

THOMAS A PRACTICAL MAN

Disciple Who Asked Proof Others Had, Defended by Minister.

WARNS NOT TO CENSURE HONEST DOUBT

Rev. George A. Beecher Preaches on Manner in Which the Twelve Received Their Risen Master.

Rev. George A. Beecher preached in Trinity Cathedral. He said in part, speaking on the subject of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, "We have seen the Lord."

"The belief of Thomas has a practical bearing on many things of the present day. He desired something more convincing than the word of the disciples. It has been generally thought that St. Thomas was an illustration of the stubborn and willful doubter. This is not so. In the first place Thomas was thoroughly discouraged, the hope of the disciples in the cause for which they had undergone so much, was lost in the death of Jesus Christ. Thomas was a practical man. He did not deny what the disciples told him, but it seemed to him not possible. The coming was as great a joy to him as to any of them but he would not be led on by over trust. It was not sufficient for him to go out and preach the glad words, saying that his friends had told him so. He felt a sure sign would be given by Jesus. Jesus did not blame St. Thomas but gave him the tangible proof with a gentle reproach."

Jesus Did Not Blame Him. "It may be natural for some people to express doubt of St. Thomas. Many have such faith in the resurrection that they would not question. Jesus did not blame St. Thomas but gave him the tangible proof with a gentle reproach."

"My friends, never judge harshly the man who entertains an honest doubt. As with St. Thomas, it may be the last struggle of unbelief. The disciples had no proof but of slight and uncertainty could be allowed to enter in. Some men today believe only in things noticeable to the senses, things which can be analyzed. To these faith is only an intellectual growth. Some men in all business deny the Christian religion. They hold a different position from St. Thomas; they base their disbelief on intellectual conclusions. The vast majority hold their opinions because of partial investigation and stubborn prejudices. They do not desire to find the truth but to prove their theories. Not by prayerful investigation and study, but they take the words of infidels. If St. Thomas had sought the companionship of such he would not have found what he sought. He sought the person of Christ and struggled for the highest ideals of the faith. We have no source of comfort of the life beyond the grave save in the revelation of Jesus Christ. We may study in vain for one concrete and conclusive evidence of life beyond the grave. We must get close to Jesus Christ if we wish to know."

"No doubt is not to deny. An honest doubt is nothing less than an earnest inquiry for the truth. If it is carried out by searching inquiry for the truth, it will lead to the highest faith. Look to Jesus Christ, the light, the truth, and the way."

MORGAN CLOSING MISSION TO OMAHA

Delivers Two Sermons on Last Night of His Visit.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan last night preached his last sermon in Omaha, one at the First Methodist church and the other at the First Congregational church. At the Congregational church he took for his text, "If any man thirst let him come unto Me," saying in part:

"These words were spoken by Jesus during the feast of the Tabernacles on the eighth day. For seven days the priests in a procession filled the golden jars with water from a running brook to remind the people of the prophecies made by Ezekiel regarding the river which was to come and overflow over the land, but on the eighth day the jars remained empty, as a sign that the river had not yet come. It was then that Christ called to the thirsty. He here declared himself as the end of the old regime and the beginning of the new."

"Reading further, we see that 'he that believeth in Me shall have life forever,' and a little later he will prove that the second sentence is but a sequence of the first. No thirsty man or woman can ever be the source of relief to others afflicted like themselves. We are in the midst of a spiritual movement and it is the duty of all professing Christianity to wish to help satisfy others. When the divine soul is in a person it drives him along the road of divine movement and that movement is a missionary movement. If a person claims to be a Christian and has no compassion for others, he is but a specimen of Christian paganism. By thirst, I mean an unsatisfied passion, a passion of wealth, fame, worldly pleasures, for rest and even a spiritual passion. The man who makes mammon his passion loses all the power of a Christian. Show me a church officer who has as his sole aim the making of money and I will show you a poor church officer; his checks may be larger, but his influence will be less."

"You cannot give drink to another if you lack water and you cannot help Christ if you lack Him. He says 'Come to Me' and we ask if His promises will be fulfilled; it has been fulfilled for thousands of centuries and the promise will not fail you."

PLEADS FOR THE HOME MISSIONS

Rev. Arthur J. Folsom Asks Means for Western Work.

Rev. Arthur J. Folsom at Plymouth Congregational church made a strong appeal yesterday to his congregation for assistance for the home missionary society. He chose for his text Matthew, xiii: "And He spake many things to them in parables, saying, 'Behold, a sower went forth to sow.'"

