GRAIN MARKETS EASIER CABLES FOR WHEAT LOWER

Lower Cables and Decreased Public Interest Result in Dull Session at Chicago Market.

World Office,
Saturday Evening, March 20.

Liverpool wheat futures to-day closed ½d lower, and corn ½d lower than yesterday.

Chicago May wheat closed ¾c lower, corn ¾c lower, and oats ¼c lower.

Winnipeg car lots of wheat to-day, 200, against 147 this day last year.

Chicago car lots of wheat to-day, 83; contract, 29. Corn, 260; contract, 20. Oats, 144; contract, 26.

Northwest car lots, 255, against 373 last year.

Primaries: Wheat, 472,000 bushels; week ago, 441,000; year ago, 520,000. Shipments, 249,000; week ago, 250,000; year ago, 250,000. Corn receipts, 572,000; week ago, 423,000; year ago, 596,000. Shipments, 500,000; week ago, 491,000; year ago, 454,000. Oats receipts, 323,000; shipments, 316,000. Estimates: Wheat, 98; corn, 260; oats, 120.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 900 bushels of grain, 35 loads of hay, two loads of straw, about 25 mixed loads in the north building, and a large supply of butter and eggs, with light receipts of poultry, on the basket market.

Wheat—Two hundred bushels of fall sold at $1.07 to $1.08.

Barley—Four hundred bushels sold at 63c to 66c.

Oats—Three hundred bushels sold at 50c.

Hay—Thirty-five loads sold at $12 to $13.50 for timothy, and $10 to $11 for mixed hay.

Straw—Two loads of loose sold at $7 to $7.50 per ton.

Dressed Hogs—Prices steady, at $9.65 to $9.85.

Poultry—Receipts light, with prices firm. Chickens, 18c to 22c, with 22c for broilers.

Butter—Receipts large; prices easy, at 23c to 28c, and special customers paid as high as 30c per lb., but there was not as much as usual sold at the special customers' price. The bulk of the best butter sold at from 24c to 28c, but there was some butter sold at less then 24c.

Eggs—Receipts large; prices easy, at 20c to 25c.

Market Notes.

R. Barron & Son got nearly all the best chickens at prices quoted above.

W. D. Craig of Snelgrove was surrounded by a crowd of customers for special lots of eggs and butter. At times there were so many men and women around Mr. Craig's stand that it reminded one of the days of the country circus ticket wagon, everybody being anxious to be served first for fear that they would not get a supply. Mr. Craig sold 300 lbs. of butter at 30c per lb., and 50 dozen eggs at 25c.

D. McCallum of Milton topped the market for chickens for broiling purposes at 22c per lb.

Live Hog Prices.

Mr. Harris quotes prices for live hogs lower. Selects, fed and watered, $7.15, and $6.90, f.o.b. cars at country points.

Grain—		
Wheat, fall, bush	$1 07 to	$1 08
Wheat, red, bush	1 07	....
Wheat, goose, bush	1 02	....
Rye, bushel	0 75	....
Buckwheat, bushel	0 61	....
Peas, bushel	0 95	....
Barley, bushel	0 63	0 66
Oats, bushel	0 50	....
Seeds—		
Alsike, fancy quality	$7 25 to	$7 50
Alsike, No. 1 quality	6 90	7 20
Alsike, No. 2 quality	6 00	6 50
Red clover, bush	4 60	5 75
Timothy seed, bush	1 30	2 25
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, No. 1 timothy	$12 00 to	$13 50
Hay, No. 2 mixed	10 00	11 00
Straw, loose, ton	7 00	7 50
Straw, bundled, ton	12 50	13 50
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Apples, per barrel	$3 00 to	$5 50
Onions, per bag	0 90	1 00
Potatoes, bag	0 65	0 75
Turnips, bag	0 35	....
Parsnips, bag	0 35	0 40
Carrots, bag	0 25	0 35
Beets, per bag	0 35	0 40
Evaporated apples, lb	0 07	....
Poultry—		
Turkeys, dressed, lb	$0 20 to	$0 25
Geese, per lb	0 15	0 16
Spring chickens, lb	0 16	0 18
Spring ducks, lb	0 20	....
Fowl, per lb	0 12½	0 14
Dairy Produce		
Butter, farmers' dairy	$0 23 to	$0 28
Eggs, strictly new-laid, per dozen	0 20	0 25
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$5 00 to	$6 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	8 50	10 00
Beef, choice sides, cwt	7 50	8 50
Beef, medium, cwt	6 00	7 50
Beef, common, cwt	3 00	5 00
Lambs, yearling, per lb	0 11	0 13
Mutton, light, cwt	8 00	10 00
Veals, common, cwt	7 00	9 00
Veals, prime, cwt	9 50	11 50
Dressed hogs, cwt	9 75	9 85

