

# SOCIETY

At their home on Pearl street Tuesday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Studley entertained a number of their friends. Whist formed the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Lilly winning the ladies' first prize and Mr. Ehrhardt the gentlemen's, while the second prizes were won by Mrs. Laraway and Mrs. Metcalf. The decorations of the room consisted of violets. In serving Mrs. Frank Page and Miss Helen Studley assisted the hostess. The guests of the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Laraway, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Yoran, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Travis, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Edmundson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hollenbeck, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Peter, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Richardt, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. David Link, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mink, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hadden, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Willoughby, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wetherbee, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kaye, Mrs. Adelaide Lilley and Miss Martha Schooling.

Mrs. Jessie Van Sooy was the guest of honor at a social gathering on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. A. R. Sweetzer was the hostess at the cosy home on South Willamette street.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. E. E. Mink was a delightful hostess to a number of her friends at her home on West Seventh street. The entertainment consisted in making tissue flowers. Mrs. Lee Travis was awarded the prize for making the most perfect chrysanthemum while Mrs. Page was given the consolation. Mrs. Mink was assisted in serving by Mrs. Archie Livermore and Mrs. Frank Page. The guests were: Mrs. F. J. Hard, Mrs. Lee Travis, Mrs. Seth Laraway, Mrs. A. T. Cockerline, Mrs. Studley, Mrs. Wm. Kuykendall, Mrs. Julius Goldsmith, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Mrs. Chas. H. Fisher, Mrs. Samuel Roome, Mrs. J. W. Quackenbush, Miss Veda Quackenbush, Mrs. S. M. Callins, Mrs. L. E. Bean, Mrs. J. B. Willoughby, Mrs. A. K. Patterson, Mrs. Frank Page, Mrs. Adelaide Lilley, Mrs. Wm. Preston, Mrs. L. R. Edmundson, Mrs. L. E. Tidball, Mrs. A. E. Jepp, Mrs. Geo. McLean, Mrs. Archie Livermore, Mrs. W. H. Kay, Mrs. Wm. Wm. Gordon, Mrs. Wm. M. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Yoran, Mrs. T. B. Luckey, Mrs. H. F. Hollenbeck, Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. G. D. Linn, Mrs. W. S. Hadden, Mrs. L. L. Whitson, Mrs. C. B. Willoughby, Mrs. Wm. Polders, Mrs. Working, Mrs. C. C. Page, Mrs. F. J. Hard, Mrs. Phillips (Centerville, Iowa), Mrs. Laura Harris, Mrs. Reynolds (Creswell), Mrs. F. L. Chambers, Mrs. F. M. Carter, Mrs. Chas. Littlefield, Mrs. Geo. N. Prager, Mrs. F. M. A. E. Wheeler, Mrs. Geo. Hall, Mrs. Waldo Chesler and Mrs. S. S. Spencer.

Mrs. Laura Harris entertained the Sunshine Club in a most pleasing manner on Friday afternoon. Mrs. F. J. Hard and Mrs. L. E. Bean were the guests of the club. Mrs. Harris was assisted in serving by Mrs. E. E. Mink. The dining table was beautifully decorated in yellow, the yellow and white color theme being cleverly carried out in the menu.

The Women's Republican Patriotic League met this afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Kuykendall on South Willamette street. The session was devoted to a business meeting and a short literary program, after which a dainty luncheon was served. Miss Whiteaker was the guest of the club.

The Birthday Club early Monday morning invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Linn in honor of Mrs. Linn's birthday. The day was busily spent by the ladies with their needlework, being joined by their husbands at meal time. The evening was spent with cards. Those in the club are Mr. and Mrs. Linn, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kaye, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wetherbee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMurphy, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Willoughby, Mrs. S. J. Wilson, Miss Cora Linn, of Jacksonville, was the guest.

The Elco Club met with Mrs. W. C. Barbour on Friday evening. Music and conversation filled the afternoon. Mrs. Barbour served in the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with yellow cut flowers.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Chambers. After the usual routine of business, the afternoon was spent socially. Light refreshments were served by the joint hostesses, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Martha Chambers, Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Donalds.

