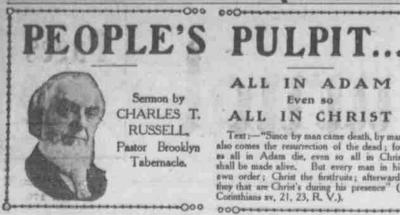
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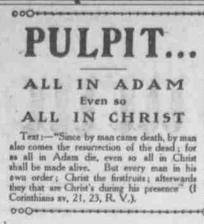
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July 24 .- Ouce we considered most unkind, unjust, the Bible declaration that our Creator condemned all of Adam's race with him on account of Adam's "Original Sin." But now, in the light of They are under sentence of death-dethe clearer unfolding of God's Word, we are privileged to see differently. Now we perceive, not only that God did no injustice to Adam's children, but, contrariwise, that in this very particular, he did them a kindness-that it was in the interest of humanity in general. We are aware that this statement appears paradoxical to those who have not yet gotten the proper focus upon the Divine Plan. The key which unlocks the difficulty is the proper appreciation of the penalty imposed upon Adam and his race.

The erroneous, unscriptural view of this penalty which came down to us from the "dark ages" teaches that God damned father Adam, mother Eve, and every child born to them to an eternity of torture at the hands of devils. It is this unscriptural and irrational view of the wage of Original Sin which caused all our difficulty. Indeed, it is safe to say that no other false doctrine held by God's people ever drove away from God, from the Bible and from the fellowship of the Church so many intelligent minds. Thousands of bright, bonest minds, after seeing this teaching of the Christian creeds formu-Inted in the dark ages, have quietly withdrawn from them in heart, if not outwardly, saying to themselves, Evidently my reasoning faculties are of a different kind from those of many others prominent in the Church: Without disputing the point, I simply conclude that I must think for myself and that, in so doing, I am forced out of sympathy with the majority of fellow-Christians on this basic doctrine.

Where Lies the Difficulty? The difficulty is that while the majority of Christian people heartily repudlate these misrepresentations of God and his Word, nevertheless the subject is not clear to them and they fear that to repudiate this doctrine would be to repudiate the Bible and to become open infidels. And just here is their mistake. The majority of them are not Bible students. Even amongst ministers of the Gospel comparatively few have any degree of knowledge of God's Word. They know what they think about the Bible; what they believe that it teaches; what they have been told that it teaches; what the catechisms say it teaches; but they have never made critical investigations of the Bible themselves to ascertain its teachings. It is a part of our endeavor to arouse and study the Scriptures and to assist the mere handful of saints, instead of entire race. them with Bible study helps, Bible dying when they seemed to die, went keys, etc. And, thank God, there are to heaven and that the great mass of thousands in Spiritual Israel who are humanity, instead of dying when they not bowing their knees to Bani, but seemed to die, went in some mysteri-In Rible study are springing up all blessing them, not only with the opening of their own eyes more and more widely, but also in using them to bring for heaven. Upon this do trine in turnothers "out of darkness late his murfor the dead," who were believed not velous light" (I Peter II, Di-The Scriptures speak of a "famine, not for bread nor for water, but for fear of Purgarory drew the people very close to the priests as the supposed hearing of the Word of the Lord." This famine is upon us new. Not only connellors of the Admighty and the are Christian people hungry and thirs- mann money drew the priests very ty for the breed of life and the water close to the people. They were all honestly intentioned, but all decoived. of life, but many of the worldly are feeling a longing for something better (by the great deceiver-Satur, than the finales which they have. We do not know that all Church membors, nor all of any one Church membership, are thus hungering and thirsting for Truth. But we do know that every where in all the various Churches of all denominations there is a hungry class which cannot be satisfied to dishonestly misrepresent itself as in harmony with the creeds. These bewildered sheep ure, of late years, finding the green pastures and still waters of Divine Truth and grace-near to them -In the Word of God-hidden under the rubbish of ignorance and superstition, mistranslation and misinterpretaname Protestants? tion. But as for the masses of all denomfantions: Alas, they are falling into unbellef! The popular form of infidelity known as Higher Criticism has already swallowed up more than onehalf of the ministry and of the most intelligent part of the laity. The only hope for any of these is in leaving the chaff and husks of medieval misinterpretations of God's Word and in hading its true meaning, in which is refreshment, strength and new life. "The Wages of Sin Is Death." However we read our Bibles in the pust we read into them from the creeds. of a darker time the mischlevons error that when the Bible declares a death penalty for sin it really means the reverse of this-life-oternal life in eternal torture. Who had the right to twist the inspired words in such a dev-Hish fushion? Who had the right to their day, like all true people today, add to the Word of God and to make vold its true teaching in this manner? then with errors. It is the measure of



