

MODERNITY

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton, little Miss Janet Hampton celebrated her fourth birthday last Monday afternoon. A number of little folks were bidden, and a delightful time was spent by them playing parlor and floor games, while their mothers busied themselves with their needlework. Mrs. Hampton was assisted during the afternoon by Miss Gladys Hampton and Miss Marie Lill. Those present were Miss Agnes Luckey, Miss Winifred Griffin, Miss Claire Gilbert, Miss Ardis Roberts, Miss Margaret Farrington, Miss Ruth Holt, Master John Bean, Master Boynton Goodpasture, Master Kenneth Lawrence. The mothers present were Mrs. W. G. Gilstrap, Mrs. Zimmer, Mrs. T. B. Luckey, Mrs. Drew Griffin, Mrs. Otho Roberts, Mrs. A. E. Farrington, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Louis Bean, Mrs. Goodpasture Mrs. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Allen entertained the Monday Evening Whist club at their home on Ferry street this week. The prizes at cards were won by Mrs. Darwin Bristow and Mr. Archie Livermore. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wetherbee were the guests of the evening. The next meeting of the club will be with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alexander.

Last Wednesday evening the husbands of the Priscilla club ladies gave a banquet in honor of their wives. The banquet was served at the Hoffman house, and the table had been delightfully decorated with red carnations, the club colors. After an elaborate dinner the guests went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Griggs, where cards were indulged in till a late hour. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Schwering, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. McClaine. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwering, Prof. and Mrs. W. P. Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Peter, Dr. and Mrs. Scalfie, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roberts, Mrs. George McClain and Mrs. E. L. Fisher.

The Tuesday Evening Whist club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Goldsmith on East 11th street, Tuesday evening. At cards the ladies' prize was won by Mrs. L. R. Edmunson, and the gentlemen's by Dr. H. L. Studley. Mr. Goldsmith was assisted in serving by her two daughters, Miss Frieda and Miss Meta Goldsmith. The guests of the club were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ehrhardt, Mr. and Mrs. George Nettie, and Mrs. Lilly.

Mrs. Amos Wilkins was the hostess to the Wednesday afternoon Whist club this week. Mrs. Darwin Bristow and Mrs. E. C. Hughes were present as guests of the club. The prize winner was Mrs. Chas. Littlefield. Mrs. J. M. Williams will be the next hostess to the club.

On Thursday afternoon the Thursday Charity Club met with Mrs. P. E. Snodgrass at her home on West 9th street, Needlework and cards filled a delightful afternoon after which delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Snodgrass. The guest of the club was Mrs. J. W. Hobbs. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. B. L. Bogart on Pearl street.

One of the most delightful meetings of the Priscilla Club was held on Thursday afternoon at the beautiful new home of Mrs. Henry Schwering on the corner of 12th and Ferry streets. Needlework and cards were present, the meeting was specially enjoyable. Mrs. Bert Vincent assisted Mrs. Schwering in serving a dainty luncheon. The guests of the club were Mrs. L. S. Hill, (Cottage Grove), Mrs. L. Studley, Mrs. W. G. Allen, Mrs. W. C. Barbour, Mrs. Hugh Hampton, Mrs. Henry Hollenbeck, Mrs. McDougal, Mrs. Harry Keeney and Mrs. Darwin Yorlan.

The Aid society of the Central Presbyterian church met at the church parlors on Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. M. Elspass, Mrs. Haskell, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Gross as hostesses. After a short business session, the afternoon was spent socially during which light refreshments were served.

The Thimble Club ladies spent a pleasant afternoon with Mrs. Robert McMurphy at her home on North Willamette Street Thursday afternoon. Needlework and conversation filled several hours, after which Mrs. McMurphy and her daughter, Miss Elsie, served refreshments. The guests of the club were Miss Cora Linn, (Jacksonville), Mrs. S. J. Wilson and Mrs. Jessup, (Salem).

