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THE CITY OF ST. JOHN INVITES SEALED TENDERS FOR excavation, backfill and cartage for the following water mains, viz:

Simonds and Camden streets, Strait Shore Road, Waton street, West. All of which is set forth and described in plans and specifications to be seen in the office of the city engineer, room No. 5, City Building. The city does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. No bid will be accepted unless on the form and in the envelope supplied by the city engineer, addressed to the common clerk and as endorsed thereon.

Tenders will be received until Wednesday, the 29th day of March, 1912, at noon in the office of the common clerk, room No. 5, City Hall, St. John, N. B.

ADAM P. MACINTYRE, St. John, N. B. M. R. T. Concretor. 18 Mar. 1911 Wm. MURPHY, City Engineer.

Estate of Margaret Bogle, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Margaret Bogle, late of the City of St. John, widow deceased, have been duly granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City and County of Saint John. All persons having any legal claims against the said estate are required to file the same duly proved by affidavit with the undersigned Solicitor and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the said Solicitor.

Estate of John H. Case, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary of the Estate of John H. Case, late of the City of Saint John, deceased, have been duly granted by the Probate Court of the City and County of Saint John to the undersigned. All persons having any legal claims against the said estate are required to file the same duly proved with the undersigned Solicitor and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executors.

Notice of Legislation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick at its next session for the passing of an act to incorporate the Southern Railway Company for the purpose of acquiring or constructing and maintaining driving dams, slides, booms, piers or other works necessary to improve the navigation of logs and timber down the following rivers or streams: West River, in the County of Albert; Alma River, in the County of Albert; Point Wolf River, in the counties of Albert, Kings and St. John; Goose River, in the counties of St. John and Kings; and Roseater Brook, in the counties of St. John and Albert; and for the purpose of blasting rocks, dredging or removing shoals or other impediments to the navigation of said rivers and streams, and to do all things necessary for the efficient operation of said work and incidental thereto.

IN THE SUPREME COURT

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS of DeWitt Bros. Limited, pursuant to the winding up order made by the Supreme Court in the matter of the Winding Up Act and amendments thereto and in the matter of DeWitt Bros. Limited, hearing date the first day of February, A. D. 1911.

The Creditors of the above named Company and all others who have claims against the said Company carrying on business at the City of Saint John and elsewhere are required to appear or before the first day of April, A. D. 1911 to send by post, prepaid to Henry P. Puddington, liquidator of the said Company, Robinson Building, Saint John, N. B., their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, and the nature and amount of the securities (if any) held by them and the specified value of such securities verified by affidavit, in default thereof they will be precluded from participating in the proceeds of the said Act and winding up order.

H. P. PUDDINGTON, Liquidator of DeWitt Bros. Limited.

The Mary Fund. The secretary of the Queen Mary Fund acknowledges subscriptions from: P. Prescott, Bai Verte; Mary A. Scott, Royal Victoria College, Moncton; Mary M. McCaffrey, Woodstock; E. Mowat, Sunbury County; E. E. Raymond, Bloomfield; Mary Smith, Falmouth; Mrs. Mary C. Ottaway; Mary A. Gillis and Mary Gillis, Irish Cove, Cape Breton; Mrs. H. A. Glenlivet, Mary Lucille Frey, Marian Frazier, and E. Mary Gie, St. John.

May Become Nat Goodwin's Fifth Wife



MISS MARQUERITE MORELAND. New York, N. Y., Mar. 26.—It is reported that as soon as Mrs. Edna Moreland obtains her divorce, she will be married to Nat Goodwin, the comedian who will take unto himself a fifth wife, Miss Marquerite Moreland, leading woman in Goodwin's version of *Let Me Five Shillings*.

PEOPLE'S PULPIT GOD'S KINGDOM

No Common Level There—"As Stars Differeth From Stars." "Greatest and Least in the Kingdom"—John the Baptist's Humble Position. Sermon by Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle

Berlin, Germany, March 25.—Pastor Russell delivered three addresses here today—one to the Jews on "Zionism in Prophecy," another on "The Kingdom of God," and a third, which we report from the text, "Of those born of women there is not a greater Prophet than John the Baptist, but the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he" (Luke vii, 28). Large and interested audiences attended. He leaves tonight for Copenhagen and Stockholm. Crowds of Jews are reported to have heard him during the last three days in Vienna, Budapest, Lemberg and Krakow.

