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"To be effective, evangelism must appeal to motives which powerfully seize men, and it must hold up a moral standard so high above their actual lives that it will smite them with conviction of sin. If the motives urged seem untrue or remote, or if the standard of life to which they are summoned is practically that on which they are living, the evangelistic call will have little power. The two questions which every Christian worker should investigate for himself are these: Are the traditional motives still effective? And is the moral standard held up by the church such as to induce repentance? The motives urged at any time will vary with the preacher and the audience, and there will always be a large measure of truth and power even in the most defective preaching that touches human nature at all. Yet there is a change in emphasis from age to age. Within our own memory the fear of hell and the desire for bliss in heaven have strangely weakened, even with men who have no doubt of the reality of hell and heaven." — Professor Walter Rauschenbusch, Rochester Seminary.

### IS DEMOCRACY REDEEMED.

Under the caption, "The Redeemed Democracy," the Lewiston Tribune, an independent democratic paper, gives the following review of the result of the St. Louis convention, from the Parker side:

"The gentlemanly and thorough drubbing Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hearst have been getting in the democratic convention and the fact that they have accepted said drubbing with composure and good grace contain a moral of some value even outside of politics.

"As long as Mr. Bryan and his special adherents conferred alone with and comforted each other, quite naturally they came to consider themselves as very nearly the whole thing and those that did not agree with them as bolters and representing minority views.

"Mr. Bryan, for example, has been consorting largely with populists and ex-silver republicans and with a few democrats known to favor radicalism and innovations on democratic policy. It is scarcely to be wondered at then, that he has 'stood pat,' believing that he had the people with him.

"But he found a different situation in the national democratic convention. He found that these so-called reorganizers or bolters or whatever he might have chosen in an idle hour to call them, to hold voluntary commissions, from all the democratic states and those states where the democrats had a living chance to win, to restore the old democratic creed and to ignore those states represented by him, which are all rough-riders and free riot states and which the democrats could never carry except in a revolution like that of 1896.

"Mr. Bryan is too astute a politician to longer fight against fate, or rather against the democratic party. He has permitted himself to be misled, as others permitted themselves to be misled by a handful of satellites who revolved around him, knowing that they could not revolve around the fortress of the old democratic faith that has added so many brilliant pages to American history and that will add other splendid annals to the country's chronicles just as surely as the American people are democratic in spirit and republican in their institutions.

"Democracy now has a hopeful chance of winning, not only in the impending election, but in every election, and if it does not win, it is simply because in the eternal fitness of things, the enduring and saving wis-

dom of democratic government is to be reserved yet a little longer for some grave and overwhelming crisis."

### WAR OF THE WEATHER MEN.

Willis Moore, head of the meteorological or weather department of the United States, has begun a war on the private weather forecasters throughout the country, and has issued several stinging circulars concerning their work and its results upon the community.

In the first place the government weather reports and forecasts are not infallible, although all the known paraphernalia and facilities are at the command of the department. In the second place several of the great private concerns are constantly more accurate and make better forecasts, than can be had elsewhere.

This success of scientific conscience has caused a jealousy to spring up between the two classes of forecasters with the result that they are now engaged in a war for prestige with the people.

The government forecaster claims that it is detrimental to communities to publish storm forecasts of any community in advance, as it might influence business, or have a tendency to unsettle conditions.

Therefore the government mutes its words and keeps silence in this subject to a large extent, where Hicks and other weather forecasters make their predictions known a year in advance, with fairly good results.

If it is science, let us have more of it. The world is willing to accept the inevitable. No stolid silence of the government weather bureau can avert storms, and if the people know that storm periods are due months in advance, they will prepare for them, plant crops to suit conditions, make calculations ahead in their business affairs and will be benefited by such knowledge, if it is a scientific knowledge, based on truthful experiments and genuine science.

Too much knowledge cannot hurt any community, where its very welfare depends on the widest knowledge. As long as forecasts do not take on the color of fiction, or sensation, they are beneficial. Stockmen learn to respect the weather forecaster, just as he respects other scientists who speak authoritatively on the different questions of life and business.

