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PASTOR RUSSELL'S SERMON

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 9.—(Special).

Pastor C. T. Russell preached in Allegheny Carnegie Hall to an audience of about 600, which gave closest attention. His text was, "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts to which also ye are called in the one body; and be ye thankful."—Col., iii, 15. He said:

"Has it occurred to you, dear friends, that inventions, conveniences, comforts, luxuries which are daily becoming more and more common to the masses, are not bringing to them the peace, rest, contentment, which might have been expected? On the contrary, is it not true that while statesmen are measurably successful in avoiding great wars by the maintenance of terrific armaments, nevertheless there is a growing spirit of discontent which is ready to burst forth under almost any pretext? Is not this the explanation of the increase of mob violence within the last ten years? Is not this restless, dissatisfied sentiment the explanation also of the alarming increase in the number of suicides, which in our own county weeks at a time have averaged one per day? And the remainder of the world is apparently in the same state. Others attempt an explanation by suggesting that business and labor are operating upon a pressure basis which, even with shorter hours, is more exhausting than the longer hours and less pressure of the past. Others suggest that the evil spirits, the fallen angels, have more to do with the excitement of the human mind, especially along the line of the fallen propensities, and that this is the special cause of present restlessness. Others charge the difficulty to present social conditions and offer socialism as a panacea. Many other explanations are tendered by those who seem to be wise and thoughtful. There may be truth in some or in all of these explanations; but we, dear friends, will not discuss that feature of the matter, but allow each philosopher to have his own theory while we proceed to offer the remedy—we may say the only remedy for such conditions. We may be curious to know the cause of disease, but we are much more interested to know the remedy for it.

"Let the Peace of God Rule." Our text gives the remedy: "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts." Wherever that peace is received and granted the rule, the control of the heart, of the affections, of the will, the result will be peace—not necessarily an outward peace, however. Our Lord distinguished between the outward and inward peace, saying, "My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Many a man knows an outward peace with all circumstances favorable to his joy, but knows an inward unrest, unhappiness; likewise, some have learned that there is such a thing as an inward peace and joy which can be maintained, notwithstanding all manner of outward disturbances, conflicts, distresses. This is the peace of Christ, the peace of God. There is none other like it. Many have no knowledge of it experimentally, and can but imperfectly imagine what others describe of their experiences in this life. This is the peace of which the apostle writes, "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding." Even those who possess the peace can with difficulty understand it, so contrary is it at times with the outward experiences upon which human peace generally depends. It is called the peace of God for several reasons: (1) Because it is the kind of peace which God Himself has, which rules in the divine character and affections, the peace which comes from realization that every condition of the universe is under divine control; (2) because it is the peace which comes from God as a gift, not to all mankind, but to certain ones to whom it is His good pleasure to give this comfort, this rest of heavenly peace.

"Not all mankind can receive this peace." It is the heavenly peace, the good pleasure to give it only to those who become His children. On the other hand we have the divine power. This is represented to some degree in every member of our race. The original image and likeness of God, in which Father Adam was created, has been degraded, marred, much blurred, degraded; nevertheless there is in all something of that original image of God. As each individual reaches a development of mind he realizes to some extent his situation, that right and wrong are before him, and that be-

cause of his fallen condition and evil suggestions and his environment, sin is not only attractive, enticing, but difficult to resist. He realizes temptations. Some more, some less, successfully battle against these and to some extent develop character. What all need is divine aid.

Trials Which Try You. Many trials are experienced by believers after they have taken the step of faith and accepted of Christ. If they allow these to turn them back into sin without battling for the right into sin with the world, the flesh and the devil, they will find that they need the Lord Jesus, not only for their Redeemer as respects the sins of the past, but they need Him also as their Advocate and Helper in respect to all the affairs of life, that thru His wisdom they may obtain mercy for every unwilling failure, and find grace to help in every time of need.—Heb., i, 16.

The effect of these experiences rightly received should be to lead to a consecration of their wills and powers to the Lord, the acceptance of Him as their ruler, their guide, their all. This is a secondary step in the Scriptures, called sanctification or setting apart in the Lord's service. It is to such a begetting of the Holy Spirit to draw them near to Himself and to grant them the necessary instruction and assistance, that they may make their calling and election sure to joint heirship with their Redeemer in His kingdom and His great and glorious work for mankind.

