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### Local News

From Wednesday's Daily.

Miss Marilla Maxwell came down from Fremont last evening and will visit here with her relatives for a time.

F. E. Vallery was a business visitor in the metropolis today, departing for that city on the early Burlington train.

Sheriff Quinton and County Attorney Taylor were out in the vicinity of Greenwood yesterday attending to county business.

J. N. Jordan and wife drove in this morning from their home near this city and were passengers on No. 15 for the metropolis.

Nicholas Halmes, the Weeping Water miller, was in the city today for a few hours attending to some matters at the court house.

C. L. Graves of the Union Ledger came up last evening from his home and spent several hours here looking after some business matters.

Henry Born, wife and son were passengers this morning on No. 15 for Omaha, where they visited for the day with relatives and friends.

Misses Nora and Jennie Batton departed this afternoon on No. 23 for Newman Grove, Neb., where they will visit over Decoration day.

Mrs. F. B. Manley of Grand Island, who has been here visiting Sam G. Smith and wife for a few days, departed this afternoon for her home.

A. E. Lakemone, one of the prominent residents of the western part of the county, was in the city today looking after business matters.

J. E. Johnson came down from Omaha last evening on No. 2 to attend to some business matters, as well as to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Manning of near Eagle motored over this morning from their home and

will visit at the home of Mrs. Ada Moore and family for a few days.

From Tuesday's Daily.

L. D. Hiatt and wife of Murray were up last evening to attend the class play at the Parmele.

Tom Mapes of Helena, Montana, arrived last evening for a short visit here with his mother and sister.

A. M. Holmes returned to his home at Murray this morning, after a short visit here with relatives and friends.

Frank E. Schlater and wife were passengers this morning for Omaha, where they spent the day looking after business matters.

W. G. Boedeke and wife came up last evening from Murray to attend the class play.

Mrs. Henry H. Tartsch arrived last evening on No. 2 from her home at Sioux City to make a short visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballance.

Col. J. B. Seybolt of Murray came up this morning from his home and was a passenger on the early Burlington train for South Omaha to look after business matters on the stock market.

Quite a number were in the city last evening from Union to attend the class play, and among them were the following: Mr. and Mrs. John McCarroll and daughter, Miss Nettie; Misses Ruth Garrison, Lola Wolf, Ida Clark, Dovie Barkhurst, Messrs. Rue Frans and Harley Thomas.

Harry Creamer, wife and little son came in last evening from Red Cloud, Neb., for a short visit here with the parents of Mrs. Creamer, Rev. W. L. Austin and wife. This morning Rev. Austin and Mr. Creamer were passengers for Omaha to spend the day.

Miss Golda Noble, accompanied by her brother, W. Everett Noble, were passengers for Kearney this morning, where they will attend the commencement exercises of the Kearney Military academy, at which time their brother, Evan Noble, will graduate.

B. L. Philpot of Weeping Water drove up this morning from his home in a fine new Maxwell "35", which is one of the latest on the market and a very handsome appearing machine.

Mrs. Belle Waterman and daughter, Ethel, of Hay Springs, who have been here visiting at the home of Judge and Mrs. B. S. Ramsey, were passengers this afternoon for Omaha, where they will visit for a short time.

C. M. Seybert of Louisville was in the city today for a few hours looking after some matters of business.

#### Must Do as Others Do.

People usually want to appear greater, richer, than they really are, saying that they must do as others do and that they cannot keep behind their neighbors. Unfortunately, they forget to consider their physical and mental strength. The unceasing nervous strain, the constant excitement and worry, the heavy meals and strong drinks must effect their health, must shorten their life, unless they are very careful. We call those careful who do not neglect the slightest indisposition or nervousness. They use at once Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine to tone up their weakened body. A good dose at bed-time and another in the morning will drive out of the body all waste matter and will give new strength to the digestive organs. This remedy is recommended in diseases of the stomach, the liver and the intestines. At drug stores, Jos. Triner, 1338-1339 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. After a hot bath rub the body with Triner's Liniment and all stiffness of muscles and joints will quickly disappear.