"We cast our eyes toward Africa, China, and Japan," said Rev. Mr. Folsom, but there are many fields in our own country on which no seed has yet been sown. There is much work here to be done. We look over the United States and we find millions who have the gospel at their feet, but who are not turning their attention to it. It is this class which the home missionary society can assist us in reaching."

"We look forward to the time when the gospel of Jesus Christ will be known in every land. We should not look forward to the future; we should do our best to spread the gospel today, tomorrow may be too late."

"Today the harvest is truly great in the west as a result of the laborers who were sent here from the east. It is through their efforts in the past that we meet in this city to worship God. They gave from their stores that our fathers and mothers might be blessed with the knowledge of Jesus. Time has brought changes and the people of New England states can no longer shoulder the burden alone. We must assist them. Many of the people of Omaha do not realize the great expanse of uncultivated territory in Nebraska where assistance is needed by small, self-sacrificing churches."

"I am not asking for large gifts, but let

us all do something. Let each one give what he can."

CHRIST, FOUNDATION OF CHURCH

Only Basis for Imperishable Life, Says Rev. Mr. Reynolds.

Rev. Walter H. Reynolds of Castellar Presbyterian church preached yesterday morning from the text, Revelations, iii:7-12: "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out."

The sermon bore directly upon the formal ordination of the new church officers of Castellar church, which took place immediately following the devotional services and was directed particularly to these several officials. He said in part:

"You have been chosen by this church and congregation as pillars of this church and are thereby invested with a grave and important responsibility. The pillars of the church spiritual must rest like those of the material structure upon a solid foundation and that foundation is Christ. The reason that some Christians are unstable is because of the lack of striking a suitable foundation. To make the Christian's calling sure and imperishable it must be founded upon Christ. The pillars of a church need to know Christ."

"Christ is the dynamic force of all that is virtuous in life and victorious in death. The three essential features of the gospel of Christ are first, the coming of God's kingdom; second, the doctrine of the fatherhood of God; and third, the law of higher life."

OMAHA OFFICIALS ON RUN

Freight Agents Kept Busy by Uncertain Conference Over Grain Rates.

The grain rate difficulty waxed hotter and hotter, with the storm center in the vicinity of Chicago, but at times with stiff breezes moving westward. Three of the principal actors in the drama took time for the forenoon Saturday night and made a run for Omaha, stopped a few moments and took a return train for Chicago, that nothing in the situation might escape their attention."

The three who visited their families in this city for a short period Sunday are Elmer H. Wood, general freight agent of the Union Pacific; Frederick Montgomery, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington, and J. A. Kuhn, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Northern and Wyoming division of the Northwestern. They arrived on an early morning train from the east yesterday and left on an evening train for Chicago, so they might be prepared to enter the meeting of freight officials Monday morning to again worry their brains over the settlement of the grain rate difficulty. In order that they should not leave the city unescorted, D. O. Ives, general freight agent of the Burlington, went with them. During the recent Chicago meetings Mr. Ives has not mixed, but it now looks as though all the Omaha talent is needed to prevent this city getting the short end of the bargain. From appearances it is judged the rates will be restored unless something unexpected occurs to disrupt the meeting. It is said a check of rates has been in progress during the past few days and this check, which was interrupted by the arrival of Sunday, will be resumed early this morning and rushed to a conclusion as rapidly as possible."

MAJOR DAVIS LAID AT REST

Man Who Helped Blaze Way for the Union Pacific Railroad In Buried.

Simple and impressive were the funeral services held over the remains of Major James W. Davis at the family residence, 418 North Twenty-fourth street, Sunday afternoon. Rev. John Williams, pastor of St. Barnabas church, read the Episcopal service and a selected choir sang, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "In the Hour of Trial."

After a large gathering of friends with moistened eyes filed past the bier, which was draped with a large American flag, the following pallbearers bore the casket to the city hall, where it was placed in a hearse. The pallbearers were: J. I. Payne, Anton Kotal, Captain William Crandall, Captain John Payton, John Blair and George C. Cockrell.

Major Davis died at the age of 74 years and lived half of that time in Omaha. The untimely death of Major Davis brought deep and genuine sorrow to the friends who had known him for years. His prominent part in laying the foundation for the Union Pacific railroad under the Credit Mobilier made him a conspicuous figure in the early history of Omaha and Nebraska. The major was a brother of Mrs. George Francis Train.