be of his spiritual flock. Concluding that these could not be taken to heav-Christ our Lord" (Romans vi, 23). en, they said. We must take them out What statement could be more simof Purgatory anyway, wherever we put ple? The wicked will not be granted life at all, either in pleasure or in pain. them, because we have found out that there is no such place as Purgatory. struction. Eternal life is a gift. And After Conferences, seriously dislikig to make out God's character worse It will be given only to those to whom it will be a blessing-to those who will than they formerly supposed, they accept It through Jesus Christ our said under their breaths. We must

take them out of Purgatory and quick-Let us turn to Genesis and note the ly put them into a hell of eternal torstatements made to our first parents ture and say as little about the matrespecting sin and its penalty. Let us ter as possible. They were greatly note that, without the twistings of relieved when long-headed Brother theology, we should have no difficulty John Calvin explained to them about in understanding the Divine sentence. the mere handful going to heaven and as our first parents evidently had no the great mass going to eternal tordifficulty. The sentence upon Futher ture. He explained that God had fore-Adam for disobedience was, "Dying ordained and predestinated these aw thou shalt die"; "Dust thou art, and ful results-that he might show his unto dust shalt thou return"; "Cursed wisdom and his power. As to a is the ground for thy sake"; "Thorns

"Love divine, all love excelling," and thistles shall it bring forth unto Brother Calvin seems never to have

thee until thou return unto the ground thought of that. Brother Wesley and from which thou wast taken" (Genesis others since, though less logical and theological, did stand up for and de-Thus we see that the penalty for sin clare the Love of God, even though upon Adam and his race was that they rather absurdly they claimed that he should return to the dust. As we read was neither wise enough nor powerful again, "Thou turnest man to destrucenough to do more than rescue a mere tion" (Psaim xc, 3). And this penalty handful of Adam's race from the eteris sufficiently awful when we think of nal torture to which they thought God what it means to die, to lose mental. damned them all because of the disomoral and physical perfection and bedience in Eden.

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Starting from their misunderstand-

ing of Bible teachings respecting the wages of sin, Brother Luther and his

noble companions battled bravely for

many truths, but made one great blun-

der. When they concluded that Pur-

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and threw it away, not seeing the

Bible hell, the tomb, they adopted an-

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to worse on this subject. They said.

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elvillzed are surely not saints-surely they do not follow in the footsteps of

Jesus-surely, therefore, they cannot

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gradually go into the tomb-into the "All In Adam-All In Christ." Bible hell (shcol, throughout the Old Testament). And this sheet, the grave, In the light of our better Bibles and the tomb, to which the Bible says all Bible Study Helps and minds freed go, good and bad, rich and poor, holy from the ignorance and superstitions and unholy, was the only hell known of the past we may understand the amongst any of the people of God for Apostle's words and find in them, not the more than four thousand years. only justice and love, but harmony and represented by the teachings of the beauty. Instead of all mankind going Old Testament. Then came the New to eternal torment for Adam's sin, all Testament times and the teachings of go into the Bible hell, the grave, on Jesus and the Apostles to the same account of his sin-and all of the meneffect. In the New Testament the tal, moral and physical blemishes of word hades, representing the our race are a part of this heredly. tomb, the death state, takes the place There would have been no hope of a of the Old Testament sheel in every future life, good or bad, had not God passage translated from the Old Tesin his mercy provided the Savior-the

