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Pastor Russell's Sermon

Need of Great Confidence in the Promises of God—Light Should Not Be Hidden, But Always Exposed—Reward Will Be a Position in the Mediatorial Kingdom to Be Set Up in the World Shortly.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 18.—Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle was here to-day. He addressed large audiences in the Opera House. He had excellent attention. We report one of his discourses from the following text: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward."—Hebrews x, 35.

Our English word confidence is a synonym for faith. It is a very pretty thought that we should not cast away our faith, but hold it firmly to it and gain a reward. This thought is expressed elsewhere in the scriptures. It is not the thought of our text. Here the word confidence more properly signifies assurance or out-spokenness, courage, presumption of a message, not always kindly received. The apostle is urging the followers of Christ to be of good courage, that they should not put their "light under a bushel, but on a candlestick, where it would shine out for the blessing of men."

There is a practical side to the gospel. Everything enjoined upon the followers of Christ and all their trying experiences in life are wisely intended to work out for them a good firm, fine texture. It is a mistake to think, as some of us have thought in the past, that it is the will of God that we should be "beaten down" and "broken up" to the message of His death as our Redeemer and turn from outward forms of sin—and then, contented with our progress, help others to the same low standard.

Quite to the contrary, the teachings of Jesus and His apostles ignore the world as a whole and merely seek for a special class with hearing ears and appreciative hearts. The gospel message set forth in the Bible knows nothing of the ordinary mission work of rescuing drunks and harlots and the profane. While not refusing publicans and harlots it did not seek to seek them out. It waited for them to seek for righteousness and, as the Master said, "No man can come unto me except the Father which sent me draw him: and he that is drawn by me will in no wise cast out" (John vi, 44, 45). As a matter of fact, those who came to the Master and those who have been interested in His message since that time have not, in any large proportion, been the rich, the great, the learned, the noble, according to the course of this world, but chiefly the poor, rich in faith toward our God.

Take as an illustration St. Paul's course when he went to Athens. We do not find that he started a mission school and offered the children the prospects of a plan, or a Sunday school treat, in order to gather them for a half hour's talk about nothing. To look them over and to see if they were of the right kind of stuff. Neither did he seek out the drunks in the slums and establish a slum mission. On the contrary he sought the car of the intelligent classes, the trifling classes, irrespective of their wealth or station. Why? Because he had a message—a message which children could not understand, which drunks could not appreciate, which trifling people could not understand; a message which should appeal, if at all, to the best people of Athens, whether rich or poor.

Have we not had, to a considerable extent, the wrong idea? Are we wiser than the Lord and the apostles and able to give them pointers as to methods instead of following their example, as we were instructed to do? They proclaimed the second coming of Messiah and the establishment of His kingdom. They preached that the very object of His reign of righteousness for a thousand years will be the putting down of sin in its every form and the lifting up of the fallen humanity. They taught that there was danger of attempting to make a proselyte and really doing more harm than good thereby. They taught that the special work to which God calls us is now commissioned as ministers or servants of Christ is the proclaiming of the gospel—the good tidings of the kingdom—not the attempt to drive the world of mankind from sin through fear. They taught that the work of the present time is to bring the world of mankind of the bride class, to be Messiah's associates in His kingdom, for the blessing of all the world. It is this message of the goodness of God that our text declares should be proclaimed with courage, with boldness, with outspokenness.

St. Paul is criticizing some who had for quite a time been Christians and who had been granted large opportunities for growth in grace and knowledge. He says to these, "For ye ought to be teachers, but ye need that on teach you again which are the first principles of the doctrine of Christ." They had gotten entangled with vain philosophies and their spiritual life was at a low ebb. Conditions are very similar to-day. After eighteen centuries of divine instruction and with the wonderful Bibles now at our command and with help for Bible study, what manner of Christians ought we to be—in faith, in love, in obedience, in courage? For ye need that on teach you again which are the first principles of the doctrine of Christ. They had gotten entangled with vain philosophies and their spiritual life was at a low ebb. Conditions are very similar to-day. After eighteen centuries of divine instruction and with the wonderful Bibles now at our command and with help for Bible study, what manner of Christians ought we to be—in faith, in love, in obedience, in courage? For ye need that on teach you again which are the first principles of the doctrine of Christ.

