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## PASTOR RUSSELL WASTING MUCH AMMUNITION

### In Attempting to Flay a Belief That No Longer Exists—Ex-Ald. Robinson Claims That the Pastor Himself Teaches Demonology That is Quite as Indefensible as That of Endless Torment.

Editor The Ontario.—Dear Sir—Your editorial "The Power of Death" and the Church," which appeared in The Ontario of Oct. 12, has prompted me to make a few remarks on his Satanic Majesty.

You intimate that "the clergy no longer believe in the doctrine of eternal torment." In keeping with this you say that I had a talk with a Methodist minister not long since and in the conversation he told me that they did not preach this doctrine now. On this occasion Pastor Russell was principally the subject of our conversation, and it was remarked that Mr. Russell made this doctrine his principal source of attack against the clergy. I have thought sometimes that the Pastor was wasting a good deal of energy in combating this dogma, considering that it is now very seldom touched upon in the pulpit.

the power of death, namely, SIN; not as is popularly taught.

New, a road, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil" (or sin). John 3:8 "He put away sin (or destroyed the devil) by the sacrifice of Himself" (through death). Heb. 9:26. In this way He is "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world" or destroys the devil; and this is accomplished, as we have seen, by His death.

We have given, of course, only a mere hint of what can be produced along this line in relation to the devil; but enough has been brought forward to show that sin is the devil that is destroyed by the death of Christ.

Query—How could the sacrifice of Christ destroy a devil, who we are taught is immortal and therefore indestructible? It is different with the Bible devil. I shall now invite attention to two or three other applications of the word.

Jesus said, "Have not I chosen you twelve and one of you is a devil?" The DIABOLUS (devil) here was a betrayer.

Even so many of their wives he gave not slanderers (diaboli-devils). "The aged women, likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness; not FALSE ACCUSERS (devils). See 1 Tim 3:11. Titus 2:3. From these passages we gather that men and women in the flesh practicing in accordance with their sinful propensities are devils. The word DIABOLUS is translated in the above quotations, but in several other places it is simply translated in an anglicized form. Sin itself is personified. Sin reigns. Rom. 5:21; Rom. Chap. 6. In the latter chapter sin is spoken of as a master; it is righteousness, death, the grave, mammon, wisdom, and some other things that are not real personalities are personified in the Bible. So that it does not necessarily follow that because the devil is personified in terms, that when we see the word "devil" or "satan" it would also be advantageous to the student of the Bible to bear in mind that diabolos and daemon are not interchangeable terms. The latter word has reference principally to demoniacal possessions, better known as diseases and infirmities, by intelligent Bible students.

### The Devil's Occupation Gone.

Now, Mr. Editor, it occurs to me that if there is no hell-fire torment, the occupation of the devil is gone. But, methinks, some one will say the devil is the tempter of mankind and this will keep him quite busy until he is bound by the angel from heaven for a thousand years.....that he should lead the nations astray no more until the thousand years should be finished." Rev. 20:1-3. In this passage it will be noticed that nothing is said about tempting individuals. This is a national affair and a symbolic devil. But EVERY MAN IS TEMPTED WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUST, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth DEATH (not eternal torment). James 1:14-15. This seems to neutralize the necessity of the devil as respects the temptation of mankind. This passage is so plain and pointed that further comment would seem to be superfluous. But notwithstanding that we are told that "the devil" and "devils" occurring in the New Testament many times, but like many other scripture terms "devil" has several different applications and meanings, but never stands for the devil of the popular imagination. The most important application of the word "devil" is found in Heb. 2:14 "As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Christ) Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, THAT IS, THE DEVIL." Please note that the devil is destroyed by the death of Christ and this devil has the power of causing death. Now, if we can find where these conditions fit we shall then discover the devil." We learned from James 1 that sin, which is brought about by lust, brings death. "sin has reigned unto death." Rom. 5:21 "The sting of death is sin." 1 Cor. 15:56 "By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin." "The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23. We have now found what has

### Seeing Ghosts

Ezekiel 28:11 to 15 is also brought forward as supporting the Miltonian view. The language here is addressed to the Prince of Tyre, who is spoken of as "a MAN and NOT GOD." Ver. 2. The intelligent Bible student will search in vain for the devil in this chapter. But those besotted with heathen superstition will see ghosts and devils almost anywhere.

Now, "Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was mighty in words and in deeds," and notwithstanding all this he never taught the Israelites to believe in the existence of devils, although this was a part of the Egyptian belief. The Old Testament is a record of God's dealings with humanity covering a period of 4,000 years and yet we do not find therein that God ever once told a human being that there existed a monstrous fire-proof devil to guard against and fear. Why? Because to say this would be untrue.

### Posing as Bible Students.

Please note that I do not have reference in this last remark to the followers of Pastor Russell. On this subject at least I do not grant, that they manifest even common intelligence, although they pose as Bible students per excellence.

Now, Mr. Editor, when we come to the Old Testament to find the "devil" we shall discover in vain, for the word never occurs there, even once, in the singular form. Nevertheless, we do find it mentioned four times in the

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## IVANHOE.