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## BATTERING DOWN WALLS OF HELL

### Not the Sheol of the Bible, Says Pastor Russell,

### BUT THAT OF THE DARK AGES

Jesus Promises to Destroy the Bible Hell—Why the Superstitious View of Hell Should Be Battered by All Lovers of Truth—The Bad Effects of the Error—Faith in True God is Vanishing Because of This Colossal Error. This "Doctrine of Demons" Invention—Not Learning, but Ignorance, Opposes Error's Destruction.



Kansas City, Mo., June 1.—Pastor Russell addressed here today large audiences of Bible Students. We report one of his discourses, in which he declared the hell of the Bible a totally different one from the hell of the Dark Ages. This error, he said, still casts a gloom over the masses and hinders a proper appreciation of the Divine character of Love and Justice. He took a combination text: "O Sheol [hell], I will be thy destruction" (Isaiah 13:14); "O Hades [hell], where is thy victory?"—1 Corinthians 15:55.

My text, said the Pastor, teaches that Jesus will destroy the hell of the Bible, the tomb—the state of death. He will do it by delivering all mankind from death by the resurrection. Thus He will ultimately gain His great victory over sin and death, and deliver humanity from their power. No one but Jesus can do this. Hence we must wait for the appointed time—the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom. Meantime, it is ours to batter down the hell of torment which for centuries has troubled God's saints, and turned the hearts of the masses from their Creator.

The Pastor dealt some vigorous blows at the doctrine he condemned. They were not blows of anger nor of sentiment, but blows of logic and of Scripture. He urged his hearers not to think that the cultured and intelligent ministers oppose him. His opponents are comparatively few, he said, and they are of two classes. Some good, and honest, but ignorant; others thoroughly informed, who no more believe in a hell of torture than does the Pastor, dodge the question and give the impression that they believe it, so as to hoodwink the people, and keep them in darkness on a subject of the most vital importance to human happiness, now and throughout eternity.

The masses of Christian ministers are educated. Preachers in general know well that the Bible does not teach a hell of torture—that the words Sheol, Hades, Gehenna and Tartarus do not signify a place of torture—where all except the saintly will everlastingly suffer. These ministers do not come forth into the open with me to combat the error, presumably because they do not realize that this terrible blasphemy against the Divine character lies at the bottom of nearly all the godlessness and the growing unbelief in the Divine Word now prevalent. To me it is evident, said the Pastor, that reverence for God and faith in the Bible can never be restored until this great Moloch of false teaching shall be demolished. This explains my zeal for the exposing of error of the past, and for the revelation of truth on the subject of future punishment. All the precious promises of the Bible and all its just penalties are negated and made of none effect by this colossal error of the past, whenever it is recognized, conceded.

The Pastor did not on this occasion attempt explanations of some of the three or four parables, which by mis-translations, misunderstandings and interpolations have been made to support the God-dishonoring doctrine that everlasting torture is the wages of sin, in contradiction of the Bible statement, "The wages of sin is death." He contented himself with reminding his hearers that he had already preached on the parable of the "Rich Man and Lazarus," the parable of the "Sheep and the Goats," and the Lord's statement, "where their worm dieth not and their fire is not quenched"; and again in Revelation, about the Devil being cast with the beast and false prophet into torment.

Those four figurative statements, the Pastor declared, are the whole basis, so far as the Bible is concerned, of the doctrine of eternal torment. He had preached upon all of them. Many of his hearers had read his sermons and were familiar with the reasonable expositions of these Scriptures. To others who have not heard and have not read, he offered to send his views in printed form, free upon postcard application.

#### The God of All Grace.

The God of the Bible, said the Pastor, is such an one as every human heart needs and craves. He is a God of sympathy and love, respecting whom it is declared (Psalm 102:19, 20), that He looked down from His Holy Habitation and beheld, and He heard the groaning of the prisoners. "Then His own Arm brought salvation." (Isaiah 63:5.) The groaning of the

prisoners was not in some far-away fiery furnace, but right here on earth—in every home. St. Paul declares, "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together." He is quite right. Our race groans because we are slaves of Sin, and Sin is paying us the prescribed penalty, namely, death.

We are a dying race, mentally, morally and physically. We are more and more disappointing to ourselves and to others, and we hasten toward the tomb, slaves and prisoners—going down into the great prison-house of Death. That prison-house of Death, the tomb, is the Bible hell. All the aches and pains which come to us as we approach and enter the prison are incidental parts of the penalty. But "There's a wideness in God's Mercy, Like the wideness of the sea."

