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WHY GOD CARES FOR MAN.

The Divine Program For Human Salvation Is Only Beginning.

MUCH PREACHING IS TOMMYROT.



Brooklyn, N. Y., February 5.—Brooklyn Academy of Music was crowded today to hear Pastor Russell on God's mindfulness of man from the text, "What Is Man, That Thou Art Mindful of Him?"

(Psalm viii, 4.) The large audience listened with intense interest, so that a pin-drop could have been heard. The speaker said:—
For some weeks our city will be in the throes of a "Revival of Religion." Hundreds of ministers have placed themselves and their congregations under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Chapman and Mr. Alexander, the famous singer, for the purpose of reviving religion; for the purpose of rescuing human souls from eternal torment, as the proposition is generally understood. Business men have subscribed large sums of money for this noble work of rescue, reasoning that if thousands of dollars are spent in fire-fighting apparatus for the protection of human life for a few years, the services of Messrs. Chapman and Alexander will be cheap if they carry away twenty-five thousand dollars for a month's work, provided the results show a goodly number rescued from eternal torment.

We sympathize with some of these large-hearted and open-handed business men who give their money for so laudable an object. Yet we cannot think that many, nay not even a majority, of those who contributed this sum have done so conscientiously. We cannot think that one-half of them believe in the teaching of eternal torture, nor can we think that more than one-tenth of them believe that a practical conversion is signified by a response to an invitation which implies a preference for heavenly bliss rather than for eternal anguish. However, it is for those who pay the money to exercise their own consciences in this matter, and it is none of our business what they decide.

We sympathize also with the hundreds of Pastors of this city who have joined in this movement, which they hope will increase their congregations and church revenues, but these Pastors know in reality that the Bible does not teach eternal torment, and they have discarded the Bible anyway in favor of Higher Criticism-Infidelity. There is an unhappy and stultified position.

We sympathize still more with the poor people whose education along spiritual lines is almost wholly neglected, and who live in constant fear of the God who loves them and in dreadful misunderstanding of the Bible, which he has given them. Between the imperfectness of the translation and the coloring of prejudice and the twist of misunderstanding of some parables and symbols they are helpless in the presence of educated men who teach inferentially what they do not themselves believe. Alas! poor "common people" that you should be betrayed by those in whom you repose confidence and whom you unwittingly pay for keeping you in the dark by taking from you the key of knowledge. Truly, "My people perish for lack of knowledge" (Isaiah vi, 9).

Sympathizes Still More With God.

But still more we sympathize with God, whose name is dishonored, whose Justice, Mercy, Wisdom, Love and Power are traduced, nay, vilified. We say to ourselves, How wonderful the patience of God, who for centuries has endured blasphemous misrepresentations of his good character and Divine Plan of the Ages! Well does he tell us that as the heavens are higher than the earth, so his plans and methods in respect to our salvation are higher than ours—not lower. Well does he tell us that human fear toward him is taught by the precepts of men, not according to his Word (Isaiah xxix, 13). We can see reasons why the Lord has kept silence toward the heathen, but we are perplexed that judgments have so long delayed to come upon those who, knowing better, still slander the great and holy name and misrepresent the Divine purposes.

What would a chief shepherd do to an under-shepherd found misleading the sheep, guiding them into poisonous pastures? We believe that he would take the sheep from them, even though he allowed them still to shepherd the goats. And it is quite our thought that such a judgment impends over Christendom and that all shepherds, false to their trust, will be dismissed ignominiously, and that very soon!

Some urge that we should do evil in order to obtain good results; that we should misrepresent the Divine character in order to get people to join the Church. Is it urged that some day, as a result of this evangelistic movement, lead a more orderly and

decent life hereafter as citizens, and that we should be willing to join in traducing our Creator, in order to obtain this result? We answer, No, a thousand times, No! In our judgment the perversions of the Truth, the dishonoring of our Maker, the instilling of misconceptions into the minds of the people, is as awful a cost to pay, even if the results should be a hundred times as great as promised. Well did Jesus say, "Ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte and when he is gained, you make him two-fold more a child of destruction than yourselves" (Matthew xxiii, 15). The conversions achieved by misrepresentations of God instill a poison into the heart difficult to eradicate, impervious to the Truth.

It grieves me to be obliged conscientiously thus to characterize a movement which has, at least, an outward appearance of godliness. It will attract to me the venom of those whose hypocrisies I criticize. It is not the money that they will collect that grieves me, for those who give it honestly, thinking thus to serve the Lord, will surely be blessed by him. It is the hypocrisy of the thing, the misrepresentation of their own belief and unbelief and the slander against the holy name of the Creator and the further bamboozling and throwing of dust into the eyes of the common people—this awakens, and should awaken, righteous indignation. And the more others do not speak, the more I must speak in denunciation and in warning to the people to search the Scriptures and become undeceived.