FADS AND FASHIONS

(By Catherine Mann-Payant.)
New York, March 5.—This is the time of the year when the women, who believe in being "fore-handed" as they say "down east," begins her search for the newest ideas and materials for the blouse and lingerie waists. In spite of the predictions to the contrary, and the rivalry of the one-piece gown the blouse and lingerie waist persists to be.

One of the novelties of the season owes its origin to the Russian influence now so popular in other lines of fashion. The bordered materials are used more than all others for the Russian blouse which shows a side-front closing from neck to lower edge of the skirt portion. The bordering is used over the straight side-opening, as a belt and at the low

edge of the attached skirt portion. When made of white material lace or embroidery bands are effectively used. The bordered materials are by far the prettiest goods for this mode, and many very lovely bordered goods are offered this spring in all the new cotton fabrics. A dainty Jacquard batiste in white had a border of white covered with narrow green lines.

The side-front opening is one of the popular developments in the lingerie waist as well as in the whole piece frock. Many varieties of this idea are to be seen in the shops. There are those fastened under a band of lace or embroidery, and the center of the front finished in tabs which lap over on the left side under which is a side Jabot of lace. Each tab and the front is decorated with small motifs of embroidery. Often both sides of the waist correspond in modes of trimming with the one exception of this side-Jabot of lace or net or chiffon.

That these waists are convenient by an opening under this left side is a mistake, upon investigation one finds for the most part they fasten in the back with tiny buttons and button-holes placed under a broad plait.

Again in many of the waists there is a distinct contrast between the left and the right side. A waist of fine cream marquisette was made with tiny tucks over the shoulders for the sake of necessary fullness. A band of embroidery outline a shallow tucked yoke and was carried down on the left side. Between the

ROBSON-BELMONT MATCH UNITES ART WITH WEALTH AND POWER.



The Robson-Belmont match united one of the most charming actresses on the American stage with the possessor of a great fortune and one of America's ablest financiers. Miss Belmont was born in Wigan, England, and is about thirty years old. Mr. Belmont is fifty-six years old and the head of August Belmont & Co., the American representatives of the Rothschilds. By his first wife, who died in 1888, he had three sons.

tucks and this band on the right side was an embroidery design while the left side was finished with a lace jabot.

The first showing of the new tailored madras waists show colored stripes. They are made in mannish style with cuffs, tucks and bands. A number of plain madras waists are decorated in bands of Bulgarian embroidery which is being used a good deal just now for the purpose.

A good deal of all-over embroidery is being used in the construction of the new lingerie waists. Sometimes the whole waist is made of it, sometimes just the front and again it is the yoke, or cuffs and bands and belt. They are extremely effective when made of fine material done in a fine pattern.

Marquisette and cotton crepe are to be used to a large extent for the separate waist and are trimmed in colored embroidery bands. The Bulgarian embroidery is to be found on the crepes. An example of the marquisette waist was tucked all over with tiny stripes between each tuck of blue feather or coral stitching.

The crossbarred, striped or checkered muslin or batistes are often very plain in construction, but are embroidered with a tiny flower, dots or geometrical design with in the block or between the stripes.

Sleeves are no longer plain and many varieties of cut and decoration are shown. One new style showed on medium sized puff half-way down the upper arm below which was a band of black jetted lace, below this was a small elbow puff gathered into a deep cuff of the black lace. Whatever fullness appears in these new sleeves, however, is closely held in place by band of embroidery or lace, so that nothing bouffant is hinted at. As has been said before in these letters a great care must be given in the matter of elbow puffs as they are apt to increase the size of the waist.

A pretty little voil waist had three-quarter length sleeves, the fullness being caught by lace bands both above and below the elbow. The front of the waist was trimmed with a band of the lace and a side jabot and an embroidered design finished the right edge.

A number of sleeves are a combination of all over embroidery and tiny narrow puffs the puffs being set in on the embroidery. At present the long sleeve prevails; in the summer the sleeve is likely to shorten, as the neck is to be finished without the high collar.

