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For full particulars call on me at the Hotel Riley—room 6, where you can find me until Friday noon, December 30th.

A. M. TEMPLIN.

GOOD TIDINGS OF JOY WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL.

When Will Come the Long-Promised Peace?

And When the Good Will to Men?—Nations Still Making Unprecedented Preparations For War.



PASTOR RUSSELL

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 25th.—Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here today in the afternoon on "The Great Hereafter" and in the forenoon from the text below quoted.

On both occasions his audiences sat spellbound for a much longer time than the majority have been in the habit of listening to a discourse. Deep eagerness was also manifested to receive from the ushers at the close free copies of Pastor Russell's Booklet on "What Say the Scriptures About Hell." The speaker said:—

Eighteen centuries and more have passed since Israel's greatest Prophet, Jesus, sent forth his message of reconciliation to God. At the time of his birth angel visitors, announcing him, declared that his birth signified "good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people" and that this would mean "peace on earth and good will amongst men" (Luke ii, 10, 11). Yet after eighteen centuries these prophecies are still unfulfilled. We find the world in more warlike condition at present than ever before. Europe has a standing army of over a million of the picked men of its several nations. And even our own country has deemed it necessary to considerably increase its standing army. On every sea are great battleships requiring thousands of men and millions of dollars for their up-keep, not to mention the millions of dollars which they originally cost.

And still more war vessels are planned with greater guns, some of which expend thousands of dollars for powder and shells for even one day's target practice. It is safe to say, too, that the chief interest in and chief backing of recent experiments in aerial navigation come from the War Departments of Christendom, which see in such devices a new method of warfare. And the latest information is that a new torpedo has recently been invented more powerful, more destructive, more terrible, than any previous device.

What means this great battle array, this preparation for a great struggle between the nations? Why do not the nations disarm their armies and dismantle their navies and turn these wasted energies to human profit, to making the earth to blossom as the rose? The answer is—Sin. Sin marred the original God-likeness of love in the human heart and, instead, implanted the opposite disposition of selfishness. By heredity sin and selfishness have permeated our race. As we read, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm li, 5). This is true of the entire human family. We gloss the surface. We make a show of giving a little money for the education of the heathen. We make a little show of religious activity in Christendom, but the great surplus of wealth is spent in self-gratification—alcoholic beverages alone consuming manyfold the amount doled out to benevolent enterprises of all kinds.

Peace, Peace; but No Peace.

For centuries the world has been crying out, "Peace, Peace; yet there is no peace," but still greater preparation for war. Why? Because, despite our gloss of civilization, the world well knows its own selfishness, its own greed, its own thirst for power and it wisely reasons that in others selfishness and greed similarly rule. Hence, with all their protestations of friendship all the governments of the world distrust, disbelieve one another. And now we have reached a place where the disbanding of the armies of the world would be a dangerous matter. Another million of men thrown on the labor market, already glutted, would be dangerous. And to leave our cities unprotected would invite anarchy in every land. We are not endeavoring to discourage peace conferences and federations. We are merely calling attention to facts—indisputable facts.

The Scriptures graphically describe our present condition. They give us a vivid-painting of what is now going on, saying, "Beat your plow-shares into swords and your pruning-hooks into spears. Let the weak boast that they are strong" and endeavor to keep pace with the strong. "Come, get ye down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat—the valley of death—the place of the great struggle with which the reign of the Prince of Darkness shall terminate and which will prepare the way for Messiah's Kingdom (Joel iii, 9-13).

Thank God for the assurances of his Word that the great "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation," which is about to burst upon the world, whose masses are better educated than ever before and trained to the use of all military equipments, will be but a short struggle! The intimation of the Scriptures is that if those days should not be shortened, no flesh would survive. But for the elect's sake—by virtue of the Kingdom of God's elect being established—those days shall be shortened. Then will come the reign of the Prince of Peace

and, as the prophets declare, he shall be like unto Solomon who had no wars, but to whom every knee bowed and every tongue confessed. His Kingdom of righteousness will be a Kingdom of peace, notwithstanding the fact that it will be ushered in by such a time of trouble.

"I Came Not to Send Peace."

But do the Scriptures contradict themselves? What did the Great Teacher mean when he declared, "I came not to send peace on the earth, but a sword?" (Matthew x, 34.) Ah! he referred prophetically to the effect which his gracious message of love and favor would produce in the world during the reign of sin. He well knew that the Prince of Darkness would oppose all of his followers, as well as himself. He foretold that whoever would live godly would suffer persecution—and so it has been. Eighteen centuries have proven it! He sent forth his followers, like himself, unarmed, to be peacemakers, to be helpers, to "follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." He counseled his followers, "He that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword." But their message of peace and love and the coming Kingdom which shall bless the whole world and fulfill the angelic prophecy of our text—these things seem to anger the world—not merely the vicious, the ungodly, but the worldly professors of godliness who have schemes and plans and theories of their own to work out which are contrary to the Gospel Message. The darkness, more or less mixed with selfishness, hateth the light, the Truth, the love of God, neither cometh to the light, lest its deeds of darkness, selfishness, selfish ambition and hypocrisy should be made manifest.

