

GOD'S PROMISE TO BE FULFILLED

His Kingdom on Earth Shall Be Established.

BUT NOT BY HUMAN POWER.

Pastor Russell Says Mankind Erred in Its Early Interpretation of the Divine Plan of Salvation—The Present Age Not the Lord's Time For the Redemption of the World—It is the Period in Which the Few Shall Be Selected to Receive the Blessing of the Messiah.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.—The International Bible Students Committee of Foreign Missions Investigation stopped at Honolulu and made observations. Pastor Russell, Chairman of the Committee, delivered a public address. He had a large audience and attentive hearing. His text was from Isaiah lvi, 8, respecting the birth of a nation in a day. He said:—

In my childhood days every penny I could save was devoted to Foreign Missions. The Hawaiian Islands and the Fiji Islands were prominent before the Christian world as missionary fields. I remember well that the establishment of a civilized government in these islands was hailed as the fulfillment of the text I have chosen—"a nation born in a day." The thought then was that thus speedily the world would be converted and the glorious promises of the Hebrew prophets fulfilled. How earnestly we labored and prayed, "Thy Kingdom come," thinking all the while that we were bringing the Kingdom of God to earth and fulfilling the Lord's Prayer!

Alas! we are having a rude awakening from such dreams. We are finding that if the Kingdom of God must be established by human power it will never be established. We are finding that the world's population is doubling every century. If we double our missionary enterprises every century we would only be keeping pace with the natural increase of the human family. Statistics show us that there are twelve hundred millions of heathen today and that a century ago there were only half as many. Alas! those missionary hopes of ours have gone glimmering.

But the awakening has done us good; it has taught us to think a little. We are now sensibly inquiring, Suppose we should convert all the heathen and make the whole world a Christendom of the same sort that we have in Europe and America! What then? Would God's will be done on earth as it is done in heaven—perfectly? Could we thus hope to bring in the glorious conditions prophesied, in which not only the knowledge of God would fill the whole earth, but additionally every knee should bow and every tongue confess in such a manner as to be to the glory of God? We see that such hopes would be worse than foolish; they would be ludicrous. Thus our awakening has done us good, and sent us again to God's Book to see wherein we erred in our expectations.

What Say the Scriptures?
The distinction respecting great works of our own hands vs. before God and made us realize our dependence upon Him for the fulfillment of the glorious promises. We have read our Bibles afresh. We have taken from our minds the spectacles of our forefathers with the color and gloss which they handed down to us. We are now reading God's Book in its own light, allowing God to be His own Interpreter, and Himself to make it plain. And what do we find? Ah! wonder of wonders! We find the Divine Plan wider and deeper and higher than we had ever dreamed.

We find that the present Age, from Calvary and Pentecost to the second coming of Jesus, is not God's time for dealing with the world, opening their blind eyes, unstopping their deaf ears and making every knee to bow and every tongue to confess. It is merely His time for the gathering out from every nation, people, kindred and tongue a "little flock" of such as have the hearing ear and the appreciative heart, to become the Bride of Christ and His joint-heirs in His glorious Kingdom, the establishment of which will mean the blessing of all the families of the earth, as was promised to Father Abraham.

Well may we reason that if our God waited for four thousand years before He sent His Son to redeem the world, and has since waited two thousand more for the selecting of the Bride of Christ. He must intend that the great Kingdom of His Son, the Messianic reign of a thousand years, is to do a great work for mankind in general. Such broad foundations, such deep laid plans and arrangements foretell a grand and glorious outcome. Evidently God's Word shall be fulfilled, which He spoke, saying, "My Word that goeth forth out of My mouth shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and shall prosper in the thing wherunto I sent it."

The message went forth in a primary sense in Eden, when God declared that eventually "the Seed of the woman

should bruise the serpent's head"—should crush evil. His Word went forth still more distinctly to Father Abraham, assuring him that he would have two seeds, two posterities, one "as the stars of heaven" and the other "as the sands of the seashore." The Church, with Christ her Head, constitutes this heavenly, starry Seed of Abraham, as saith the Apostle (Galatians iii, 16, 29); and with the completion of the Church will come the secondary blessing—the development of the seed of Abraham as the sand of the seashore for multitude, every knee bowing and every tongue confessing, to the glory of God.