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, car lots, per ton	$10 50 to	$11 00
Straw, car lots, per ton	6 50	7 00
Potatoes, car lots, bag	0 60	0 65
Evaporated apples, lb	0 07	....
Butter, separators, dairy	0 23	....
Butter, store lots	0 17	0 19
Butter, creamery, solids	0 20	0 21
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 25	0 26
Eggs, new-laid, dozen	0 20	0 21
Cheese, large, lb	0 13½	....
Cheese, twin, lb	0 14	....
Honey, extracted	0 10½	0 11
Turkeys, dressed, lb	0 22	0 24
Geese, dressed	0 14	0 15
Ducks, dressed, lb	0 15	0 17
Chickens, dressed	0 15	0 16
Fowl, dressed	0 11	0 12

Live poultry, 2c per lb. less.

Hides and Skins.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street. Wholesale Dealers in Wool, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Furs, Tallow, etc.:

No. 1 inspected steers, 60 lbs. up	$0 10¼ to	$....
No. 2 inspected steers, 60 lbs. up	0 09¼	....
No. 1 inspected cows	0 09¾	....
No. 2 inspected cows	0 08¾	....
No. 3 inspected cows and bulls	0 07¾	....
Country hides	0 08	0 08¼
Calfskins	0 12	0 14
Horsehides, No. 1	2 75	....
Horsehair, per lb	0 30	0 32
Tallow, per lb	0 05	0 06½
Sheepskins, each	1 15	1 25

Raw furs, prices on application.

Toronto Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.50 per cwt., in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $4.20 per cwt., in barrels. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots 5c less. In 100-lb. bags prices are 5c less.

New York Sugar Market.

Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3.42c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.92c; molasses sugar, 3.17c; refined, steady.

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GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Board of trade call board. Prices quoted are for outside points:

Spring wheat—No quotations.

Wheat—No. 2 white, $1.06½ bid, $1.07 sellers; No. 2 red, $1.09 sellers; No. 2 mixed, $1.07 bid, G.T. east; $1.07 outside, sellers.

Barley—No. 2, 65c bid, G.T. east or C. P. R.; No. 3X, 62c bid, low freight, N.Y.; 61½c bid outside.

Oats—No. 2 white, 46½c bid, low freights, N.Y.; No. 2 mixed, 46c bid.

Rye—70c bid.

Bran—$24.50 to $25, in sacks, track, Toronto.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 65½c bid, 67c sellers.

Peas—No. 2, 94½c bid, G.T. west.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 66c bid west.

Flour—Ontario, 90 per cent. patent, $4.10 bid for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, $5.90; second patents, $5.40; strong bakers', $5.20.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Wheat—March $1.09¼ bid, July $1.12⅝ bid, May $1.11¼ bid.

Oats—March 40¾c bid, May 42½c bid.

Chicago Market.

J. P. Bickell & Co., Lawlor Building, report following fluctuations on Chicago Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	115⅞	116⅞	115¼	115¼
July	103½	103⅞	102⅞	103
Sept.	97½	97⅝	96⅞	96⅞
Corn—				
May	66½	66½	65¾	65¾
July	65⅞	65⅞	65¼	65¼
Sept.	65½	65¾	65	65⅛
Oats—				
May	54¼	54⅝	53⅞	54⅛
July	48¼	48⅝	48	48¼
Sept.	40½	40½	40¼	40¼
Pork—				
May	17.65	17.65	17.40	17.47
July	17.65	17.65	17.40	17.50
Lard—				
May	10.07	10.12	10.05	10.07
July	10.22	10.25	10.15	10.20
Ribs—				
May	9.30	9.32	9.22	9.30
July	9.42	9.47	9.35	9.45

Chicago Gossip.