This class, called in the Scriptures, the saints, the holy, the elect of God, because they are seeking to make the ones specially addressed in our text. The peace which they obtained when they first found the Lord extends in every direction and becomes an all-pervading peace, guiding and ruling in their hearts and in all the affairs of their lives in proportion as they grow in grace and knowledge and love. It is to this class addressed by our text, dear friends, that we trust that many of us belong, and to this for whom God has provided perfect peace ruling in their hearts, even in the present time we invite all to come who are weary with the strife, hatred and enmities and evil-speaking which belong to the world of mankind because of the fall and to the fallen angels—works of the flesh and of the devil. If the times past have satisfied you in respect to the wrong condition and if you are willing to let the peace of God rule in your hearts, and with us accept of His peace, let us give Him your heart, that He may cleanse it and embellish it, then, as the apostle says, "Know ye not that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit?" Let us have the Holy Spirit ruling in our mortal flesh; and then how can we have other than the peace of God ruling there?

The intimation of the Scriptures is that the Lord has had a special restraint over the evil spirit during the past centuries, and that the restraint will be relaxed at the present time so that a great lesson may be given to men of what the effect of an evil disposition is, a disposition not subject to God, the disposition of the adversary. In a short, sharp lesson, mankind will learn the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and how it utterly degrades peace and everything that it is designed to effect, and during the millennium, which the day of trouble better prepared to appreciate the reign of righteousness under the law of love and obedience to God, and the peaceable fruits of that reign of righteousness, love and love will more and more become the desire of all nations.

And now a brief word more particularly to ourselves. The distress which is already coming upon the world will undoubtedly come upon the God's people—the household of faith everywhere. Judgment with the house of God. The testings will come first with us. Let us, all, dear brethren and sisters, be on guard to cultivate the fruits of the spirit, as the apostle enjoins in our context. Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering, forbearance one another, and forgiving one another, as unto the Lord; as ye are forgiven, against any; even as Christ forgave us, so also do ye; and above all things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts.—Col., iii, 12-15.

TO RETIRE JOHN JONES ON ALLOWANCE OF \$5400

Board of Control Favors This
Course and Legislation Committee Falls Into Line.

The civic legislation and reception committee yesterday decided to forward to the city council a recommendation voiding the bylaw under which John Jones was appointed street commissioner, when his department was transferred to that of Dr. Sheard. There was no discussion. In the morning, the board of control, Controllers Spence and Ward opposing, recommended that Mr. Jones be given a retiring allowance of \$5400, being two years' salary.

Stewart Houston, manager of Massey Hall, asked that the Sheffield Choir of 200 members, who are to give concerts in Toronto, Nov. 5, 6 and 7, be entertained by the city. He said that the Sheffield choir was willing to assist in any ceremonies at the city hall. It was agreed that a civic reception should be given the choir on Friday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m., and that they be afterwards given a drive around the city, weather permitting.

The city solicitor reported that the city has power to pass a bylaw compelling heavy vehicles to keep close to the curb. The committee recommended such a bylaw.

The city engineer, reporting on W. R. Member's complaint that oil dropped by automobiles made the pavements slippery and dangerous for horses, said there was no such danger, but that he thought the pavements might be injured and was investigating.

Can't Appoint Officer. That the board of education hasn't the power to appoint a medical health officer for the schools is the opinion given by Dr. Sheard, who says his decision is the result of a careful scrutiny of the Medical Health Act.

He says that the law compels school inspectors to report sanitary and health conditions in the schools to the medical health department, and that the department can make any inspection regulations required. The board hasn't even power to appoint health inspectors, and will have to obtain legislation to be independent of his department.

"But if they want a job for some man I have nothing more to say," he concluded.

Knock for "Tech" Site. The board refused to take action on the board of education's request that Herlick-street be closed in connection with the project of erecting a new technical school on Sussex-avenue. The controllers' advice to the school trustees was to get the land first, and as the city council, which has the ruling voice, has flatly declined to consent, the scheme is practically dead.