The Tete-a-tete Club met this afternoon with Miss Emma Travis at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. R. Edmundson, on West Seventh street. Needlework and conversation characterized the afternoon. Mrs. Edmundson assisted Miss Travis in serving delicious refreshments.

The Pythian Sisters met with Mrs. G. W. Hunter, West Thirteenth street, and organized a Helmetta Club. Mrs. Furnish was chosen president. Mrs. Morse secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Hunter served delicious refreshments, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Furnish, and the afternoon was passed very pleasantly.

A good-sized audience assembled last night in Villard hall to listen to the first recital given this year by the University School of Music. The program given represented work from all departments of the music school and was a most gratifying comment upon the effectiveness of the corps of instructors as well as a demonstration of more than ordinary ability on the part of the performers.

While the work of all the piano students was notable for cleanliness, precision and beauty of tone, the playing of Miss Bernice Noel seemed to meet with special favor. Such excellence in so young a performer is very rare. Her improvement is noticeable with each appearance and with diligence she should accomplish much.

Miss Louise Yoran and Miss Lila Prosser sang exceptionally well. Miss Prosser's Grieg songs were delivered with a temperamental quality that was both compelling and convincing. The mezzo range in her voice was never more beautiful.

Miss Yoran has not appeared in concert and recital work as much as she should. Her singing was thoroughly satisfying. Her voice grows better each year. If it is true, as it is rumored, that she is to sing the contralto solos in "Shabbat Mater" at the May Festival of the University Choral society, the committee has made a good selection. Mr. Buford Roach in his violin number won much applause. Altogether the recital was a most gratifying success. The second recital of this series will be given next Wednesday night, March 16. At this time the music school will present Miss Lila Prosser—who has more than one musical accomplishment—in a piano recital. She will be assisted by Miss

## MRS. CHARLES D. GIBSON.

Wife of Famous Artist, Who Still Hopes to Make Him Oil Painter.



Edith Prescott, contralto. The program will appear later.

A few of the neighboring friends of Mrs. M. Kidwell gave her a little surprise this week at her home in the Working flat. The afternoon was pleasantly spent with needlework and dainty refreshments were served. Those present were Mrs. E. E. Mink, Mrs. W. H. Kay, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. L. R. Flint, Mrs. Working, Mrs. H. Cook, Mrs. Drew Griffin, Mrs. E. H. White, Mrs. Dye and Miss Nell Murphy.

Mrs. L. M. Travis informally entertained the Friday afternoon club with needlework this week. The guests were: Mrs. Seth Laraway and Mrs. T. B. Luckey. Mrs. L. M. Edmundson assisted the hostess in serving.

## E. C. STATZER HOME FROM BOOST TRIP

E. C. Statzer, the Pleasant Hill real estate dealer, was in the city today, having returned Tuesday from a trip to Tennessee and Virginia. He did a lot of boost work while in the East, but says he ran out of literature before he was gone very long. He interested a large number of people in the Willamette valley and thinks many will come here to locate as a result of his work. Four men, W. H. and G. L. Crumley, J. E. Sharrett and another whose name we did not learn, accompanied Mr. Statzer here. They seem to like the climate of the country very well, and will make this country their permanent home.

## LANDS WITHDRAWN FOR POWER SITES ARE RESTORED

Washington, March 10.—A large part of the lands withdrawn by Secretary of the Interior Garfield, along with the Grand river, in Colorado and Utah, on the ground they contained power possibilities will be restored to entry by Secretary Ballinger, an examination having shown that only 12,392 acres were serviceable for that purpose.

**A Smooth Skin**  
Black Heads, Chaps, Pimples, Sores and all unhealthy conditions of the Skin are unsightly and detract from the looks. Buy a box of Dr. Bell's Antiseptic Salve, a creamy, snow white ointment, apply as directed and your skin will be as clear as a babe's. At all dealers in medicines. Sold by Dillon Drug Co.

## FADS AND FASHIONS

(By Catherine Mann-Payant.)

New York, March 12.—The buyers for the fashion shops have now returned from Paris and the fashion centers of Europe; they have opened their kits—pretty large ones, to be sure—and are displaying some lovely concoctions. This is not to say that nothing is being offered by the home manufacturers and designers, for from them also some extremely handsome goods and gowns are offered which are appropriate for the American woman.