Hearken Now to Our Text.

The teachings of all of the creeds of the "Dark Ages" which have come down to us, although they contain many good things, are so befogged with misrepresentations of God as to be a stench to our nostrils and a menace to our spiritual health. They picture to us a God either reckless and careless of the future interests of his human creatures, or else as powerless to aid any but the few. They picture to us millions going down to torture during the four thousand years before Jesus came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost. They picture to us that since his coming only a handful, comparatively, of the human family have become his disciples, footstep followers. "Meet for the inheritance of the saints in light." All the others, according to our Protestant creeds, Calvinistic and Arminian, have gone down to eternal torture. From this standpoint it is that Dr. Chapman and Mr. Alexander are the heroes of the hour, saving a few more whom God would have otherwise neglected, or, as some might say, saving them in spite of Divine foreordination to the contrary.

But what say the Scriptures? Does the Bible substantiate such theories? Nay, nay! In harmony with our text, the entire Bible reveals to us a God as infinite in his Wisdom and Power as in his Justice and Love. Our text tells us that he is mindful of his creatures—humanity. He was mindful in the very beginning when he created man and foreknew his fall. Away back there he foretold that "the Seed of the woman should ultimately bruise the Serpent's head." Away back there he indicated his Divine purpose, in due time, to redeem man from destruction (not from eternal torment, for none were sentenced to torment).

The skins which covered the nakedness of our first parents cost the lives of animals, and thus God typically prophesied "better sacrifices" for the perfect covering of man's sin and shame. In God's dealings with the nation of Israel, he gave numerous types foreshadowing the later blessings, following "the better sacrifices" of the antitypical Atonement Day—blessing all the families of the earth.

God was mindful of man's interests all that time (for over forty-two centuries), even though, during that long period, nothing was actually accomplished. The salvation was purposed, was planned, was assured, but must be waited for until God's due time.

Reconciliation by "Better Sacrifices."

When Jesus appeared the world was still in sin—even the one little nation of Israel was still under Divine condemnation because of sin—because their typical sacrifices were insufficient and merely foreshadows of "the better sacrifices," which God was *mindful* later to bring to pass.

Those "better sacrifices" are not yet completed, though nearly so, we believe. They consist of "the Man Christ Jesus who gave himself a 'Ransom for all,' and also of the faithful few whom he has accepted as his disciples and who are walking in his steps, 'presenting their bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God,' through their Redeemer (Rom. xii, 1).

God is still mindful of humanity. He has not forgotten his responsibilities as a Creator. The theory that God shirks his responsibility and allows the ninety thousand who die daily to drop into eternal torment because of carelessness or indifference on our part is not true—is not Scriptural. God affirms his own responsibility for every feature of his Plan. He declares, "My Word that is gone forth out of my mouth shall not return unto me void; it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah lv, 11). Hence we should understand that God sent no message to convert the world during the first forty-one hundred and fifty years after Adam's creation, because he did not will the world to be converted then. He had no message for the world. His time had not come. St. Paul refers to this, saying, "The times of that ignorance God winked at" (took no notice of). But now, since the death of Jesus, the Just for the unjust, and the opening up of possibilities for a future life through a resurrection, God commands all men everywhere to repent. And all who become disciples of Jesus are priv-

ileged to be ambassadors for God, to convey to all who have the hearing ear a message of God's mercy—to bind up the broken-hearted, to declare the acceptable year and the opening of the prison doors.

But the work in the present time is restricted. Not all could possibly be blessed now—and the elect must have an ear to hear and must be "drawn of the Father" and must walk in the Master's footsteps and thus become copies of God's dear Son. This is the only work thus far, and it is not to the world, but to the few who have the hearing ear and who leave the world to become followers of Jesus.

"The High Calling in Christ"

The Bible declares that now God is sending forth a "high calling in Christ." Those called during this Gospel Age are called to walk in Jesus' footsteps as saints, "presenting their bodies living sacrifices," suffering with their Master and for his cause. The promise to all these is that, if faithfully, they shall share with the great Redeemer his Messianic Throne which is yet to bless the world. To this Bridegroom, Lord and Head, sharing his sufferings they will share his exaltation to the divine nature and his glory, honor and immortality. And these will participate in the glorious Messianic work soon to begin.

"Let God Be True"—Others Liars.