The Master knew what the effects of his Gospel Message would be in the world and that only those who would compromise his Message could possibly live at peace—that all who would be loyal and faithful to him would be traduced, slandered, persecuted—"behind," either literally or figuratively. His words, therefore, were a prophecy respecting the tribulations which all his footstep followers would surely have.

But more than this, his words were a prophecy respecting the nations. What is it that has brought us to our present degree of civilized savagery? What is it that makes of every business corporation a buccaneer seeking the destruction of every competing financial craft? What is it that has thus sharpened the wits of humanity to such an extent that the majority find it difficult to be honest, because they see so many opportunities for dishonesty, while it is impossible for law-makers to make new laws with sufficient rapidity to keep pace with the intelligent methods of circumvention.

The laws, doctrines, of Christ are, in a certain sense, responsible for all this. The liberty wherewith Christ makes free his followers and the light which he and they let shine upon a darkened world, received in part into unsanctified hearts and minds, have given wisdom that, unsanctified, we call cunning and craft. The proof of what we say is found in the fact that other nations than those which have received this reflected light of Christianity are still quite in the background. Only now, as Christian civilization in a perverted form is reaching these peoples are they awakening and becoming competitors with so-called Christendom.

In our advanced conceptions of finance, warfare, etc., a pertinent question worthy of deep thought, is, Will it be possible to live in the world at all after the greatest financial minds shall have "trustified" all of the world's business, and after the labor organizations shall have had their say as to who shall and who shall not earn a living, and after the teeming millions of China and Japan shall have become thoroughly civilized and Christianized after the nominal sort? Would not the hordes of the Far East overwhelm the comparatively little handful of Europe and America? What is the prospect of the fulfillment of the prophecy of our text—"Peace on earth, good will toward men?" There is no prospect from the earthly sources toward which we have been looking. If that prophecy is ever to be fulfilled it must be by some Divine intervention in human affairs.

The Desire of All Nations Coming.

Notwithstanding the eighteen centuries of delay our text as a prophecy will surely be fulfilled, and be fulfilled, too, by and through the One whom the angels announced and whose birth is very generally celebrated today. The Great Teacher, questioned by Pilate, answered that he was born to be a King—the King of the Jews; but he also added, "My Kingdom is not of this Age." How true! Many of us have gotten the wrong impression—that our Redeemer has been waging, as the Great King of Glory, an unsuccessful warfare for eighteen centuries against Satan, sin and death. But here we learn from the Great Teacher's own lips that his Kingdom is not of this Age. It belongs to the "world to come"—the Age to come.

Do we inquire, then, who has been the ruler of this world, this Age? The answer of the Master is that Satan is the Prince of this world. He is a usurper. The dominion of earth was given to man. But Satan, deceiving our race, putting darkness for light, has become thereby the real ruler, using humanity merely as his tools. He is styled "the god of this world," and the "Prince of this world," or age. And we are told again that "He now worketh in the hearts of the children of disobedience." When we reflect how many of humanity are disobedient, we see the vastness of the empire controlled by the Prince of Darkness. And when we see the few, comparatively, who are soldiers of the cross and followers of the Lamb we perceive that, as the Master

said, his following during this age is to be a "little flock."

Perplexed and confused many may ask, What, then, is the hope of the fulfillment of our text, "Peace on earth, good will toward men?" We answer that our Master, who declared that he was not the Prince of this age, declared also that his Kingdom of the next age will be introduced with power and great glory and that, although its initial manifestation will be with clouds and darkness and a time of trouble such as never before has been, nevertheless his reign will be glorious, triumphant and eternal. "He shall take unto himself his great power and reign" until "he shall have put all enemies under his feet;" "the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." "Unto him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess."

The victory of Emanuel means the overthrow of sin—the crushing of the serpent's head. At the very beginning of his glorious reign Satan shall be bound and following its close he shall be destroyed in the Second Death, together with all those who love unrighteousness, after they shall have had full knowledge and full opportunity for recovery from the snares of sin and death. Then, indeed, the whole world will proclaim the glory of God. There will no longer be discordant sounds. As the Scriptures declare, There shall be no more crying, no more sighing, no more dying—all the former things of sin and death shall have passed away (Rev. xxi, 4).