That history repeats itself is emphasized in some of the new models that are an echo of the modes worn between 1850 and 1860. Decolleté, one of the greatest of the Paris creators, has put out a number of these models a few of which are being shown in some of our most exclusive New York houses.

It will be remembered that the fifties was the period of the immense hoop; this has been eliminated from the present mode but a slightly bouffant effect is gained by frills and flounces. There is a dainty and a justly "quite adorable" in their simplicity, it is not at all unlikely that we may have a revival of other fables, especially the hairdressing, of that period.

A costume exhibited last week, which the shopman claimed was an exact copy of a Driscoll design, was developed from a simple motor cover over the waist with chiffon frills a hand's length in depth finished with an edging of real lace. The waist was of the round baby style, with a round neck. Little frills covered the upper part of the bodice and a softly crushed belt ended in long sash ends at the back. The sleeves were the little puffed affairs seen in the pictures of long ago. They came to the elbow or rather just above it and were finished with little frills which covered that bony point usually so inartistic. The hair was parted on the side, slightly waved and drawn back in a loose knot. A corsage bouquet composed of four small bunches of flowers was laid across the breast from the upper right bust to the left waist line.

A second gown was a deep yellow satin with two flounces of black Spanish lace, the waist being decorated with narrower lace to match and the sleeves made of the black lace frills.

A beautiful piece of Brussels net was on exhibition in the same shop to be used over a white satin gown, the lace forming a flounce to the knees and a tunic pointed in both the back and front was to be draped over the skirt. The waist was trimmed with frills. For the evening reception or house gown this style is chic, new, and extremely dainty and without doubt gowns of this description will become popular during the coming season. They are especially favored by the tall or this woman.

The use of two materials in the salient feature of some of the tunic models, the lower part of the costume having a deep band of either a lighter or darker shade or of contrasting material, cecaineire and satin, or voile de soie and silk being used. Often the idea is carried out for no reason but oddity. Bands or folds of chiffon or insets or half hidden sashes are displayed just for change.

Speaking of sashes, brings to mind an idea carried out on a lingerie gown having nothing unusual about it except its beauty of fine work, until there was added to it a pink silk sash laid across the front, the way to the waist was a plaited panel, then slipped into slits, button-holed, on each side of the panel, carried downward under the fine material and appearing again outside on each side of the back panel, at knee depth, and tied in big bows with short streamers falling to the edge of the skirt—an adaptation of the knee sash. A small pink ribbon, scarf decorated the waist and was drawn in and out of the draperies and waist front panel, giving the dress quite a distinguished air.

One of the new colors is banana brown and a second is king's blue. While "ashes of roses" is not new in name, it is a reason but oddity. Bands or folds of chiffon or insets or half hidden sashes are displayed just for change.

One of the smart spring fabrics is hop sacking which is obtainable in the wool and cotton linen varieties. It is cool, light, and makes up well. Chiffon moure will be one of the popular new materials used both for women's wear and for trimmings. Plain mulls will be used for summer dancing frocks.

Nothing in the way of a cough is quite so annoying as a tickling, teasing, wheezing bronchial cough. The quickest relief comes perhaps from a prescription known to Druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. And besides, it is so thoroughly reliable that mothers give it with perfect safety even to the youngest babes. The tender leaves of a simple mountain shrub, give to Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy its remarkable curative effect. A few days' test will tell. Sold by Verington's Drug Store.

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 "inside nerve." It was Dr. Shoop who first told us it was wrong to drug a weak or falling stomach, heart or kidneys. His true—L. directed straight for the cause of these ailments—these weak and falling "inside nerves." This, no doubt, is the "inside nerve" the Restorator has so lately grown so rapidly in popularity. Druggists say that those who test the Restorator even for a few days soon become convinced of its wonderful merit. Anyway, don't drug the organ. Treating the cause of sickness is the sensible and successful way. Sold by Verington's Drug Store.

**DR. BELL'S ANTI-PAIN**  
For Internal and External Pains.

## TWO MEN GET DAMAGES FROM THE RAILROAD

(From Friday's Daily Guard.)