But this secondary seed of Abraham, the earthly seed, is to receive its blessing from the Heavenly Seed, hence everything waits now until the Church shall have been completed—until the "very elect" shall have been gathered "from the four winds of heaven"—until all the followers of Jesus shall have been changed, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," as participants in the First Resurrection.

Then, oh, glorious Day! the Sun of Righteousness will shine forth—Christ and His faithful Bride—to chase away the darkness, ignorance and superstition from the world and to fully enlighten mankind of every nation, people, kindred and tongue. In that glorious work of enlightenment the natural seed of Abraham will have a blessed share, and Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the Prophets shall be "Princes in all the earth" (Psalm xlv, 16), perfect men, representatives of the glorious Messiah and His Bride in the earth, administrators of the Law, which will go forth from the glorious Christ, invisible to men.

Al! that will be Earth's Jubilee! As in olden time, in the Jubilee year, the Israelites returned to their own possessions, to their own homesteads, so in the Antitype, only the latter will be still more grand: The human family will come back into possession of its own—that which was lost by sin and its penalty, that which was recovered by Jesus, that which will be restored by resurrection power during the Messianic reign.

The Nation Born in a Day.
But what about our text? Did we misinterpret the Divine statement when we applied it to the acceptance by a people of civilization? Ah! yes; we made a very foolish mistake; the wish was father to the thought. Our misapprehensions blinded us to the proper interpretation of that Scripture. What then does it mean? How should our text be applied? Ah, Beloved, that Nation to be born in a day is the Church, the Holy Nation, of which St. Peter spoke, "Ye are a Royal Priesthood, a peculiar people, a Holy Nation." (I Peter ii, 9.) The begetting of this Holy Nation began at Pentecost, and has continued down through the succeeding eighteen centuries and more. The birth will be the resurrection.

All who now receive the begetting of the Holy Spirit are reckoned as members of this Holy Nation, but their membership in it is dependent upon their faithfulness; as we read, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne." The present life is to every one of these royal priests, or priestly kings, as we may choose to express it, a period of probation. Will we or will we not "make our calling and election sure?" Not at the beginning nor at the time of our consecration is the matter decided, but after we "have fought the good fight and finished the course" and won the crown, by obedience even unto death.

For nearly nineteen centuries these royal priests have been testifying for the Lord, each in his turn. For all the faithful there is a crown of righteousness laid up; as St. Paul said, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me at that day"—early in that day of Messiah, in the resurrection morning. All these have a part in the First Resurrection, and will be members of that Holy Nation, that royal priesthood; as we read, "Blessed and holy are all they that have part in the Chief Resurrection; on such the Second Death hath no power; but they shall be kings and priests unto God and unto Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

Thus will that Holy Nation which God has been gathering and electing during the nineteen centuries, out of all nations, peoples, kindreds and tongues, from Jews and Gentiles, bond and free, be born in a day—come forth perfect and complete, the Holy Nation of Divine promise which, as God's spiritual Empire, is to take over the control of the world for a thousand years and rule it in righteousness, to free all from the power of Satan, sin and death, and to lift up again as many as are willing to be the image and likeness of God, and to destroy all who love unrighteousness and work iniquity.

This is the Kingdom of Messiah, whose dominion is to be established on the earth, and for which Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come." It will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. It will require the entire work of a thousand years to fully accomplish all of this glorious prophecy, but we have the Divine assurance that by that time God's will will be as perfectly done on this earth as it is now done in heaven itself.

Paradise of the Pacific.
I can now well understand why your beautiful island has been described as the Paradise of the Pacific. I note your wonderful climate and everything which co-operates with it to bring about this Paradise likeness. I say to myself, How gracious is our God! Not only has He provided a heavenly Par-

dise for the Church, that they should be sharers with their Lord on the spirit plane, partakers of the divine nature, "far above angels, principalities and powers," but how gracious has God also been in His provision for the world at large—His promise of an earthly Paradise for such of humanity as, when brought to a knowledge of Himself and His requirements, shall gladly, heartily accept the same!