J. P. Bickell & Co. say at the close:

Wheat—The past week was void of any special feature, except, perhaps, a fair export demand for Canadian wheat. Weather thruout winter wheat belt all that could be desired, tho private reports from some sections claim material decrease in acreage. This feature, however, will not be a market factor, until more publicity is given it. The coming government report, to be issued April 10, is awaited with interest, and should reports of decreased acreage be confirmed by the report public interest will be increased and higher levels naturally result. Leaders of the bull faction are basing their hope on the theory that scarcity of the cash article for home consumption will be in evidence before new crop offerings are available. At moment possibilities appear to favor holders, as world's stocks of wheat and flour are below normal, and, as the crop scare period is at hand, adverse news of this character would provide additional ammunition for the bull party. Confine your trading to scalping quotations until crop prospects are more certain. Trade in July.

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—Closing—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 8s 3½d. Futures quiet; May 8s 1⅞d, July 8s 3⅜d, Sept. 7s 10d.

Corn—Spot firm; new American mixed, via Galveston, firm, 8s 11d. Futures quiet; March nominal, May 5s 9½d.

Flour—Winter patents strong, 32s.

Butter—Good U. S. nominal.

Cheese—Canadian finest white firm, 62s 6d; do., colored, firm, 65s 6d.

Peas—Canadian firm, 7s 7½d.

Hops—At London (Pacific Coast) steady, £2 to £3.

Beef—Extra India mess dull, 105s.

Pork—Prime mess, western, dull, 73s 9d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., strong, 49s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., strong, 49s; short rib, 16 to 24 lbs., strong, 49s 6d; long clear middling, light, 28 to 34 lbs., strong, 49s 6d; do., heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., strong, 49s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., strong, 52s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., strong, 43s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, quiet, 31s 3d; American refined, in pails, quiet, 52s 3d.

Tallow—Prime city steady, 28s; Australian in London easy, 30s 6d.

Turpentine—Spirits firm, 27s. Linseed oil—Steady, 22s. Petroleum—Steady, 7¾d. Rosin—Common steady, 8s.

Canadian Produce.

LONDON, March 20.—Canadian bacon is 60s to 62s; hams, long cut, are firm at 60s to 64s; cheese has ruled very firm, with fine to finest white at 62s to 64s; colored, 66s to 67s; exceptionally, 68s, and deep red, 70s.

New York Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Butter—Fine grades further advanced, closing firm; receipts, 3700. Creamery specials, 31c to 31½c (official 31c); creamery, extras, 30½c; creamery thirds to firsts, 21c to 29c; creamery, held, common to special, 20c to 28½c.

Cheese—Firm; receipts, 334. State full creamery, specials, 15¾c to 17c.

Eggs—Steady; receipts, 11,575; state, Pennsylvania and near-by fancy selected white, 23c; do., fair to choice, 21c to 22c; do., brown and mixed fancy, 20c to 20½c.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Flour—Receipts, 18,140; exports, 4711; dull and lower to sell. Rye flour—Steady. Buckwheat—Quiet. Cornmeal—Barely steady. Rye—Firm; No. 2 western, 88c f.o.b. New York. Barley—Quiet.

Wheat—Receipts, 75,600; exports, 86,671; spot, easy; No. 2 red, $1.22⅜ to $1.22⅝ elevator, and $1.23⅝ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 northern, Duluth, $1.24¾ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard, winter, $1.23¾ f.o.b. afloat. Big world's shipments, in connection with easier cables, foreign selling and favorable weather, occasioned ½c break in wheat this morning. It closed ¼c to ⅝c lower; May, $1.19⅛ to $1.19⅝, closed $1.19¼; July, $1.11⅛ to $1.11½, closed $1.11⅜.

Corn—Receipts, 13,500; spot, steady; No. 2, 75c elevator and 73½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 white, nominal, and No. 2 yellow, 73½c f.o.b. afloat. Option market was without transactions, closing net unchanged; May, closed 73⅝c; July, closed 73¼c, Sept. closed 72⅞c.

