

SERMON.

"The Unbeliever's Belief," by Rev. A. M. Walker, Pastor of the Unitarian Church, St. John.

It is reported of Dante that after he had produced his great poem, the Inferno, that the little children who met him upon the street would flee from his presence. They feared him because he was pointed as the man who had been to hell. The unbelievers of all ages have been the object of similar childish fears. Misunderstood by their own times, they have become the least of the succeeding ages. Jesus was an unbeliever to the Jews, and he paid a sad penalty for His unbelief. "Paul was stigmatised as a false apostle, an apostate, an enemy of the law, a propagator of iniquity, and his struggles with the heathen world and the apostles themselves were bitter. Luther was an unbeliever in the sight of the Disciples, and he was unbelieved in the sight of the established church. I need not multiply illustrations. A little reflection will suffice to convince all that the unbelievers have been the promoters of progress. Not all unbelievers have been benefactors of humanity, but such as I have mentioned ought to remove the stigma which unthinking people have generally attached to infidelity.

When the question is asked, who is the infidel, the great mass of people will tell you that he is the one who is seeking the destruction of all that is good in religion. He is the religious pirate who courses the high seas of the soul, seeking to rob the spirit of its God, its Saviour, its hope, and its life. This was the whole story, he would well deserve to be stigmatised as an enemy of mankind. But it is not true. True enough, he is a destroyer, a negative thinker, a questioner of custom. But the interrogation of custom at all points is an inevitable stage in the growth of every superior mind and is the evidence of its perception of the flowing power which remains in all changes. As a positive thinker the infidel gives evidence of his superior mind. I refer you to the men above mentioned. They questioned the things which attacked custom and belief, but still remained prophets of the Eternal. Although "great believers are always reckoned infidels, impracticable, fantastic, atheistic and really men of no account," yet their seeming unbelief has appeared in subsequent ages as the best positive foundation for the religious life.

History seems to evolve in accordance with the principle that the first shall be last and the last first. It constantly reverses the valuations of society. And so I believe it is time that people should reverse the stigma of approbrium of infidelity no longer belongs where society has too often placed it. I wish to show that the unbeliever of today has a positive faith which is to do today this I may find it necessary to contrast certain beliefs of conservative and liberal minds. In so doing I do not commend unwarranted theological questions, I simply seek to remove the stigma placed upon the so-called infidel. I further seek to dismiss all readers with the feeling that nothing valuable has been said, but that their storehouse of reason and faith and hope has been enriched.

The first proposition I wish to establish is this. The liberal's "delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law doth he meditate day and night." The palmit was meditating upon the religious statutes of his state, the Decalogue, the ceremonial and moral laws of Jehovah. The liberal uses these words of the palmit to express another class of laws. They are the laws of life and nature, the laws of the physical, the tender and scientific. These are true laws of God and in them does he meditate day and night. Through a knowledge of laws the liberal reaches a conception of God as orderly, any degree. He continues to enrich himself in the truth of moral life and looks steadfastly toward the goal of the perfect life. This he can reach and appreciate only as he is able to understand the laws of the present moral endeavor, by what we call development of character. This man does not make morality, he discovers it as an inward possession of his own. It comes to consciousness by law peculiar to the morality of man.

The unbeliever is opposed in this thinking by a far different scheme of morality. Faith in a mechanical scheme of salvation is made to answer all the purposes of heroic endeavor. There is no objection to conversions—growth is a continuous conversion. But whether the better life begins at baptism, conversion, the sacrament, it must go through the long, difficult journey above described. Salvation is a slow process, no one can say that he is saved until he can discern the end of all time. He can only say that if he comes to love and do the right then his salvation is certain. Atonements can help us no further than inspiring us to nobler, better efforts. Whoever offers up a sacrifice ready-made to be had for the asking in moments, manifests a belief in the God-ordained laws of morality.