Last night the jury in the case of P. H. Hall vs. the Oregon & South-eastern Railway Co., to recover \$25,000 damages, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$9,000. The jury deliberated for several hours before being able to agree on a verdict.

The second case against the same railroad company was called immediately after the first case went to the jury. W. B. Foster is the plaintiff in this case and the jury selected was as follows: Jerry Atkinson, J. R. Freeman, C. W. Powell, Marion Hager, O. Dowell, F. E. Bristow, Henry Reisman, S. C. Cole, J. W. Christian, Geo. K. Munroe, Geo. L. Day, J. W. Bemis.

The jury in this case returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$3000 damages this afternoon. Manager A. B. Wood, of the Oregon & South-eastern, said today that he did not know whether or not the company will appeal the cases.

**Sixty Days in Jail.**  
Frank Beeth, charged with stealing \$23 from Myrtle Clark, the Guard contest girl, pleaded guilty this forenoon and was sentenced to serve sixty days in the county jail.

A. J. Pattison entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of rape and Elmer Ray also entered a similar plea to the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

**Grand Jury Indictments.**  
The grand jury this forenoon returned an indictment against Mike Sobosco, charged with larceny in a house, and Tom Linn, whose true name is Tom Watts, charged with violating the local option law. Each were arraigned and will enter plea tomorrow at 9 a. m.

The grand jury this afternoon returned an indictment against Ambrey Grace, the old man who shot Mike Daley, his partner, in the leg during a drunken brawl one night several months ago.

**State vs. McAvoy.**  
The case of the state vs. James McAvoy, charged with shooting Brakeman Connelly in Eugene some time ago, was called this afternoon and a jury chosen as follows: Chas. K. Kopp, J. L. Moxley, T. L. Rash, R. E. Braham, E. C. Lake, S. B. Jackson, Wm. F. Mooney, C. A. Stevens, Jerry Atkinson, J. W. Bemis, S. E. Cole, and J. W. Christian.

**Case Dismissed.**  
The case of Elmira Benjamin and R. L. Campbell vs. J. N. Wallace, for damages and possession of real property, was dismissed in court today, having been settled.

## TIMBER OWNERS ARE INDICTED

Mormon Concern Alleged to Have Procured Lands by Fraud

Portland, March 11.—Under an indictment returned yesterday by the Federal grand jury, Grant Geddes, Joseph Barton and James R. Smurthugh, all of Baker City, officers of the Oregon Lumber Company and the Sumpter Valley railroad, were arrested by a Deputy United States Marshal for an alleged violation of the United States land laws. The three defendants were released on their own recognizance until today when they will deposit bonds of \$5000 each required by court.

Other defendants were named in the indictments but acting under instructions from Federal Judge Bean, court officers refuse to divulge their names. The grand jury has been served by United States Marshal Reed. The same instructions charge contained in the indictment, a copy of which has not been furnished the three men under arrest.

From the nature of the investigation which was conducted by the grand jury, however, the indictment unquestionably charges the accused with a conspiracy to defraud the government out of several thousand acres of timber land in Baker county.

**May Affect 100,000 Acres.**  
The defendants who have been arrested are associated with David Eccles, the Salt Lake millionaire, in his extensive lumber business in Eastern Oregon and the indictment reported yesterday resulted from an official inquiry by government officials into the alleged unlawful acquisition of the Eccles' interests of approximately 100,000 acres of timber land in Baker county.

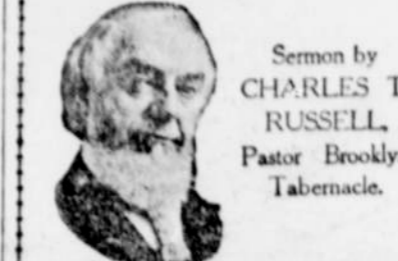
David Eccles is president of both the Oregon Lumber Company and the Sumpter Valley railroad company. Other officers of the company, who are believed to have been concerned in the investigations of the grand jury, are: George Romney, vice-president; and the following directors: W. H. Eccles, of Hood River; David C. Eccles, of Baker City; C. W. Nibley of Salt Lake; W. H. Righter and Joseph West, superintendent of the company's interests at Baker City.