There can be no better illustration of the sharp line of distinction between the earthly and the heavenly classes and their calling than is shown by our text, said Pastor Russell. The great Teacher freely attested to the loyalty and courage and saintliness of His cousin John, as evidenced by the words of our text. But if so great and honorable a Prophet, why could not John be a member of the "Bride class"? Why could he not be numbered with the disciples of Jesus and be an Apostle, or at least a footstep follower? The answer is that he was not called to the heavenly plane, but to the earthly. He was honored of God in being made one of the Prophets of the Jewish Age—the last of them. Although a different honor from that conferred upon the Apostles, John was a great honor and we have reason to believe that, under Divine providences when perfected in the resurrection, he will appreciate the earthly blessings and privileges which will be his, more than the spiritual and heavenly privileges bestowed upon the Apostles and the less prominent members of the Church.

The Lord "will choose our inheritance for us" we read (Psalm xlvii, 4). Happy are those who repose implicit confidence in Divine goodness and who are content with whatever may be God's choice for them. If we have been called with the heavenly calling, let us not shrink back and declare ourselves unworthy and decline to accept the favors of God and to choose an inferior position. Let us, rather, be glad to say, "Thy will be done in my heart, in all my future." "Order Thy steps in Thy Word."

A Friend of the Bridegroom. Jesus had a two-fold mission—(1) He came "that the world through Him might be saved"—that He might give Himself "a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Timothy ii, 6). (2) Incidentally His mission was to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord—the time in which God is willing to accept the sacrifices of such as desire to walk in the Redeemer's footsteps, and to constitute these the Bride and Joint Heir of Messiah.

John the Baptist referred to the latter feature of our Lord's work, saying, "He that hath the Bride is the Bridegroom, but the friend of the Bridegroom heareth His voice and rejoiceth greatly. This, my joy, therefore, is fulfilled (John iii, 29). It was not for him to be a member of the Bride, but he rejoiced to be a friend of the Bridegroom. As our Lord's forerunner he announced the Bridegroom; he called upon the nation of Israel to turn from sin, to purify their hearts, to come back into harmony with God and thus to be prepared to receive the Bridegroom and to become the Bride. So far as the mission was concerned John's mission

real and through her all the nations are required to demonstrate their loyalty to God by faithfulness even unto death in the narrow way of salvation. As there is no other Name than that of Jesus whereby any may be saved to eternal life, so, likewise, there is no other path whereby any may reach the Kingdom except the narrow way, "and few there be that find it." All who attain to the Kingdom, must be overcomers of the world to the extent of self-sacrifice. The gradations of glory will be because of special manifestation of grace for the Lord and His cause of righteousness and Truth against sin and error.

A Lesser, Spiritual Salvation. The Scriptures clearly show another class in process of salvation during this Gospel age, quite separate and distinct from the Bride class. These are referred to by various of the Scriptures. They will all be loyal to the extent that they would not deny the Lord nor willfully practise sin, the failure of which would result in the Bride as indicated in an insufficient seal in connection with their loyalty. This class is described in Revelation vi, 14. They are represented as having failed to keep their garments unspotted from the world—fallen to live circumspectly, carefully enough.

Hence in a great time of trouble in the end of this age, these are represented as washing their robes and sending them to the Father in the blood of the Lamb and then coming up through that tribulation to glory and honor, but not to immortality, nor to the same degree of glory and honor as the church, the bride. The distinction in their glory is indicated in that instead of being in the Throne, they are before it; instead of being the bride, they will serve; instead of wearing the crown, they will wear palm branches; instead of being the Temple of God, they will be the tabernacle of God. This same class is referred to by the Apostle in his declaration respecting the end of this age. He intimates that some will not be proved to be an admixture of hay and stubble, which will be consumed, though they themselves will be saved from the fire. The tribe of Levi pictured the entire "Church of the First-born" but it contained two classes—the "little flock" of priests and the "great company" of Levites—the Bride class and the servant class, none of whom have any inheritance in the earth, all of which will pass to the Father and Son. As Isaac typified our Lord, the Redeemer, and as Rebecca typified the Bride class, so Rebecca's maidens typified the "great company" of Levites. This same thought is brought to our attention in Psalm xiv, where the Bride class is pictured as being presented to Jehovah in the end of this age in glory. "The Lord shall be glorified, illustrated by raiment of fine needlework and gold. Following the Bride come the "virgins, her companions, who followed her. These will be greatly honored, greatly blessed, though their will be a less honor. This "great company" will not constitute the Kingdom. The Lord will fill the world with the light and its wonderful salvation and blessing for mankind.

