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THE TEACHER

No matter how young and strong a woman may be, she cannot do efficient and satisfactory school work and preserve her health and spirits for more than ten years at the furthest, but often only half that number of years. No, we will not attempt to say why this is so, but what we do wish to say is that it is a burning shame, a disgrace to the commonwealth, that an earnest, conscientious teacher should be paid the begrudging pittance she usually is, and when has she ever been known to be adequately compensated, as a reward for her giving up her strength and vivacity, her very life in the cause. With the utmost economy what has she at the end of five years of that which men hold dear and which even the most unworldly of us find extremely needful? Not enough to buy entrance at last in an old ladies' home. And this when the anxiety and nerve exhaustion are painfully apparent, when the healthy young woman, once full of vigor and enthusiasm of life had sobered down until the flush has left her cheeks, the sparkle deserted her eyes, and her motions and features have assumed a languor which speaks plainly of vital force spent.

Mark Twain says "everybody condemns the weather, yet nobody ever does anything about it." The Lacon Journal has found a weather prophet and thus announces his predictions for the coming winter: "By the eternal mud, but this is the worst yet. Here on the top of the fact that the democrats beat the stuffing out of us at the election on Monday comes Merritt Oynyn the great snow storm prophet, and calmly and serenely tells us that we are to have 31 snow storms this winter. Why, it's enough to make a man want to lick his grandmother. What Merritt bases his prediction on is a mystery to us, but he generally hits it pretty darn close and we are ready to accept his prophecy for the gospel truth. Therefore we shall begin our preparations right away and if a few of our delinquent subscribers will come to our rescue we shall lay in an extra ton of coal or two and go over to Hexter's big store and invest \$7.98 in an all-wool overcoat that has been marked down from \$22.65. And not only are we to have 31 snow storms deep enough to track rabbits, but according to Merritt it is going to be as cold as Greenland's icy mountains. As Jack Noel used to say, it's enough to drive a man to strong drink."

Sending cardboard models of school buildings by parcels post is the latest device of the United States bureau of education for arousing interest in attractive school buildings at low cost for rural communities. They represent the very latest ideas in school architecture. With one of the new models to work from, Dr. Dressler, the designer, asserts any carpenter will be able to build a school house for his district, that will meet every modern requirement.

Speaking of the high cost of living, there is at least another year ahead of everyone. The short crops will be the cause to a great extent. Everything for the table is going to be high. Not even corn for the old-fashioned johnnycake will be cheap.

Unless the Chautauqua circuit is willing to pay liberally for your share of a joint debate, it is foolish to let argument interfere with your regular chores. Except in court, where it also pays well, nothing is ever settled by argument, and one must study law to qualify in that forensic forum. Yet the fact remains that there are thousands of people willing to quit their steady occupation to string a line of talk. If you say anything, it is fairly sure to be disputed if anyone was listening when you dropped your few remarks, people are that contrary. But don't take that as a signal to come back with statistics and other evidence in rebuttal. Better let it go at that, and saw wood, which pays better.

The Searchlight, published at Grayslake, Ill., which supported the republican ticket in the last campaign, is now out in a few commendable words for President Wilson. The last issue says: "Essentially I am a republican, but I am for my country before any party. The most serious menace to the government of this country and the liberty of this people today is Theodore Roosevelt. He is, as he always has been, the tool of the trusts and the servant of the interests. Make no mistake about that. He can not be beaten by a republican whoever he may be. And if popular government is to be preserved in this republic he must be beaten. Unless Woodrow Wilson does something there is now no reason to expect he will do, he can beat the imperial pretender, and I do not believe anyone else can. The republican party should reorganize on sane lines and nominate the best man it can, and we should support him with all possible force and strength, in hope that one more good substantial drubbing will permanently eliminate Mr. Roosevelt from American politics. But the hope of the nation in 1916 is Woodrow Wilson—not the republican nominee."

The American Medical association has been sued for a hundred thousand dollars because of articles it has published throwing discredit upon the Friedman cure for tuberculosis. The association, however, is not frightened by this effort. It declares that the United States government employed experts to examine the cure, and they reported that there was nothing to it. A committee of the foremost physicians in Canada thoroughly investigated it, and declared that nothing had been found to justify any confidence in the remedy, and the Journal warns all people to be careful for this is only another consumption fake designed to impose upon the afflicted. It stated now, however, that Friedman has given the secret of his cures to the authorities of Germany, and they will pronounce upon it. We shall, therefore, have some definite information on the subject.