He has purposed a blessing upon every member of the race, all of whom have suffered the loss of Eden happiness and of life itself through the disobedience of the first man, Father Adam. The Second Adam is to completely undo the work of the first, and is to give to every member of the race fullest opportunity for reconciliation and return to the Father's House.

The work of Jesus at the First Advent was only a preparatory one. His death was necessary as the corresponding price for the sin of the First Adam. Only by paying that penalty could He ever have the right to destroy the great prison house—the tomb, Hades—and to deliver the prisoners by resurrection from the dead. His work was satisfactory. He has been received up into glory "where He was before," only with added dignity at the Father's right hand. There He waits, the Psalmist tells us, for the hour to strike when He shall take His great power and reign.—Psalm 2:8-10.

The first feature of His campaign will be the binding of Satan. Then He will cause the Sun of Righteousness to shine forth, with healing in its beams. The light of the knowledge of God shall fill the whole earth. Every knee will bow and every tongue confess. All will have the fullest opportunity for return to God, and only the willingly disobedient and rebellious against light will die the Second Death, and go into "everlasting destruction."

#### "He Upon the Throne Said."

Beautifully does the Book of Revelation picture the coming glories of Messiah's Kingdom and the blessings to mankind. Mark that it is the enthroned Messiah who declares, "Behold, I make all things new," and who tells that, as Jehovah's Messenger and Representative, He will wipe away all tears from off all faces and give beauty for ashes, and the oil of joy for the spirit of sadness.—Revelation 21:4; Isaiah 61:1-3.

The God of Love and Grace, the God who sympathizes with His creatures and who promises ultimately to wipe away all their tears, is the only God who appeals to the human heart and head. Our misconceptions in the past served to drive the world further and further away from God, and even the saintly found it difficult to worship Him in spirit and in truth—so dense was the cloud of ignorance and superstition which enshrouded us. Hark to Cardinal Newman's words,

"Lead, kindly Light, Amidst the encircling gloom."

God is sending out His light and truth. The encircling gloom is breaking. The errors and superstitions which hindered us from seeing the beauty of God's Word are being scattered. The light from one page and statement is shining upon another. The entire Word of God is heard as never before. God is speaking. His people are hearing. Bible Students in all parts of the earth are awakening to the unsectarian study of the Lord's Word.—2 Timothy 2:15.

True, Satan is still active. He is not yet bound. The Prince of Darkness hates the light, battles against it, and enlists on his side as many as possible. Alas, that he is able to gain a few as honest and as blind as was Saul of Tarsus, nineteen centuries ago. These now breathe out threatenings, as did Saul. But we have confidence that all sincere ones of them, like St. Paul, will soon see a great light and hear the great voice of the Master, and be fully delivered from the evil spirit of persecution, which, in our day, uses slander and "shoots out arrows, even bitter words," to destroy the Message and the messengers of the Prince of Light, now shortly to take His power to reign for a thousand years, subjecting all things to the Divine standards.

#### "Doctrines of Demons."

The Pastor declared that in his judgment there is no doubt that the Church during the Dark Ages came under the influence of the "doctrines of demons" referred to by St. Paul. He declared that the demons of the Bible are identical with the fallen angels of Genesis 6. They seek to hide their identity, representing themselves as holy angels or as dead human beings speaking to the living through mediums, as in Bible times—through witches, wizards, necromancers, astrologers, soothsayers, etc.

These, under Satan's domination, have for centuries sought to substantiate Satan's lie, and to deceive mankind into believing that the dead are not dead—into believing that Satan told the truth, saying, "Ye shall not surely die," and that God told the untruth when He said, "Thou shalt surely die." To turn the hearts of men away from the God of Love and Mercy, they have traduced His character and cultivated human fears.

Light and Darkness in Foreign Lands. The Pastor related some of his experiences amongst the heathen in India. The more intelligent quickly learned of the difference between the Message of God's Love which the Pastor bore, and the message they had heard from the missionaries. Some of them appealed to him to stay longer

for they wanted to hear more. They declared that they could not accept the teachings of the missionaries, to the effect that all of their forefathers had gone to a hell of torture, simply because they never heard of Jesus. They declared that they could not believe in such a God, even though they respected the intelligence of the missionaries on other subjects.