The Great Restorer of All.

The great King who, eighteen centuries ago, died, the Just for the unjust, that he might, judicially, bring mankind back into harmony with God, is to be the Great King of earth, the great Restorer of all that was lost in Adam, and he will make all things new" (Revelation xxi, 5).

Everything appertaining to this great Plan of Salvation outlined in the Word of God is reasonable. The crucial testing of the elect Church is necessary in order that, as faithful and merciful priests of God and of Christ, associated with him in his kingly glory, they may be God's instrumentality in succoring mankind from the fallen conditions which have resulted from six thousand years of sin, and from the malignant influence of the Prince of darkness, during the thousand years which the Bible stipulates as the period of Messiah's reign (Revelation xx, 6)—a period neither too long nor too short in which to accomplish the great work of the world's salvation.

True, some one might say, if it has required eighteen centuries for the development of the Church, how much more time will be necessary for the uplifting of the world? But we answer that it is not the Divine Purpose to uplift the world to the station of spirit nature and glory, but rather to restitution blessings and conditions. It is because of the high exaltation offered to the Church that such crucial testings of sacrificial obedience even unto death is required. With the Prince of darkness bound and the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing in its beams the darkness of sin and crime and sorrow will soon flee away. One century of such blessed influence upon the world will surely work wonders, bringing in also inventions and comforts and blessings, as yet undreamed of. Next will come the gradual awakening of all who have fallen asleep in death. They will come forth from the prison-house of death, as the Scriptures declare; will come forth that they may be made acquainted with the true God and with his glorious Son, the Redeemer, and with the principles of righteousness in contrast with the principles of sin.

We cannot suppose that it will require the majority of men, under those conditions, to sit long counting the value of the blessings of eternal life and restitution proffered them. The upward move, resurrection, uplifting, regeneration, will go rapidly on, while meantime, generation after generation shall come forth from the tomb and enjoy similar experiences. Finally all shall have come forth, because the love of God made this provision through the death of our Redeemer, who delighted to do the Father's will and who has already been rewarded gloriously with high exaltation to the divine plane of glory, honor and immortality.

Good Will Amongst Men.

The attainment of the condition of good will amongst men will mean the attainment of human perfection. God is Love. And when our first parents were created an earthly image of God, love must have been the predominant quality of their characters. What we see of selfishness is largely a matter of heredity, and all of life's customs are in line with it and continually increasing its weight and its hold upon us. But with the new King and the new reign of righteousness will come the glorious uplifting and transformation. Gradually, during the thousand years of Messiah's dominion of the world, the evils of selfishness will be made apparent and the beauties of holiness and love will be shown in contrast.

Restitution rewards will lift all the willing and obedient out of sin and selfishness to holiness and love. Then with love the very essence of man's being, good will towards men will everywhere prevail, because the Divine law, almost effaced through the reign of sin, will be rewritten in the human constitution. That Law, as we know, is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself."

Finally, dear friends, how glad we are that this is true; how glad we are that the terrible falsehoods palmed off on us during the Dark Ages respecting a God of hatred and a hell of torture everlasting are not true!

PASSED AWAY IN CALIFORNIA

Grandma Brantner Passes Away on Christmas Eve, and Remains to be Brought Here for Interment.

Judge A. J. Beeson yesterday received a message from M. Waybright at Los Angeles, California, informing him of the death of Mrs. Beeson's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Jane Brantner, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Waybright, Christmas eve, and that Mrs. Waybright would start to Plattsmouth with the remains immediately.

Sarah Jane Orendorff was born in Highland county, Virginia, March 11, 1825, where she grew to womanhood and received her education and afterward married William S. Brantner. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brantner resided in their native state until November 1866, they removed to Cass county, Nebraska, residing in this county until Mr. Brantner's death, July 1901.

Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brantner, six of whom, with twenty-six grandchildren, survive them.

The deceased had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. M. Waybright for a number of years and died of ailments incident to old age.

The surviving children are: Mrs. C. V. Snyder, of Churchville, Virginia, Mrs. Elizabeth Waybright, Los Angeles, California; Mrs. A. E. Beveridge, of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Fannie Brown, of Los Angeles, California, J. W. Brantner, of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Alice Jeffries, of Olympia, Washington. Mrs. Brantner was a consistent member of the Methodist church and the funeral will be held in the church here, probably next Thursday. A more definite announcement will be given in tomorrow's issue of the Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. Brantner were members of a colony of Virginia people who emigrated to Cass county over forty years ago, and their children are among the best families of the county.

Too Old to Be Caught.