The banks are sold times wrong in sizing up the effects of legislation. For instance, the postal savings bank was fought by the banks on the ground that it would cut down the deposits in the chartered institutions. But it didn't. Now the national banks no longer fight the postal savings bank. They will be equally convinced in a year that their fear of the effect of the new currency bill was waste effort.

A SENSIBLE MAN.

Archbishop James John Keen of Dubuque, Iowa, delivered an address in Pittsburg, the other day, in which he declared that segregation of vice and the public agitation over sex hygiene are unfortunate, as they bring the social evil before children and other innocent persons. "The evil is born in man. The only remedy is self-denial, and this requires a motive. The motive is supplied only by faith in God and the hereafter. Movements like the present are spasmodic and are found in all ages. The Greeks tried it and failed because of lack of supernatural faith. Public agitation calls the attention of children and innocent persons to things they should not know. Curiosity prompts them to seek information through improper literature and other channels. This excites the passions, disturbs the mind and causes the unhappiness of a troubled conscience. The whole movement is a futile effort to supply a human remedy for a thing that supernatural faith alone can cure. Legislation governs only external acts and cannot make a man think purely, and unless he thinks purely his actions are not pure." The archbishop is sensible. The present fad is taken up by a lot of people who are worse offenders against the race, if that were possible, than the social evil itself, for their practices tend to race suicide. These things are not understood by the young, or if understood, are not taken in a proper spirit. A lot of people are riding the topic because it brings them into momentary notoriety, and incidentally, they try to make money out of it. It is simply idiotic.

Churches, schools, labor unions, fraternal organizations to the number of 200,000 at least will be asked to join the anti-tuberculosis workers of the country in the observance of the fourth national tuberculosis day, which has been designated for the 7th day of December, according to the announcement issued by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The movement will be furthered throughout the country by more than 1,000 tuberculosis societies working through various state organizations and the national association. Personal appeals will be made to clergymen, school principals and leaders of various organizations urging them to set aside a definite time during the week following December 7 for a lecture on tuberculosis.

Pigs are pigs. The department of agriculture after having organized the boys' corn club is now organizing a boys' pig club, principally in the southern states, for the purpose of increasing the supply of pork and encourage the breeding of hogs. The department says: "The production of pork is not keeping pace with the increased population and something must be done to harmonize these two elements. If each member of the club—and they will be growing it is expected all the time—will see to it that one more pig and a better pig is produced each year then a long step will have been taken in meeting the ever growing chasm between pork production and increased population."

Now that the long winter evenings are upon us, why would it not be a good time to inaugurate weekly meetings of the Commercial club? There are many things beneficial to the city and to the people that could be talked about, and when the season opens up next year people would be in condition to begin the boom for a still more prosperous Plattsmouth. Nothing like being ready when the time arrives.

If the Saturday Evening Post isn't bull moose, it is at least leaning in that direction enough so you can notice it. In a recent issue was an interview with the colonel stating the fighting had only begun. Also, a cartoon showing the sad lot of the republican bosses, and a pome kicking the democratic administration around.

Omaha is all agog over the proposed sale of their auditorium. If the sale is made for the purposes of building a larger one, all well and good, but if it is not such a proposition, it seems to us, is all wrong. The idea of a city as large as Omaha doing without such a building is preposterous. Where would they hold their big conventions? Omaha should be reaching out for one of the national conventions three years hence, and may want a larger building for that purpose, but until they conclude to erect a larger one, it will be a wise proposition to hold onto the old one for awhile.

William Jennings Bryan delivered an address in the Methodist Episcopal church in Boston the other day in which he said: "There never was a time when the people needed the inspiration of the Bible more than they do at the present day. And there is not a community which cannot be purified, redeemed and improved by a better knowledge and larger application of the Bible in the daily life. No money that is invested pays so large a dividend as money that is spent for the moral uplift of the community. I am inclined to believe that we have overestimated the value of the heart's development. A good heart can use a very dull mind and make that mind serviceable to society, but a bad heart cannot make use of a mind, however brilliant."