On account of the anniversary services held at Salem on Sunday last the services at the Beulah church here were withdrawn.

Mr. David Fleming, sr. left this morning for Toronto to attend the "Golden Jubilee Convention" held there this week. Mr. Fleming is over ninety years of age and was given the "Life Membership" of the Centre Hastings Sunday School Association. Mr. Fleming is still hale and hearty and looks as if he might enjoy a few more years of Sunday School work.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Joseph Wood who has been ill for the last two weeks is recovering.

A meeting of the rate-payers of the township of Huntingdon was held in the Beulah Church on Monday evening. Quite a large number were present. The meeting was called for order by the Reeve, Mr. W. E. Tammam, after which Mr. Blake Ketchum of Motra was chosen chairman for the evening. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Reddick of West Huntingdon and Rev. Mr. Beck of this place and Mr. Staples of the Patriotic League of Toronto, who was a prisoner in Germany for some time, gave a splendid address on "The Military System of Germany." Mrs. W. E. Tammam and Mr. D. L. Fleming each rendered a solo which added greatly to the entertainment of the evening.

It was decided that the sum of one mill on the dollar be levied by the council on all property in the township and the money to be deposited in the Dominion Bank a Madoc to be used in aid of the Patriotic and Red Cross funds.

The Misses Nellie and Florence Wood and Bessie Fleming and Mr. W. H. Rollins are attending the convention in Toronto this week.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Paul Cooney who has been suffering for some time with stomach-trouble is very low.

Quite a number from here attended the anniversary services at Salem on Sunday.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Beulah church have secured the banner, given at the convention at Bethel to the auxiliary who had the largest increase of funds and also new members.

Rev. Mr. Bick was in Frankford last Sunday conducting services there for Rev. Mr. Knox who took the work at Salem that day.

Mrs. H. Fleming and Mrs. A. Sine attended the District Convention held at Bethel last Wednesday.

Mr. Albert Clement has bought the farm owned by Mr. James Gunning and moved there last week.

A little girl has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benson.

A number from here attended the concert at Crookston last Friday evening.

Mr. John Wood has been suffering from a severe cold for some time.

Mrs. W. J. Jeffrey is able to be out again after her serious illness.

## SHANNONVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence of Toronto and Mrs. Fred Blackburn of Orono are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson and Miss Stewart of Victoria P. E. Co. visited Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson on Sunday last.

Mr. Dave Houston of Toronto is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Houston.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. M. Williams at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Earle, Belleville.

## NEW SOLICITOR

At a meeting of the Belleville Hotel-keepers Protection Association, held at the Anglo-American Hotel last evening, the resignation of William Carver, former solicitor, was accepted and J. F. Willis, K.C. was appointed to act as solicitor for the Association.

## HILLIER

Miss Dorothy Palmer spent Sunday with Miss Winnifred Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Lord motored to Trenton on Saturday last.

Rev. Mr. Archer of Wellington occupied the pulpit on Sunday.

Our young people are making preparations for a concert in the near future.

Miss Helen Gilbert spent the week-end with friends in Wellington.

Mr. Wm. Zwick of Belleville took dinner with his friend Mr. Jack Campbell on Sunday last.

Mrs. Gordon daughter, Mrs. Lyle, visited at Mr. Wm. Foster's last week.

It was reported here this morning that the six o'clock train from Picton had run off the track just above Hillier but it proved to be untrue.

Miss Maggie Rupert of Madoc spent Sunday under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Grandell and Miss Vera visited friends at Belleville last Sunday evening.

Miss Gilbert spent Sunday afternoon with her friend Miss Beatrice Davis.

## MASSASSAGA PERSONAL

Mr. C. Parliament and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cathedral and son, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and baby, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Parliament.

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## DOCTRINE OF ENDLESS PHYSICAL TORMENT

### No Longer Taught by Churches—Rev. E. C. Currie Sunday Night Explained His Attitude Towards Old-Time Belief.

A very much interested congregation at John Street Presbyterian Church Sunday night listened to an admirable exposition by the pastor Rev. E. C. Currie of the present attitude of the church towards the doctrine of eternal punishment.

In speaking on the subject of the mission of John the Baptist, he said that in external respects at least, it was a success in that the rugged and uncouth character of his address, his method was due to two facts (1) John was an Essene and so out of touch with the social life of the people and (2) The conditions of the time were the very worst. He stirred to serious thought and anxious enquiry the most unlikely people. Two ideas were prominent in John's thought namely: (1) to prepare for the coming of Christ and (2) a wrath to come. With John the conviction that the Divine holiness would surely express itself against sin was an accepted fact. In this he resembled the prophets. In our day the idea of future retribution has become a kind of figment. "Hell is in the world of shadows." The tone in which men speak of it is often only that of good humored concession which makes allowance for childish superstition. Part of this incredulity comes from the confessedly symbolical intimations of scripture on the subject. Then think how the master spirit in art and poetry have embodied the belief of their time and how Dante's "Inferno" and Milton's "Paradise Lost" have lent color and concreteness to the conception of physical suffering, which for centuries was the predominant conception of Christendom. Now this idea of endless physical torment in a lake of blazing fire and brimstone we believe no longer. But with our disbelief in the former we have allowed ourselves to be dispossessed of the belief in any retribution. This is where men