When Sheriff Fischer and Sheriff Quinton, of Plattsmouth, were attending the convention at Columbus they didn't have a bit of fun. On the way home they stopped in Omaha and went to the Gayety theatre where they had a good deal of amusement. Some of their friends wanted them to sit in a box the same as Modest August and the county commissioners had done, but they were too wise. Both Fischer and Quinton are bald-headed and they were too cute for the fellows who did sit in a box exposed to the jokes of the actors.—Nebraska City Press.

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Stock Doing Well.

Mr. John Bergman, who resides eight miles west of the city, drove in from the farm this morning in time to catch No. 15 for Omaha. Mr. Bergman says the mild winter is fine for live stock and the cattle are coming through thus far in good shape. After he cut his twenty-three acre field of fall wheat this summer, he double disced the ground which had many heads of wheat lying scattered over it. The wheat came on well and made a good stand, and his thirty head of cattle and seven head of horses have almost lived on the wheat, and his milk cows have almost doubled the quantity of milk. The stock has not commenced on his corn stalks and there is plenty of feed in the field for some time to come.

Big Game and Dance.

Arrangements have been completed for a red-hot basket ball game Friday evening, Dec. 30th, between the Plattsmouth high school team and the German Turners. The event promises to be one of the best ever held in this city and as both are local teams a large crowd is expected to be on hand to cheer their favorites. The high school team has improved much since their last game and the Turners will be there with the goods. A dance will be the closing feature of the evening, starting right after the game. Music will be furnished by the M. W. A. orchestra. Remember, Friday evening, December 30, at Coates' hall, at 8 o'clock.

Fine Christmas Present.

Dr. E. W. Cook, head physician of the M. W. A., was the recipient of a handsome Christmas reminder in the shape of a fine, comfortable leather-upholstered chair. The doctor is very proud of his present because it comes from those with whom he is more or less associated in his official capacity. The gift is from the state deputy and the district deputies under Dr. Cook, and demonstrates the high esteem in which he is held by them.

Mail Carrier Remembered.

We have received Christmas presents during the last few days from the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomasson, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Thomasson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kellinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lowell, Mr. William Wolfarth, living on the west end of our route, made us a nice present of cash money, for all of which we are very thankful.

J. M. Young.

Mail carried R. R. 1, Mynard.

Hunted Cottontails.

Carl Sattler and his brother-in-law, Will Mason, and Clement and Henry Kokel, got a rig yesterday and went down to Rock Bluffs to hunt the festive rabbit. They succeeded in bagging nineteen of the juicy animals, and the boys will have rabbit pie now for some days.

Read the Daily Journal.

THE BABY GIVEN AWAY AT THE MAJESTIC

The unique method of advertising adopted by Manager Shlaes of the Majestic brought out a fine crowd Christmas eve when the live baby was given to the person holding the lucky number. Before adopting an infant the law requires that the foster-parents shall subscribe to a writing under oath that the adopted child shall be well cared for, fed and clothed and educated as one born in lawful wedlock. Manager Schlaes was careful to observe the legal steps for adoption before he would even allow the little one to be seen after the tickets were drawn from the basket. When it was ascertained that Val B. Brakel was to be the adopting parent, he was invited to step to the front and with his uplifted hand made solemn oral declaration that he would take the little motherless waif, and care for it like a father. After the formalities were duly observed the infant was brought forth and held aloft for the inspection of the foster-parent as well as the crowd. When it was disclosed that the adopted infant was a sweet little pig, the audience raised the roof with tumultuous applause. Val was game and would not back out simply because the child had been misrepresented in species, but took it with him. He had trouble from the start, different ones of his friends attempted to steal the little animal away from him, thinking in his disappointment he might not care for it as its needs would require. These attempts were repeated so many times that he finally forgot his solemn promise to keep and care for the little waif until she was eighteen years of age and to give her a good education, forgot his solemn promise to protect the infant like a child, and offered the little waif for sale, and actually sold it for a few paltry dollars, without exacting any promise from the purchaser to feed and care for the little pig. This did seem heartless to Mr. Schlaes, who had taken such pains to procure a nice pig for Val to adopt.

Stanley Hall Taken to Lincoln.

Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker went to Lincoln, taking to the asylum, Stanley Hall, the man who was declared insane by the insanity board a few days ago. No room could be found for him at the asylum when the order was made for his detention, and he has occupied a part of the cage at the county jail. Stanley was on his good behavior yesterday and did not attract a great deal of attention, to and from the train. The doctor thinks with proper treatment and abstinence from alcohol the patient will recover.

Lee Barnes, of Nebraska City, arrived in the city yesterday morning and visited his father, Dr. A. P. Barnes, for a short time. Lee is with the Nebraska City Press, and likes his new location very well.