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Editorial

THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION AND THE SUNNY SOUTH

"Be ye not deceived, God is not mocked." These words seem to apply fittingly to the Scopes trial, at Dayton, Tenn., which proved to be one of the greatest farces which the American courts have staged in many years. It also proved to be one of the greatest mockeries upon the Holy Bible that civilization has ever witnessed. At Dayton, Scopes was not alone on trial but the Bible and the theory of evolution was being tested, and the world looked with great expectancy to the outcome of this momentous issue. Not alone did the world look for flaws and wait to criticize but many there were who were in search for truth and what did they get?

The trial lasted for one week, during which time the jury was not allowed to remain in the court room three hours. Not a single word of evidence was allowed to prove that the State had overstepped its authority when it made a law forbidding the teaching of the theory of evolution in any school. But why should we wonder? The South has always been a paradox. Again, she has practiced prejudice against colored people so long, prejudice has become second nature with her. The South is truly a paradox. She will go to great lengths to sustain the literal translation of the Bible to the letter and still least of all civilized countries does she obey its injunction. Somewhere in the Good Book we are told that we should love our neighbours as ourselves. Has the South ever read that injunction? Christ told His disciples that the greatest command was that we love God with all our soul, and mind and strength, and that the second greatest command was that we love our neighbours as ourselves. Have the citizens of Tennessee ever read this? Again we are told that we should be doers of the word and not hearers only. So if the South really believes the Bible in its entirety as she claims to believe, she is a bigger hypocrite than was Judas Iscariot.

It would have been good, had the people of Dayton been in earnest and in search for truth, if the presiding judge had read at the opening of the trial from the book of second John these words: "Beloved, believe not every spirit but try the spirits, whether they be of God." And again: "No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us." And again: "If a man say 'I love God,' and hateth his brother he is a liar, for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." But are black men whom they persecute, main, burn and murder—are these black men brothers of the blue blooded bournons of Tennessee? So says the Good Book. It tells us that out of one blood hath He created all nations and that all ye are brethren." Surely the Sunny South believes this. If not, why the Scopes persecution at Dayton?

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ST. CATHARINES

Mr. and Mrs. B. Brewster entertained Miss M. Thompson to dinner.

Mrs. H. F. Logan and Miss Verita Smith joined Rev. H. F. Logan in Jamestown, N.Y., for a 4 day visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. Cornish entertained Miss M. Thompson and Mrs. H. F. Logan to dinner while she was visiting in the city.

Mr. E. Paige of Montclair, N.J., paid a few days visit at the parsonage the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Logan and then left for Buffalo, thence to points along the St. Lawrence and home.

Rev. H. F. Logan and Mrs. Logan and Miss Verita Smith returned home Saturday after a fine holiday. The Rev. reports one of the very best times with his son and daughter in Detroit, friends in Cleveland, Ostabula, Erie, Jamestown and Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dr. Beckley is visiting in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bells. Mr. Alex Nicholson gave Miss M. Thompson and Mrs. Logan a very delightful trip around the city in his car.

Mr. Allen Bell is the guest of his parents this week end.

Mrs. T. Sykes is in the city from Buffalo for a month's sojourn.

Mr. Frank Richardson paid a flying visit to the city Monday.

BRANTFORD

Mrs. Olive Snell has returned to Detroit after spending her holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holding and Mr. Lucas, of Chatham were motor visitors last week, the guests of Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Lucas.

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Jasper Smith, after a short illness. He departed this life on July 30th and was buried on Sunday, August 2. Mr. Smith will be greatly missed with his happy and generous disposition he made and had a host of friends. He leaves a widow one daughter, Olive, and one son, Laverne, both at home, and one sister, in Rochester, N.Y. His funeral was one of the largest witnessed in this city, friends coming from Toronto, Hamilton, Cayuga, Canfield, Buffalo, N.Y., Ashtabula, Ohio, Burford and other points. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, showing the high esteem in which he was held. Mr. Smith was a valued employee of the Carriage Works having been with the company for over 35 years.

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