tament into the New Testament. "Life-Giver," as the Syrlac renders the It was nearly three hundred years word. In God's due time he set before after Jesus and the Apostles, after the his Son the opportunity of becoming writing of the New Testament, before man's Redeemer. The Logos was made the doctrine of Purgatory was inventflesh (John I, 14) and obediently gave And for this reason neither the himself in death-"tasted death for word Purgatory nor the Purgatory every man." As by one man's disobedithought is expressed in the Scriptures, ence the sentence of death passed upon But Bibles were few, and the people all of the race, even so by the obedience could not have read them even if they of the man Christ Jesus unto death had possessed them; hence for long justification to life passed for all of centuries the teachings of the clergy that race. Now we see the wise reawere accepted without Bible proofs. son for permitting the sentence to pass and the doctrine of Purgatory spread through one man's disobedience to all over Christendom. All of our fore- all of his posterity. It was in orfathers believed in it. It became the der that one sacrifice for sin might Christian people everywhere to search | teaching of Christians everywhere that | make possible the reconciliation of the

Now read our text and drink in its depths and beauty and force. The resurrection of mankind from the sin and death and temb condition to the who are anxious to know, to rightly ous manner to a mysterious place full perfection and hange of God from understand, the Word of God. Classes ended Purgatory, of which nobody which the race fell is the salvation which God has provided for all. Whoover the world. These have recently taught. The teaching is that practi- ever will fall to attain the full recov adopted the name of "International cally all of humanity go to Purgatory ery from sin and death conditions will Blade Students Association." God is there to be rousted and otherwise for have frimself to binne because of retured for centuries, ultimately to gain jaction of the glorious arrangements rolease from the terture, when fitted which God made in and through Christ. "The First Resurrection." sprung the doctrine of leaving "massies

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The Clurch, the "little flock" of mints, called, tried, terred, in the narrow way during this Age, are to con-By and by a priest, a Catholic theose stitute the "First Resurrection" class loging and teacher in one of their cole and to become "the Bride of Carlst." leges, by name Marrin Luther, acci- "the Church of the First-Borns. dentally ran across a copy of the New These are to be associated with the Testament in the Latin language. He great Redeemer in his future work. ing an educated man he was able to | These shall be like him, changed from read it; for there was not one copy in curthly to heavenly nature and made the German language anywhere. Lus sharers of his glory, honor and im ther tells us of his perpiexity in not mortality. The Kingdom of God under the whole heavens will be innugufinding Purgatory in the New Testament. He tried to interest the Pope rated after the glorification of the Church and then will begin the blessin Bible study, but fulled, and instead was branded a heretic. He protested, ing, the salvation, the uplifting, the resurrecting, of mankind in generaland others protested; hence came the from sin and death conditions-not to spiritual conditions, but to perfect These Protestants were undoubtedly earthly conditions.

as sincere before their protest as they All the willing and obedient shall be were afterward; hence their protest blessed by the great Life-Giver who was against the very doctrines which once they had proclaimed as the eighteen centuries ago died, the Just Truth. Their minds were full of the for the unjust, and who, during the period since, hus been selecting the thought that a dead person is not dead Bride class. With his Bride he will but more alive than before he died. reign to bless the world, to make the and that some of these at death went whole earth beautiful. As it is writto heaven while the great majority ten. "I will make the place of my feet went to Purgntory. They did not see glorious." The whole earth will then the teaching of the Bible, that "the be as the Garden of Eden and the rewages of sin is death"-that all go into stored race like our perfect first par donth, good and bad, and that this ents. But as for the intelligenti death state is the sheel and hades of wicked, we read, "All the wicked will the Bible. Instead of getting this true he destroy" (Psalm cxiv, 20). He will light upon God's Word, they went not preserve them in torture or other from darkness into gaeater darkness wise. They will die the Second Death on this point. Here we wish to empha-But none will die the Second Death size the thought that all these noble for Adam's transgression. Christ died men, Cattolics and Protestants, in for that transgression and will release Adam and all his race therefrom, even held a measure of Truth la combinawhile he will hold them responsible for every withit transgression and give Hear the words of the Apostle, "The Truth possessed and enjoyed that has stripes or puntshments therefor to wages of sin is death; but the gift of given any power and force to our va- leach them to love righteousness and God is sternal life through Jesus rious Christian systems, and that, to to hate iniquity (Acts II, 19-23).



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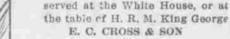
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