## WILL LOOK FOR DR. COOK'S RECORDS

Tacoma, March 11.—Believe more Browne's expedition to Mount McKinley, in an effort to reach the top, where Dr. Cook's records, which he has records, will leave Tacoma on May 2d.

Rev. F. E. Billington of this city, will be a series of revival meetings at the Brownsville Christian church on Monday, March 21.

## PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, New York, preached here twice today to splendid audiences. One of his discourses was entitled, "The Overthrow of Satan's Empire." We report the other one from the text above quoted. Pastor Russell said—

As Christians in the light of this wonderful Twentieth Century we stand at the parting of the ways and must decide for right or for wrong, for truth or for falsehood, in respect to our religious convictions. Without questioning the sincerity of our forefathers, we all object to their theology. It is in vain that ministers and Bible class teachers longer deny the facts of the case. Nor will intelligent and honest people agree that it is right that through their creeds they should profess one thing, and in their lives and general conversation they should ignore or absolutely deny the teachings of those creeds. Yet this is the position of practically all the thinking people of Christendom. Their consciences will not stand for this much longer. If they refrain from telling the truth and taking their stand for it, they will not only bear their consciences (1 Timothy iv, 2) and correspondingly separate themselves from God's favor, but additionally their course will sooner or later bring upon them the disapproval and contempt of all honest people. For although the masses are not yet aroused on the subject, they are rapidly getting awake.

Do you wish me to illustrate what I mean? Do you wish me to show in what respect all denominations are ashamed of their creeds and anxious to hide the fact that they ever professed them or were anxious to give them some new interpretation more consistent with the broader thought and more generous sentiment common to civilized man in this Twentieth Century? I will do it.

Our Methodist friends are ashamed of that feature of their creed which declares that the Almighty is now doing everything that Divine Wisdom and Power can accomplish on behalf of our poor race to bring all to a full knowledge of Christ and to opportunity of faith and obedience. They realize that there is a weakness in this argument. And when they protest that God must work through means, and hence that the responsibility lies at the door of Christian believers to carry the Gospel to the heathen, they realize that this is an illogical argument too. For why should our Great Creator send to eternal torment millions of his creatures, because of an insufficiency of zeal on the part of some of their more enlightened fellow-creatures? Acknowledging the inconsistency of such a theory our good Methodist brethren tell us that they hope that God has some other way of saving the ignorant of heathen lands and, perhaps, of civilized lands.

We appreciate the loving heart which prompts this answer and we agree that it is true—that God has another way for these. But when we attempt to point out what that other way is, some of these dear friends inquire, Is it Methodism? Did John Wesley preach it? Our answer is, No, Brother Wesley did not preach it and did not know of it. Not because it is new, but because it is so very old and was lost sight of during the "dark ages" for fifteen centuries before Brother Wesley was born. He was feeling after it, yearning for it, but "due time" for it to be made known to God's people had not yet come in Brother Wesley's day. He preached the eternal torture of all mankind, except the sanctified believers in Jesus the Savior. But in his preaching of the love of God he was used of the Almighty to wondrously prepare the hearts of Christendom for the broader message of the Bible now due to be seen and understood. Wesley's Gospel of the love of God has mellowed the heart of Christendom, which once was rigid under the cold teachings of Foreordination, Predestination, etc., of the Westminster Confession of Faith—once the basis of nearly all Protestant Communions.

If we and our Methodist brethren could maintain the same degree of spiritual warmth that Wesley and his forefathers enjoyed we might do without further instruction. But we cannot do this! None can stand still! Christians today are losing their holiness, their sanctification—their zeal for God is giving place to zeal for a sect.

The light of the Millennium morning which for a century has been gradually breaking upon the world, stimulating thought in every direction, makes it necessary for our Methodist brethren, as well as for us all, to awaken to the wonderful privileges of our day for Bible study; to ascertain the real teachings of God's Word, which, in the dark past we all seemingly misunderstood and misrepresented. Already the most intelligent one-fourth of Methodism not only rejects Brother Wesley's theory, but also, repudiates the Bible also! It accepts instead of Salvation that most dangerous form of infidelity known as Higher Criticism and that most un-Scriptural proposition

## Choose Ye This Day Between Truth and Error.

"Choose You This Day Whom Ye Will Serve... If Jehovah Be God, Serve Him" (Joshua xxv, 15).

tion of human Evolution, which denies the fall of our race and makes void Christ's redemptive work and the glorious result thereof—human restitution (Acts iii, 19-23).