Oats—Receipts, 68,625; exports, 13,839; spot, dull; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 57c to 58c; natural white, 28 to 32 lbs., 57½c to 59½c, closed clipped white, 32 to 40 lbs., 57½c to 61½c.

Petroleum—Steady. Resin—Quiet. Turpentine—Easy, 40½c to 41c. Molasses—Steady.

CATTLE MARKETS

Cables Firm—Hogs Active at Buffalo and Chicago.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Beeves—Receipts, 1076; nothing doing in live cattle; feeling steady. Dressed beef, slow at 8c to 10c. Exports, 2872 quarters of beef.

Calves—Receipts, 406; feeling, steady at yesterday's quotations. Dressed calves, steady; city dressed veals, 8½c to 14½c; country dressed, 8c to 13c.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1732; no trading of any importance, but sellers holding firm; few common sold at $4.25; few cull lambs, $6.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 3820; nominally firm.

British Cattle Markets.

LONDON, March 20.—London cables for cattle are steady, at 13c to 14½c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9⅝c to 9¾c per lb.

$6.60 to $6.87½; pigs, $5.25 to $6.20; bulk of sales, $6.60 to $6.80.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated at 2000; market, steady; natives, $3.25 to $5.80; western, $3.50 to $5.90; yearlings, $6 to $7.25; lambs, native, $5.50 to $7.80; western, $5.50 to $7.90.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, March 20.—Cattle—Receipts 80 head; prices unchanged.

Veals—Receipts, 125 head; active, $7 to $9.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 2400 head; active; heavy, $7.25 to $7.30; mixed, $7.20 to $7.30; yorkers, $6.90 to $7.25; pigs, $6.65 to $6.75; roughs, $6 to $6.35; stags, $4.50 to $5; dairies, $6.90 to $7.20.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1400 head; active; lambs, 10c higher; sheep, steady; lambs, $5 to $8.35; yearlings, $6.50 to $7.25; wethers, $5.75 to $6.25; ewes, $5 to $5.85; sheep, mixed, $3.50 to $5.75.

Embargo on Canadian Hay.

KINGSTON, Ja., March 21.—The government is taking measures to stamp out the foot and mouth disease that has appeared among the cattle in the Banana district of Jamaica. It is thought the malady came to Jamaica thru American and Canadian corn and hay. Members of the council are urging the introduction of a bill to prohibit the importation of fodder from the United States and Canadian points, and the measure will be introduced and probably passed as urgency business next Tuesday. The act will apply to hay and corn afloat at the time the bill is passed.

Union Stock Yards.

There are forty-five car loads of live stock at the Union Stock Yards for sale at Monday's market.

TO IRRIGATED LANDS

Good Class of Settlers Are Pouring Into West.

CALGARY, March 19.—Some idea of the class of settlers now pouring into Bow River Valley and acquiring irrigated lands may be gained from the fact that one of the latest arrivals from Nebraska brought five cars of settler's effects and will immediately erect substantial buildings.

There is great activity thruout the valley, building operations being carried on thruout entire districts. A large number of additional stores are being erected in towns with a view to accommodating increased demands made by settlers. Farm work also is in full progress and settlers are busily engaged discing preparatory to seeding.

HEINZE CLAIMS SETTLED

Terms Not Made Public—Amounts Are Large.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Settlement of the claims of the Bank of North America against F. Augustus Heinze and George Baglin was authorized by Judge Lacombe of the United States Circuit Court here to-day.

The order directed the agent for the shareholders of the bank to discontinue the actions now pending against Heinze and Baglin in connection with the claim ordered settled.

The terms of the settlement were not made public. The claim was for a balance of $41,169 on notes given by Heinze and Baglin for sums aggregating $300,000.

Charged With Stealing.

Wm. Thompson, no home, was arrested by Detective Armstrong Saturday afternoon, charged with theft of scrapiron from the Street Railway Co.

$2.10 Buffalo and Return.

Tickets good going on C.P.R. 9.30 a.m. train next Tuesday, March 23, Toronto Kennel Club excursion. Good to return all trains Tuesday and following day. Secure tickets early at C.P.R. office, corner King and Yonge-streets. 61

Lamp Caused Small Fire.

