

CONSCRIPTION OF EMPLOYEES

Toronto Board of Education Turns Down Trustee's Motion.

Toronto, March 17.—Forced enlistment of male employees of the Board of Education by the board will not take place. Trustee Noble's motion that all male employees, unmarried widowers without encumbrances, military age and fitness now in the employ of this board be notified that they will be relieved of further service in order that they may enlist for overseas service, was lost by an overwhelming majority at the meeting of the board last night. Trustees Noble and Hopkins, the mover and seconder, respectively, were the only dissenters.

"I am too British to bring in such German methods as these," said Trustee Dr. Hunter when discussing Noble's motion. "We have no reason to suspect that not one member of this board is not as loyal as anyone." Continuing, he argued that the motion would take away from the schools too many male teachers. Every school should have at least one male teacher in it, he argued. "We have not arrived at a crisis when we have to deplete our schools," he said.

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Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma, tried to outdo Henry Ford and William Jennings Bryan in his efforts to keep the United States out of war with Germany. Gore was a leader in the movement to have the United States Government war armaments of armed merchant vessels, but his motion was defeated by the Senate. The Senator was born in Missouri in 1870 and lost his eyesight through accident when a boy. Despite handicap he educated himself as a lawyer and entered first the State Legislature and then was elected Senator from Oklahoma in 1907, being one of the youngest men ever elected to that body.

Mr. C. B. Gordon, who presided at the annual meeting of Penman's Limited in Montreal on Monday, is the outstanding figure in the textile trade in Canada. He has come to the front very rapidly during recent years. Gordon was born in Montreal in 1867 and educated at Montreal High School. He commenced his career as a clerk in the dry goods house of McInroy and Co., later organizing the Standard Shirt Company, and then the Dominion Textile Company, and is a director of the Bank of Montreal, president of Hillcrest Collieries, and is an ex-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Gordon is also vice-chairman of the Imperial Munitions' Board.

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A SUNDAY SERMON BY PASTOR RUSSELL

TWO LIKE FIGURES OF CHURCH'S BAPTISM The Deluge a Like Figure to Water Immersion.

Deliverance of Noah and His Family in the Great Deluge—A Figure of Church's Salvation Through Baptism into Christ's Death—Water Immersion a Similar Figure—Christ the Ark of Safety—Salvation by the Ark Prefigured Only Salvation of Church—Only Eight Souls Saved in Noah's Ark—The Church a "Little Flock"—Through Noah and Family Earth Was Repopulated—Through the Christ the Dead World Will Be Recreated.

Peterboro, Ont., March 12.—Pastor Russell was in our city today. We give you a condensed form of his profoundly interesting discourse.

When we see from the context that the Apostle Paul tells us why the great majority of mankind cannot hear the glorious Gospel Message, we have said that he was blinded by the light of God's goodness and that a like figure of Satan is this God. He is in violent opposition to every act of God's great Plan. He has been God's adversary ever since his defection from righteousness. He does all in his power to thwart Jesus's arrangements. He knows that if man could once see the light of God's goodness and hear the glad Message of God's grace, it would have such a stirring effect that the great majority would surely respond. Hence he tries to keep them from seeing and hearing, by blinding men. Fair earthly prospects, ambitions to be some great one, selfish schemes for gaining advantage over all these and many other things of like nature are held up to keep them blinded to the things of real and lasting value. The endeavors to draw away into various reform movements, such as socialism, woman suffrage, prohibition, etc., are all devices for blinding men. This is the way he goes to keep them from hearing God's special Call. These are all perhaps, good for the world, but they are probably more or less awakening thought and developing sentiment along lines of restitution for the next age. But none of these are the way for the saints of God on this side of the veil. Satan would delight to deceive these, however, and entice them into some of these "good" things, thus preventing them from seeing and doing the real work of the Church of Christ, and thus to prevent them from making their calling and election sure.

The real Gospel is the most wonderful story in all the world. There is nothing like it. That God is now inviting men to become heirs of God, joint-heirs with Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, reserved in Heaven for those who love Him, is a thing that does not constitute a coming into Christ for as the Apostle says, "If any man will be in Christ, he is a New Creature; old things are passed away, and all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17.) Just how much is comprehended in the words "New Creature" even true Christians come to see only gradually. A New Creature is one who has died to his human nature, who has new hopes, new ambitions, new affections, who has the precious promises of God and the prospect of a spiritual existence in the future instead of a human one. He is an expectancy of others' intercession. He is an expectancy of the Holy Spirit. From the Divine standpoint he is no longer a human being; a new life has begun in him. This New Creature is at first a babe, and must take spiritual nourishment and grow up into a manly man. The exceeding great and precious promises of His Word, that this class might be stimulated, strengthened, developed, thereby, becoming more firm for righteousness and in opposition to whatever is sinful. The Church is indeed a New Creation, as the Apostle says.