**Bury the Dead Past.**  
God forbid that we should bury any of the doctrines of Christ and his twelve apostles! On the contrary let us strive to resurrect them from the rubbish of human traditions which eighteen centuries have piled upon them. Let us instead bury our man-made creeds, of which we are all ashamed. Our Presbyterian friends some years ago set a noble example to all Christendom in the burial of their Confession of Faith and their substitution instead of a much simpler and much more rational statement.

But, No, I must correct myself here. This is what they should have done but did not do. Instead of burying the old creed, not only from sight, but also from odor, they have merely covered the corpse which is admitted to be dead and placed the briefer and better Confession atop the winding-sheet. They assuredly declare that it is not a substitute but merely a representative statement. Hence every time we read the re-statement, we must hold our noses to avoid contamination from the odors of the carcass beneath. No, all must do this, for, as the Apostle suggests, All have not their senses exercised to discern. But an intelligent Presbyterian is being rapidly driven not only away from Calvinism, but also, away from the Bible also, because of their erroneous supposition that the teaching of Calvin and the teachings of the Bible are one and the same.

These bright minds are not merely lost to the Christian forces. They become active agents in the promulgation of anti-Biblical teachings. They are engaged in pulling down the Bible and substituting for its teachings Darwin's Evolution theory. These sincere men are to be found in the faculties of all of the Colleges, in the highest pulpits throughout the land and in the most prominent positions in business and social life. Their loss of faith in the Bible has not made them murderers or thieves. Their noble forbearance from the past preserves to them an uprightness of character which the loss of a fear of hell-torment has not undermined. While they are no longer Christians from the Bible standpoint—no longer believers in Jesus as a Redeemer—they are still believers in Jesus as a great Teacher and a noble Leader of men. They fail to discern the fact that if he posed as the Son of God and the Redeemer of men, and was not such, instead of being a noble example, his life and teachings were most stupendous frauds and deceptions.

**Baptists and Disciples Awake.**  
When we say that this awakening is also reaching our Baptist and our Disciple brethren, let it not be understood to mean that all of these have been asleep until now. Perhaps it would have been better for them if some who have gotten awake during the past thirty years had slumbered longer. Those long awake have principally gone off into Darwinism and Higher Criticism. Baptist and Disciple schools and Colleges and Theological Seminaries, like those of other denominations, are manned with the brightest minds of the denominations, and all with one accord teaching Higher Criticism, Infidelity and Darwinian Evolution. With one accord all are engaged in overthrowing the Christian Faith of the rising generation. They are doing this intelligently, wisely, cunningly, but not with evil motive. Having gotten awake to the inconsistencies of their creeds these scholarly men, concluding that the creeds truthfully represented the Bible, abandoned faith in the Scriptures to the same degree that they have abandoned faith in the creeds which their intellects have repudiated. Now they are seeking to gradually help Christian people of all denominations to what they consider the higher plane of Truth. What they have—almost anything in fact—is better than the "creeds" they have repudiated. They are working hard and succeeding well in introducing their faith-destroying theory into the minds of the rising generation through the school books. From these they not only have eliminated everything sympathetic with Bible faith, but in the stead have introduced the subversive doctrine of Evolution.

As for the rank and file of Baptists and Disciples, probably three-fourths of them still hold vaguely and indelibly to the Bible and their Confessions of Faith though both of these denominations in their infancy had repudiated their leaders into a repudiation of everything pertaining to the past—into Higher Criticism—Infidelity and Darwinism.

