

People's Pulpit.

"Which is the True Gospel?"

Sermon by Charles T. Russell, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"—Romans 1, 16.

Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—The International Bible Students Convention is in session here with an excellent attendance and deep interest manifested.

Three weeks ago today Christendom was startled by a communication which announced that the Christian Alliance had lifted a collection of \$60,000 in a few minutes—\$300 in cash, the balance in promises.

Secular editors were astonished. They had been congratulating Christian people that the days of the rack the thumb screw and the stake were past and that from every quarter were coming appeals for Christian Union.

Explanation Surely in Order. Since Brother Simpson may not care to tell the whole truth about the matter and since the Christian public is interested and ought to know the facts I must tell them.

There are two reasons why Brother Simpson thought it doubtful if he could come next year following our three days of this year.

(1) He knew instinctively that his collections would be smaller, hardly worth coming for, if the people should begin to get the eyes of their understanding more widely opened.

(2) The \$60,000 "raised" was not cash and a large proportion of it never will be. Some of it is promised over and over again and telegraphically, and over, as was the case with the young woman who in the spectacular manner offered her jewels from time to time and had it mentioned in the papers.

Chicago Stockyard Method. This same method is illustrated in the Chicago Stock Yards. A fine, large, trained bull gallops out to meet the cattle designed for slaughter.

We do not mean to say that those who give their money are slaughtered or otherwise injured. We believe that they are blessed—that everyone is blessed who sacrifices anything heartily to the Lord, or to what they suppose to be His service.

"The Darkness Hatheth the Light." Some one may inquire, why the Christian Alliance should fear us and whether or not we have ever done them harm. We reply, "No, we have injured them in the slightest degree, nor ever even publicly mentioned their name before."

As Christian people come to see the grossness of the errors by which they have been blinded the light not only has a blessed and transforming effect upon their minds, but it influences their pocketbooks also.

Let the Truth Prevail.

If the intelligent men connected with the Alliance really believe that horrible nightmare of the Dark Ages which they are proclaiming as the Gospel of Christ, then, of course, they are excusable for preaching it.

Everybody knows that the word Gospel signifies "good tidings." And everybody ought to know that, as Christians, we have for centuries misused the word, applying it to the bad tidings of great misery to all people, except the mere handful of the elect.

Which is the True Gospel? Catholic and Protestant orthodox have for centuries two general views of the Gospel of Christ. To whatever extent they now disagree with these they should publicly disown and abandon them.

Our Protestant Gospel. Our Protestant Gospel of which we are so proud that we want to thrust it upon Jews and Catholics and heathen everywhere, we should thoroughly understand, enjoy and appreciate before we waste good time and money giving it to others.

The Reformers criticized the Catholic teachings which they had formerly believed. They examined their Bibles and found nothing there to the effect that Mary was the mother of God, nor that we should pray to saints, nor that we should use pictures or images in our worship.

From Coast to Coast. At a temperature of from 34 to 38 degrees F. this trip was made with a Bernet refrigerator and cannot be duplicated by any other refrigerator.

A Good Offer. The Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Co., Ltd., with headquarters at St. John, is offering \$20,000 of 7 per cent mortgage bonds in order to extend its business.

Tramway Statistics. During the Exhibition from September 13th to 15th the St. John Railway Co., carried 338,128 passengers. The largest day was the tenth, when 38,827 people used the cars.

PERSONAL. Hon. A. K. MacLean, of Nova Scotia; Hon. F. J. Hazard, Hon. H. J. Palmer, and Mr. A. E. Warburton, M. P., of Prince Edward Island, who have been in the city for the purpose of attending the conference on federal representation left for their homes yesterday.

ST. JOHN STANDARD AND NEW STAR YOUNG LADIES' BERMUDA & NEW YORK CITY TOUR GOOD FOR ONE VOTE

Address... District... If presented at the St. John STANDARD and NEW STAR Office on or before the above date. Trim neatly for filing purposes.

PETITION TO RETAIN GREAT WHITE WAY

A petition was in circulation yesterday among the King street merchants requesting the city council to take measures to have the illumination of the shopping district continued.

ST. STEPHEN'S CADETS TO BECOME BOY SCOUTS

There was a large attendance of the St. Stephen's church cadets at their drill last night when they were put through the different movements by Col. Buchanan.

WITHDRAW CHILDREN FROM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Syrian colony here has declared open warfare on the Church of Rome, withdrawn its children from the Roman Catholic schools, and threatens to establish an independent church.

ADDRESSES ON ARMY RESERVE NURSING

About 50 nurses gathered at the general public hospital last evening to hear Col. G. Carleton Jones, director general of the medical services of the militia department, speak on the subject of army reserve nursing.

Special Prizes for Our Contestants

FOUR SPECIAL PERIOD PRIZES

In The Standard and New Star's Great BERMUDA POPULARITY AND EDUCATIONAL CONTEST

\$150.00

In Valuable Extra Prizes. The Four Contestants Securing the Greatest Number of Votes Between Sept. 14 and Sept. 24, at 10 p. m., Will Be Awarded the Four Handsome Special Prizes.

THE PRIZES

- FIRST PRIZE--\$75.00 Solitaire Diamond Ring, Pure White Stone. A Beauty. SECOND PRIZE--\$45.00 Ladies' Solid Gold Watch, Waltham Movement and Fully Jeweled. THIRD PRIZE--\$20.00 Solid Gold, Pearl Set Brooch. Best Quality. FOURTH PRIZE--\$10.00 Silver Mesh Bag, White Kid Lining, Handsomely Engraved.

THE PLAN

To the contestant, regardless of district limitations, who gets the greatest vote between September 14th and September 24th, at ten p. m. will be given the \$75.00 Diamond Ring. To the contestant getting the second greatest vote, under the terms outlined above, will be given the \$40.00 Solid Gold Watch.

A Chance of a Lifetime to secure a lovely Diamond Ring, Solid Gold Watch, Solid Gold Brooch or Silver Mesh Bag, and enjoy a personally conducted tour to New York City and the Islands of Bermuda.

REMEMBER! All Ladies are Invited to Compete. Send in your Name at once and get an Even Start with the Others.