How wonderful is the Wisdom and Power of God by which He can make use of even the reign of sin and death to teach great lessons both to angels and men respecting the exceeding sinfulness of sin! And how merciful and gracious is the arrangement He has made that when this reign of sin and death shall have accomplished His intended purposes, He will bring it to an end. Those twin monarchs which have ruled the world for six thousand years—Sin and Death—shall be vanquished; and ultimately every member of Adam's race shall be delivered from their power. For the willing and obedient, the earthly Paradise, human perfection, the image of God in the flesh, is to be the reward—an earthly reward; and for the rebellious, the Second Death, from which there will be no redemption, no recovery, and in which, thank God! there will be no suffering, for they shall perish like the brute beasts, as St. Peter declares.—I Peter ii, 12.

Restitution Will Bring Real Paradise.
Much as your island may resemble the Garden of Eden, it is not Paradise; and cannot be Paradise so long as you have sin and sorrow, pain and death amongst you. One of the first objects that greeted my sight as I landed was your cemetery, and I said, Oh! yes, death is here, and everywhere—God's curse, declaring that no imperfect being may live. Well, I thank God for that, too. Centuries of life with imperfection would doubtless be too much for us to enjoy. Far better is it as Divine Wisdom has arranged it—a birth, a struggle for existence, a battle with self and sin, the world, the flesh and the Devil, and then a falling asleep in death, until the morning of the resurrection. There will be no consciousness of even a moment's intervening until the glorious day shall have dawned, and the new order of things shall have been introduced and established; and then the sleepers will come forth to see a brighter side than any that they have previously experienced or ever heard of.

The Kingdom of God's dear Son and His elect Bride will be in power and nothing shall hurt or destroy in all His holy Kingdom. The blessing of the Lord shall be upon man, and his earthly dominion. Restitution influences will be at work for the bringing of everything to perfection—especially for the bringing of man up, up, up, out of sin, weakness, degradation and death to the full glory of perfection of mind and body and vitality—the image and likeness of God, as at first, before sin entered.

Rich and Poor and Socialism.
You still have your rich and poor; there still is *caste* amongst the children of the one parentage; but when the uplifting influences of Messiah's reign shall have done their work, these things will all be in the past. "He that sitteth upon the Throne shall say, 'Behold, I make all things new.'" In that glorious time there will not be rich and poor, there will be socialism in the proper sense, as the Scriptures clearly point out; they say, "Every man shall sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree; and none shall make them afraid." And again, "They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat the fruit thereof." There will be no tenantry, no landlordism then.

Do not understand me to be inciting dissatisfaction with the present conditions. In many respects what we have today is the very best possible thing under present conditions—man's fallen nature and selfish temperament taken into consideration. The counsel of God's Word is that all who trust in Him are to wait for Him to bring in the better conditions. Some very well intentioned people are making a sad mistake; just as the morning is about to dawn—about to bring in the great blessings of restitution, socialism, etc., they blindly look in another direction and declare that unless they bring socialism to pass it will never come. We grant, indeed, that it would be foolish to expect that the rich would bring about the wonderful changes which the Bible foretells—it would be contrary to human nature to so expect. But we do say that those who think to bring about socialism by human wisdom and human strength are deficient in wisdom. They do not see that what they propose is absolutely impossible—their eyes are holden.

The Bible alone shows us what will be the outcome of the present unrest and selfishness and dissatisfaction. The Bible tells that what will start as socialism will eventually develop into anarchy. The Bible shows that those who think they can bring in the Messianic blessings by carnal weapons are deluding themselves—they will instead bring upon themselves, as well as upon the rich, the great and awful trouble which the Scriptures foretell as being now imminent—"a time of trouble such as was not since there was a nation." (Daniel xii, 1.) Our Lord Jesus quoted this passage and added to it the words, "No, nor ever shall be." (Matthew xxiv, 21.) Thank God! that this one, great, awful conflict, in which every man's hand shall be against his neighbor and against his brother, will be the last. It will be so awful as to make the entire world sick of strife, of selfishness, of sin. Thus it will act as a great plowshare in the hearts of mankind in general, to break the hard-hearted and to turn all hearts in expectation to the Lord and His glorious Kingdom.

TWO SHOW GIRLS FREED BY JURY

Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad Are Acquitted.