They said, "Our gods do not allow us to torture even brutes or insects, and hence would not themselves delight in torture. How can we receive the Christian's God, with sentiments less noble than our own?" The Pastor's reply was, Dear Friends, we have all made mistakes, more or less in the past. God's Word is now opening up to us more and more. We are learning wherein we misunderstood Him and His gracious purposes. Begin a proper study of the Bible. You will find it soul-satisfying beyond all else.

The Pastor tells that in India scores of Bible Student classes are springing up; and native teachers in India, China, Japan and Korea are hearing of the God of Love and Mercy and of the better and clearer understanding of the Bible, with rejoicing hearts. The Gospel of the Kingdom—that Messiah is soon to become the great King, to establish righteousness, to overthrow sin and to uplift humanity—he says appeals to the simple minds of the Orient; especially to those attracted to Christianity, but unable to enter heartily into its service because of the darkness, mysticism and unreasonableness attaching to its exposition.

The prayer of our Methodist friends, "Send out Thy Light and Truth, O Lord," is surely being answered, said the Pastor, even though some godly Methodists are slow to perceive the answer. The Message of the Love of God which passeth all understanding is the Message which was forceful with our own hearts as Christians, and is the only Message which has power; hence our Master's prayer, "Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth."—John 17:17.

Fear may be the beginning of Wisdom, but Love is surely its goal. Perfect love casteth out all fear, and brings us near to the great Fountain of Grace and Truth, Mercy and Love. In His Divine presence and fellowship we find a transforming work progressing in our hearts—and more and more such become copies of God's dear Son and prepared for a share with Him in the glories of His Kingdom.

#### Ignorance and Fear Oppose.

Only ignorance and fear can oppose the Message of God's Grace, and proffer the doctrines of demons. Only the narrow-minded can pray, "God bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more." All of our breadth of heart and head must concede that a God wise and powerful enough to be man's Creator must also be just and loving; for injustice is unwise, and lovelessness is devilish. God declares that His work is perfect, and that He made man a moral image of Himself. Our fallen condition is a part of the penalty of sin, as the tomb is the companion of it.

No complaint could have been made by our race if God had left us thus to perish like brute beasts. But the Bible declares that He is rich in mercy, and unwilling that any should perish, but desirous that all might be recovered to everlasting life. Again, we read that God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but, on the contrary, instead of perishing like the brute beast, might attain through Christ to everlasting life.—John 3:16.

The world has not yet had the promised blessing of God; for the Divine Plan is that Jesus must first select from amongst the world a company of His own disposition of loyalty to the Divine will. Not until those shall be fully selected and glorified will the great Messiah, Head and members, be completed. Then Bridegroom and Bride enthroned in glory, the work of blessing will begin.

And that work will be the overthrow of sin, and thus the overthrow of the penalty of sin—death. It will mean the recovery of mankind from bondage to sin and death. It will mean the uplifting of the partially dead mental, moral and physical powers to perfection. More than this, it will mean for those who have died without the knowledge of the Truth an awakening from the tomb, that they also may be brought to this knowledge of God and to a privilege of sharing in the great Redeemer's work and merit. No wonder the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest," at the birth of the Redeemer! No wonder they declared, "We bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people!"

God's glory has not yet appeared to man. False doctrines, ignorance, superstition, still bedevil the vision of humanity. St. Paul's words still apply: "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of all them that believe not, lest the glorious light of God's goodness should shine into their hearts."—2 Corinthians 4:4.

The good tidings of great joy for all people are as much for those who died before Jesus as for those who have lived since. They have gone to the great prison-house of death, Sheol, Hades, the tomb. They are prisoners there. They await the release to be accomplished by the One who redeemed them at Calvary. When released, the Message of the angels will be fulfilled in them. They will hear the good tidings of redemption. Sheol will be destroyed. Victory over Hades will be complete. No prisoner shall be left therein. All shall be awakened from the sleep of death. The guarantee for this is the Word of the Lord, backed by the great fact that the Redeemer gave Himself "a Ransom for all, to be testified in due time."—1 Timothy 2:4-6.

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