

News of the Churches

addresses at Newport next Sunday. Dr. James Lisle will fill Jason Lee Memorial pulpit next Sunday evening during absence of the pastor. Mrs. C. A. Parks will conduct a Bible class for girls and the younger women on Wednesday from 3 to 3:45 p. m. at the Y. W. C. A. rest room on Liberty street. All members of the association are welcome to join this short course Bible study class. Church of God. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. The morning service will be conducted by Elder Sprout of Portland, the evening service by Elder Swanson. Sabbath school at 10 a. m.—Everybody invited to these services. South Salem Friends. Corner South Commercial and Washington streets, Chas. R. Scott, pastor. Sabbath school at 10 a. m., Emmet Newell, superintendent. Public worship, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. First Congregational Church. Corner of Liberty and Center, Perry Frederick Schrock, minister. Bible school at 10 a. m.; morning worship at 11 a. m., sermon topic, "Has the Modern Minister a Message?"; evening worship at 7:30 p. m., topic, "The Mother's Beautiful Story." "His Mother's Sermon." First Christian Church. Corner High and Center streets, E. T. Porter, minister. Bible school, 9:45 a. m., Dr. H. C. Epley, director; worship and sermon, 11 a. m., subject, "The Uplifted Christ"; Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m., Earl Brunk, leader; children's day program, 8 p. m. Hear the children in song and story. Lutheran Church. East State and Eighteenth streets, George Koehler, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30; divine service at 10:30; Luther League at 7 p. m.; and evening service conducted in the English language at 7:45 p. m. Strangers are welcome. Hear J. B. Croighton. New pastor of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, at corner of Nineteenth and Marion streets, Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.—Mr. Croighton has served as pastor at Seattle, North Yakima, Wash., and Boise, Idaho, having just closed his second year of district superintendency of the Idaho district. Morning subject, "The Sufficiency of Divine Power"; evening subject, "Satan, the Snake, and the Victim." A cordial welcome to all. Commons Mission. You are invited to the special service at the Commons—Mission at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Preaching by Evangelist B. G. Dewey, of Portland. "MOTHER" JONES TO BE ADMITTED INTO CANADA. Seattle, Wash., June 5.—Word was received here today by "Mother" Jones, the noted mine workers' organizer that the immigration department at Ottawa has ordered the local Canadian immigration officials to pass her if she applies for admission into Canada. "Mother" Jones also received a telegram to the effect that Secretary of Labor Wilson has taken up with the state department at Washington the refusal of the Canadian government to let her take ship to Victoria yesterday. The Ottawa officials permit her to enter the country if she goes as "a tourist or lecturer." "They evidently think I wanted to stay in the king's country forever," she declared laughingly, this morning, "and by declaring myself a tourist or lecturer they undoubtedly must feel that I will stay only as long as I have to." "Mother" Jones will leave tonight. She plans to speak to the coal mine strikers at Nanaimo, B. C., near Victoria. Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of infants and children—Experience against Experiment. What is CASTORIA? Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend. GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought In Use For Over 30 Years THE CENTRAL COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

MORNING COMES! AWAKE! ARISE! Majority of Human Family Pass Through Life as if Asleep.

STATE OF MENTAL INACTIVITY

Some Asleep in Death—Others Asleep in Ignorance and Superstition—Still Others Asleep in Worldliness—Some Christians Half Asleep—The Awakening of the Soul—Mental Eyes Opening to See Things in a New Light. The Light of the World—The Sun of Righteousness Rising With Healing in His Beams Will Dispel Darkness.



PASTOR RUSSELL

On the Atlantic, May 24.—Pastor Russell, whose Photo-Drama of Creation is awakening new zeal in the study of the Word of God everywhere it is being presented, preached today from the text, "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."—Ephesians 5:14.

The Pastor introduced his theme with the observation that the majority of humanity are not awake; that they seem to be passing through life in a dreamy state; that as a rule they are not thinking about the important matters of life, but about the trifling—what to eat and drink, what to wear, where to go, etc. The world, he declared, spends its time thinking about these things rather than about the things that pertain to God, to His will and His ways, and to the everlasting life of the future.

Then the Pastor reminded his audience how this state of mental inactivity has been brought about. While the world in general may be said to be asleep, in one sense of the word it is dead. Thus the Apostle declares of the Church, "You . . . were dead in trespasses and sins." The whole world is under the sentence of death passed upon Father Adam because of his disobedience to the Divine command. Our first parents sinned, and their posterity, all mankind, shared with them the penalty, "Dying, thou shalt die."—Genesis 2:17, margin.

But this death sentence that was passed upon all has been changed, the speaker asserted, to be a sentence of sleep, from which there is to be an awakening. God foreknew the fall of man, and purposed to redeem the human family from death. In the Divine Program Jesus was the Lamb of God slain from before the foundation of the world. Therefore, because God had purposed the redemption and restitution of humanity by an awakening from death, He always speaks of death as a sleep, when communicating with those who believe.

The Awakening of the Soul. Proceeding to his text, the Pastor discussed his theme in three divisions: the awakening of some of the world in the present time, the awakening of the Christian, and the future awakening of the world during the Messianic Reign. To all who come to the Lord, he declared, there came a time when they began to think of subjects unthought of before—the higher things, those pertaining to God and the world to come. Up to that time some had been steeped in sin and degradation; others had lived merely for the present and seemed never to think about anything except the trivial affairs of everyday life. But somehow they began to realize that they were sinners and that there was a sentence against them. Perhaps they got the right view, that this sentence was one of death; but more likely they got the wrong view, that it was a sentence of eternal torment.