St. Paul points out the necessity for the Lord's people to assemble themselves together for fellowship and for the study of His word and to prove one another to love and good works. The necessity for this, he suggests, is that sin on the part of those who have received a knowledge of the truth and been made partakers of the precious relationship of spirit-begotten children of God. He says, "For we sin after that we have received a knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sin, but a certain fearful looking for a condemnation and fiery indignation which shall devour us as God's adversaries" (verses 26, 27).

Have we grasped the import of the thought? It signifies that those of us who have accepted the divine terms and entered the family of God will have no future opportunity to sin. We must either make our "calling and election sure" under the terms of the call, as accepted, or be rejected as unworthy of life everlasting—as fit for the second death—annihilation. He who despised Moses' law died without

mercy. But he who, having come to a clear knowledge of our truth, shall be cut off from a further opportunity in the present age, but be everlastingly cut off from life, disobeyed. "Go in to destroy both soul and body" is the present life and our future hope. These thoughts should make every earnest, very diligent, all who have accepted Christ and been accepted by Him.

These things were written, not only for the Hebrew Christians of St. Paul's day, but intended by the holy spirit for all the household of faith. We should not rock ourselves to sleep, nor give to each other opiates. While the world is not yet on trial for eternal life, the church is now being tested—tested as to its faith. The thought should sober us. As the apostle suggests, "Be diligent, be covered, be faithful, following in the footsteps of Jesus."

But St. Paul, or rather, the holy spirit through him, took cognizance of the fact that the Lord's people are in a world of sin and that they are to grace help them out to God. The apostle recognized that we might become discouraged with our own faults and weaknesses. Hence, after earnestly exhorting to faithfulness and courage and after pointing out the dangers of slothfulness and of being over-charged with the cares of this life and the deceptions of the world, he turns from this threatening attitude and uses encouraging words.

He says, "Call to mind the former days, in which following your illustration of the holy spirit, you endured a great fight of afflictions." St. Paul's intention is that at that time, while suffering persecutions, the brethren were really in a better, more spiritual condition than later. The prosperity, privileges, freedom from persecution enjoyed, had made them soft and less courageous. He would have them to mind the victories won in the past, that we might have courage for the present and the future. How gracious, how helpful, are all the promises of our God to those who now hear His call and seek to walk in Jesus' steps! To these He guarantees that every experience of life which His providence shall permit shall work for good, for blessing, for valuable experience and education along lines of righteousness and character development.

In time of war not all can go forth as soldiers. Some, unfit for such service, may perform a useful part at home, supporting, encouraging, sending supplies to those at the front, stirring up the courage of the rear. Jesus is the Captain of all those who voluntarily enlist as soldiers of the cross to battle against sin, especially in these "days of the great fight of afflictions." "Good fight of faith" and "overcoming the evil of the world which surges all about them, threatening to overwhelm them as new creatures in Christ."

St. Paul intimates a suspicion, as one giving allegiance to another King, Jesus, and not therefore disposed to use his Roman citizenship especially for the pride and glory of the empire. St. Paul declares that the cause of his persecutions was his witness to those who despise the cause of the Lord and are despised and rejected by all. He says that we are counted as the fifth and sixteenth of the world, that which nobody cares for or values, but which all would like to get rid of, as the darkness always hates the light and seeks to quench it and reigns completely only when all light is extinguished. Christians, far and near, either by expressing sympathy for the apostle or fellowshipping with him, or by defending him from the unjust and malicious slanders circulated against him, thereby exposed themselves to similar reproaches and distresses, opposition from their neighbors, etc.

History tells us of various terrible persecutions of the Christians by the Roman Emperors. It declares, for instance, that the emperor Nero caused a certain portion of the City of Rome to be burned by incendiaries and that when he found how angry the people were he blamed the entire matter upon the inoffensive Christians—partly, no doubt, because these had no friends. They could be blamed with impunity and the emperor's own vicious cruelty would thus be hidden. On this account hundreds of Christians were publicly and brutally put to death.

Poor human nature finds it difficult to stand alone with God and with the few who are on His side—the side of righteousness and truth. When, additionally, there comes persecution it tries the hearts, proves their loyalty. This is exactly what the Lord designs. He is now seeking a special class of overcomers to be joint-heirs with Him on the spirit plane as the bride of the Lamb. Here He intends shortly to grant to Israel and, thru Israel, to all mankind glorious blessings of instruction and restitution. To the Master, in the spirit of their minds. To these He says, "I will overcome with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne" (Rev. iii, 21).