There are many theatrical productions that are said to be designed to teach some moral lesson and many of them do but "The Spendthrift" which is to be presented at the Parmele theatre on Friday night is above the average. It brings out very forcibly the cause of many disrupted homes. Living beyond one's means has caused many a divorce. The thought should be impressed upon young people that no matter what the income, something should be saved. "Mothy" Ward in "The Spendthrift" said to his wife, "When I was making \$5,000 a year, we were spending \$8,000, when I was making \$10,000 we were spending \$15,000, and now that I am making \$20,000, we are spending \$25,000." It is so in many families. The foregoing figures of course are large and people of smaller incomes think if they only had such incomes they could save money, although they are not saving money on their present income. It is a pretty well established fact that if they are not saving money now, there would be no change if there was an increase in salary. The banks in their advertisements are constantly preaching "regular saving" and if people only know what they could do if they would form the saving habit, even though it be a very small sum, they would start at once.

Mrs. Pankhurst is evidently "out for the stuff." The Woman's Franchise League of Indiana planned to have her deliver an address in the city of Indianapolis. She asked a stipulated sum, in which the league agreed to pay her, and after all the details were settled she insisted that she be permitted to take up a collection at the meeting in addition to the other amount. Thereupon the women informed her that she would not be permitted to do anything of that kind and the engagement was off.

WINNING CHRIST LOSING ALL ELSE

The Prize of All Eternity God Is Now Offering.

FROM THE BIBLE STANDPOINT

What Winning Christ Means—It Signifies More Than a Reformation of Life and a Pursuit of Righteousness. More Than Merely Believing in Jesus as Our Savior—It Is Preceded by a Devotion, or Consecration, of Our All to God—And God's Acceptance of Our Consecration—Then the Race Begins—Its Outcome Will Determine Whether or Not We Win Christ—St. Paul an Exemplar—Saints From Every Nation and Denomination Will Be Winners—Their Reward.



Brooklyn, N. Y., November 9.—Pastor Russell gave two addresses here today. We report the one from the text, "Yea, doubtless, I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, * * * that I may win Christ."

(Philippians 3:8.) The speaker said: "Even saints Christians seem but imperfectly to grasp the plain teachings of the New Testament respecting membership in the Body of Christ. Some assume that it is to be had on some basis of favoritism, and trust that they will be of the Elect. Others think that the Apostle is using figures of speech in an extreme fashion, and vaguely hope that they belong to the right Church and will attain whatever others get, as in the success of a party in which all the victors share the spoils."

No doubt the errors of the Dark Ages absorbed in childhood have been more or less responsible for these vagaries and for our general neglect of proper Bible study. It seems hard for the people of God to realize that the Wisdom from Above is the noblest science and the best instruction; and that it needs intelligent and systematic study as much as do earthly sciences. But we are learning, and thank God! progress is being made in unsectarian Bible study classes, which are springing up all over the world.

Conversion Not Winning Christ. What is ordinarily termed conversion is not what St. Paul refers to in our text as "winning Christ." The word conversion signifies "to turn about." It implies that a wrong course has been pursued, that the error of the way has been detected, and that a change to the proper one has been made. The wrong course is the sinful course, which brings injury and injustice on others. We never had a right to take that course; yet to some extent we are excusable; for we were born with downward tendencies, an inherited predisposition to sin.

We inherited these depraved appetites and tendencies from our forefathers under the general laws of heredity. A realization that sin always brings sorrow is a sufficient reason for a change of course. Conversion, therefore, is merely the operation of a sane mind in turning about from things recognized to be injurious. Every sensible person should be converted from sin to righteousness.

Conversion may have Christ connected with it, or it may not. Many are converted without any real knowledge of the Gospel of Christ. They merely knew that they were going in a wrong direction, and turned about to take the proper course. But this we can say, that only strong characters can successfully pursue a right course, and strong characters are in the minority. Whether strong or weak in character, by those who, at the time of their conversion, have a knowledge of Christ and an appreciation of His work and His teachings.

Nothing else gives such fortitude as the hope set before us in the Gospel, and the realization that there is a future life provided through Christ for all mankind, and that our course in the present life will have much to do with the stripes, or punishments, we shall receive here or in the future life—necessary to fit us for Divine favor and everlasting life.

"Present Your Bodies"—Sacrifices. One might reform his life, and have a knowledge of Jesus and of the life to come secured through His death, and of the fact that "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," and yet, with all that conversion, belief and reformation of life, he might not be a Christian at all, in the Bible sense of that term. We would not by this discourage anybody from taking the reformatory steps already outlined. We would, on the contrary, encourage them so to do. These steps are necessary before anything further can expect to be attained.