Fire from a lamp explosion started in Joseph Summers' roughcast cottage at 296 Simcoe-street at 7.45 o'clock Saturday night, doing $40 damage to the building and $40 to the contents.

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Pastor Russell's Sermon

The Song of the Elect—"He Hath Put a New Song Into My Mouth, Even Praise Unto Our God."

"And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps; and they sung as it were a new song before the throne . . . and no man could learn that song, but the hundred and forty and four thousand."—Rev. xiv., 2, 3.

The world knows its bacchanalian songs, and its foolish ditties, and its plaintive melodies tinged with pain and sorrow; and the latter are most in favor with its thoughtful because, as the scriptures declare, "The whole creation is groaning and travailing in pain."

It is amongst the hymns of Christianity that we find the noblest, grandest, most sublime expressions of the human soul, because their authors, under the influences of the precious promises of God's Word, look with hopeful eye beyond the clouds and shadows of their present pilgrim way towards the glorious things which God hath in reservation for them that love Him. Some of these have well been styled "ageless hymns," so new are they every morning and so fresh every evening.

Who has not noticed the exultant songs of the prophets and the apostles—that notwithstanding their trials, their difficulties, their persecutions for righteousness' sake, they were joyful in the house of their pilgrimage; and a note of triumph may be found in all of their messages to the church. As for instance, the apostle Paul states exultantly in the midst of great tribulation, "Rejoice alway! and again I say rejoice!" He tells them of rejoicing also in tribulation, and in everything giving thanks. Never do we hear the note of murmuring or complaint, repining or despair. But with the passing of the first century, with the death of the apostles, there came upon the church gradually a mirror of great darkness. Of this our Lord in His parable tells, saying, "But while men slept, the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat." (Matt. xiii., 25.) Of the same the apostle tells, saying, "For I know this, that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." (Acts xx., 29, 30.) And again we read, "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."—(II Thess., ii., 3.)

With the coming of the error of doctrine came multitudes of nominal Christians who were in reality merely "tares" or imitation "wheat." Proportionately the songs of triumph and confidence in the Lord faded from the hearts and died on the tongues of those who were the Lord's nominal mouthpieces. A horror of great darkness came upon the souls of men by reason of the "doctrine of devils" being given a place in the gospel message. The true church is symbolically represented as having gone into captivity to Babylon. Undoubtedly the world was never left entirely without witnesses for God, but the conditions were such then that few could sing the songs of Zion's triumph.

The condition of God's faithful during that period of history known as the "dark ages" was graphically portrayed long before in the Psalms. Speaking for these by inspiration the prophet says, "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down; yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" (Psalm, cxxxvii., 14.)

Nevertheless, here and there in a very humble manner the saints did hum the song of Zion, tho ultimately many of its joyful notes were lost, forgotten. Hence the implication of our text that in the end of this age the song of triumph, of faith, of confidence in God, of the harmonies of His Word would be revived, but would be, "as it were a new song." It is not a new song, for it is the "Song of Moses and the Lamb." (Rev. xv., 3.) It is the old, old story of the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"—the Lamb of God who, as the King of kings and Lord of lords, is soon to set up His kingdom for the overthrow of the reign of sin and death amongst those whom He redeemed by the sacrifice of Himself. This old, old story, dear friends, became so warped, so twisted, so forgotten, so covered with human tradition and superstition and error and "doctrines of devils" that when now it is being resung it is, "As it were, a new song."

Here is illustrated the proverb that "Truth is stranger than fiction," for many of the Lord's dear saints have had the ears of their understanding so perverted by false teachings respecting predestination to eternal torment, etc., that they do not know the song of Zion when they hear it.

The real story of the cross—the love of God behind it, and the blessing of God before it, first for the "elect," and subsequently for the non-elect—is indeed a wonderful story; but let us not forget that the Scriptures continually declare that these things at the present time are mysteries, except to those to whom the Lord will reveal them. Thus He said to His disciples at the first Advent when they enquired respecting some of his parables and dark sayings, "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given . . . Therefore, speak I to them in parables; because they seeing, see not; and hearing, they hear not, neither do they understand."(Matt. xiii., 11-13). And again the psalmist says, "The secret of the Lord is with them that reverence Him; and He will show them His covenant." (Psa. xxv., 14).