NEW LODGE OF ROYAL NEIGHBORS IS ORGANIZED

Ladies' Auxiliary to the Modern Woodmen Now in Existence With Forty Members

One of the most inspiring and notable events in local lodge history, occurred last evening at the K. of P. hall on Willamette street. Mrs. Ellen M. Getchell of Corvallis, district deputy for the Royal Neighbors, had the pleasure of organizing a new camp of the R. N. A. for Eugene. Although in Eugene only two weeks, she has secured forty charter members and a goodly number of transfer members.

The camp was organized with the following officers: Oracle, Nettie McKinney; Vice-oracle, Nora Dixon; chancellor, Minnie Lindley; recorder, Edna Condon; receiver, Adaline Newman; marshal, Laura Chamberlain; assistant marshal, Maude Adkins; inner sentinel, Mary Bell; outer sentinel, Willie Butte; managers, Fred Welsh, Helen Chamberlain, Louise Bowers; physicians, Drs. B. F. Scalfie and L. E. McDougal; musician, Pearl Lindley.

The degree team was organized and instructed in floor work for a short time. In recognition of the faithful work done by Mrs. Getchell in Eugene, as organizer, the camp chose as its name, Getchell Camp, R. N. A. The charter will be kept open

MISS GWENDOLYN BURDEN

New York Heiress Expected to Marry Russian Nobleman.



finest and best in the city and we are all proud of it. The membership as a whole deserves much credit for the enterprise and thrift and it stands as a monument of fraternal enterprise, home energy and home capital. The total cost was near \$13,000, the furniture alone costing \$700.

Oasis lodge No. 41, was instituted September 11, 1872, and the only surviving resident charter member is W. S. Lee.

JOHN W. STARR WAS PIONEER MERCHANT

Special Correspondence.
Junction City, March 5.—John W. Starr died at his home at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Starr was for years a leading merchant of this place, retiring from business about six years ago. His daughter, Miss Minnie Starr, is seriously sick at the home of her brother, Charles W. Starr, in Eugene.

Saved A Soldier's Life.

Facing death from shot and shell in the civil war was more agreeable to J. A. Stone, of Kemp, Tex., than facing it from what doctors said was consumption. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough, that stuck to me in spite of all remedies for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. I now weigh 178 pounds." For coughs, colds, L. Grippe, Asthma, Hemorrhage, Hoarseness, Croup, Whooping Cough and lung trouble, its supreme. 50c. \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by W. A. Kuykendall Drug Co.

PLEASANT HILL NEWS.

Special Correspondence.
Pleasant Hill, March 2.—More than the usual amount of grain will be sown this spring owing to the continued rains which prevented the regular fall and winter sowing. Some very early sown grain has winter killed and will have to be re-sown.

Wm. Alterberry left last week for southern California where he will make his home with a nephew.

Mrs. M. M. Gilbert and children returned yesterday to Tangent after two weeks' visit with relatives here and at Goshen.

Sam Baughman has gone to Oakland, Cal. where he will study electrical engineering, and will probably return a full-fledged "Teck."

Mr. and Mrs. Sluss have moved to Dr. Thatcher's farm, where they will assist in running that place in connection with their own.

Horace Goodman returned yesterday from San Francisco, with his bride, formerly Miss Flora Klugo.

The central telephone service for Farmers' lines continues extremely unsatisfactory, particularly through Springfield, owing no doubt to the old equipment in use there.

Clinton Willard, and Gilbert Shelley, have, through their guardian, W. H. Horney, brought back their old home place of 109 acres, and will take possession next fall as soon as the present lease expires.

Mrs. Linton is home from Grants Pass, after a long visit with relatives there.

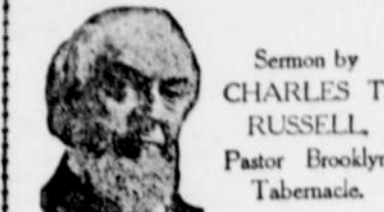
Mrs. R. A. Drury and Mrs. Fred Cook are visiting in Eugene this week.

Over 20 pupils are now in attendance at the High school and great interest continues in all classes.