Conditions are changing in nature, every year. Storm centers and storm belts vary each year, and it is a beneficial knowledge which enables men in business, especially in farm and stock business, to follow these changes. The government publications are issued at such rare intervals, with so much red tape and assumed pomp, that the season affected is past before such reports can reach the people.

There is a demand for knowledge, and the jealousy of government forecasters will not have the effect of reducing the people's faith in scientific weather prediction, although it may result in giving the ponderous and prosaic reports of the government a second place in public interest.

There is a growing desire among all classes of people for a peep into the future. Mystery arouses a deeper interest in men's minds than ever before. If it were possible, or the human mind to read its future destiny, no matter how horrible that fate might be, there are those who would cheerfully look upon it, and be content to suffer the pangs, in order to get the knowledge.

The object of enlightened progress is knowledge. If the people are not to be benefited materially, by the advance of science, of what use are the self-sacrificing efforts of those who are giving up their lives to research?

Tell us more about the weather. Had Heppner received a vivid warning in advance of her disaster of a year ago, how many lives would have been lost! The more direct and specific the information given by the forecasters, the better for the people.

The assessment of New York for 1904 shows a reduction of over four billion dollars in personal property. Real estate values have increased and the amount assessed is greater than the year before. The rich householders have sworn away four billions of property. Where will the taxes come from, to make up the deficit? From the poor man with the little home and the holdings that cannot be hidden, of course.

Within the past year the number of large corporations organized under the New Jersey law, has increased from 11,120 to over 12,000, showing the faith the trusts have in the perpetuity of their reign.

### MAXIMITE.

Maximite differs from dynamite byddite, nitroglycerine, gun cotton and other highly explosive compounds in that it is less easily exploded and, therefore, much safer to handle and carry aboard a war vessel. It is also more deadly in its work, for a shell loaded with it does not explode until

after it has penetrated or become imbedded in the object at which it was aimed.

### MYSTERY OF AFRICAN LAKE.

A recent report by Consul Skinner on a visit to Abyssinia gives interesting particulars regarding a curious and little known body of water. It is called Lake Assal, has an immense supply of good salt and holds out exceptional prospects to capitalists. A concession has already been granted for the exploitation of the salt.

Lake Assal is a small body of salt water lying seven or eight miles inland from the bay of Tadjoura, one of the French possessions in East Africa. It comprises only about 16 square miles.

It is surrounded by a wonderful confusion of jagged mountains, descending to the water's edge, so that it is almost impossible to travel around it. Its waters are salt to the point of saturation, and at its lowest level there is seen upon its bank a layer of nearly pure salt over a foot thick.

For years nobody knew whence it derived its water. The few men who visited it could not ascertain that any stream flows into it. It was thought that the lake probably had subterranean affluents.

The mystery of Lake Assal was solved in 1885 by the French explorer Henry Audon. He carefully examined the shores, though he found it very difficult. His hard work was at last rewarded by a murmur of a waterfall. Guided by the sound he approached the spot and the solution of the enigma before him. He found a large brook of crystalline water foaming over the stones and throwing itself impetuously into the lake. He tasted the water and found it as salt as the ocean, of which indeed it had been a part.

Lake Assal lies considerably below the surface of the sea. It has been ascertained that the water that pours into it comes from three brooks, which flow from the Gubbet al Karab, a little bay at the extreme western end of the Bay of Tadjoura.

The waters of the Indian ocean are carried inland to fill this depression in the interior, and when they reach Lake Assal they are about 400 feet below the level of the sea. From time to time the salt has been carried by caravans as far inland as Menelik's capital.

Perhaps there are only two other instances known of water flowing inland through brooks from the sea. Both these brooks are in the island of Cephalonia in the Ionian sea, west of Greece.

They were on the southwest side of the island, near the small town and port of Argostoli. For a little way they flow near one another straight from the sea and then follow different courses. Both streams finally disappear in the ground, probably reaching some subterranean reservoir whose waters perhaps again reach the sea through fissures in the rocks.

There is no tide in the sea here and the flow of the salt water streams is perfectly steady and continuous.