Then the Pastor showed that the majority of children reach this important crisis between the ages of twelve and fifteen years. At that period there is a great change in human nature; and therefore it is a most advantageous time for the forces of spiritual growth to spring up in those who have reached the age of responsibility. The speaker here dwelt upon the duties of parents and teachers who have control of the young at this important stage of development. While he fully believes in the importance of training a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord from the very beginning of its existence, yet he holds that both parents and teachers should be especially alert with children at this most favorable time for opening their mental eyes to see things in a new light, for their learning to look beyond the trivialities of the present-life to the higher things pertaining to the life to come.

"Arise from the Dead." The Pastor next pointed out the fallacy of the belief that the "young must soon see their wild oats," and expressed regret that even Christian parents seem to be imbued with this false idea. Those who sow wild oats, he maintained, will reap wild oats; for "whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap," according to the Scriptures. His thought is that from the beginning of its existence the child mind should be kept near the Divine standard. The parents should be able to express to

the people of God who have escaped from the bondage of sin and death, and have come into Christ as New Creatures, have become overcharged with worldly cares, and thus may figuratively be said to have fallen asleep again. The sleepy ones will not be of the Kingdom class, he declared. St. Paul says that the true Church are not of those who are asleep, but are children of the Day; and therefore they are to remain awake and be sober, looking for the great salvation which is to be brought unto them at the Second Coming of our Lord.

Those of the Church who go to sleep now are those who are overcharged with the cares of this world and with the deceitfulness of riches—whether by intermarrying and thus having the world brought so close to them that they are overcome by its influence; or whether by business entanglements or alliances or partnerships, or what not, that may be unfavorable to their spiritual interests and their consecration to God. After one has become thoroughly awake, and has become a member of the Body of Christ, there is great danger that such a one may become overcharged with worldly cares and the deceitfulness of riches. One may get the deceitfulness of riches without having the riches; for the effort to get the riches may develop the deceit.

The Awakening of the World. The Pastor then discussed his text from the standpoint of the future. At the beginning of the New Day of Christ the world will be asleep—some in death, others in ignorance and superstition. But the tumult of the Time of Trouble, with which the Scriptures everywhere declare the change of dispensation will be accompanied, will certainly awaken the majority of those who are not in their graves. Some are awakening now; later, the whole world will awake, and Christ will give them light.

The thousand years of the Messianic Kingdom will be a time of rising from the dead. Not merely those who are in their graves will arise, but all who are living at the time of the establishment of the Kingdom will be awakened, before the awakening of those in the tomb. When awake both classes will begin to rise out of sin and death conditions, trying to get a little higher and more awake, in order that they may receive some of the blessings of that glorious time.

The Scriptures declare that at that time the Sun of Righteousness—Christ and the glorified Church—will arise with healing in His beams. Then the poor world, that have been in sorrow, pain, crying and dying, afflicted of the Devil for six thousand years, will begin to look up to the great Redeemer for deliverance from the power of Satan. For the thousand years of the Messianic Kingdom the Devil will be bound and have no power to deceive the people. The true light will then shine out, and the darkness of superstitions and ignorance will be scattered.

World's Trial Future. The Pastor then drew a soul-inspiring picture of future conditions as figuratively shown in the Scriptures. The New Age will not bring in full light all at once. The great Sun of Righteousness—Christ and the glorified Church—will have a gradual rising, like the natural sun. Gradually its rays will dispel the darkness and clouds; gradually the light of day will increase. During the thousand years the world will be rising gradually from the dead. It will require the entire period of a thousand years to accomplish the resurrection of the world, now dead in trespasses and sins.

The Pastor strengthened his argument with a description of the personal test which God will bring to each member of the restored race at the close of the Messianic Reign, when Christ will have delivered up the Kingdom unto the Father, and mankind will have been left to themselves. Those who have learned really to love the right and to hate the wrong will be ready for such a test; those who have not developed such a character will not be ready.

The nature of this test we may not yet know definitely, the Pastor said. In the Revelation it is represented as the losing of Satan, to get forth to deceive the whole world of restored humanity. Everybody who has any sympathy whatever with evil will be deceived into taking the wrong course. Doubtless those who have reached perfection of human nature would not take that course if they realized that it would bring death upon them; therefore they would dodge the wrong course merely for fear of the consequences. But God is not pleased to give life everlasting to those who would merely dodge the penalty of wrong doing. Only those who love right as He loves right will receive the boon of life.

In conclusion, the Pastor showed that those who fail to pass the final test will be destroyed in the Second Death, and that this action on God's part will not be unjust or unkind. Mankind were born without life rights, and God has not promised them eternal life. The blessings of the Incoming Age are all of Free Grace. All of His blessings must be appreciated from the standpoint of right and wrong. Those who fail to learn the principles of righteousness will not be acceptable with God, either now or in the future. God seeketh such as worship Him in spirit and in truth, such as love righteousness and hate iniquity—justice. Christ is to be the true Light-giver to mankind—the true Light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Happy are all they who receive that Light now! "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, And press with vigor on; A heavenly race demands thy zeal, And an immortal crown."

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