The real gist of this song, which so few can appreciate and sing at the present time, and that few only the "saints" and not the worldly, is stated as follows: "Having the harps of God, they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For Thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before Thee when Thy righteous acts are made manifest." (Rev. xv., 3-4).

As we have heretofore seen, the symbolic harp symbolizes the Word of God, which is the source and the accompaniment of this song, which is, "as it were, a new song." It is the song or message of Moses and the Lamb, because Moses was the type of Christ and in all of the sacrifices of the law he typified or foreshadowed the sacrifice of Christ, "The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John i., 29.) And in type also he told the story of blessing and restitution eventually to come to the whole world of mankind thru the merit of the slain Lamb. This is shown in the type which pictures the blessings that are to follow the day of atonement. It is shown in the typical jubilee year, in which restitution was made, both of personal liberty and of property. Similarly, the various feasts of the law foreshadowed the coming blessings, and "feast of fat things," which, during the millennial age, will be spread before all people by the great antitypical Moses, as St. Peter recites in Acts iii., 19-23.

Moses in the type told of the Passover Lamb, the sparing of the first-borns and the subsequent deliverance of the after-borns. Those who see in Jesus the Lamb of God, our Passover, may discern now that the "Church of the First-Born" are the "elect" of this gospel age and that the after-borns of the type represent the world of mankind, delivered from bondage to sin and Satan, as typified in the deliverance of Israel's hosts from the power of Pharaoh at the Red Sea, which scene pictures the time of trouble with which the present age will end and the new dispensation begin.

Notice that feature of this new song which refers to God's righteous acts, righteous dealings, and assures us that this ultimately shall be seen by all mankind, and that all then seeing will be reasonably expected to worship.

The fact is that the righteousness of the Divine government of the world is not yet manifested to any except a faithful few. To the majority the ways of the Lord are dark, mysterious. Not only do they see Divine permission of calamities, but Divine permission of sin, of crime, of blasphemy against the holy name, of false doctrines, of superstitions. Many indeed wonder at these things and some are inclined to doubt altogether that there is a supervising Providence. Nay, worse! The doctrine of demons forced upon the church in the dark ages has made it appear to the average mind that God himself is a demon, who calls upon mankind to love their enemies, and to do good to them, while He has made provision for the eternal torture of His enemies and all who have not heard of and accepted the merit of the "Only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts iv., 12.) Alas! how is it possible for those who are under these delusions of error to honor God in their hearts or to sing this song, "True and righteous are Thy dealings, Lord God Almighty"?

While it is true that "He giveth songs in the night" (Job xxxv., 10), it is especially true that this song, "As it were a new song," belongs to the early morning of the new dispensation, when the "Mystery of God, which He hath kept secret from the foundation of the world," is being finished, and when all the light of sacred history is centring in the cross of Christ, and now shining forth as the morning star, heralding the rising of the "Sun of righteousness with healing in His beams" to bless all the families of the earth!

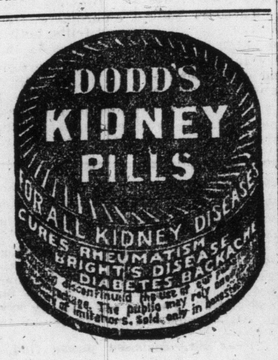
This new song can be appreciated and sung only from the standpoint of "The Divine plan of the ages," which is the title I have given to volume I. of my "Scripture Studies" which many of you already have. The Bible Society supplies it at cost, but any too poor to purchase I will gladly supply with a magazine edition free, on postcard request.

It is only after we have come to a knowledge of the fact that the Jewish Age furnished a series of types and shadows of better things to come, that we know to look for the better things and are able to discern them. It was after we learned that the "elect" church of this gospel age, the "little flock" who walk in the "narrow way" and i nthe footsteps of Jesus, are not the only ones to be favored; it was after we learned that these, as the bride of Christ, are being schooled and prepared by the trials and disciplines of the present time for a future place of honor; it was after we learned that these elect members of the Christ are to be associated with their Redeemer during the millennium in giving a great blessing to natural Israel and thru them to all the nations—then, and not before, we could see the justice of God, the love of God and the wisdom of God. From this standpoint also we are enabled to exercise faith in God the Father—that according to the promise of the Scriptures, He is able as willing to confer all these blessings thru Christ, by a resurrection of the dead, during the "times of restitution of all things."—Acts iii., 19.