Two Like Figures of Church's Salvation. Coming back to our text: We notice that St. Peter says, "The like figure whereunto baptism doth now save us." Salvation through the Ark was one figure of the salvation of the Church through baptism into Christ; baptism in water is another. There is a correspondence between these two figures. Noah and his family were submerged in literal water. Candidates for baptism are also submerged in literal water. But in their case was it the water that saved. It is not the outward baptism that saves us, except in a figure. It represents the real. But the figure is not in washing away the filth of the flesh (the body) in water. And the filth of our flesh as New Creatures can be washed away only by the grace of God in Christ, by the washing of water by the Word; it is a gradual process after we become New Creatures. So the Father does not permit the trials to press us too hard, and He supplies His grace for every time of need; but we must have a heart that fully responds to the will of God or we cannot be acceptable; we shall lose the prize, and be accounted unfaithful servants. We are to be willing that, loyally to God, we shall cost us something, Yea, even the

loss of earthly friendships and earthly prospects. The best attitude that says, "So long as right is as easy as wrong I will choose the right, but if wrong is easier than right I will choose the easier way," is disloyal to God. Such a heart would be unworthy of the glorious High Calling. Indeed, it would make even an unworthy human being. We are to be loyal to the very core, or God will reject us. The Lord Jesus puts the matter in just this light when He says, "Whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this sinful and adulterous generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:38.) Jesus would be ashamed to have such a one in His Kingdom.

Such dear, faithful children of God, follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. To these the Lord Jesus will say, "I take pleasure in saying to you, Sit down with Me in My Throne." (Revelation 2:26, 27; 3:12, 21.) In Romans 8:17 it shall be written, "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ [into the Body of which Christ is the Head] were baptized into His death?" These become with Jesus the Christ of God, The Anointed of God; for the word Christ means The one who has never counted surrendering their wills to Him and become dead to the world.

This is our baptism into death as human beings and into life as spiritual beings. Our spirit nature is only begotten as yet, but we shall be born again as members of the Church of Christ except those who have fully surrendered their wills to Him and become dead to the world. This is our baptism into death as human beings and into life as spiritual beings. Our spirit nature is only begotten as yet, but we shall be born again as members of the Church of Christ except those who have fully surrendered their wills to Him and become dead to the world.

When we were children of wrath even as others, were sentenced to death with the rest of the world. But the Lord our God, has graciously brought us into the relationship of sons, through our faith in Christ and obedience to the Divine arrangement in Him. And as Noah and his family, after their deliverance, started the world afresh, so Christ and His Body will be by and by give life anew to all of the race of mankind who will accept the gracious provision for their redemption. The dead world are soon to have a resurrection, with the opportunity to fully live again. Christ is to be the Everlasting Father of the race (Isaiah 53:6, 7), and the Church will be the mother. Grand and glorious as are the blessings in reservation for the world of mankind, when they shall have learned their lesson of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, far greater and grander still will be the reward of the faithful Church, who love the Lord as to be willing and glad to obey and follow Jesus under the trying and painful conditions of the present time.

The Church will not be the giver of life to the world. The new life will come from the Saviour, the Life-giver, as Mother Eve was the source of the life which Father Adam gave, so the glorified Church, the second Eve, will care for the regenerated world, as Christ cared for the first Adam, as the children of the Second Adam. (1 Corinthians 15:21, 22, 45, 47.) For a thousand years, this will be the work of the Church. As our Lord said to St. Peter, "Ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration, when the Son of Man shall sit in the Throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."—Matthew 19:28.

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that our Heavenly Father has called us, invited us, to a wonderful Heavenly inheritance, and we respond by accepting His proposition. He has invited us to be a separate people. Just exactly as God said to Noah and his family that they should be saved by gathering into the Ark, so He says to all who are invited during this Gospel Age, "Gather My saints together unto Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by Sacrifice."—Psalm 50:5.

Let us notice to whom we are to be gathered. Serious mistakes have been made here. Some have thought that we were to be gathered to Luther; some to Calvin; some to Wesley, etc. Not so! "Gather My saints together unto Me," says Jehovah. He did not tell us to gather together into the Church of Rome, into the Church of England, into the Lutheran Church, into the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Baptist, or any other man-made organization. Millions are gathered into these various organizations who never manifest that they know God.

The Covenant of Sacrifice. Only a very few have made this Covenant of Sacrifice with God, have presented their bodies a living sacrifice with Christ, in response to God's call during the Gospel Age. God is not trying to attract the world now. He tells us that they are blind and deaf. As Jesus said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Again, He said to His disciples, "Blessed are your eyes, for they see and your ears, for they hear." (Matthew 13:15, 16.) We thank God on behalf of those who have the seeing eye and the hearing ear. It is a great privilege to see an ear that has never counted surrendering their wills to Him and become dead to the world.

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