err. Pastor Russell in the number. "Be not deceived God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Sin and you suffer as a law of life, while we are compelled to modify our conceptions as to the character of future punishment let us not think that "the wrath to come" as a lake of fire and brimstone, means the scourge of conscience which men feel when they have done wrong? What mean the nooter aspirations which distinguish between men? Wherefore all our strivings to be good and to escape evil if evil and good have like reward? The phraseology of the scripture is symbolic. When we read of a lake of fire and brimstone, or a hell of weeping and gnashing of teeth we at once discover that these words describe only physical torment. But even now men know intense pain that the merely physical in that anguish of mind that sometimes compels to symbolize the hell of having done wrong; of having had a spirit from God, pure as the naked heavens, and to be conscious of having dulled its delicacy and degraded its desires. To be conscious of having quenched a light brighter than the sun; or of having done to another or to yourself an injury that through eternity never can be undone; or to be conscious that every chance of excellence and every opportunity of good has been lost for ever. (This is hell with its infinite, maddening remorse. John's mission has its application to ourselves in at least two respects. It finds us by conscious and practical, dis-avowing a principle and practice, the need of preparing the way of the Lord in our own hearts and in the hearts of others.

Just previous to the sermon Mr. Stewart Rathman sang a well rendered solo.

## BIG ISLAND

Mr. Joseph Deshaune of Belleville, visited last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. Johnson.

Mr. E. Kerr of Marmora spent over Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney of Demoretville visited at D. B. Salisbury's on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Bagley spent Thursday evening at Mr. Wm. Peck's. Mrs. S. Cole took dinner on Sunday with Mrs. Eliza Cole.

We are sorry to report that Mr. D. Hazlett still remains poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Black and Francis of Marsh Front spent Sunday at Mr. Chas. Peck's, jr.

The trustees are having a cement walk put in front of the south side school house.

Mr. Staples of Albert College, Belleville conducted the service here on Sunday.

Mr. Garfield Pearsall of Union Vale spent Sunday at J. M. Kerr's.

Mrs. B. Barker and Mrs. J. E. Sprague spent Tuesday with their mother, Mrs. Wm. Peck.

## THE HILL

Mr. and Mrs. W. Eggleton of the second concession of Sidney spent Thursday of last week with their daughter, Mrs. Tom Cassidy.

Mr. Tom Rowan spent a few days last week with his daughter, Mrs. G. Walker, of Marmora.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Gay on the arrival of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Spencer spent Sunday with Mr. Caldwell, Halloway.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mr. Rosebush at Wall-bridge on Sunday morning.

The funeral of Mr. Miller's youngest child took place on Sunday afternoon at the house. Interment was in Frankford cemetery.

## MELROSE

Rev. Mr. Jobin of Bayide occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. Everybody was pleased to meet and listen to him again.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Joseph Simpkins still remains very poorly.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Ross McLaren is on the sick list.

Mr. Dickson English passed away at his home on Wednesday last at the ripe old age of 86. He enjoyed the best of health up to within a few months of his death. Mr. English was one respected and loved by all. His kindly smile and hearty handshake greeted you always. As a neighbor he could not be excelled. In time of sickness or death he was always present to lend a helping hand and give a word of sympathy. We join in extending our sympathies to the bereaved family. Funeral services

## OAK HILLS

Mr. Everett Tufts of Madoc visited his sister, Mrs. S. Stapley on Sunday. The W.M.S. quilting and ten cent tea, last Wednesday at Mrs. Frank Searles' was a decided success. The quilt brought \$13.75 besides the tea. Miss Iva Stapley was the winner.

Mrs. J. Bronson was in Havlock on Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. C. McMullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stapley attended church at Halloway on Sunday morning.

Miss Lena Bean of Stirling was a Sunday guest of Miss Irene Gallivan.

Master Melville French visited Master Arnold McCutcheon one night last week.

Mr. Richard Eggleton of Belleville

## DEATH OF RESPECTED FORMER RESIDENT

Mrs. Margaret Baker, a respected former resident of this city passed away yesterday in Rochester, N.Y. She was the widow of the late Jas. Baker of Belleville and upon his decease, about twenty years ago she left to reside with her step-daughters in Rochester. At the time of her decease she was about eighty years of age. She was a Methodist in religion and held in high esteem by her many friends.

She was a sister of the late Ald. Nelson Pringle, and an aunt of Mr. John Pringle and Mr. Geo. Dulmage of this city.

The remains are being brought to Belleville for interment.

## BOYS GIVEN A WARNING

A party of seven boys all of them in their early teens appeared before Magistrate Mason on this morning to answer a charge preferred by Mr. Charles Seelert, of West Belleville. Mr. Seelert stated that the boys were causing persistent annoyance around his residence by throwing stones and bestowing other unwelcome attentions.

No caution was registered but the magistrate gave the boys a very earnest warning of the serious consequences that were likely to follow if they had been complained of. He hoped they would comport themselves with decency and dignity in the future.

Charles Brooks was up from Barfield for Sunday.