

MESSAGE JOYFUL FOR THE SIN-SICK

The Master Speaketh Balm For Wounded Hearts.

COMFORT FOR SORROWING.

Pastor Russell Says That When Trouble Comes Few Doubt the Existence of God—Human Sympathy Alone is Impotent to Comfort the Sin-Burdened Soul—Eternal Blessing Follows the Acceptance of the Divine Command—Scriptures Misunderstood.



August 13.—Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle took for his text today the words of Jesus. "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me" (John xiv. 1).

As usual there was a good crowd and closest attention given through out. The speaker said in part—

The world does well to keep up a cheerful, outward demeanor—to "drive dull care away" to the best of its ability. Nevertheless, there is great force and weight to St. Paul's words to the effect that "the whole creation is groaning and travailing in pain together, waiting" for Messiah's Kingdom and its long-promised blessings to lift the curse of sin and death and to restore to mankind the smile of the Father's favor. Reason though they may that there is no personal God—that there is merely a blind god of nature, an evolutionary force, etc., nevertheless, deep down in the heart, men believe that there is a God. Almost unconsciously the mind attributes to Him Wisdom, Justice and Power—but little of Love or sympathy with humanity and its frailties.

This very intuitive knowledge of God is closely associated with many human troubles. As the root of nearly every trouble, perhaps deep below the surface, is sin—disobedience to recognized principles of righteousness, and a fearful looking for of retribution, and uncertainty as to what it will mean. This is true, not only of many Christians, but frequently true also of others who have made no profession, who have taken upon them no solemn vows of obedience.

This troubled heart condition does not always show upon the surface. Sometimes the troubled heart is in the theatre to try to forget its troubles. Sometimes its owner is immersed in sinful pleasure-seeking, in endeavor to drown some haunting grief. Sometimes relief is sought through intoxicating liquors or narcotics; sometimes in suicide. Sometimes the troubled one is on the stage. One cannot surely know that the merry laugh and witty joke and cheery song do not come from a troubled heart. We are sure that they do, in many instances, for frequently those who have been indulging in merriment have committed suicide a few minutes thereafter, leaving messages that their hearts had been severely burdened, while outwardly cheerful.

We have much sympathy with these sorrow-laden hearts. As a race we are walking through "the valley of the shadow of death," day by day. On every hand we have reminders of this—grief, disappointment, headache, heartache, etc. If we are measurably free from pain ourselves, yet have sympathy, we are pained in the interest of others. If none of our own dear ones has recently died, the great Enemy, Death, has laid hold upon the home of a neighbor, a brother, and he is bereaved and a reflex shadow falls upon our hearts; and further, the thought comes that our home may be invaded by the great Enemy which has already swallowed up twenty thousand millions of our race—and that by Divine permission, because we are sinners—and because sinners are unworthy of everlasting life.

The Fear of the Lord.

In our troubles we, sooner or later, realize the lack of human sympathy or, at least, its impotency. Feeling our helplessness, we instinctively look to our Creator. In the hour of trouble remarkably few doubt the existence of God. As Jesus said, "Ye believe in God." But as we look to the Almighty for protection and consider Divine Justice and realize our own weakness and shortcomings, the heart of man fails. How could he think that the Omnipotent One would have interest in or care for such a worm of the dust as he feels himself to be? How could Divine Justice look with any sympathy upon the course of selfishness which he recognizes stretches out behind him in full view of the All-Seeing Eye?

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," is the inspired message. Surely many have this beginning of wisdom come to them at some period in their life's experience. But such a fear is the start to wisdom only when it leads the fearful one to greater carelessness of living and to a desire for the Heavenly Father's approval. If this be the leading of the fear it is indeed the precursor of the lead to wisdom. As proper fear or reverence for the Almighty comes in, it acts as a restraint upon sin. It tends to make one more thoughtful, more

careful, more wise, in seeking for a better way.

Come by the Narrow Way.

Jesus addressed the words of our text to Jews who, under the instruction of the Law given by Moses, had learned of Divine righteousness and the Divine requirements of all those who would come into harmony with Him. They believed in God. They recognized His Justice. They were desiring to be His people; they had heard of Jesus; they had traveled with Him as His disciples. In a general way they believed in Him. To a large degree they accepted Him as the promised Messiah and yet they found it difficult to exercise a fulness of faith. Probably there are many in this same attitude of mind today—some in this audience and some in the larger audience of millions which will be reached by this sermon in the public press. I would like to bear home upon the hearts of these the very message that Jesus gave to those who heard His Voice: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me."

