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PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



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Workmen Needing Not to Be Ashamed.

"Study to Show Thyself Approved Unto God, Workman That Needeth Not to Be Ashamed, Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" (II Timothy 2, 15).

Louisville, Ky., June 19.—Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, New York, today addressed the International Bible Students' Association here, using the above text. He also gave a public address under the auspices of the association. He had crowded houses and earnest attention. On the above text he said in part:

I address you, dear friends, as Christians, students of God's Word, and not as sectarians. Although the world is full of denominations, each claiming to be the Church of Christ, we all admit that there is but the one "Church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven" (Hebrews xii, 23). This conviction is being borne in upon us more and more as the days go by, and as the eyes of our understanding open more widely to the teachings of God's Word. We realize increasingly that our division means our shame in the eyes of the world, and that our creedal contradictions imply that we are not all led in all things by the Holy Spirit, the teachings of which cannot be Yes and Nay upon the same subject. It is this sentiment which is taking hold of the ministry of all denominations and making them anxious for an outward show of Unity in Church Federation, which will shortly be effected. The Christian public, however, and especially Bible students, are not deeply sympathetic with the Federation idea. They realize that at most it would be a gloss of deception so far as doctrinal oneness is concerned; and that otherwise it is but a business or worldly combination.

Bible Students are more and more coming to prefer the Lord's way—the Scriptural way. They are coming to realize that what God's people need is not more organization but less organization, not more explicit creeds but the one standard of fellowship which the Bible sets up. They are learning that this simple creed is—a turning from sin and acceptance of the Lord Jesus as the Redeemer from sin and death and the full consecration of the believer, mind and body, to know and to do the Lord's will to the best of his ability, under the Lord's Providential guidance. We all see that this simple bond of fellowship is the only one laid down in God's Word, and that whatever is more than this is injurious bondage to men and to systems. We all see that "the Church of the Living God whose names are written in heaven" is composed exclusively of such as conform to the terms of this simple creed—that those alone will constitute "the Body of Christ which is the Church"—"the Bride, the Lamb's wife," whom he will accept and unite to himself in the end of this age. We all see that this class alone is referred to in the Scripture as "the elect," who are to be associated with the Savior in his glorious Spiritual Kingdom, which, invisible to men, is shortly to be established in power and great glory for the blessing of natural Israel and through her for the blessing of all the families of the earth—living and dead.

Workmen Not Ashamed.

Let us consider the latter part of our text first: The Apostle's suggestion is that Timothy and all the ministers of the Gospel of Christ are professedly workmen, laboring under the guidance of God's Word. In the larger sense every Christian is a minister of the Gospel, or, as St. Peter declares of all the consecrated, "Ye are a Royal Priesthood, a Holy People, a Peculiar Treasure." In the end of the age will come a reckoning time, a showing of results. "Every man's work that he hath wrought shall be made manifest" (I Corinthians iii, 13).

Our text urges that Timothy, and every faithful servant of God should be so loyal to God and his message that in the great time of examination in the end of this age preparatory to the introduction of the Kingdom the showing shall be one of which we need not be ashamed. Let us, then, as Christian Bible Students of all denominations gathered here today, ask ourselves respecting our own work in the world, and how it must appear to God, to ourselves, and to our fellowmen—yea, how it must shortly be made manifest to all!

Let us call the roll. Baptist brethren. What have you to show as workmen who need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth? Methodist brethren, what say you? Presbyterians, next. Congregationalists, Lutherans, Catholics—all!

The answer of one is practically the answer of all: "We have—so many hundred Churches. They cost—so many millions of dollars. Their steeples are—so high. Their cost of maintenance is—so much. The number of ministers is—so many. The Church collections amount to so much. The amount collected for foreign missions is—so much. The amount expended on fine choirs and elegant organs is—so much. The aggregated debts of all our churches is—so much. The unpaid interest on many of these debts is—so much. The time and energy expended in fairs, bazaars, etc., to help pay the expenditures is—so much. The number of Church membership is—so many. The number in Sunday Schools is—so many."

MILLER BUYS FROM CENTRAL

Interests of Heirs of Charles Lux
Purchased by Head of the Firm
Through Bond Issue Floated by
Bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 2.—Announcement was made here today that the Bank of California has financed in New York a \$5,000,000 bond issue to enable Henry Miller, majority owner in the company of Miller & Lux, to purchase all interests in the company, which are held by 27 heirs of Charles Lux, his partner, who died in 1887. The bonds are 5 per cent and are to run for 25 years.

In reply we may suppose the Lord to ask, Where did I give you instruction respecting these things? Where in my Word did you find the suggestion that what I desired you to do in the world was to erect great church edifices, piles of stone and iron and mortar, polished woods and stained glass?

You are not rightly reading my Word. However good in intention, you have failed to "rightly divide the Word of Truth." The Temple respecting which I gave instruction is the spiritual one, the Temple of the holy Spirit—the Body of Christ which is the Church. I fear that you have forgotten the true temple of God while rearing so many temples of earthly materials.

Concerning the true Temple I instructed you that "the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are"—"living stones" being shaped and polished "for the habitation of God through the Spirit." Show me what you have accomplished in this way. Show me to what extent you have rightly divided my Word, and properly instructed mankind respecting my glorious character and my great Divine Plan of the Ages! Show me the fruitage of the glorious message!