WHAT CHIEF DONAHUE SAID

How far the Pinkertons Went in Investigating the Pollock Diamond Robbery.

"I want to make one correction in the interview printed in The Bee in connection with the Dennison indictment last week, where it refers to the connection of the Pinkerton detective agency with the case," said Chief Donahue yesterday. "I think your reporter misunderstood me and made my language stronger than I used. What William A. Pinkerton has told me and others in repeated conversations is, that while at the start there were some things which led him to believe others were implicated in the Pollock robbery besides Sherwood, among them the fact that he had made thorough investigation of every clue and had never been able to find anything that would involve Dennison, either in the robbery or in the disposal of the booty. What Mr. Pinkerton's personal opinion is as to the case may have been, I have no means of knowing."

"My own connection with the Pollock diamond robbery case consisted only in a detail to watch the trains for the arrival of the supposed robber the night after the robbery, and I never worked on it after that. At that time I had no personal acquaintance with Dennison."

SETTLERS' RATES TO NORTH DAKOTA

Every Tuesday until October 25 the Chicago Great Western railway will sell round trip tickets to points in the above named state at a great reduction from the usual fare. For further information apply to Geo. F. Thomas, general agent, 1512 Farnham street, Omaha, Neb.

First-class watch and jewelry work at Hubermann's, corner 14th and Douglas.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

World's Fair Service.

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Settlers' rates.

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MORE DICTATOR THAN EVER

Sentence Passed on Bryan by Gold Democrats for Chicago Speech.

RESENT HIS ARRAIGNMENT OF PARKER

Believe Peerless Leader is Trying to Crowd Out Other Candidates to Become the Nominee Himself.

Members of the Democrat Success league view William J. Bryan's Chicago speech with the New York platform with anything but approval. They declare that the course marked him more than ever as a dictator of the party and they say he prescribes the method of the party as much as Don Quixote tilted against the windmills."

W. M. Miller, an officer of the league, said yesterday: "I think Bryan has gone out of his way to offend a great many democrats, especially eastern democrats. He has attacked the New York platform apparently on the supposition that this is to be the platform of the men opposed to 16 to 1 at the St. Louis national convention, whereas it has not been intimated in any way that this is the program. The one of his Chicago speech is the other candidate to the wall with a view of leaving himself as the only possibility when the convention meets. I think he wants to be a dictator again."

Nothing New in His Speech. Ed P. Berryman, secretary of the Jacksonian club and a member of the league, expressed his views as follows: "I do not see anything particularly new in the speech, as Mr. Bryan has been making the same statements in speeches and through his paper for some time. I think his object in attacking the New York platform is rather ill taken as he seems to presuppose that this platform will be made the principles of the party in national convention. New York did not make the platform in 1890 or 1896. We favor sending Mr. Bryan to St. Louis so that any ambiguous and uncertain parts of the New York platform may be cut out, although I have failed to see much ambiguity in it."

Frank L. Weaver, president of the Jacksonian club, said: "It strikes me from a hasty perusal of the speech that Mr. Bryan's comparisons and criticisms are not apt, because the democrats of New York simply adopted a platform for their own state which may have no bearing on the national platform at all. His criticisms are most unfair because he anticipates what may be done, rather than talks of what has been done. With regard to Judge Parker, his criticisms have no ground at all. The national convention at St. Louis is open to democrats from all parts of the country and there is no reason to believe the opinions of New York embraced in that platform will be adopted as a national declaration."

Sclerotic Cured After Twenty Years of Torture.

For more than twenty years Mr. J. B. Massey of 2322 Clinton St., Minneapolis, Minn., was tortured by sclerotic. The pain and suffering which he endured during this time beyond comprehension. Nothing gave him any permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application of this liniment relieved the pain and made sleep and rest possible, and less than one bottle has effected a permanent cure. Mr. Massey relates his experience for the benefit of others who may be similarly afflicted. It troubled with sciatica or rheumatism why not try a 25-cent bottle of Pain Balm and see for yourself how quickly it relieves the pain."

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IN THE INSURANCE FIELD

The most important move of the week to local agents probably occurred at the meeting of the National Insurance union which just closed at Atlantic City, N. J. At this meeting it was decided that the union should resume jurisdiction over the Nebraska field once more. In 1898 the union withdrew its jurisdiction from this field on account of some difficulties which arose at that time, and ever since the companies interested in this state have worked independent of the organization. The union is composed of the managers of almost all fire insurance companies in the United States; there are very few outside. The rules governing the union, such as the adjustment of rates and other important matters, will now govern in this state as they did prior to 1898."