Keeping or Breaking Commandments. The Great Teacher's Declaration that they who break God's commandments and teach others to do so shall be cast out of the Kingdom, has caused considerable perplexity in the past. The question has been, how could anyone be fit at all for the Kingdom if he does not keep the commandments and teaches others to do so? The answer is that many of God's people have labored under more or less of a misunderstanding of the things which they ought not to have done and left undone the things which they ought to have done. As an illustration, some maidens who were to be married, but who were not, were burned by their Christian brethren, servants. Such violation of the Divine commands and such wrong teaching must, according to our text, be a lesser place in the Kingdom than if he had more carefully, more earnestly sought the will and Spirit of the Lord. We are merely seeking to ascertain the spirit of our Lord's words. Begotten of the Holy Spirit and privileged of the Lord to be disciples and to be guided of the Holy Spirit, we should be so faithful in the study of the Scriptures as not to be mistaken in our understanding of the application of their meaning. Wrong practice and false teachings do not always represent disloyalty to God. We are sure that the Divine message, though we may be sure of the Lord's faithfulness in enlightening those who are of the proper, teachable spirit.

John the Baptist's Class.

To what class does John the Baptist belong, and what will be his share in the Kingdom, according to our text? Since the call of God began with the Church began at the First Advent of Jesus, it follows that no one was called of God to salvation prior to Jesus' coming, and forty-one hundred and fifty years after sin entered the world. God did, however, recognize the loyalty of heart of His Prophet Enoch and commended with him and blessed him, etc. God also recognized Abraham's faith and spirit of obedience, and Isaac's and Jacob's, and that of Moses and Aaron and numerous prophets and other faithful ones less notable.

Did he not call these? We answer that he did not call them to salvation, for no salvation could be positively offered until the Redeemer had sacrificed for the world, and the reason God did not call them in due time He would bless all the world. He did not call them in due time, the great Ruler of the world would come forth from Abraham's posterity in the line of Isaac and Jacob and the nation of Israel. But telling them of coming blessing and giving them eternal life are different matters. St. Paul declares that none of them got everlasting life, and that "by the deeds of the Law no flesh can be justified before God."

Israel's Law Covenant served to instruct the Chosen People. It was a call to right, and a promise of eternal life if they would keep the Law. "He that doeth these things shall live." Israel learned the lesson that a perfect Law could not be kept by imperfect beings. Some of them and some of the Gentiles in due time heard of Jesus and how God has provided justification through His sacrificial death.

God Provides Some Better Thing For The Church Than For Ancient Worthies. St. Paul tells us the status of those who are the First-born. John the Baptist was the last. They were volunteer servants of God, so to speak. Those of them who were born under the Law Covenant by their faith, and above it and will be fully rewarded, although they lived before any specific call or offer of eternal life was made. Their faith in promises were pleasing to God; as St. Paul relates, "All these died in faith, not having received the things promised (them). God that provides some better thing for us (the Gospel Church), that they without us should not be made perfect" (Hebrews xi, 15, 40).

The Church of the First-born "is to be perfected in the first and on the spirit plane, "partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter i, 4). In due time those ancient Worthies will come forth from the tomb to receive the blessing which God declares shall be the reward of their loyalty. As the Church will have the "better resurrection" on the spirit plane, because they are the First-born, they will have the "better resurrection" and the earthly plane. They will come forth from the tomb actual, perfect, while all the faithful of mankind will be obliged to attain perfection by the slow process of faith, works, obedience, during the thousand years of the Kingdom. All the Ancient Worthies will be Princes in All the Earth. Moreover, those Ancient Worthies, while not members of the Kingdom, per se, which will be spiritual, will be members of that Kingdom in its earthly phase. They will be the Kingdom's earthly representatives, the Kingdom's rulers, in all the earth, as the Scriptures declare (Psalm xiv, 16). We remember the words of Jesus to this effect: "Ye shall see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the Prophets in the Kingdom," but He said not a word about Himself or His disciples being seen; properly so, because they are spirit beings, will be invisible to men. The Scriptures still further intimate that during the thousand years of the Kingdom, the faithful of the future, and Jacob and all the Prophets in the Kingdom," but He said not a word about Himself or His disciples being seen; properly so, because they are spirit beings, will be invisible to men. The Scriptures still further intimate that during the thousand years of the Kingdom, the faithful of the future, and Jacob and all the Prophets in the Kingdom," but He said not a word about Himself or His disciples being seen; properly so, because they are spirit beings, will be invisible to men.

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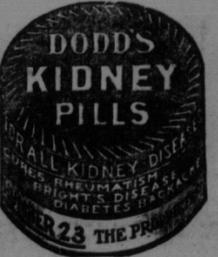
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