This accounts for all the trials and persecutions permitted to come upon the Lord's saints and shows us that they like their Redeemer Lord, must be tested, proved, found faithful even unto death, in order to be accounted worthy of this high exaltation. It shows us also, not only that the world is not to be hurled at death to eternal torment, but is preserved by the power of God in the great prison-house of death, ready to hear the command of the great King and to come forth. Even as He said, "The hour is coming in the which all that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of Man and shall come forth"—the church to a life resurrection, perfect and complete, the world to a judgment resurrection, gradual raising up under disciplines and chastisements, out of sin and death to perfection and everlasting life, during the millennium; or, refusing this favor, to be remanded to the second death—"everlasting destruction."

This song is not given in a miraculous manner, but must be learned, as is intimated by the statement, "No man could learn that song except the hundred and forty and four thousand." Many indeed have learned a bar or two; some perhaps a stanza; but ability to sing the song to a finish implies such a faithfulness to God, such a study of His word, such a relationship with Christ, as none can attain except the "very elect," those "filled with the spirit." All this implies patience and perseverance. And can we wonder that the Lord should make such stringent regulations when we remember the high glory and honor and importality promised to this faithful "little flock"? If we look about us we find many willing to spend considerable sums of money, considerable time and thought and energy to acquire the secrets of Free Masonry, Oddfellowship or other earthly institutions. Of how much more worth are "the secrets of the Lord," which are to go only to those who reverence Him and who love the Lord with all their heart, mind, soul, strength. Altho the gospel is free in one sense of the word the Lord has evidently found a way to make it cost us something in order to prove our love, our devotion, our zeal.

If we have learned some of the song let us sing that portion; let us tell it out to our neighbors and frends, as soon as we have made sure that what we have learned is not traditions of the ancients from the dark ages, but the true song of Moses and the Lamb, as foretold by the apostles and the prophets. As we faithfully proclaim what we have already learned and become more and more imbued with the truth it will enable us to appreciate to a greater extent "the deep things of God," which the natural eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man the things which God hath in reservation, and hath revealed unto us by the Spirit of His word. (I. Cor., ii., 9, 10.) The learning of the song is thus a progressive work which belongs to this, our day. Let us, therefore, go on from grace to grace and from knowledge to knowledge!



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COOPERS OUT ON BAIL

Rush of Citizens File Bonds of Nearly $1,500,000.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 21.—Last night, after filing a bond totalling nearly a million and a half dollars, Col. D. B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper, convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary for the killing of former Senator E. W. Carmack, retired to the home of Judge J. C. Bradford.

Altho Judge Hart fixed the bond at $25,000 for each defendant, there was a rush to sign it on the part of many wealthy citizens of Nashville, which fairly swamped the clerk in the criminal court.

In vain he protested, over and over again, that more than enough sureties had been signed, but the invariable answer was, "We want to put our names on that bond, too."

U.C.C. ANNIVERSARY

Simultaneous Banquets Thruout Canada to Mark 80th Birthday.

Arrangements are being made to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Upper Canada College by a series of dinners to be held simultaneously in Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, Ottawa, London, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver, Regina, London, Eng., and probably also New York and Nelson, B.C., on Friday, May 7.

The Toronto banquet will be held at the King Edward, and it is expected that at least 300 of the "old boys" will meet to celebrate the historic occasion.

Prof. Arch. H. Young, M.A., of Trinity College, is convenor of the committee on arrangements.

IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

OTTAWA, March 21.—(Special).—The total immigration into Canada for the eleven months of the present fiscal year was 130,444, as compared with 247,056 for the same period of last fiscal year, a decrease of 47 per cent.

The immigration for the month of February was 4791, as compared with 6164 for February of last year, a decrease of 22 per cent.

BOY'S BODY IN WELL.