A Neighbor of Yours.
As well as yourself is liable at any time to have rheumatism. We're all liable to have cuts or burns, bruises or scalds, crack in the back, neck or side—some kind of an ache or pain. Then heed this advice and tell your neighbors—Ballard's Snow Lintiment relieves all aches and pains, and heals all wounds. Sold by Dillon Drug Co.

A falling tiny nerve—no larger than the finest silken thread—takes from the heart its impulse, its power, its regularity. The stomach also has its hidden, or inside nerve. It was Dr. Shoop who first told us it was wrong to drug a weak or falling Stomach, Heart or Kidneys. His five—is directed straight for the cause of these ailments—these weak and faltering inside nerves. This, no doubt, clearly explains why the Restorative has of late grown so rapidly in popularity. Druggists say that those who test the Restorative even for a few days soon become convinced of its wonderful merit. Anyway, don't drug the organ. Treat the cause of sickness in the only sensible and successful way. Sold by Yerington's Drug Store.

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Brooklyn Tabernacle, March 6.—Pastor Russell preached twice here today. His discourse on "Inferno" was delivered in Brooklyn's largest Auditorium, the Academy of Music, which was overcrowded. It was estimated in advance that this subject would draw a larger crowd than the Tabernacle would accommodate. The other meetings of the day were held in the Tabernacle. We report Pastor Russell's discourse from the text foregoing, as follows:—

It is difficult to please everybody. The duty of a Christian minister is to seek chiefly to please the Lord. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm xix, 14). Our ministerial friends seem to be annoyed because we preach the "doctrines" of Christ. In substance, their sentiment is: Brother Russell, do you not know that in the fashionable topics of our day doctrines are tabooed by the great ministers of all denominations? Instead, as you perceive from the newspaper announcements, it is now quite the thing to discuss political, scientific and sociological doctrines. You should give the public lectures on subjects like these: Social Democracy; Rapid Transit in Brooklyn, from the text, "My shall run to and fro"; Female Suffrage; The Boys' Brigade; The Best Novel of the Year; The Narrow Way of the Bicycle Rider; Will the Comet Sweep the Earth With Its Tail; Can Football Survive, etc.; or occasionally, for effect, gently rake the rich on better housing for the poor, or belabor the Trusts for soaring prices of food. Such topics as these, Brother Russell, interest the Christian public in our day. And the public constitute our principal congregations when we lift our largest collections. The only people who will be interested in the doctrines you are preaching are the old fogey, out-of-date folk, and you will find the majority of them poor in this world's riches. For pity's sake stop teaching the "doctrines of Christ!" Doctrines were good enough in the days of Jesus and Paul and Calvin and Luther and Wesley, but the people are not accustomed to them nowadays.

I have no fault to find with my Christian brethren in the ministry of the various denominations. It is not to me, but to the Lord, that they must give an account of their stewardship of their grand opportunities for declaring the Gospel of Christ. To their own Master they must stand or fall. It is not for me to forbid them because they follow not with us. It is for each one who stands as an ambassador of Christ and of God to follow his own convictions faithfully. Besides, I am assured that many of them are loyal to the core.

It is my understanding that, as a minister of the Gospel, I should take for my guide in this matter the instructions of my ordination. Like St. Paul my ordination to preach the Gospel was from the Lord. I must preach the message which I believe he has given me (I Timothy II, 7). As his ambassador I must preach the Word following the example of the Lord and the Apostles. As they avoided politics, so must I. As they avoided vain philosophy and "science falsely so called," so must I. As they preached the doctrines of Christ, so must I—whether men hear or forbear to hear. I remember the words of St. Paul to Timothy: "Preach the Word, . . . with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own preferences they shall gather teachers to themselves; having itching ears they shall turn away their ears from the Truth and shall be turned unto fables" (II Timothy IV, 2-4).

There is a Reason.

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Doctrines of Christ Versus Doctrines of Men.