Hear Him saying to us today, You already believe in the Creator and His Justice. You already have the reverential fear. You already desire to draw near to God. You have heard that He has sent His Son into the world. You have heard that this is a manifestation of His love and sympathy for you. You have heard that while you are condemned as imperfect, as sinners, as unworthy of eternal life, Divine provision has been made for your recovery through the Redeemer. As you believe in the Father's Justice which condemned you and which justly holds you at a distance from Him as unworthy of His favor, so now believe also in Me. Believe that the Father hath sent Me. Believe that it is His Love for you that prompted the sending. Believe that His Love is as strong as His Justice. Believe that His Justice and Love will co-operate for your eternal comfort and blessing. If you will accept the Divine terms.

Losing Our Heart Troubles.

The Father knows your heart troubles. He wishes the burden to be there until you shall appreciate its weight—until you shall be ready to cry to Him that you are sin-sick, weary, troubled, and above all, hungering and thirsting for righteousness and desiring reconciliation to Him—the smile of His Face. He has not waited for all of this to take place before making provision for you. He has anticipated your needs, your longings, your necessities. He has already provided the Redeemer, who is Mighty to save. If Divine Justice is exacting to the last degree, believe that Divine Love, as represented in the Redeemer sent of God, is equally exhaustless, boundless—sufficient for all your needs. If you will accept of this, the Divine arrangement through Christ, your heart troubles may be at an end. You will still have troubles in the flesh, weaknesses, aches and pains, but your heart will be joyful and happy in a fellowship Divine with the Father, through the Son.

How to Get the Peace.

Ah! says one, I have heard of God and of Jesus and of the invitation to reconciliation, but I know not how to proceed. To whom shall I go? How can I gain a hearing in my case to obtain the blessed assurance, Thy sins are forgiven thee; go and sin no more. Which church shall I join? To what priest shall I confess?

First of all, my brother, or sister, allow me to rejoice with you that you have come into the condition where you are seeking and knocking for the opening of the storehouse of Divine favor, because "He that seeketh shall find and he that knocketh it shall be opened." Continue, then, to seek and to knock and very soon the blessings will be yours. See, first, whether or not you are seeking the proper blessing. You want forgiveness of sins that are past. You want the assurance of Divine love and care. You want the Heavenly Shepherd to take you for one of His sheep and look after your interests, both temporal and eternal. If so, good. You are seeking the very thing that God is pleased to give. Many are seeking something else—seeking to have some of self-will and some of God's will, some of sin and some of righteousness. They seek in vain until, in purity of heart, they see that which God is willing to give. All of God's gifts are by grace. None of us could claim them on the grounds of justice or merit. We cannot keep God's perfect Law, not because it is too exacting, but because we are fallen. We were born in sin, shapen in iniquity; in sin did our mothers conceive us. Be our wills ever so strong, our flesh is weak. The Divine arrangement of this Gospel Age is adapted to this very condition and is open for the honest-hearted, the sincere penitents, the ones fully determined for righteousness.

You need not come to any earthly priest, but as the Master said, go to the Father, in secret, in private. Go not in your own name or merit or worth, but in the merit of the Redeemer. Go Scripturally, claiming Him as your Advocate and appealing in His Name for the forgiveness provided by Divine mercy—to cover all the sins of the past and provide for all the imperfections unwillingly yours for the future—even to the end of the way. Coming thus, Jesus becomes your Priest, your Advocate with the Father. "We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous" (I John ii. 1). "Let us come with courage to the Throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need" (Hebrews ii. 16).

What will you say to your Father as you present yourself in the name of Jesus, do you ask? In prayer tell Him that you are sick of sin and desirous of His righteousness, in every way.

Tell Him of your appreciation of the glorious qualities of His character and of your desire to be as much conformed to that character as possible. Tell Him that you know you have nothing worthy of His consideration, except the merit of Jesus to be imputed to you which will be the covering for your imperfection. Tell Him that you present your all thus justified by faith, that the merit of Christ may be imputed; that you desire to be a living sacrifice—to be faithful unto death to Him, to His message in the Bible and to all who are, with you, following in the good way to the Kingdom.

Daily Dying—Daily Living.