The Metropolitan Life local agency has just received lithographed copies of two policies recently written by that company on the life of Murray Carleton of St. Louis in the sum of \$100,000 each. One of them is a straight life policy and the other is an endowment."

The Columbia Fire Insurance company reports that it has been admitted to Iowa and expects to take up business in that state in the very near future. It has also been admitted to do business in Kansas and it reports that the returns are coming in from that state in a very satisfactory manner."

Several losses as a result of tornadoes and lightning have already been reported to the Columbia. This is said to be quite early in the season for this class of losses to begin."

S. T. Alexander, state agent for the German-American Fire of New York, spent Friday in the city. Mr. Alexander is said to be one of the best known insurance men in the state. His home is in Lincoln."

The net result of failures due to the Baltimore fire has been checked up. It is found that eleven companies are bankrupt as a result of the fire. They were all small concerns. They were the Hamilton, Greenwich and Lafayette of New York, Millers and Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Potomac of Washington, Home, Firemen's, Maryland, Old Town and Peabody of Baltimore."

It is said that the bulk of losses incurred by the great Toronto fire are sustained by English and Canadian companies. It is believed by local insurance men that there will be any failures due to the fire. The loss as at present reported will be about \$5,000,000."

Statistics prove that there is distributed in the United States every day about \$1,000,000 among beneficiaries of life insurance policy holders."

Some insurance man has located the person who is said to be the oldest life insurance policy holder in the United States. He is Charles H. Booth of Englewood, N. J., and is over 100 years of age. His physical condition is said to be good, and there does not seem to be much chance that the company which issued the policy will have to settle for several years to come. The policy was issued by the Mutual Life of New York in 1842."

President B. H. Robinson of the Bankers' Reserve Life has been absent from the city during the past week on business connected with his agencies. Mr. Robinson says that he is receiving requests for agencies from men in all parts of the country, many of them coming from eastern states from men who desire to control themselves with a western company, where the opportunity for choice of territory and first class positions is better than with the older companies, which have filled their best positions. President Robinson has been working for a number of years forming new plans and policies containing investment, protection and security. He asserts that the policies will be superior to the usual title, uniform, stock forms of the older companies."

Frank Martin of Martin Brothers & Co. and Mrs. Martin left Saturday evening for an extended trip to the Pacific coast. They will be gone about six weeks."

P. W. Plank, state agent for Nebraska and Colorado for the Home Fire of New York, was a caller at the agency of H. E. Palmer Son & Company during the week. Mr. Plank's home is in Denver."

In reply to queries addressed to the committee of twenty regarding the exact purposes of the investigation of the problem of risks in congested mercantile districts, and the rates which should be fairly charged by the insurance companies, Herbert Wilmerding, who has charge of the investigation, makes the following reply:

The intent of a general schedule is to provide an intelligent, fair and reasonable scale for measuring the hazards of risks, so that the rates of insurance on different risks shall be equitable and consistent one with another, and:

The intent of a congested district schedule follows the same lines, except that in the congested districts of cities there generally exists a conflagration hazard, which does not apply to sections of the city where buildings are more isolated, and therefore the fire losses entailed by certain types of construction and occupancy and such defects should therefore receive different treatment under the congested district schedule and the charges for exposure in such a district should also be greater."

What must either do without fall? First, provide rates which will enable well managed insurance companies to pay their losses; lay by a fund to meet the drain of conflagrations, and provide a reasonable profit from the insurance business and aside from investments by way of compensation for the capital invested."

Second—Provide a standard for construction and occupancy of buildings which shall be based upon the experience collected by those who have made an exhaustive study of fire and adapted to the requirements of trade."

Third—Provide a separate charge in the rate for each departure from standard, so that every owner of property may know of the defects (from a fire standpoint) that exist in his property and make such correction of the same as is practicable."

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HAYDEN BROS.

Last Chance To Go to St. Louis

This week is the last opportunity to be "elected" to take a trip to the St. Louis exposition at the expense of The Bee. Ten more trips will be voted for this week. If you want to go, now is the time to get out and hustle and let your friends know that you want to go. You will find that they will be only too glad to help you, if you call their attention to the fact. There is no reason why you can not have one of

The Last Ten Trips

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