"Choose You This Day Whom Ye Will Serve."  
Joshua's words to the Israelites, after they had come into Canaan, constitute our text. Joshua perceived that the Israelites were in a trying position and that it was their duty to decide promptly and thoroughly which course they would take. So we may see today that Christians of all denominations are in a trying position and that a prompt decision to stand by God and the Bible is the necessary thing for those who would be delivered from the darkness of the past and avoid falling into the Adversary's great deception of the present—into which their leaders are guiding them. Unless they heed speedily, the blind leading the blind will fall into the ditch of Darwinism and the mire of Higher Criticism. There are not many ways to escape this threatening calamity! There is only one way—the Bible way. Many Baptist and Disciple ministers are becoming awake to the inconsistencies of their positions and drifting without foreknowledge of where their course will end. For instance, I have before me the words of the Rev. Dr. Mac Donald of my own city, Brooklyn, on February 27th. This gentleman speaks of the Baptist Confession of Faith as "these scudding clothes of an ancient dogmatism." And respecting the Baptist doctrine which recognizes only immersed persons as members of the Church of Christ and heirs of salvation, he says, "Henceforth it is regarded to be as dead as the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and as worthless as buried." The gentleman rejected that recently a Baptist minister had been ordained to the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church of Brooklyn who affirmed in advance that he would invite all to communion and Church membership who loved the Lord Jesus. He urged that "associate members" should be received into Baptist communion "without imposing baptism upon them."

This courageous brother fails to see wherein the course he advocates is illogical. What he needs to see is the real teaching of the Bible on the subject of baptism—that it is baptism into Christ's death, and thus into the real Church of Christ—not the Baptist Church, nor any other human organization, but the Church of God—"The Church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven." That man retains the names of all the sanctified, faithful, consecrated believers in the Redeemer—of all denominations and outside of all denominations.

"Sanctify Them Through Thy Truth." It is not sufficient that we get rid of the errors and superstitions of the past. We must supplant those with the Truth, that "We may be able to withstand in this evil day" (Ephesians vi, 12). It alone will constitute the armor of God. Christian people hold most precious Truth, but hold it in so illogical and confused a manner that it fails to give them the needed strength. God permitted us to come to this very hour and has permitted the present tests for the purpose of developing the characters of the "Israelites indeed, in whom is no guile," and for the purpose of gathering out from them all the tares, all the chaff, and all not at heart copies of his dear Son. Let me now briefly summarize the errors of our creeds and briefly indicate the Bible remedy.

None of our Creeds were too strict in defining the sinfulness of the Church class, invited to become the Bride of Christ and his Joint-heirs in his Kingdom. On the contrary, in many respects they were too loose—they were not nearly up to the standard of the Master's word, "If any man will be my disciple, let him take up his cross and follow me." "Strait is the gate and narrow the way which leadeth unto life; and few there be that find it" (Matthew vii, 14). Jesus taught that his followers must drink of his cup of suffering and be baptized into his death—and not merely into water. Our too-low standards have admitted to membership in all denominations millions who are far below the Master's standards.

Our error and deception was the supposition that all who are not saintly, all who would not become the Bride of Christ, all who are not baptized into his death, all who do not drink of his cup of ignominy will be eternally tortured. This great mistake common to all Protestants (and in the much modified form of Purgatory shared also by Catholics) must be displaced by the Bible teaching that as soon as the elect Church shall be completed and glorified the antitypical Year of Jubilee will begin; that then for the thousand years of the reign of Christ and the Church as the spirit-brotherhood of Abraham, the non-elect, of all the families of the earth will be blessed by the elect (Galatians iii, 16, 29; Acts iii, 10-23). Let us, dear brethren, choose this day to stand by the Word of God, to reject all human traditions contrary to it and to hold fast the things that are true, just, loving, good.

If occasionally a thoughtless friend asks, Why do you believe in a Millennium? answer that it is one of the oldest doctrines of Christendom and, above all, the Bible doctrine. Answer that he who does not believe in the Millennium and the resurrection of the dead in their graves—must count for the dead in some other way—must claim that they have been experiencing pain or pleasure for thousands of years, or must claim that they are as fit as the brute beast and will have no resurrection or no believe in universal salvation regardless of a knowledge of Christ or redemption from sin. On next Lord's day we will discuss the Millennium and show its absolute necessity, not only from a Bible standpoint but also from a scientific standpoint. "Choose this day"—to stand for the Bible and reason and to oppose the Creeds of the dark ages and their unrep-