As already stated, reformation and righteous living commend themselves to all intelligent minds as right and advantageous, beneficial to the individual himself as well as to the world of mankind. Let us discuss Christianity,

not from the ordinary standpoint, which classes every civilized person as a Christian, but from the Bible standpoint, which assures us that if any man is a Christian he is a New Creature—"old things have passed away; all things have become new."

This does not mean that a Christian is living a reformed life merely; nor that he has attained the condition of absolute perfection, in which he is sinless in thought, word and act. It merely means that a Christian has entered a new life; he is a New Creature; old ambitions, hopes, projects and aims, however honorable and good, have passed away in the presence of new ambitions, new hopes, new aims. This is what the Apostle had in mind when saying "that I might win Christ."

What Winning Christ Means. To understand our text we must first appreciate the general outline of the Gospel—the Divine Plan of Love for human recovery from sin and death. That Plan was first of all declared to Abraham—that God would eventually bless all the families of the earth, and that the blessing would come through his posterity. In thee and in thy Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.—Galatians 3:8, 16, 23.

Later on, God revealed that Abraham's Seed would constitute a special Kingdom class, which would rule all nations for their uplift. When Israel, by failing to keep the Law, failed to prove itself the holy nation fit for the Divine service, God revealed that He would send a special Messenger of the Covenant; and that through Him, as Prophet, Priest and King, the holy nation would be established; and later on it would be given the glory and honor, the rule of the world.

Our Lord Jesus at His First Advent began the work of selecting this Kingdom class. First of all, He laid the broad foundation by dying for the sins of the whole world. Then from amongst the redeemed ones He began to select the members of the Kingdom. And this has been the work of this entire Gospel Age. Everything else on earth has been secondary to this, the Divine purpose.

Soon the selective, or elective, work will be finished. Soon it will be determined who will be of the Kingdom class. God's determination will be manifested in the fact that the overcomers will all be sharers in the First or Chief Resurrection, to be priests unto God and unto Christ and to reign with Him on the earth.—Rev. 20:6.

"Abraham's Seed, and Heirs." All who will be of that select Kingdom class will be members of the foretold Seed of Abraham. Jesus was of Abraham's stock through His miraculous birth; and after He had laid down His life sacrificially and was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, no more a man, but a New Creature of the Divine nature, He then was Abraham's Seed on the spirit plane. His Church, called to be of the Kingdom class, are to be Abraham's Seed on the same spirit plane.

We are not ignoring the fact that Abraham has an earthly seed as well, and that to it belong certain earthly promises. We are merely pointing out that the Scriptures clearly teach that the earthly seed cannot have its share in the work of blessing others until first the Heavenly Seed, the Spiritual Seed of Abraham, shall have been perfected in the First Resurrection. God showed the two seeds in the statement to Abraham, "I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven [the spiritual, the Church] and as the sand which is upon the seashore" [the earthly].—Genesis 22:17.

St. Paul tells us that this Seed of Abraham, Jesus and the Church, spirit-begotten, are unitedly the Church. Using a human body as an illustration, he speaks of the anointed Jesus as the Head, and of each one of the Church as a member of the Body of Christ. Thus we read, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's Seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:16, 29.) Thus we see that St. Paul was anxious to win a membership in the Body of Christ, the Church.

The Apostle, of course, was a member of the Church from the time of his begetting of the Holy Spirit. But there are two bodies of Christ, if we may so express the matter. One is the probationary Body of the present time; the other the actual Body of the future. All fully consecrated believers are members of the probationary Church, or Body of Christ, from the moment they receive the begetting of the Holy Spirit. Thenceforth they are to fight a good fight, to run a successful race, that they may win the glorious position which God has invited them to fill.

St. Paul, after years of Christian life and of growth in grace, in knowledge and in the Spirit of the Lord, was reviewing his own course, with a view to stimulating the Philippians, that they also might profit by his experiences. He points out that he had consecrated to the Lord every talent he possessed. Nor did he think that he had done some great thing; for he counted all that he had sacrificed as unworthy of mention, so great was his appreciation of the blessing which has come to the Gospel Church. It is the most wonderful offer that the Great Creator ever made; and we have every reason to believe that there never again will be any offer made to compare with it.