Whoever will do the will of My Father which is in heaven shall know of My doctrine, which is in heaven and the traditions of the ancients (John vi, 17; Mark vi, 13; I Peter i, 18).

faisehood; and into Theosophy and Spiritism, the deceptions of the fallen angels—demonism? How comes it that all these unscriptural theories now flourish, whereas only a century ago God's Word was respected and its doctrines were studied by Christian people of various and conflicting creeds? The answer is that with the increasing light of our day the creeds of the past are seen to be fallacious, irrational, by all who use their thinking apparatus. The leaders in the various Churches discovered this in advance of their flocks. They promptly and reverently set their creeds on a high shelf where the people might not so particularly notice their flaws, but might continue their reverence for them, until gradually their attention would be drawn aside and their hope and faith transplanted to Evolutionary soil or Theosophic and Spiritualistic child's play.

With the decline of Christian doctrines, including heart union with Christ and an understanding of its terms and conditions, Churchianity came in, to take the place of Christianity. Today the pride of all denominational centers, not in their doctrines, but in their institutions. The people are no longer exhorted to hold fast to the doctrines of Methodism, Calvinism, etc., but to hold fast to the System. They are no longer encouraged to think of their system as being the only one, outside of which there would be no salvation, but they are encouraged to cultivate a partisan spirit, which takes pride in their organization, its wealth, the value of its church property, the largeness of its collections, the grandeur of its music, the wisdom, learning and ability of its preachers, and the fashion and wealth of its constituency.

It is not our wish to offer a single unkind or unbrotherly criticism. It is our duty and privilege, however, to point out that the creed doctrines of the various denominations, now set on the shelf as too frail and imperfect to stand handling and investigation, are not and never were the doctrines of Christ and the Apostles. It is our duty and pleasure to show forth to Christian people to the extent of our ability that the teachings of the Bible, the doctrines of Christ, are grand, noble, reasonable, "worthy of all acceptance." To the extent that we succeed in doing this we are bringing back straying Christians from the deceptive bog of Evolution and Higher-Criticism to the firm foundation, the solid rock of Truth—God's Word.

"The Wounds of a Friend."

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend" is the Divine assurance. We cannot, therefore, better show our friendship and Christian love to our brethren than by pulling down from the shelf their revered creeds and allowing them to fall in pieces beyond repair. If every church could be thus induced to pull down its creed-Idol, the present Laodicean stage of the Church would speedily come to its end, as suggested by our Lord. Then, instead of feeling themselves rich and increased in goods and having need of nothing, our dear Christian brethren of all denominations would realize the meaning of our Lord's words—that Churchianity as a whole today is poor and naked and miserable and wretched and blind (Revelation III, 14-22). As Christians of all denominations we have cause of rejoicing that we have outgrown the truncheoned creeds of the past and that we can no longer wrap ourselves comfortably in the narrow bigotry of error. The Lord caused this to be written in the long ago through the prophets, saying, "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it" (Isaiah xxviii, 20). If in connection with this growth which has come to us and by which we have nobler conceptions than had our forefathers of the rights of man under the Golden Rule, it is a transition has been accompanied by a great falling away into Higher-Criticism, Infidelity, Evolution, etc., nevertheless even those errors are in many respects preferable to the blindness and bigotry. Happy are we, dear friends, if the eyes of our understanding being opened, our hearts are led to a closer walk with God, a more careful and prayerful study of his Word, and to a subsequent growth in grace and in the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Do some inquire for clearer specification respecting the features of the creeds put upon the shelf, which we think should be no longer cared for, but allowed to fall? We answer that of course there are good features in all of our creeds—truths which will never fall. But with these truths are mixed the errors which are, as the Proverbial says, "Dead flies [that] cause the ointment to stink" (Ecclesiastes x, 1). There is plenty more of the ointment in God's Word. It is indeed the "balm of Gilead" and pure—without the corrupting fly of error. This is what we Higher-Criticism infidelity and into the Evolution theory, which makes void the Word of God; and into Christian Science, which puts a premium on