### WATER AS A MEDICINE.

Drink a glass of water when you get out of bed in the morning. Never mind the size of the glass. Let the water be cold if you will. Some people prescribe hot water, but that isn't necessary.

You may have washed your face already and relished the experience. You may have taken a cold plunge into the tub and delighted in the shock and its reaction. The brisk use of the tooth brush has left your mouth clean and the breath sweet. But you are dirty still. Drink a glass of cold water and enjoy the sensation of being clean inside.

All that is luxurious in the cold bath cleansing the outside is artificial. That which should prompt the glass of water after sleeping is natural. As a test, tell the 9-year-old protestant against his morning scrub of cold water that he may escape it by drinking half a pint of the fluid. He will jump at the opportunity.

Sleep has drawn upon the water in the blood, and the instinct of the animal, under natural conditions, is to replenish the circulatory system and distend the blood vessels anew. The food in the stomach, which had so much to do toward inducing sleep has disappeared, leaving a mucous substance in the alimentary canal. Yet man would wash his face and leave these half-clogged canals to the duties of another day.

Drink a glass of cold water in the name of cleanliness. It becomes one of the shortest and easiest of toilet duties. It is swallowed in a second and in five minutes it has passed from the stomach, taking with it the clogging secretions of the alimentary tract. It has left behind the stimulus that goes with cold water and, by filling the arterial system to the normal in puts a spurt to the circulation that has grown sluggish in the night. It is one of the greatest awakeners and one of nature's own stimulants.

Drink a glass of water before breakfast, another before luncheon and another before dinner. Water is the best, cheapest and pleasantest medicine.—Chicago Tribune.

### HOPE.

The good times is just over yonder  
 Where the light in the clear heaven  
 shines;  
 The little birds are singing,  
 The glad bells are ringing,  
 And the wind whispers sweet to  
 the vines!

There is never the ghost of a sorrow,  
 And love is really sweet,  
 And heaven seems so near  
 That the angels we hear  
 And their songs in our hearts we  
 repeat!

The souls that through trouble have  
 striven,  
 They rise to an infinite height;  
 Love-gifted and strong,  
 With no sigh in their song,  
 They dream in the lilies and light!

The deep wings of peace brood above  
 them,  
 And never a thorn's in the sod;  
 They pass to the glory  
 Of heaven's old story,  
 The beautiful gardens of God!  
 —Atlanta Constitution.

### RED TAPE AND THE WAIF.

The red tape which ties up the administration of public charities in New York has had no better illustration than in the case of the waif found by the little Italian girl, Josephine Rugelo, in the hallway of her tenement home.

This baby, discarded by its own mother, was regarded by this "little mother" of 12 years as hers by right of her discovery. She loved it and she wanted it. Her father and mother, good simple folk, caught the infection of her fondness. They were poor, with seven children of their own, but felt themselves able to take one more mouth to feed. They declared themselves ready to adopt the baby legally. The father of the child is unknown. The mother is a 17-year-old Jewish girl who showed so gross a lack of maternal instinct that she inspired the contempt of her fellow-prisoners. She was willing to rid herself of the baby in any way. Yet the magistrate, who inclined to turn the baby over to the Rugelos, sentenced the mother and child to Randall's island for six months. Why?

Because it was pointed out to him by the Charities officials that the waif, born out of wedlock of a Jewish woman and a man whose faith—if he had any—no one knows, could not be given to a Catholic Italian family. The religious properties would be outraged!

So the baby is condemned to Randall's island, to the care of an unnatural mother and a probable future of institutionalism, instead of to the decent home where love and tenderness awaited it. If this is "charity," heaven save the mark!—New York World.

An express and passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad west of Altoona, had just passed a precipitous hill saturated by heavy rains, when a slide occurred which buried the four railroad tracks for a distance of 50 yards. Dirt was thrown upon the last car of the retreating train.

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The cause of Eczema is a too acid condition of the blood. The terrifying itching and burning are produced by the overflow through the glands and pores of the skin of the fiery poisons with which the blood-current is overloaded. While

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