BELLEVILLE, March 21.—David Brooks, the three-year-old son of Samuel Brooks, a clothing merchant, was missed yesterday afternoon and this morning his body was found in an unused well in the rear of the Albion Hotel.

MINERS LEAVING FOR EUROPE.

MAHANOY CITY, Pa., March 21.—Believing that a strike or suspension is inevitable after April 1 in the anthracite coal fields, scores of foreign mine workers are leaving this region daily for Europe to spend the summer.

POLICE SHOT AT NORFOLK.

NORFOLK, Va., March 21.—In a pitched battle to-night at Suffolk Police Chief Brinkley and Policeman Dennia were probably fatally shot, and Dennis Smith, a negro, was killed.

Still Another Breakfast.

The season for free breakfasts is fast drawing to a close, the breakfast next Sunday morning probably being the last one of the season. There have been 5171 meals provided so far.

Yonge-street mission yesterday morning was the scene of another breakfast, and how good those beef sandwiches and that steaming hot coffee did taste! The 354 men present ate with a relish and then listened attentively to an earnest address by Rev. T. R. O'Meara, principal of Wycliffe College, after which the meeting was brought to a close.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

Pittsburg Alderman Defies the Grand Jury.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 20.—Councilman John F. Klein, who was sent to jail Thursday for refusing to testify before the grand jury in the graft investigation, was called before Judge Davis this afternoon and reiterated his refusal to go before the grand jury.

He will be immediately sentenced to serve thirty days in the county jail and pay a fine of $100. His attorneys are preparing to take an appeal to the superior court on a writ of habeas corpus.

UP GO ASSESSMENTS

Wychwood and Bracondale Must Pay for City Privileges.

The result of the assessment department work in Wychwood and Bracondale shows a total assessment of $1,354,116, against $1,181,555 before annexation to the city. Exemptions amount to $59,425, as against $36,625. The population is 2554.

Land assessed shows $870,638, against $825,293, and improvements $396,958, against $327,552. Business assessment shows a large increase from $13,010 to $52,887. The assessment on the Niagara Power Company's property largely accounts for this item. Income assessment jumps from $15,700 to $33,633. Real property has increased $114,751.

TORONTO TEACHERS' ASS'N

R. G. Elliott of Dufferin School is Elected President.

R. G. Elliott of Dufferin School was on Saturday elected president of the Toronto Teachers' Association by acclamation, and in the same way Miss Belle Clark of Givens-street School was elected vice-president, and Miss Adda Burger of Alexander Muir School secretary.

Miss Davis of Winchester-street School, and Mr. Bryce of Niagara-street School were nominated for the position of librarian.

For the executive committee of seven the nominees are the three inspectors, Miss Gilmer of King Edward, Kindergarten Supervisor Miss Currie, Mr. Might of Lansdowne, Mr. Hamilton of Wellesley, Miss McMillan of Givens, Miss Nudel of Jesse Ketchum, Mr. Blaney of Bolton, and Mr. Power of McCaul.

WAR PICTURED IN CLOUDS

Startling Mirage Which Alarmed Superstitious German Folk.

HEIDELBERG, Germany, March 21.—A terrifying phenomenon in the heavens recently alarmed the superstitious villagers of Dorsebach and Oberunzbach.

In the clouds, just before 10 o'clock in the forenoon, there appeared a bright red streak on which could be plainly seen a landscape, with fields, streams and woods, among which two bodies of troops in battle formation were advancing towards each other, firing volleys. The puffs of smoke were clearly visible.

Half an hour later the picture suddenly disappeared, but the excitement and fear aroused among the villagers lasted until next morning, when the explanation appeared in the newspapers of the district that a sham fight had been held by the garrison of Mergenthaim, some twenty miles distant, and had been mirraged on the clouds.

CARPENTERS WANT MORE

Will Ask for Two Cents Per Hour Increase in Wages.

At a meeting held by the Amalgamated Carpenters' Union in the Labor Temple Saturday the committee was instructed to request a two cent per hour raise in wages for all the carpenters.

J. Doggett was elected business agent for the union.

SULPHURIC ACID KILLS FIVE.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 21.—Five men were killed and a score injured in an explosion at the Sunnyside Coal Mines near this city.