If evangelists and others would preach this "narrow way" of the Gospel of Christ, how we would rejoice with them, and how soon would the true knowledge of God's love spread over the world and appeal to the hearts of all! How gladly we would have them join us in this message and in the further message that God's Plan in the next Age will reach Adam and all of his posterity—"every man." Just and unjust—living and dead! They should be told of the "Times of Restitution" that are nearing. They should be advised that if they neglect the "high calling," the "objection" now in progress, they will, nevertheless, have responsibility and be liable for stripes or punishments, in proportion as they know right from wrong and willfully do the wrong.

What we plead for is that the educated ministers and laymen should cease to do evil, cease to misrepresent and traduce our gracious Creator. We warn them that he will not hold guiltless those who take his name in vain—will not hold guiltless those who atrociously malign his name.

The Great Revival Coming.

As for methods for the calling of the "elect" in this Age, we urge that neither we nor others are wise enough to improve upon the methods and practices of Jesus and the Apostles. We urge that any deviation from their Gospel of "good tidings of great joy for all people" must be injurious. We urge that we of today should preach, as St. Peter did at Pentecost, not only of the "high calling" of the Church, but also of the world's blessing—"Times of Restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began" (Acts iii, 19-23).

We urge that such a general presentation of Divine Justice would appeal to all true hearts and heads in the present time much better than any "expedient" preaching and prepare all mankind the better for the future as well as for the present life.

The great revival of religion will come to the world immediately following the great time of trouble with which this Gospel Age is shortly to end. Then, under the blessing of Messiah's Empire, all the ignorance and superstition and misrepresentation of God and of his Plan will flee away before the presence of the Sun of Righteousness, which will illuminate the world.

Then will come God's time for blessing the world. His Kingdom, established in the world with power and great glory, will rule it with a rod of iron, compelling prompt obedience to the Divine Law, both in letter and in spirit. The obedient will be helped upward and will progress step by step to perfection, while the rebellious, after proper testing and provings, will be destroyed from amongst the people—in the "Second Death."

Why should we not tell the people plainly that there is a special salvation now in progress and that a common or general one will follow for the non-elect? Why not explain to them the great reward of the present time—joint-heirship with Messiah in the Kingdom for which we pray, "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as in heaven?" Why not explain to the world that restitution is the portion of all who do not choose to sacrifice, but that, according to their present course, upward or downward, will be their standing future—more or less disapproved and requiring more or less of chastisements or stripes, difficulties, for their extrication, for their uplifting.

Much better could we understand the giving of money to tell mankind the Truth and to glorify the name of our God and our Redeemer. But we are totally at a loss to comprehend the attitude of those who give time and money for a little outward show and the grievous inward injury to the many through a misrepresentation of their Creator and his Word.

To the out-of-Church millions whom I address through the newspapers weekly I suggest that the power of the Truth is love, and that faithfulness to our Lord and to his Message in the Bible are the two greatest privileges that could possibly come to any of us, and that we should each and all unite hearts and voices in "showing forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light." Thus we may be helpful to other wanderers seeking "the Way, the Truth and the Life." "The Love of God constraineth us."

DEATH HASTENED BY FALL FROM BED

Mrs. Catherine M. Wood Passes Away This Morning at An Early Hour.

From Saturday's Daily.
Mrs. Catherine M. Wood, an aged lady, died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. S. P. Beaver, in this city, at 1:30 this morning from the effects of a fall received yesterday.

Catherine M. White was born in Georgia, Vermont, April 6, 1828. She was married to William Wood, at Wallingford, Connecticut, March 30, 1852. Five years later Mr. and Mrs. Wood removed to Iowa, where they resided for some years. Three children were born to them, two of whom survive the deceased, namely: William Walter Wood, of Denver, and Mrs. Adeline Pillsbury, of Plattsmouth. Her husband died in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1861, having enlisted in the army for the defense of his country at the outbreak of the civil war.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Wood made her home a part of the time with her son, Mr. W. W. Wood, and a portion of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Pillsbury, and until the death of her sister, a large part of the time Mrs. Wood lived at Minneapolis with her sister. She came to Plattsmouth about six months ago to reside with Mrs. Pillsbury, and for some time had been suffering from grip. And yesterday morning while no one was in the room the aged patient arose from her bed and in her weakened condition, fell and sustained internal injuries which resulted in her death this morning.

Her daughter, Mrs. Pillsbury, has been confined to her bed with grip for some days, and is yet unable to leave her bed.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

We, the undersigned, will sell at Public Auction at the old Atwood farm, four and one-half miles southeast of Plattsmouth, near the Missouri river, at the big island, on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1911 the following property, to-wit:

Fourteen Head of Horses.
One pair black mares, ten years old, weight 3,000 pounds, with foal.
Pair bay mares, 7 years old, weight 2,800.
Pair bay coach colts, 3 years old.
Sorrel colt, coming 3 years old, weight 1,400.
Black colt, coming 2 years old, weight 1,200.
One black mare colt, 9 months old.
One black horse colt, 8 months old.
One Shetland pony, 5 years old.
One bay mare, weight 1,200 lbs., with foal.