unbeliever feels that he has a higher faith. He will not disturb the stars in their courses or stop the sun by day and the moon at night, but will seek to conform to the laws of nature, thereby trusting in God's wisdom to do just. Now let us consider the life of the mind. Now and then a prodigy appears who can discuss Plato from within the cradle's bounds or give evidence of some other extraordinary gift. But this is not the rule, although some day there may be a reason for all such phenomena. The law of mental growth is something as follows: The child first sees and touches without deep reflection. Its actions are instinctive. Soon it stammers and stutters and ere long can use "papa" or "mamma." The child with difficulty reads such phrases as "the cat," "the rat." Years roll by and gradually it becomes a thinker. He knows a contradiction when he sees it, and perceives the truth or falsity of a proposition. He has become a reasoner. At all events he can understand only according to the power of his mind. You cannot pour or bestow knowledge upon his head, his knowledge and reason must be the product of inner development.

Thus man's mind becomes the measure of God's revelation to him. God can reveal nothing useful until the mind of man discovers it. Here is a universe rich in many things, waiting for man to grow strong enough in mind to understand it all. Now the liberal respects this fact, the law of mental growth, and has confidence in it as one of God's ordained ways of life. Hence he studies and labors to grasp the product of an infidel's unbelief. He does not wait supinely upon his couch for God to fill him full of wisdom, like one would fill an oil can with oil. To adopt such a method would be to remain an eternal fool.

The Bible then, to the liberal, is a record of man's striving to know the ways of life. The moral messages are the product of the soul's yearning for the earnest prophets, its beautiful and the discoveries of man, the reward of man's faithful efforts to know the best. It is the product of laws of the human mind. Opposed to this idea is one which speaks of inspiration and infallible revelations. This denies the validity of the known laws of mental growth. By some process God has injected into a few favored minds such knowledge as man needed. The individual has not worked to gain such knowledge, he has remained passive and God told him all. This way to wisdom is too easy to be credited. Every school of thought has its examination periods. When we consider that similar information can be found outside of Hebrew literature to the Christian era, we are led to question the inspiration of the Bible. The need for inspiration and revelation is not so keenly felt. This view in questioning human laws of mental growth, likewise questions the sanity of God. If God is sane, He would not make a man who is sane, but who is insane.

Question arises the usual scene of a gloom presented by others. We are told of a lost race, a ransom paid to someone. Jesus had to die to become the world's hope of salvation. I dislike the abstractness of theologies. But I must ask a question. Why was there no great sin committed when Jesus was most cruelly betrayed and crucified? Did not that sin have to be done by Judas a seat among the martyrs, because he became the scape-goat of humanity, doing a sin which had to be done, but which we would not have believed him to do? This theory of the higher unbelief views for God who does not demand sin that God may be accomplished.

With one more phase of the subject I shall close. He who has faith in man sees the glorious day of universal restoration. He dreams in the human soul that germ of eternal life which through varying vicissitudes will at length be in harmony with God. The higher unbelief views for God who does not demand sin that God may be accomplished.

There are a few words regarding salvation which are in order here. We look to ourselves and our fellowmen for salvation. Man struggling should not, but makes progress onward and upward. The constant development of one's soul powers sin and misery are eliminated. A few heroes stand out before us as an example. Buddha, Confucius, Socrates, Jesus, rising above the lower levels of mankind and beckoning us to follow. In our own lives we are to be humanly. These men prove it to us. And so we believe in ourselves, in you, all humanity.

manly. They tell us of a fall—we do fall, indeed, but to rise by our determined will and strength of body and mind. The utter inability of man to rise in life by reason of himself. Our righteousness is as filthy rags. Man is a hopeless wreck upon the sea of life. The birds sing untired, the trees murmur soft praises, the stars make music in their course, but man, alas, alone in creation is unpleasing unto God. His struggles for a better life, his agonizing for God brings disgust to the Eternal's heart. He can plead no good, no righteousness. He must have a Saviour. Another's deeds must save him.