The invitation is not merely to joint-ownership with Christ in His Messianic Kingdom of a thousand years for the blessing and uplifting of humanity. It means, oh! so much more! The faithful ones will be made partakers of the Divine nature and glory, honor and immortality; and they shall be with their Lord, sharers in His glorification.

next to the Father through all eternity.

The Apostles Not Exceptions. Some will say, Ah, yes; the narrow way was for Jesus and the Apostles, but not for the remainder of the Church. God is not expecting sacrifices from the Church, nor does He purpose to give them a share with Jesus and the Apostles in the Kingdom honors and glories.

We answer, Let us not be wiser than God. His Word declares that the Apostles were set forth as ensamples to the Church; and they exhort us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and in their footsteps as they followed Him. They tell us that "we are all called in the one hope of our calling." And they assure us that it is possible for the poorest, and by nature the meanest, of all who accept the Divine invitation, to make his calling and election sure. To take any other view is to contradict all of the Bible, and to take the Bible is to contradict all the creed and human theories, which long enough have made the Word of God meaningless to us all. It is high time that we allow God's Word to be heard, and that we take His Word at its full value.

The Bible Election Is Different. I well know the objection that many have to the doctrine of Election. I know how opposed to it I was myself until I saw how different is the Bible Election from the Election which Brother Calvin taught. In the Bible Election God does the nominating, and each nominated person either makes his calling and election sure, or fails to do so. The responsibility lies with the individual favored with a knowledge of God's Truth, which knowledge constitutes a call.

Furthermore, the Bible Election works no injury to the non-elect. Quite the contrary. The Election of the Kingdom class, along the lines of character-development, obedience to God and self-sacrifice, is for the very purpose of qualifying these elect ones for the great work to which they are called. The elect Seed of Abraham is called for the purpose of blessing all the families of the earth.

In the light of this view of Election, how reasonable are the Bible presentations! And how trials, difficulties and sacrifices—to which the Church is subjected—are evidently necessary for our testing and development in the character-likeness of the Lord; and thus they are a preparation for a share with Him in His future work.

A knowledge of the Divine Plan is very valuable to all who seek to run the race. If we knew not the object of our trials and difficulties, how could we so well learn to endure them patiently! But if we know that God is thus giving us lessons to prepare us for His service in Messiah's Kingdom, how it changes the aspect of the entire matter!

As St. Paul declared, we may even come to the place where we shall rejoice in tribulation, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, and because we realize that the developing of the fruits and graces of the Holy Spirit is a preparation; and that thus, as St. Peter says, "An entrance shall be ministered unto us abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior."

What of Those Who Fail? The Scriptures clearly show that two classes will fail to win the prize, even after having been begotten of the Holy Spirit. One of these classes the Scriptures liken to the sow who returns to her wallowing in the mire, losing the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of the Truth, and abandoning their consecration altogether. (2 Peter 2:22.) These will die the Second Death. Whether their number is large or small is not for us to judge. We may reasonably hope that such unfaithful characters do not predominate.

Then comes another class that the Scriptures declare will fail to get the Kingdom prize. Although members of the Body of Christ now in the present life, they will not be amongst the "more than conquerors" who will be members of the Body beyond the veil. These are represented as a "great company." How great their number is, in proportion to the number who win Christ, the Scriptures do not tell; therefore we may safely withhold judgment in the matter.

The Scriptures tell us that while these love the Truth, appreciate their Covenant of Sacrifice, yet they fail to complete the sacrifice they had agreed to make; and the hindrance is their lack of sufficient love for the Lord and His work. Their lack of zeal leads them to hold back from sacrifice, although they do not draw back to willful sin, as do the other class. They hold back through fear of death, writes the Apostle: "Who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage," restrained from going on in the footsteps of Jesus and the Apostles to make their election sure.

The Scriptures represent that this class, held back by fear of the dying process, the sneers of the world, etc., will be counted unworthy of a place in the Body of Christ, the Royal Priesthood, but will be amongst the antitypical Levites, who will have a service to perform in conjunction with the Kingdom class. But the attainment of this honor will be only after a demonstration of full loyalty to God.

In conclusion, I exhort all who profess to be God's people to learn to esteem properly the value of this "pearl of great price" which God is now offering to us through Jesus. Only by the loss, the sacrifice, of all earthly things will this highest position on the Heavenly plane be attained; but, as St. Paul points out, it is cheap at the price; and all that we have to give for it is but as dross in comparison.