "Outline History of the World."

**Vachell Lindsey finds that the Eng-**

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**Hash auditors call first of all for "The Daniel Jans." A new volume of his poems has just been issued by George Bell & Sons, called "The Daniel Jans and Other Poems."**

**The London Morning Post is not very complimentary to Mrs. Asquith's reminiscences.** It calls them "Mables in Blunderland" and declares that it would have made "poor feeble sense" of her life round the belief in the "mirage of fallacies and fantasies erected by God's delight in us. Our joy in God is based on God's joy in it, it is because he rejoices over us with singing that he will work out his purpose in us. And what a splendid purpose that! The man who has admitted to his fellowship and love and to whom he has given strains

**It is reported by the London Times that Bernard Shaw and Sir James Harris are to work upon scenarios for the motion pictures.**

**"A Christmas Book Thought"**

*In the nature of every man is a longing to see and know the strange places of the world. The boyhood dreams of romance may be temporarily forgotten, but they never die.*

**Frederick O'Brien invites you, O reader and gift giver, to set sail with him in "White Shadows in South Seas" and visit the friendly cannibals of Atouva valley on the enchanted Marquesas where time stands still and life is colorful and gay.**

**Or—go, if you will, with Harry Franck, delightful traveling companion that he is, "A Vagabonding Through the West Indies."**

**Or—"Through Central Borneo," the land of the head hunters, with Carl Lumholtz is a fascinating journey to take and is illustrated with marvelous photographs from life.**

**Coming closer home, kneel with Opal Whitely at her flower-decked altar among the great fir trees of Oregon and renew, if you please, belief in the fairies that the disillusioning years cause one to doubt.**

**Or—loiter a while in New England, seeing with charming Helen Henderson the quaint and curious in this richly historic section of our own country.**

**Or—tour "America's National Parks" with Colonel Reik, over trail and automobile road, by lake, forest and mountain.**

**Or—if you prefer it, spend balmy "Tahiti Days" with Hector MacQuarrie in that tropic paradise.**

**Or—with George Wharton Edwards as conductor, visit "The Vanished Towers and Chimes of Flanders," "The Halls and Cathedrals of France" or linger in picturesque "Holland Today."**

**Or—if you ship along with Tomlinson in "The Sea and the Jungle," watch that your pipe does not go out as you listen to this marvelous raconteur of adventure on land and sea.**

**But—gentle reader—O lover of the strange, the curious, the original, forget not that when we try to write of Books it is as Chris Morley says somewhere in "The Haunted Bookshop," like "putting a cat in a room tapestried with catnip."**