There are a few aspects of this subject which we may well consider. Let us speak first of Jesus. He appeals to us as a model type of manhood. Jesus is a man among men. It is not unto God that we are interested in him, but as a brother. As man sharing the common struggles of man for supremacy over sin, as man laboring with man to raise the plane of living, as man living for man, he appeals to our best nature. Jesus as a revealer of what man can be and therefore ought to be, is a prophet of God. He is a man. His manhood was not never afforded to lose sight of it. It is the position which we guide our ways and when men learn to live in His spirit the era of better things is at hand.

The conception of Him as God, our Him of His eternal worth and inspiration for mankind. He may well say, "I shall not care for the morrow what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, when the morrow dawns, by his God-power He can turn the stones to bread, the water to wine and multiply a few fishes so as to feed thousands. But we cannot do it. If we take no thought of the morrow when the morrow dawns we starve to death. And what is true of life of the body is true of the life of the soul. What guarantees the life for us that we can be as good as He, if He is God and we are miserable, weak, incapable wretches? He may be an excellent example for other gods—but He is not in our class. And so we might continue the argument applying to His resurrection and entire life. He had power to take life up and lay it down, so they tell us. We have not, and hence unless we are gods, His resurrection means nothing to us. And hence this master-life, before which the world may well stand and learn the lesson of His life, is a mere fiction. His resurrection makes Jesus our brother, in whom we delight.

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LAST MAN KILLED.

Russians Wiped Out Japanese Cavalry.

Which Had Destroyed Railway Between Mukden and Harbin—

Refused Quarter.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14, 4.20 a. m.—The departure of Admiral Nebogatoff's division of 6000 soldiers, one cruiser and two auxiliary cruisers from Libau yesterday to reinforce Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron in the far east is a source of gratification to the admiralty in view of the difficulties caused by the strike. The point of rendezvous for Rojestvensky is not stated, but it is understood that it is beyond the Indian Ocean. Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky being under instruction not to delay into the monsoon period the resumption of his cruise.

Along the Hun river the booming of heavy guns is sounding the overture of hostilities. It is likely to be opened within a short time. The Associated Press despatches indicate that the cannonading is increasing in intensity. Special despatches from Mukden report the wiping out of an entire detachment of Japanese cavalry, which had destroyed the railway bridge between Mukden and Harbin. Russian cavalry were reinforced and were said to have refused quarter and fought until the last man was killed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—Lieut. General Sakharoff telegraphs that the Russian artillery, February 13, destroyed the buildings and walls of Nangai, from which the Japanese had been bombarding the Russian trenches. The Japanese were driven out. It is reported that the Russian artillery on the bridge between Guapin and Fantziau, February 12, General Sakharoff says the Japanese comprised 100 Chinese and 200 Japanese. The Russian frontier guards drove off the attackers, who subsequently destroyed a few rails, blew up a telegraph pole southward of the bridge and then fled. The Russians were reinforced and pursued the Japanese 25 miles.

MUKDEN, Feb. 15.—The Japanese began a heavy cannonade Tuesday afternoon on the Russian right flank, the firing continued all through today. It is thought the Japanese are preparing for a general attack. The Russian guns are replying.

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The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifier," "one cure-all," and mind you, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit. The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect.

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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived.

Feb 15—Str Melville, 2,872, Jones, from Mussey Bay, H. J. Logan, bal.

Coastwise—Sch Hueter, 4, Thompson, from fishing.

Clears.

Feb. 14—S S Helm, Thuestad, for Limerick.

Coastwise—Str Aurora, Ingersoll, for Campbell.

Feb 15—8th Harry Miller, Miller, for New York.

Coastwise—Sche Harry Morris, Loughery, for St. Martin; Effort, Milner, for Annapolis; Clara A. Benner, Phinney, for Back Bay.

Sailed.

Feb 15—Str Brangelline, Heeley, for London via Halifax.

BRITISH PORTS. Arrived.

At London, Feb 12, ship Troop, Wyman, from Manila via Cape Town.

At Nassau, N. P. Jan 26, sch Canadian, Meneze, from Halifax, and old list on return.

Passed Broad Head, Feb 11, str Almore, Turner, from Newport News and Norfolk for Liverpool.