DELIBERATE LESS THAN HOUR

Hold W. E. D. Stokes, Millionaire Hotel Man, Was Shot in Self Defense. Prosecutor Plays Both Sides—Stokes Not Critically Ill.

New York, Dec. 16.—Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, the show girls, charged with shooting W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire hotel man, were acquitted by the jury after fifty-eight minutes' deliberation.

While the jury was deliberating the two defendants were held prisoners in an adjoining room. Waiting was obviously an ordeal for both. When summoned to hear the verdict, Miss Graham appeared unstrung and was assisted into the court room trembling as with a chill. The more spirited Miss Conrad came unassisted.

When the girls faced the foreman he announced the words "Not guilty." Miss Conrad cried: "Thank God," and went into violent hysterics. She sank to the counsel table then jumped up again, shrieking, tearing her hair and throwing her arms about wildly. It was a surprise to the spectators, for Miss Conrad had kept much the better nerve of the two defendants throughout the trial.

On the other hand, Miss Graham, who continually wept during the trial and sobbed the more when she heard the verdict, recovered herself when she saw her companion so affected, and acted as a comforter to her younger friend.

The girls' hysteria continued fully ten minutes before her friend succeeded in quieting her.

She recovered as suddenly as she was attacked and, with Miss Graham on her arm, issued from the court room to be greeted with cheers by a large crowd gathered outside. Many persons stepped forward to shake their hands. They stepped into a taxicab and were whirled away to dinner.

The jury arrived at its verdict after taking four ballots. On three of them the jurymen voted each time 11 to 1 for acquittal, the one man dissenting being in favor of a conviction on second degree assault.

When Assistant District Attorney Buckner began his speech to the jury Mr. Stokes' pretty young wife sat near the judge's desk and Miss Graham and Miss Conrad at their attorney's table. The prosecutor urged the jurors not to consider Stokes' character. He pleaded with them to forget sympathy and consider only the argument of self-defense. Spouting of the relations between Stokes and Miss Graham, he said scornfully: "And they have the hardihood to call that love. It's not love. It's lust on the part of Stokes and lust on the part of Lillian Graham."

Recent reports, it is now learned, rather exaggerated the gravity of Mr. Stokes' condition. While his recovery is slow, it was said that he was in no immediate danger.

DYNAMITE GRAND JURY DUSY

Chief of Police of Kansas City Tells of Explosions in That City.

Indianapolis, Dec. 16.—Government officials who are cooperating with District Attorney Miller in conducting the investigation of the dynamite conspiracy before the federal grand jury learned from two sources the details of explosions in which it is said other than the McNamara's were implicated.

W. E. Griffin, chief of police of Kansas City, who had knowledge of five explosions in Kansas City, was questioned about certain facts which, it is said, had never been revealed. These explosions, all in structures erected by firms employing nonunion men, occurred from 1908 to 1910. As not more than two of them were confessedly the work of Orrie McNamara, Chief Griffin's information was sifted to ascertain who else might have destroyed the property.

Much important testimony bearing on the records taken from the headquarters of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers was also obtained from Miss Mary Dye, who went before the grand jury.

Mrs. Andrew J. Hull, the former bookkeeper in the McNamara office, also visited the federal building.

Sandford Plans Work Ahead.

Durham, Me., Dec. 16.—Plans for the continuation of the work of the Holy Ghost and U.S. society of Shiloh, after its leader, the Rev. Frank W. Sandford, is sentenced next Monday for causing the deaths of six persons on the yacht Coronet, were announced by him. Rev. Mr. Sandford said that Rev. Charles E. Holland, one of his lieutenants, would be in charge of the sect.

Emperor Lays Cornerstone.

Delhi, Dec. 16.—The king emperor and queen emperor laid the first stone of the new capital of India, which, as was proclaimed after the Durbar, is to be Delhi. There was a brilliant assemblage of ruling princes, governors and state officials. Their majesties both are enjoying splendid health in spite of the great fatigue they have undergone during the lengthy ceremonies.

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JUDGE DEFEATED BY OWN WORDS

Striking Jury Returns Verdict Contrary to Instructions. COURT FORGED TO ACCEPT IT.