The mayor thinks the present site on College-street is the best, and that 200 feet of land adjoining can be bought to provide for extensions. Controller Hocken's opinion is that the site should be on University-avenue.

Knox Property as Park. The fearsome prospect that an English departmental store might purchase the Knox College property, moved Controller Spence to propose that the city buy it as a park, the price being a mere bagatelle, one of \$185,000.

Controller Hocken thought the figure a trifle steep, but said that, if the surrounding property owners were willing to contribute \$35,000, he would be satisfied.

No action was taken. Alexander Dow's terms as electrical consulting engineer were accepted. Mr. Dow will receive a retainer of \$100, \$100 monthly and \$50 a day for time actually spent in Toronto.

The city engineer will report on what will have to be done to apply electrical power to the waterworks plant.

Appoint Mr. Mitchell. A recommendation that Chas. Mitchell be appointed assistant city engineer at a salary of \$4000 a year, was sent on to council by the board. Mr. Rust said that Mr. Mitchell was the best man available.

The controllers, with the exception of Controller Hocken, are in favor of allowing the street railway to extend its tracks on Richmond-street from Victoria-street to Church-street. The issue comes up at Monday's council meeting.

Parks Commissioner Wilson is enthusiastic about acquiring 14 acres of land on the west side of Willowdale Park. The land can be had for about \$30,000, or the more desirable portion for \$44,000. The aldermen are likely to do some cogitating, however.

Beatrice Street Assessment. The court of revision yesterday confirmed the assessment made by Beatrice street property owners, who a strong deputation representing from Nos. 137 to 285, and Nos. 132 to 250, appeared for a reduction. The land is assessed at \$30 a foot, or \$10 more than last year, while the appellants maintained that the value had decreased. A. R. Frankland of the assessment department submitted figures to show that the land was assessed at only 80 per cent. of the selling price.

War on Tussock Moth. While the war cloud is gathering in the Balkans, there is a prospect of a stern campaign being waged in Toronto. Park Commissioner Wilson says the tussock moth must be exterminated this fall, and will report on the success of war necessary.

Mayor Oliver yesterday called on Marconi, the famed inventor, who is stopping at the King Edward. He and H. J. Davis, director of the wireless companies, were given an automobile ride around the city.

The Sunbeam Incandescent Lamp Co. is desirous of obtaining from the city another block of land in Dufferin-street, with a frontage of 125 feet, for the erection of another large factory. Some months ago the company succeeded in buying a parcel of land on Dufferin-street at \$30 a foot, also valued at \$75 by the assessment commissioner, and, as a fine brick factory is going up, the city appears to have made a good bargain.

Building permits issued by the city architect from Oct. 1 to Oct. 7, call for the construction of 37 dwellings and a number of other structures to cost approximately \$299,300.

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HUSBAND'S DEADLY JEALOUSY

Enraged Man Killed His Brother, Who Was Soon Avenged.

MANSASAS, Va., Oct. 9.—As the result of husband's jealousy, two men are dead and another seriously wounded at the Old Fair Farm at Canova, six miles from Mansasas, to-day. Edward Fair and his wife, and brother, Allen Fair, called on their neighbor, Tucker Posey. While there Edward Fair's attention was attracted to what he regarded as unusual friendliness between his wife and his brother Allen. Angered by their conduct he hurried

from the Posey home and procured a gun. He found that interment had been made in the woods at the back of the house and they returned the body and gave it a proper burial at Geleret.

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Child Died of Starvation. LINDSAY, Oct. 8.—It is alleged that a child died of starvation in Dysart Township, Haliburton County, early this week. The father of the child is Edward Lindsay, and Constable Smith and the coroner, Dr. Giles, had heard of the death of the child and investi-

A Deputation to Canada.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—The Evangelical Alliance has arranged for a deputation to visit Canada next autumn. Archdeacon Madden of Liverpool, and Rev. George Hanson of London, have provisionally accepted the council's invitation to participate.

Canadian Conference of Churches and Clergy.

On account of the Dominion elections the executive has been urged to postpone the meeting arranged for October 21st and 22nd, until some later date. It has therefore been decided to order to secure a large attendance to hold the conference at a date in November of which due notice will be given.