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One three-horse sulky plow.
One riding cultivator.
One stump cultivator.
One spring wagon, one top buggy
Two lumber wagons.
Three sets of double harness.
One light set of double harness.
One grindstone.
One hand corn sheller.
Ten tons of bright alfalfa hay.
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All sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand; over \$10, a credit of twelve months will be given, the purchaser giving good bankable paper bearing interest at eight per cent from date. No property to leave the premises until settled for. Sale will commence at 10:00 o'clock a. m., sharp.
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ANOTHER OLD RESIDENT DIES

Samuel S. Russell a Prominent Citizen of Iowa.

From Friday's Daily.
Samuel S. Russell, who has been a resident of East Plattsmouth for almost fifty years, died this morning after an illness of three weeks, resulting from a stroke of paralysis, and at the time of his death was 84 years, 8 months and 4 days of age.

Mr. Russell was a native of Indiana, and was married three times. His first wife was buried in Boone county, Missouri, his second wife interred at Old Pacific City, and his third wife at Martin Chapel cemetery in Mills county, Iowa. Mr. Russell settled across the river from Plattsmouth, in 1865, and has resided on the same farm ever since. There were seventeen children born to Mr. Russell as the fruits of his second and third marriages, twelve of whom survive, those of the second wife being Mrs. I. N. Goucheour, Mrs. C. W. Barker, Newton Russell, Alex. Russell and Samuel Russell. The children of the third marriage are: Will, Andy, John and Alpha Russell, Mrs. Frances Sturr, Mrs. Rosa Goodrow and Mrs. Ettie Price.

He is also survived by forty-one grandchildren, fifty-four great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

The funeral will occur at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the East Plattsmouth church and the remains buried at Martin's Chapel cemetery. The deceased was a highly respected citizen of Mills county, having purchased the farm on which he died at the close of the civil war, where he resided upon it until his death. Since the death of his wife, several years ago, his son Samuel has resided with him. He was a staunch democrat and took an active interest in the affairs of his county, although he never aspired to any political position for himself.

Only From Day of Sentence.

A special from Lincoln, under date of February 3, says: "The attorney general's office has held that a sheriff may collect for the board and bed of a prisoner only from the day of his sentence. Auditor Barton was presented with a claim from Douglas county for prisoner's subsistence from the time the prisoner pleaded guilty. The opinion of the attorney general shortens the time that a prisoner may be held a prisoner and charge the state for his keep to thirty days. Previously sheriffs have sometimes collected fat sums for keeping prisoners four, five or six months."

GREGORY FILES ANSWER IN SUIT BROUGHT BY YOUNG

From Saturday's Daily.
Mr. John Gregory, of near Murray, who is defendant in a suit brought by J. L. Young in the county court was in the city yesterday and filed his answer in the case which will be regularly for trial next Tuesday. The action is brought by Mr. Young for several hundred dollars but according to the defendant's answer and offer in writing to confess judgment, there is very little.

The answer sets out in substance, that during the month of February he sold and delivered to plaintiff 1,000 bushels of corn at 58 cents and 192.38 bushels at 56 cents per bushel, a total of 2092.38 bushels, and that plaintiff paid to defendant \$400 on the 11th day of February and \$800 on the 28th day of February, 1910, and that there is really due from the defendant the sum of \$8.35, for which the answer sets out the defendant is willing to confess judgment. In addition to the answer, defendant by his attorney, M. Gering, filed an offer in writing to confess judgment for the sum of \$25 and costs to this date. The suit promises to be a very interesting one and the outcome will be watched with interest.

DEATH CLAIMS BISHOP BONACUM OF LINCOLN

(Special to the Journal.)
Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 4.—Right Rev. Thomas Bonacum, bishop of the Lincoln diocese of the Roman Catholic church died at his residence near this city at noon today.

For the past two days the bishop had been in a critical condition, his illness dating from last Monday, when he was seized with a violent chill, his symptoms becoming more alarming each day.

Bishop Bonacum had been in charge of the See of Lincoln since it was founded, twenty years ago, embracing the territory south of the Platte river in Nebraska. He came to Lincoln from St. Louis.

Injured Hand Recovering.

Will Grebe, who received a severe cut on one finger last Tuesday while butchering hogs at home, is recovering from the effects of the injury quite nicely. Will and his assistant killed and dressed three hogs in 27 minutes by the watch, notwithstanding the severe cut received at the time.

Miss Marie Svoboda went to Omaha on the fast mail this afternoon, where she spent a few hours with friends.

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