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SABBATH SCHOOLS AND HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 13, 1892.

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SERMON REVERIES.

NO. X.

"The Glories of Presbyterianism" would surely, you would think, provide sufficient material for a good sermon, and yet how few sermons are preached on this subject. Probably discretion is better in this case than hastiness, for there are one or two ugly historical facts which, looked squarely in the face, only convince us that Presbyterianism, which undoubtedly having much cause for self congratulation, has also many circumstances to regret. Our preacher ignored these, whether for the reason of their remoteness, or because of his differing in his estimation of them, I cannot say. True, we have in these latter days dropped a lot of our former intolerance and harshness, both in doctrine and practice. We estimate a man or woman not by their Presbyterianism, but by their actual Christian life and worth. It was not always thus, we have to sorrowfully confess, and while it might be well to "let sleeping dogs lie," another feeling prompts me to attempt a very hurried and imperfect sketch of a lost opportunity.

A cursory study of British History during the years 1640 to 1660, must convince anyone of the immense opportunities which fell in the way of the Presbyterian body. That they lamentedly failed to take advantage of these, is only too apparent, and we to day have to thank the stubbornness and stupidity of our forefathers of those days, for the present schismatical condition of Protestant religion. For all practical purposes there are but two denominations of the Protestant faction, viz.: Presbyterianism and Episcopalianism. These two represent the different denominations sufficiently and are the originals which reformed at the period of the

Reformation. Which then should gain the mastery at the formative period in our history, was a most important matter, and our Presbyterian people failed, utterly and completely. The Reformation found the English Bishops willing, if not eager, to reform, while it found the Scottish Bishops quite the reverse. These of Scotland had been appointed by James, in many cases for the purpose of curbing and ruling the clergy in his interest, and these had caused a feeling, bitterly antagonistic to the Episcopal form. When reform came, change or no change, one removal decided upon by clergy and people alike in Scotland was that of the overseers. Thus in one case the Bishops reformed and in the other they removed. The new form of sectional government was decidedly novel, democratic and almost republican. It fitted in exceedingly well with the mould of Scottish character, and this adaptation of things spiritual to his liking, made the ever thrifty and ambitious Scot eager to extend the benefits of Presbyterianism to his old-time enemy the Englishman. If at the same time the sway of Scottish opinion in the Government of the land could be made greater, so much the better. When therefore the Parliamentary party desired military help, and the Scots, having this to give, demanded official recognition of the Presbyterian form as the correct one for the whole land, there seemed to all appearances to be nothing in the way of such a desirable change in Church government. The time had apparently come which was to see the whole protesting body conforming to one code of laws and procedure, believing in one system of Church government, and worshipping as one grand national Church with one Bible, one faith, and one set of doctrines.

Many things might have remained. Even the Liturgy, with all its beautiful thoughts and spiritual power, might have had a place in this proposed structure; and the vexed question of apostolic succession might never have had enough vitality to disturb us in these latter days, with its vexatious quibbles. What is known as the Westminster Assembly had begun to sit in 1644 with the laudable desire of making a uniform standard of belief for all people, "a uniformity of beliefs as against Laud's uniformity of ceremonial." It well suited the English Parliamentary party to order a general acceptance of the Presbyterian form, and such a regulation was actually entered upon by means of the famous covenant, which was agreed to and accepted by many who did not intend but to break it when the exigencies of the case made doing so safe.

With possession of such a stronghold of Episcopalianism moderation would have worked wonders. A gentle assimilation would have ensued and grand results would have followed, but no such word as moderation found acceptance in these rigorous minds. Nothing but brutal dogmatic stubbornness actuated their every action, and when people had been wont to find Christlike character, there they saw nothing but hard heartedness, repression and gross wrongdoing, shrouded in the guise of Presbyterianism. Nor did they, the Presbyterians, stop at repression and forcible adhesion to opinions made so obnoxious, actual rapine, destruction of beautiful edifices, choice stained and painted glass windows, and in fact any and everything which savoured of Laud, ceremony and "popery" followed their advent. There are no annals of persecution and bigotry, which, lacking actual bloodshed savoured so strongly of an earnest desire to make them and theirs so entirely disliked as never to be again desired, as those appertaining to this period of Presbyterianism in England. Yet we can safely say that this epoch of history would have brought forth far different results but for the Presbyterian Revolt in Scotland against Charles I. and his Bishops. There, was laid the foundation of that revolution, which, while savouring of republicanism, yet only purified the royal line and made it more of the people, for the people. After these many years of experience, it is very evident that we are not by any means behind the times as Presbyterians. Our form of government, amended perhaps by the substitution of time for life service in the eldership, is as democratic as the age in which we live.

And so on. We do not grow less Presbyterian in these days of inter-denominational union, thanks to a robust grounding in the faith. We admire our Church, find fault with our Sessions, support our missionaries, build good churches, and extend the work in every direction, offering, with as much and more spirit than did our fathers before us, and this is no small standard to judge by.

We regret the want of foresight on the part of those early fathers of the Puritan period very much; they were stern folk. No compromise was possible with them, even in the direction of truth and righteousness. Their motto was "There are none righteous save us," and mightily they fought it out, even if they lost.

A glance or two at our present form of Church government was then put forth by our preacher, who, outside of his omission above noted, was nearly out-doing himself and his record.

First, why are our laymen not better represented at Assembly? Of course such a question is easily answered by the reply that they cannot go year after year like the preachers; and so miss that connection with the whole routine, which is so necessary for a legislature to possess. But why cannot some of these able men go for a few years, and give to the paltry two weeks of Assembly meeting that attention which were they at Parliament would be extended into months without complaint.

One thing I would like to know myself and that is: why is it so arranged that churches must be represented at our Church courts by members of Session? If a man is a member of the Church, he ought to be good enough to go to Assembly without being compelled to become ordained for life into an office, which, Christian and all that he is, he is not suited for and never will be. A good elder is not very often a good business or professional man. The latter have not often time for the duties of the eldership. Result, best minds of the Church never reach her courts.

CURLY TOPP.