SPOKEN.

Str Slavonia, from New York for Trieste, Feb 10, lat 41.18, lon 66.35, in wireless communication (by str Umea).

Ship Wynnstay, from Caleta Buena for Channel, Jan 28, lat 33.24 N, lon 33.02 W (by str David Mainland, at Charleston).

East Penobscot Bay, Maine—Eastern Ear Lodge buoy, No. 2, a red second class nun, reported adrift, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

Ovi's Head, Maine—Sheep Island Bar buoy, No. 2, a red first class nun, reported out of position, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

ALMA.

ALMA, N. B., Feb. 14.—Herbert Butland has been appointed superintendent of roads for the parish of Alma by the governor in council. He has divided the parish into seventeen districts for road-making purposes and has today appointed the following winter roadmasters: For No. 1 district, Thos. P. Kelly; for No. 2, Daniel Kimble; for No. 3, Alex. McKimley; for No. 4, Thomas Dixon; for No. 5, John Fletcher; for No. 6, Miles P. Akery; for No. 7, Hamilton Acorn; for No. 8, John A. McKimley; for No. 9, Wellesley; for No. 10, Alex. McKimley; for No. 11, Henry Butland; for No. 12, Major Collins; for No. 13, Barzillai Conner; for No. 14, Thomas Campbell; for No. 15, Michael Teahan; for No. 16, J. B. Teahan; for No. 17, Michael Campbell.

T. D. Denham did the town for the London House Wholesale on Saturday.

EX-M. P. P. DEAD.

News Received from London Yesterday of M. N. Fitzpatrick's Death.

HALIFAX, Feb. 14.—A cable received this morning announces the death in London, Eng., of M. H. Fitzpatrick, ex-M. P. for Pictou. The deceased was engaged in London in business connected with the notation of the Nova Scotia Eastern Railway Company. Though Mr. Fitzpatrick had not been a well man for some time, the news comes as a shock to the community. He was a popular member of the legislature for a number of years. He was one of the contractors in the construction of the C. P. R., he built the Midland railway, and he was the chief promoter of the Nova Scotia Eastern railway, which it is proposed to run from Halifax and New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso.

MARRIAGES.

MCCREADY-SULLIVAN.—At St. Peter's church, on the 14th, by Rev. Ed. Scully, C. S. R., William McCready to Miss Sullivan, both of this city.

ROGERS-BARTON.—In St. John the Baptist church, Broad street, on February 14th, by Rev. W. F. Chapman, Bartholomew Rogers, pilot, and Lillian Barton, of No. 9 Thorp Road, Grand Croisley, England.

WHITE-WEYMAN.—At Montreal, Saturday, Feb. 4, by Rev. Mr. Tait, Alice Maude Weyman to Frederick E. White, both of St. John, N. B.

DEATHS.

BARKER.—In this city, Feb. 14th, G. T. Barker, aged 86 years, leaving a widow, four sons and two daughters, to mourn their loss.

CAMPBELL.—In this city on Sunday evening at 11 o'clock, Helen M. Campbell, aged 19 years and 8 months.

CALLANDER.—In this city, on Monday, 13th February, Edna F. W., wife of Robert Callander, and daughter of the late Alexander MacMurray.

DUFEL.—At the residence of George W. L. Sharp, 91 Bridge street, Sarah E., widow of the late William E. Dufel, both of St. John, N. B.

FRASER.—In this city, Thursday morning, at 1.30, Minnie C., beloved wife of Eben E. Fraser.

IRWIN.—At 188 Paradise row, this city, Tuesday, Feb. 14, James H. Irwin, in the 73rd year of his age, leaving a widow, seven daughters and two sons.

PURDY.—At his late residence, 19 Harvey street, Jess Purdy, aged 23 years, leaving four daughters.

STEWART.—In this city, on Feb. 13th inst., Christina King Stewart, infant daughter of George and Jessie Stewart, aged ten months.

EXTENSIVE WORKS.