Those who have acted upon the above directions of the Lord's Word and who have thus been accepted of the Father and begotten of the Holy Spirit, are thenceforth New Creatures in Christ Jesus. To them "old things have passed away and all things have become new." Their souls are not troubled, because they have passed from death unto life, from Divine disfavor to Divine relationship, as sons of God—and "if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ, if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together" (Romans viii. 17). Those who reach this blessed state are no longer heart-troubled. They will have troubles from the world, the flesh and the Adversary, but whilst they have rejoicing—"The peace of God which passeth all understanding" ruling in their hearts.

But the end is not yet. The body has been separated from the will. The will has become identified with Christ and represents the New Creature, which will not be perfected, and in its new body, until the resurrection. Meantime, as the Apostle teaches, the flesh must be considered and treated as an enemy because of its weakness, its fallen condition. A struggle, a battle, must go on continually to the end of the course. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." The faithfulness of the New Creature, the will, will be judged by its loyalty to the Divine will and its strenuous endeavor to keep the body under—to be dead to the flesh and to the world and to be alive to the will of God. Every day should make us more alive as New Creatures and more dead as old creatures.

In this way we are, as the Apostle puts it, mortifying or deadening the flesh and being quickened or energized or made alive in spirit. This is the resurrection process for the New Creature—the death process for the old creature. It is a matter, as the Apostle explains, of rejoicing in tribulation, knowing that the trials and difficulties of the present time, under God's providence, are working out for the faithful a share in that "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" promised to the Elect, the Bride of Christ—a share in the Kingdom which shortly, through the power of the First Resurrection, will be exacted to glory and dominion over the earth. This is the spiritual Seed of Abraham which, during Messiah's Reign of a thousand years, is to bless Israel and, through Israel, all the families of the earth (Galatians iii. 29).

We cannot give this message to the world, even as Jesus could not do so. It is better for the world that their hearts should now be troubled to a considerable degree. Those who are in the most dangerous position, perhaps, are the ones who have no troubles in the present life and, therefore, no incentive to seek the great Burden-Bearer and fellowship with the Father through Him. Jesus said of such, Woe unto you that are at ease; ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full; for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now; for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you; for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke vi. 24-26).

Scriptures Misunderstood.

At the present time we have 1,200,000,000 that in no sense of the word are called by the Lord, and therefore have had no opportunity of responding to that call. With the thought that has prevailed for centuries, that these uncalled millions are doomed to eternal torture, the hearts of God's people have been very sorely troubled, and infidelity has been very greatly assisted into a denial of everything pertaining to Christian faith. All agree that it would be very unreasonable for the Creator of those 1,200,000,000 to expose them to the danger of eternal torment, and not give them the slightest opportunity for hearing of the only terms of salvation for it.

But when we get the correct, the Scriptural view of the matter, we see that the penalty upon those 1,200,000,000 is, "Dying thou shalt die," and that in this particular they are not different from their fathers, who were under the same curse, or sentence of death—the Adamic condemnation. We see from the Scriptures, too, that our Lord Jesus "by the grace of God, tasted death for every man"—"to be testified in due time" (Hebrews ii. 9; I Timothy ii. 6). Jesus, therefore, tasted death for all these 1,200,000,000 and for all their forefathers. He has given the ransom-price for their sins as well as for ours, the Church's, and a resultant blessing must come to them as well as to us.

The coming blessing is a rescue from the sin-and-death conditions in which they were born; an opportunity for rising out of those conditions of degradation, up, up, up, to full perfection of nature, and all that was lost through Adam's disobedience. This work of Divine Grace, we see, is to be accomplished for the world during the Messianic Age, when Christ and the Elect Church will constitute God's Kingdom, with power and great glory for the blessing of the world.

BIG SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IN OCTOBER

One Hundred and Fifty Delegates Expected at the Annual Convention Here.

The annual convention of the Sunday School association of Cass county will be held in Plattsmouth some time in October. There will be about 150 delegates, who will be cared for by the local Sunday schools. There will be a number of prominent speakers, among them Dr. Shepard of St. Louis, W. N. Halsey of Omaha university, Dr. Hyslop of the north Nebraska conference, Margaret Ellen Brown of Lincoln, W. H. Kimberly of Lincoln and the west county talent.

This is a series of eight county conventions to be given in southeastern Nebraska. The association is interdenominational.

UNION Ledger.