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St. Paul elsewhere declares, "If we deny Him, He will also deny us" (II Timothy ii, 12). If we have accepted the Lord as our counselor, guide, captain, teacher, exemplar, bridge, and so on, we must be prepared to deny Him as such and on all suitable and proper occasions to let our H.A. so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven" (Matthew v, 16). Our good works are to be accord with the Master's teaching, that, however we may be represented by others, all of us know, we ultimately will make knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. They should also see that our courage, our boldness, our outspokenness, is not a desire to preach ourselves, not vain glory in ourselves, but that, on the contrary, we preach Christ, and the message which He has brought to the world, and that we are persecuted and persecuted from all who are under His blinding influence.

Every faithful follower of Jesus must be a confessor—must show his colors. We do not mean by this that he must be belligerent and fight a carnal warfare with swords or spears or hands or tongue. On the contrary, like his Master, he must ever be alert to do good. His orders from the Father are, "Love one another," "What he must speak forth and show forth by his life is the doctrine of Christ—the truth, the light, in contrast with the prevailing error and darkness."

The reward which the Scriptures hold before our eyes of faith is so great that, to the worldly, it seems almost impossible to believe in it. To the carnal warfare, either with swords or spears or hands or tongue, on the contrary, like his Master, he must ever be alert to do good. His orders from the Father are, "Love one another," "What he must speak forth and show forth by his life is the doctrine of Christ—the truth, the light, in contrast with the prevailing error and darkness."

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SOCIETY NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Peabody of Roxborough-street are at the Victoria Hotel, New York City, for a week. Mrs. Peabody will leave for Boston, Mass., on Monday, to remain till Christmas Eve, when she will return to Toronto and will be at home to her friends on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Cap Manson and daughter, Sara, who are in the city, guests of Mrs. O'cott, will receive with her on first Tuesday of the month at 419 Shaw-street.

A large and most enjoyable tea was given by Mrs. L. Patterson of Spadina-road on Thursday afternoon, to introduce her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Patterson, who looked very sweet. Miss Alice Galt sang a few of cream ninn, carrying a bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. N. L. Patterson looked very handsome, too, in an embroidered robe of Copenhagen blue silk with diamond ornaments. The drawing-room was prettily decorated with pink roses and carnations. The tea-room was most artistically decorated with festoons of maroon and cream, smilax and daffodils, while the table was covered with a beautiful basket of yellow chrysanthemums. An orchestra, partly concealed by palms, discoursed sweet music. Miss Alice Galt sang a most delightful manner a song entitled "Violets." The assistants were: Mrs. W. A. Cook in the drawing-room, and in the tea-room Miss McNab, Miss Lambert, Miss Clark, Miss Gibson, Miss Cooke and Miss McGilroy.

WOULD DEAR THIRD TERMS

Victor Moore suggests Amendment to United States Constitution.

The complete elimination of Theodore Roosevelt as a possible candidate for the nomination for presidency of the United States by the passage of a constitutional amendment, which will make it impossible for any man who has held the office of president twice to again become a candidate, is the suggestion of Victor Moore, the actor, made in a letter to the probable next Speaker of the house of representatives, Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri. Moore was born and raised in Scotch Boston, where interest in political affairs is a second nature to most of the inhabitants. He will play at the Princess Theatre this week in his last musical comedy, "The Night of His Life," and arrived here yesterday afternoon.

"Yes," he said last night, "my letter to Mr. Clark, makes the suggestion of those who are against too many amendments to the constitution of the United States by maintaining that the question of more terms for the president for any man has been a constant source of unrest and trouble since the time of General Grant, and that it is important and vital that it be settled beyond a doubt now and for all time. I have also suggested to Mr. Clark that the amendment recognize in its wording the sentiment of George Washington, 'The president is enough for any man.'"

THE CHURCH MILITANT

Man Who Shot Policeman Says He Belongs to Winnipeg Y.M.C.A.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—During a struggle on the bowery for the possession of a heavy revolver between a policeman and a man named Joseph McLaughlin and a young man who said his name was Frederick Holmyard, and said he was a member of the Winnipeg (Canada) Y.M.C.A., Holmyard was shot thru the head and is in a critical condition.

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Serious Accident Befalls John Ferris In Strange Way.

