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RELIGIOUS CONVENTION REPUDIATES DOCTRINE OF HELL FIRE

Glen Echo.—The hot mid-summer convention of the International Bible Students at Glen Echo Park, Washington, D. C., in passing their now famous resolution, made so big a noise about "Hell-Fire and Brimstone" that the old ecclesiastical line-up was thoroughly routed and put to flight, and an entirely new formation of forces is now in the making. It surely was a big gun that was fired from Glen Echo into the camp of the stand-patters, and the noise will echo and re-echo throughout the ecclesiastical heavens for some time to come.

Gen. Wm. P. Hall, U. S. A., a brave Indian fighter of the past, in calling for the public repudiation of the hell-fire theory, claimed that to do so would create a situation in America that would enable thousands of ministers to publicly declare what they freely admit privately. The desired repudiation was made and the general spontaneous response from ministers of all denominations vindicates the general as an excellent tactician.

Canon Henson of Westminster Abbey, in confirming repudiation of the eternal torment doctrine of the "dark ages," said: "I think the American religious public is generations behind us, although I don't say that individual American divines aren't the equals of ours."

The famous R. J. Campbell, of London, representing the Non-Conformist view, said: "This seems to me to be a very belated pronouncement I don't know any clergyman here who believes in eternal punishment; nor do I think any educated clergyman has done so for many years."

Rev. Arthur L. Odell, a St. Louis pastor, said: "I do not know of any Presbyterian minister who believes or preaches this idea. Of course, this literal hell was an idea widely held in earlier years, but the church is breaking away from many of the conceptions of past ages."

Archbishop Glennon, although evading the direct questions, leaves the impression that the Catholic clergy no longer believes in literal hell. He said, "It's too hot to talk about such a subject today. As to wether Catholic clergymen preach hell-fire, I will say that we preach the faith, and our faith is the faith of the church."

Rev. David S. Phelan, editor "Western Watchman," stated: "Catholic priests do not preach a hell of fire. The church has not taken a definite position on the subject."

Rev. Dr. James W. Lee, of the Methodist Episcopal church South, stated: "I do not believe in a fire-and-brimstone hell, and I think I have never heard but one sermon in which that belief was expressed, and that was down in Georgia years ago."

Rabbi Adolph Rosentretes is quoted as saying with emphasis: "The resolution passed by the Bible Students at Washington ought to have been passed 1500 years ago. I do not believe in a literal hell of fire, of course. Orthodox Jews do not hold that idea."

The "Christian Leader and Way" prints the following: "The American Association of Bible Study has solemnly stated that there is no hell. A conference of English ministers has adopted the same view. A few days ago the Ministerial Association of Marietta solemnly promulgated or indorsed a like doctrine. In other words, the authorities of the Christian churches seem to agree that the old Biblical conception of a hell of unending torment, of fire and brimstone, is illogical and untruthful."

Pastor Russel of London and Brooklyn Tabernacles says: "If the Bible does teach that eternal torture is the fate of all except the saints, it should be preached, yes, thundered, weely, daily, hourly. If it does not so teach, the fact should be made known and the foul stain dishonoring God's holy name removed."

Until the passing of the Washington resolution few ministers could safely publicly repudiate the hell-fire error, lest they be charged by other ministers with seeking personal noteriety, as a sort of unwritten code of ethics in ministerial associations forbids individual action on this and kindred matters. Now that the theological atmosphere has been cleared of a discrediting and deterring fallacy the by many that strained Christians, and by many that strained hristians, and possibly some skeptics, may be regained to denominational activities.

The resolution as adopted in Washington follows:

Resolved: That it is the sense of the International Bible Students delegates here assembled, that we do not find the Bible to teach the doctrine of a literal "hell-fire" or place of "fire and brimstone" for the punishment of the wicked; but that secular history of the formation of the creeds of the middle ages reveals the fact that for various reasons, either wisely or unwisely, the doctrine of torment in "hell-fire" was added to the Gospels not by Jesus and the twelve apostles, necessitating many ridiculous interpretations of the Lord's parables; we therefore now unreservedly repudiate as thoroughly unscriptural the teaching of a place, state or condition of a literal "lake of fire and brimstone" for the torment of the wicked; and, further, we believe from many personal testimonials that the vast majority of ministers of all protestant denominations have privately repudiated the "hell-fire" theory, but have for supposedly good reasons hesitated to fully inform their congregations; and, further, we believe, on this account thousands and perhaps tens of thousands are being driven into skepticism or infidelity; therefore, it is further

Resolved: That we appeal to every minister in the United States, to publish in his local newspaper, over his own signature, a statement declaring whether or not he believes the Bible to teach the doctrine of a literal lake of fire and brimstone as a place, state or condition for the eternal punishment of the wicked, and that every editor of a newspaper in the United States be requested to invite the ministers of his constituency to avail themselves of his columns for their statements. We believe that in this one act, they can just now serve their readers better than in any other way; and be it further

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After a general and full discussion, the matter was put to a vote, and unanimously adopted by the association.

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