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—Mackenzie and Mann are to establish a million dollar works at Port Arthur to mine iron ore and produce pig iron, steel, etc. The Canadian Coal and Ore Dock Co., Port Arthur, are to construct coal and ore docks at the cost of half a million also, and formal agreements were signed here today.



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GLACE BAY CITIZENS.

Want Engineering School Established There Instead of at Sydney.

Citizens of Glace Bay are trying to induce the Kings College authorities to establish the school of engineering in that town instead of Sydney. They say that forty students have been enrolled at Glace Bay and only five at Sydney, while no public interest in the enterprise is exhibited by the Sydney population.

SHEEP NOTES.

Farmers should read these carefully: the time is near when they will be of service.

Clover aftermath is the best pasture for lambs that has been tested.

The sheep of whatever breed, whether we will it or not, is a general purpose animal.

No one breed of sheep will succeed in all soils and all situations.

Only the very best animals which are true to their specific varieties of breeds and full of promise should be selected for breeding purposes.

If there are any unthrifty sheep in the flock, separate them from the others, give them a little extra care, and if possible fatten and market.

Always keep sheep in good condition. The sheep must have been kept in good condition through the winter months, if you expect them to do well in summer. They should be kept free from ticks, as the ticks go from the sheep to the lambs and are injurious to them. They may be killed by dipping, or using insect powder through a small bellows. This quickly destroys them. During the lambing period, if one keeps the sheep close at home he will save lambs which otherwise might stray away, afterwards being distinguished by the mothers.

Sheep do well on a clover sod, but in dry seasons will "eat it out," but the best pasture for sheep is a June grass sod. If the sheep are kept in the woods they keep the briars and shrubs down. Sheep should be salted regularly once a month.

When the lambs are young they should not be allowed to stand out in a cold rain, for it nearly kills them. When you commence feeding the lambs in the fall do not put them on full clover at first; they will waste it. Clover hay, shelled corn and oats make a good feed for them.

Sheep are the most stock on the farm and if properly tended are profitable. You should be careful not to let your flock get old but sell off the old each year.

When you dock the lambs it is well to put some lard and turpentine on the wound to take the soreness out. As a rule if the lambs are thin and poor, they will not be good feeders, but if they are stout and healthy, they will prove profitable.

SERMON.

Uncle of Em Driving

MOSCOW, Feb. 13, 4.20 p. m. the walls of the far-famed Palace, and almost under the terrible tower from which the Russian Emperor had fled, the famous Red Square, and the stone's throw of the great cow, Grand Duke Sergius, brother-in-law of Emperor and the chief of the race, a terrible death shortly after o'clock yesterday afternoon was committed by a soldier who threw beneath the Grand Duke a bomb case same high-power explosive wrought Minister Von P. The missile was packed with fragments of iron, and tore the imperial victim's chest, which was pierced by several fragments, which in the great lofty facade of the palace, and the walls of the arsenal, a wall.

THE ASSASSIN. The assassin belongs to the "lighting group" of the revolutionary, which has been organized by the late Duke Sergius. The great that he stood in the shadow of the palace, and the chief of the race, a terrible death shortly after o'clock yesterday afternoon was committed by a soldier who threw beneath the Grand Duke a bomb case same high-power explosive wrought Minister Von P. The missile was packed with fragments of iron, and tore the imperial victim's chest, which was pierced by several fragments, which in the great lofty facade of the palace, and the walls of the arsenal, a wall.

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AMHERST BOOT & SHOE CO.

The Amherst Boot and Shoe Company produced \$68,000 worth of goods last year and paid \$72,000 in wages and salaries. Shareholders get seven per cent dividends. This industry was established in the year of confederation by E. S. Crafts, who now lives in Auburn, Maine. At a shareholders' meeting this week a letter was read from Mr. Crafts giving a sketch of the early history of the company.

NOTICE.

The Canvassers and Collectors for the SEMI-WEEKLY SUN are now making their rounds as mentioned below. The Manager hopes that all subscribers in arrears will pay when called on.

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