Mrs. C. A. Rawls of Plattsmouth and Mrs. J. L. Urub of Blair were here last Friday and were guests of Mrs. Fannie Eikenbary.

Mrs. George Arn of Chicago came Monday evening to visit relatives and friends a few days. She had been visiting several weeks with Samuel Luce's family at Alma.

William Ost, August Ost and Curtis Price departed last Friday morning for South Dakota to look over that country with a view of making some investments in land.

W. H. Mark concluded that his "Brush" automobile was too small to suit him, and Monday he went to Lincoln and purchased a fine new 4-cylinder 25 horse-power car of the "Overland" make.

A. E. Stites and wife returned yesterday from Ainsworth, Iowa, where they had been visiting a few weeks. Mrs. Stites' sister, Miss Myrtle Stewart, came home with them for several days' visit.

Mrs. E. O. Barker, a sister of the five Hathaway brothers, arrived on the Wednesday evening train from Dorchester to visit relatives and to meet her many acquaintances at the reunion. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Luce, whose home is at Dorchester.

Edward Grimes and wife of St. Louis arrived here Tuesday for a visit of several days with relatives and numerous friends, all of whom are greatly pleased to meet them. They have been enjoying a trip to Colorado, stopping here to visit during the Old Settlers' reunion.

County Commissioners Switzer, Friedrich and Jordan and County Attorney Taylor were here Saturday and went out to inspect the road at the point where Little Ruth Olsen met her accidental death on July 22. Their object was to get the facts with a view of making a satisfactory settlement with Mr. Olsen without getting into court, but we are not informed what conclusion, if any, has been reached.

Conductor Al K. Day, known to almost every man, woman and child along the Missouri Pacific from Kansas City to Omaha, will be off duty for about three months. Mr. Day has arranged to accompany a party on a tour of Europe, and last Friday was his last trip on this line before starting for the east. He departed Saturday night for Massachusetts, where he will visit relatives several days, then will join the party and sail for Europe on August 17. Mr. Day has been running on the Missouri Pacific the past 28 years, and has many friends here and all along the line who hope he may have a very pleasant trip and return to ticket punching on this road.

WEEPING WATER. Republican.

The public school begins September 11. The new drinking fountains are ready and building and grounds look nice.

Harry Towle says his parents have concluded to stay with California, having purchased a home. Harry expects to go out as soon as he can dispose of his things and collect in a few past due accounts.

Mrs. F. W. Race came up from Kansas City last Thursday and Mr. Race arrived Saturday. The latter left for home Sunday night. Mrs. Ratnour's condition has improved the past few days and Mrs. Race is assisting in caring for her mother.

Mrs. J. M. Teegarden departed Tuesday for Colorado Springs to

ADVERTISERS CONVENTION WAS GREAT GATHERING, SAYS WESCOTT

Plattsmouth's Commercial Club Secretary Talks of Boston Meeting "Honest Advertising" Was the Keynote of the Gathering—McKelvie Vice-President for Northwest Division.

The seventh annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America, held at Boston August 1 to 4, was attended by 2,300 delegates, representing almost every state in the union. It was the greatest gathering of advertising men in the history of the world, and the character of the body was very high.

E. H. Wescott, representative of the Plattsmouth Commercial club and a member of the Nebraska delegation, talked to a Journal reporter today about the convention. He returned from Boston yesterday morning.

The convention was made up of men interested in every phase of the great science of advertising. Departmental sessions were held for the national advertising managers; for the representatives of daily papers; for the representatives of periodicals; for general advertising agents; for the representatives of all forms of outdoor advertising; for the representatives of agricultural publications; for those furnishing and using printing, engraving and business literature; for the representatives of retail advertisers, and for specialty advertisers.

As every business now sets aside each year a large sum for advertising, great attention has been given to get the most results for the money expended. This has brought forth the student of advertising, the advertising expert, and now all houses that spend large sums for advertising have specially trained men who give all their time to getting the greatest results out of the appropriation set aside for advertising. So the convention was largely made up of trained men who sell and men who buy advertising.

"Honest advertising" was the keynote of the convention," said Mr. Wescott. The speakers, one and all, no matter what line of advertising they had to sell or had to buy, came out strong for the idea that the public is entitled to the truth. Sensational advertising was likewise decried. Give the public the truth and nothing but the truth if you are selling a suit of clothes or a piece of land. Truthful advertising

spend a few weeks sight-seeing. She expected to meet Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Teegarden there, they being on their return from their summer tour to the coast.