Orders Verdict Entered and Jurymen Discharged—Insisted That They Were Acting According to Their Oaths—Out Four Days.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—The "striking" jury in Judge James E. Withrow's court triumphed when it returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the McDermott will case, which was contrary to the instructions of the judge delivered four days ago and which the judge had to accept.

The court announced that on the motion of either side the verdict could be set aside.

A slight change in the judge's language in sending the jury back to deliberate opened the way for a verdict.

"The judge had kept asking us if we had signed a verdict," said Foreman Hartmann, after the jury was discharged. "He told us to go back and deliberate until we reached a verdict. We did."

Mrs. Mary Farrington had sued the Rev. Father John White, executor of the estate of her mother, Bridget McDermott, charging that he had exercised undue influence over Mrs. McDermott. The court held that insufficient evidence had been introduced by the plaintiff and Tuesday directed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. This the twelve men refused to do, saying they "would stand on their rights as American citizens."

The jury came into court and the following finding was handed to Judge Withrow:

"We, the jury, find in favor of the plaintiff (or the reason that, from the circumstantial evidence of witnesses, we believe there was undue influence exerted over Bridget McDermott prior to and at the time she executed the testament in question, when it was not her last will and testament."

The judge sent for law books and, with the foreman of the jury, looked at them and then said:

"Gentlemen of the jury, although your verdict is in violation of the orders of this court, under the rulings of the supreme court it becomes my duty to accept it. Upon motion of either party—the plaintiff or the defendant—the verdict will be set aside and a new trial ordered. The jury is discharged."

The jurors declared their resistance was due in a measure to their desire to protest against a system which permits judges to direct jurors to return certain verdicts.

PAYS FINES OF OFFENDERS

Utah Murderer Wants Exclusive Use of the Jail.

Gibson, a cowboy, was arrested for "shooting up" the town. Brown eliminated Gibson from his society by paying the latter's fine and took similar action when two men charged with assault and battery became tenants.

Residents of Moab who have been deterred from "taking a punch" at a neighbor solely because of fear of fines and imprisonment are said to be eagerly seeking opportunities to even up old scores with fellow townsmen, counting on Brown's desire for solitude and his extensive pocketbook to protect them from the consequences of their acts.

KIMMEL HURT IN WRECK

Alleged Imposter of Niles City, Mich., May Dies of Injuries.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 16.—George A. Kimmel, the Niles (Mich.) "man of mystery" in the insurance case, who was injured in a Chesapeake and Ohio passenger train wreck near Converse, Ind., developed paralysis of the legs and is not expected to recover. Kimmel suffered two broken ribs and an injury to the spine.

Charles M. Baney, a traveling salesman of St. Henry, O., also was severely injured, and twenty other passengers were hurt.

The wreck was caused by the breaking of a flange of a wheel on the tender.

Kimmel, who has been employed in this city for more than a week, was returning from a trip to Chicago, where he was called in connection with the insurance cases which are to be tried in St. Louis.

Russia May Modify Treaty.
Washington, Dec. 16.—A report spread at the capital that the efforts of the state department to procure more liberal treatment for American Jewish citizens in Russia had resulted in a tentative agreement for a modification of the Russian restrictions which might prove a satisfactory solution of the vexed question. Secretary Knox denied an agreement had been reached, but indicated that the negotiations still were in progress.

Diamond Dick Dies of Injuries.
Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Word was received here of the death in Kansas City of George B. McClelland, better known as "Diamond Dick," famous in dime novel lore, from injuries received in being run down by a train while driving over a railroad crossing.

CONDENSED NEWS

Louis Ferrer, vice president of the federal council, was elected president of this court, under the rulings of the supreme court it becomes my duty to accept it. Upon motion of either party—the plaintiff or the defendant—the verdict will be set aside and a new trial ordered. The jury is discharged."

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The 50,000 women suit makers and 3,000 tailors who have been on a strike in Berlin since Nov. 23 have abandoned the struggle.

J. H. Tanbury of Urbana and Wayne N. Johnstone of Champaign, junior students, were suspended for the remainder of the year from the University of Illinois for participating in an attack on a vaudeville theater.

Governor Harmon of Ohio has declined an invitation to attend the Jackson day banquet to be held in Washington Jan. 8, the day on which the national Democratic committee meets. W. J. Bryan has accepted an invitation and is expected to speak at the dinner.