How many in all the millions that you report are "New Creatures in Christ Jesus," who "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"? Let me hear the message of my love and grace in Christ as you are proclaiming it! What mean these sectarian divisions amongst you? Why are there so many Church edifices and so few saintly worshippers? Who authorized you to put these creedal fences between my people to divide the flock? Know ye not that I said, there is one flock and one Shepherd? Why have you so neglected the spiritual interests of my flock and their instruction in righteousness? Why are you so unable to rightly divide my Word?

Instead of coming together as one Church of the Living God whose names are written in heaven you have divided into hundreds of sects and parties! Instead of taking my Word as a whole and rightly dividing its teachings as between the different ages and dispensations of my work, you have divided my Word in a sectarian manner. One sect has made one selection from my Word and another sect has made another selection. Thus ye array one part of my Word against another part of it, and hence get into confusion and conflict. What have you to answer for these things?

With shame of face we must all acknowledge that "We have done those things which we ought not to have done and have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and there is no help in us." The proper thing for us to do, dear Christian friends, is to get down upon our knees before the Lord and in contrition of heart to acknowledge that we have wrought no deliverance in the earth (Isaiah xxvi, 18); that our sectarian differences are our shame; that the ignorance that we have all been in respecting the Word of God is humiliating. Now that our eyes are open so that we can comprehend as never before the harmony of God's message from Genesis to Revelation, it means a rich feast and blessing to our souls. The Word of God becomes more precious to us daily as we become more able to comprehend it. Our duty is to fly to the assistance of our dear brethren and sisters in Christ, of all denominations, and to call upon them to join with us in a determined stand for righteousness, for Truth, for God and for his Word.

We must show them that ignorantly we and they have dishonored our God by misrepresentation of his character and misrepresentations of the real teachings of the Bible. We must point them to the fact that the Bible does not teach that all mankind except the "Elect" saints will be consigned to an eternity of torture at the hands of fire-proof demons. We must show them that the election of the Church during this age—a saintly little flock—does not mean injury to the non-elect. That, on the contrary, it is the Divine purpose that the elect saints with their great Redeemer in glory shall constitute God's Kingdom. That his Kingdom when established will bind Satan, put down sin, banish ignorance, error and superstition and uplift mankind by "restitution," by resurrection processes, up, up, up, to all that was lost in Eden by disobedience and to all secured for Adam and his race through the great transaction at Calvary (Acts 19:21).

"Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth." Alas, how many intelligent people have turned aside from following Christ and from hearing the voice of God through the Bible! Alas, how many are looking to Theosophy, to Spiritualism, to Christian Science, to

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A B C's of Irrigation

QUESTION—

What is irrigation?

ANSWER—

Irrigation is the practice of wetting the soil by means of pumping water or by gravity flow from mountain streams by means of a dam and ditches.

QUESTION—

Is irrigation better than rainfall, and why?

ANSWER—

All the heirs have agreed to sell their interests in the great land and cattle company to Miller. This will end a long period of litigation. The company owns 600,000 acres of land in California, 200,000 acres in Nevada and 200,000 acres in Oregon. It has 1000 miles of canals and ditches for irrigation purposes. There are 250,000 head of cattle and 250,000 sheep on the land.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain unanswered at the postoffice at Medford, June 29:

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A. M. WOODFORD, P. M.

ENTIRE RAILROAD IS PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

SALEM, Or., July 1.—The Oregon state railroad commission put a whole railroad out of business by an official order issued today. Until the officials of the railroad comply with the requirements of the commission no further service can be given, no trains run, nothing done.

The railroad falling under time ban is the Corvallis & Alsea River railroad, running between Corvallis and Monroe, Benton county. It has been in operation about three years, hauling logs, freight and passengers. The action of the commission came as a result of the complaint of A. Wilhelm & Son of Monroe, who charged inadequacy of service.

The investigation resulting from this complaint led to the discovery of poor track conditions, which the commission decided made travel over the road unsafe. Consequently the order closing the road to further use pending its repair was issued by the commission.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a school meeting of School District No. 49 of Jackson County, Oregon, to be held at the high school building, in said district, on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1910, there will be submitted to the legal voters of said district the question of contracting a bonded debt of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars thereof to be used for the purpose of erecting and equipping an east side school building, and twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars thereof for the purpose of repairing and constructing an annex to the Washington school and installing a new heating plant therein, the vote to be by ballot, upon which shall be the words, "Bonds—Yes," and the words, "Bonds—No." Polls to be open at 1 o'clock p. m. and remain open until 4 o'clock p. m.

By order of the Board of Directors of School District No. 49 of Jackson County, Oregon.

Dated this 25th day of June, A. D. 1910.

ORIS CRAWFORD,
Clerk.

CHARLTON MAY GO SCOT FREE

If Alienists Pronounce Him Insane,
Wife Slayer Goes to Asylum—If
Sane, He Will Be Turned Loose
in Community.

NEW YORK, July 2.—According to R. Floyd Clark, chief counsel for Porter Charlton, confessed wife-murderer, Charlton probably will be sent to an insane asylum if the alienists employed in the case report that he is mentally unsound. The report of the experts is expected on July 8.

Italian authorities have not yet asked for Charlton's extradition and it is customary for foreign countries to ask this within two weeks after a fugitive is captured. It is believed no attempt will be made to return Charlton to Italy. If the alienists decide that he is sane he probably will be released.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE.

"Love," said the maiden, "is a rose That in life's garden sweetly grows." "Marriage," the horrid man did scoff, "Is the wind that blows the petals off."

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