Last week J. W. Bullis sold his farm of 160 acres three miles west and one south to Andrew Olson, the consideration being \$100 per acre. Mr. Bullis has made a good sale, and Mr. Olson has never purchased a piece of land that failed to make him money. This sale winds up Mr. Bullis' land holding in the county.

W. W. Shumate, who has charge of the A. A. Lasch orchard, was in town Monday shipping crabapples to Lincoln for sale, having been disposing of several baskets daily. A carload of barrels was taken out last week in which to ship apples. Mr. Shumate estimates the crop at 7,000 or 8,000 bushels; or 80 per cent. He says the Wm Saps and Jena-ten varieties will not be a heavy crop, but that the Johnathan and Ben Davis trees have all they can care for and the fruit will be nice.

Contractor G. H. Dennis has had a force of workmen busy on Theo. Davis' new farm residence. The building is to be 28x28, two stories and contains eight rooms. The foundation is of concrete and topped with cement blocks. Mr. Dennis has just finished a barn for Tom Wiles 24x34 and 16 feet above the basement. This building is on his farm south and west of town, the old Dan Klepser place, and together with other new outbuildings, his renter has a nice place.

Red Men Picnic.

The Red Men had a most enjoyable picnic at Coon Valley's Sunday, about 300 being in the crowd that enjoyed the pleasures of the day. There were many kinds of amusements, one of which was dancing, which lasted far into the night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Troop went to Omaha on the morning train today.

gets the best of results in the long run. "State things as they are," was another popular slogan of the speakers.

Along with this idea came the demand for clean advertising, and the representatives of the American Bill Posters' convention said that it was now the practice of the association to maintain a high standard of publicity in all outdoor advertising and that they were working against all advertising the least bit immoral or suggestive.

Texas was the best organized of all the delegations at the convention, said Mr. Wescott. With 150 live boosters, wearing uniform hats and badges, they came to the convention and throughout showed perfect team-work, which enabled them to capture the convention for Dallas next year. Iowa and Georgia also had splendid organizations.

The Nebraska delegation made a good showing. In the parade the delegates attracted much attention with each delegate carrying a bright colored umbrella with the Nebraska slogan upon it. Each Nebraskan also had a small cow-bell and the delegation went singing and ringing its way throughout the convention.

S. R. McKelvie of Lincoln, editor of the Nebraska Farmer and promoter of the excursion, was one of the prominent figures at the meeting. He had a place on the program, and with much credit represented the Golden Rod state.

In the election of vice presidents, each to represent a section of the country, Mr. McKelvie was chosen vice president to represent the northwest division. This puts him in a position to do much good for Nebraska in an advertising way.

Secretary Wescott will make a full report of the convention at the next meeting of the Commercial club. He said that the way Boston handled the convention was perfect, and that the hospitality was way beyond par. Every comfort of the delegates was looked after, nothing being left undone, and the program was carried out absolutely as arranged.

Teachers at Weeping Water.

The annual institute of the Cass County Teachers' association is being held this week at Weeping Water, beginning today. It will be in session five days. Mary E. Foster, county superintendent, is in charge of the meeting.

- ✦ The congregation of the Holy Rosary church will give a dance at the Katolick Sokol hall Saturday evening, August 19th. Tickets 50c. Refreshments will be served. Everybody come and have a good time.

Civil Service Examination.

There will be a civil service examination for rural carriers at the postoffice Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Out of Quarantine.

Councilman Newman and James Hickson were released from quarantine today. They had mild cases of smallpox.

Burlington Picnic.

Announcements are out telling of the Burlington Employees' association picnic at Capital Beach on Thursday, August 17.

Barold Streight of Omaha was in town yesterday visiting relatives.

LEGAL NOTICE.

State of Nebraska, Cass County, ss. William W. Coates and Frank G. Beifer will take notice that on the 7th day of August, 1911, M. Archib, a Justice of the Peace of the City of Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$96.80, in an action pending before him, wherein George Poissall is plaintiff and William W. Coates and Frank G. Beifer are defendants, that the property of the defendant, consisting of a debt owing by Weyburn & Madaba to the said William W. Coates, has been attached under said order. Said cause was continued to the 20th day of September, 1911, at 3 o'clock, a. m. Dated at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 10th day of August, 1911. George Poissall, Plaintiff.