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I give an illustration: Those of us who are Calvinistic may well hold fast to some of the precious Scripture teachings so long revered, but we want to cast out quickly and effectively the gross error which teaches that all the non-elect, instead of having hope for a blessing through "the elect," are to be everlastingly tormented. Those of us who are Arminian in doctrine have much that is precious, but need also to cast away from us the thought that our loving Heavenly Father is merely good-intentioned and lacks the power, the ability, to make his benevolent desires effective towards any except a small handful of humanity. Our Disciple friends should cast aside the thought contained in their teachings that only the water-immersed experience forgiveness of sins and reconciliation to God and salvation from eternal torment. Similarly those of us who are Baptists, while holding to the precious truths which so long have comforted and strengthened us, should insist now on casting away as unscriptural and irrational the thought that has long perplexed us, namely, that no others than the water-immersed could be members of the Church of Christ, heirs of glory, and be saved from damnation. Once we get these absurdities removed, not only from our heads and hearts, but also from our professions, we shall be ready and anxious to have the doctrines of Christ on these subjects. Then we will search the Word and have God's blessing in finding harmonies. "He that seeketh God will find him, and he that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew vii, 8). But so long as we hold to the fallacies how can we seek or pray for or find the Truth?

The Value of Doctrines.

The word doctrine signifies teaching. The teachings of Christ, therefore, are the teachings of Christ; the doctrines of men, the teachings of men. What the Church needs today is, to receive into good and honest hearts afresh the doctrines of Jesus and the Apostles—allowing those to displace the doctrines which Christendom now holds but distaste, and which were formulated in a time of less light than the present. Instead, therefore, of discouraging each other in respect to the study of the doctrines of Christ, we should, as Christians, become more earnest in the study every day, hoping and expecting that in the wonderful light of our day God would be able to make clear our understanding the harmonious interpretations of his Word. We should study to find the relationship between Election and Free Grace. We should clearly understand what is meant by baptism and what kind of baptism is necessary for our inclusion into the Body of Christ as members. On every line we should be looking for the harmonies, instead of rejoicing in the errors which have long divided us into hundreds of sects and parties.

However, in some respects sectarian energy is better than federated death. Might we not even say that if all the creeds were dashed to pieces and each Christian stood forth unshackled as respects denominational bonds, the result would be a great improvement so far as individual thought, study, and relationship to God would be concerned? In a word, each Christian should have his own creed, his individual faith; and none should do more or less than to assist his mind to a better understanding of the Word of the Lord in respect to every subject.

Doctrines of Men.

All doctrines which cannot show a foundation and full authority in the teaching of Jesus and the Apostles and Prophets, are doctrines of men. The teachings from above come to us through heaven-appointed channels. The jargon which prevails in Christendom in respect to Christian doctrines proves that they are of human origin. The Scriptures alone furnish to us

The Doctrines of Christ.

Briefly stated they declare, "To us there is one God, the Father, and one Lord, Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians vi, 6). To us there is one Holy Spirit; to us there is "one Church of the Living God, whose names are written in heaven"; to us there is "one Lord and one faith and one baptism; one God and Father of all" (Ephesians iv, 4-6). However impossible these statements may have appeared during the "dark ages," they are no longer so. The light of Divine Truth is now shining. God has not only put into our possession wonderful Bibles, and wonderful helps for Bible-study, but has also given us the ability to read, to study the Word critically. And he has pleased now to assure us through the prophet that we are living in the time when "the wise shall understand" the "mysteries" which could not be understood by us with God's eternal purposes.

What, then, dear friends, shall we do? Shall we float on ingloriously, daily, hourly coming closer and closer to the great cataclysm which is swallowing up so many now in infidelity, called Higher-Criticism? Or shall we accept God's Helping Hand, the doctrines of Christ, and know the Truth and be made free from the error and be brought into fellowship with our Redeemer on the highest plane? Let us, as the "wise virgins" of our Lord's parable, wake from sleep and trim our lamps, and, in the light thereof, see God's wonderful riches of glory as they stand revealed on the threshold of the New Dispensation—the Millennial reign of Christ!

In conclusion: Our Lord admonishes us along the lines of this discourse as follows: "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and when thou mayest be rich, and thou shalt not appear; and ancient thine eyes shall be opened, and thou shalt see thyself as thou art" (Revelation III, 18).