Two planks became displaced in the walk of John-street bridge in some mysterious way Saturday morning, and John Ferris, a night fireman in the city waterworks pumping station, fell thru and dropped on top of a Grand Trunk yard engine. He sustained a fracture in one of his wrists and was bruised and cut on the forehead and cheek. The engine was moving under the bridge when the planks fell in clouds and Ferris could not see the hole. Had the engine been moving he might easily have been killed, as a drop car to the tracks is considerable.

Ferris took a street car to his home, 208 Gladstone-avenue.

WILL APPEAL TO ROME

Le Pays Objects to Archbishop Langevin's Recommendation of Le Devoir.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Godfrid Langlois, M.L.A., wants to appeal to Rome against the recent attitude of his grace Mgr. Langevin of St. Boniface.

Le Pays writes: "Mr. Langlois has never entered upon religious discussion, and it is because the archbishop of St. Boniface has seen fit to come down from his high position, become an electoral agent, and place his influence as archbishop at the service of the Nationalist party. The Liberal press does not dare raise its voice against the attitude of Father Bial and the political manoeuvres of the archbishop. Le Devoir is exclusively a political organ, and this is the paper which Mgr. Langevin recommends thru his priests from the pulpits, and for which Father Bial will go from door to door."

Ex-Police Chief Dead

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 18.—General Wm. B. Bull, assistant military general of the New York State Department, G.A.R., died to-day. General Bull was superintendent of the Buffalo police department for 12 years. He was retired six years ago.



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Board of Commercial Travelers' M.B.S. Honored by Membership.

A general meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society was held Saturday at 51 Yonge-street for nominating officers and trustees for 1911. In the unavoidable absence of the president and vice-president, H. Goodman, treasurer, took the chair.

Great satisfaction was expressed at the favorable showing reported, \$217,000 new business having been written, an increase of 20 per cent. over 1909, while the death rate decreased 2 1/2 per cent. The membership congratulated the board and superintendent, Richard Ivens, and re-elected the board by acclamation, ex-Mayor Joe Oliver according to the urgent request to continue in the presidency. The other officers are: Vice-president, Robt. Macneil; treasurer, H. Goodman; secretary, E. M. Rowley; superintendent of agencies, Richard Ivens; Toronto trustees, John Burns, R. Forbes, W. F. Laurie, John Gibson, R. G. Hector, L. M. Steadman, A. J. Jopping, C. S. Parsons, R. Wickett; medical referee, Dr. Norman Allen; collectors, Macdonald, McMaster and Geary; the trustees for outside towns and cities were re-elected by acclamation.

ORDINATION AT ST. ALBAN'S

Two Candidates for Deaconate and One for Priesthood.

The Bishop of Toronto, Dr. Sweeney, officiated yesterday morning at his advent ordination in St. Alban's Cathedral. The candidates, two in number for the deaconate, Messrs. Wildfield and Hornbuckle of Trinity College, and one for the priesthood, Rev. T. N. Lowe of Wycliffe College, were presented to the bishop by the examining chaplain, Canon Broughall. Rev. Canon George Jarvis and Canon assisted in the laying on of hands.

Rev. Dr. Boyle, professor at Trinity College, presided, the sermon, devoted to the apostolic and divine aspects of ordination, urging the new clergyman to be courageous, to stand for the truth of God, and applying the Gospel of Christ to the needs of to-day.

THOMAS HORN DEAD

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—Thomas Horn, who just succeeded his brother chief Dominion grain inspector, died yesterday morning at his residence here. He had been ailing for several days.

C. P. R. Traffic

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HELD UP GAMBLERS

Man Who Desmured Jumped From Second Storey Window.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Seven men walked into a tenebrous gambling establishment this morning, held up the twenty-five inmates and robbed them of all their money and valuables, amounting to several hundreds.

The leaders shouted "Hands up," and then fired a dozen shots over the heads of the members to cow them thoroughly. Only one man demurred. He chose instead to jump from a second storey window and was found lying on the pavement with a broken arm. Some shots were returned, and in the exchange another man was wounded by a stray bullet. The robbers fled down the stairs to the street, and the club members, who did not court the acquaintance of the police, followed swiftly.

EURNED TO DEATH

Two-Year-Old Child's Dress Set Afire From a Stove.

CORNWALL, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—While Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Saville, third concession of Lancaster, north of Bainville, were in their stable milking on Saturday morning, their two-year-old daughter, aged two years and four months, set fire to her clothing, and was so badly burned that she died in four hours. The aged grandfather, who was left in charge of the little one, stepped out for a moment, and during his absence the child set her dress afire at the stove.

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