

CHEERING A FEATURE OF AMERICAN POLITICS

By J. V. McAree.

June 8. — There are three features to National Political Convention in the United States: the candidate, the platform and the cheering. Candidates and platforms can be approached or perhaps duplicated or surpassed by other democracies. There can be nothing like the cheering. The Republicans have not begun this cheering yet. The Progressives completed their exertions in this respect on Wednesday. For an hour and 33 minutes and five seconds the Bull Moose convention cheered the name of Theodore Roosevelt, thus surpassing all records, ancient and modern, and incidentally casting gloom over the regular Republicans, who doubt if they can equal the Progressive cheering in point of elapsed time and mad enthusiasm, though, being a more numerous body, the Republican convention may score in the matter of volume.

Wholesale Hysteria.

Not outside of a congress of the limited association of lunatic asylums might one expect to witness such scenes as marked the Progressive convention in the Auditorium Theatre. It was a demonstration of wholesale hysteria that would have seemed more appropriate at some monstrous religious revival than at a political convention, where leading citizens, most of them supposedly successful and hard-headed business men, gathered to discuss the great issues of the day. The demonstration showed that the Progressive met in Chicago chiefly to cheer Roosevelt. It is true that they have adopted a platform, but it is a personality that they represent. The outburst began before the chairman, Raymond Robins, had concluded his first paragraph. Deliberately and obviously, with due regard to the responsibility of his act, he uttered the name, "Theodore Roosevelt." This was considered by political experts a daring innovation, the custom being to praise an unnamed hero for half an hour and make the first mention of his name in the words that closed the oration.

Like a Torpedo in a Ship.

However, Robins said "Roosevelt" before his speech had got well under way. It fell upon the ears of the convention as a torpedo in a ship. The people sprang to their feet as though a current of electricity had passed through them. Before they had straightened up they began to yell and cheer. They shouted, "We want Teddy!" "Roosevelt, Roosevelt!" and half a dozen other slogans that mingled in a terrific outburst of mind. There were too many of them to be controlled by any single cheerleader, even had he been Stentor I. They waved flags; they tore down the flags from the walls, and brandished them in the mere effort to wave something they did considerable damage to property. Instead of standing in their places and shouting, they thronged into the aisles; they advanced to the platform. Some of them leaped it, and proceeded to jump up and down, tears and perspiration united streaming down their faces, falling, laughing, weeping.

Dumb From Exertion.

One little man was so overcome that, after cheering his voice away, he stood still on a chair, his mouth silently opening and closing, and crying as though his heart had been broken. Another man, a negro preacher, who was said to weigh 200 pounds, mounted the platform and proceeded to jump up and down. He kept this up for half an hour, and then collapsed, weighing probably 185 pounds. Two or three women appeared from somewhere clad in American flags. They screamed and cried. The convention presently resolved itself into a human imitation of a thousand Western cattle. "Milling," they got round and round. Some fell on and were helped to their feet by being to sing. "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was distinguished, and other about Teddy being a "bear." They yelled and danced until, exhausted, they left the hall, and disappeared in the rain, returning in a few minutes to relieve those who had been left in the trenches. Now and then there would be a slight lull, and the chairman and other leaders on the platform would make soothing and commanding gestures.

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Ended by Physical Collapse

Vain delusion. The delegates thought apparently that they were being incited to further efforts, and were, they responded gamely. It was hoarse and leg-weary though they more than an hour and a half before the demonstration ceased, owing to the utter physical collapse of the delegates. Some of them slowly made their way out without waiting for the rest of the proceedings, probably going to bed without their dinner. One must see one of these demonstrations to understand the American people and their political institutions. One of them, not mentioned by Bryce and others, is government by cheering. The first cheering is spontaneous and genuine. If it is kept up long enough it begins to have an influence upon those not interested in the first outburst. It is infectious; it stupefies the reason. One must either flee or join in it, either become temporarily like the rest, or go outside and remain sane and solitary. These cheering demonstrations have altered the course of American politics before now. They may do so again, and perhaps this year.

A CREED.

Our churches are founded on dogmas of differing, varying kinds, That prove how exacting and varied Are the needs of enquiring minds. And each church doth dwell on the future Of heaven, of souls and of death, But what are the needs of the present, — While taking our moment of breath?

The Master can be but the Father, His children are seeking His face, But so pitifully many are falling: While free are salvation and grace, To rise, but by crowding down others, Then by strugglers to be crowded down.

It is pitiful watching the efforts Of city, country, village and town, The lesson so hard of the learning, (As children we early should learn) — Sin doth destroy as a furnace. The devil seeks souls here to burn, And the souls that cause souls here to suffer.

Ah, so deep and complex lives become, But the Master shall judge at the reckoning, When we as His children go home. In the days of the infinite future, And now are the scores paid today, And again through the sufferings of others. Every soul that doth sin — It shall pay.

Oh, if we would learn that by living Each hour of life, doing right, We'd not fret at the hour of dying, Our record would be clear and white. And if we do right by the living, And if we have learned how to live, We shall smile at the hour of going, And the fate of our soul will not grieve.

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ATTENDED BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Mr. John Berry of Sidney and Mrs. Martin Wims of this city have just returned from Canadagua, N.Y., attending the funeral of their brother-in-law, the late M. J. Moran, who died on Saturday evening last.

A portion of the Shorncliffe (Eng.) Garrison Cemetery was consecrated by the Bishop of Dover for Canadian burials.

SOWING AND REAPING SPIRITUAL HARVESTS

Great Majority Sowing Along Natural Lines.

Sow to the Flesh and Reap Corruption—Sow to the Spirit and Reap Life Everlasting—Sow Bountifully and Reap Bountifully—Sow Sparingly and Reap Sparingly—Sow Choicest Seed and Reap Richest Grain—What Shall Our Harvest Be?

Indianapolis, June 11. — Pastor Russell was here to-day and gave a very interesting lecture on the text, "He that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully" (2 Cor. 9:6). A condensed report follows:

The speaker showed that reaping invariably corresponds to sowing, not only in kind, but also in quality and in quantity. It is very evident that his view on the application of both in text and context differs from that of the majority of even professed Christians. Usually this passage is applied in a general way to everybody; but the Pastor applies it only to Christians—those who have made a full consecration of themselves to God and are begotten of the Holy Spirit—can sow to the Spirit; that only these are now on trial for life or death everlasting. He believes that only a few are sowing seed along spiritual lines and reaping spiritual harvests; and that the great majority are sowing along merely natural lines, whether the seed be good or evil, and will reap accordingly, some a noble and some an ignominious character.

So far has man fallen from the estate in which Adam was created that it may be truly said, as the Apostle declares, "They are all gone out of the way; they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Romans 3:10-12.) Instead of being a holy spirit—a holy mind or disposition—the mind of fallen man to-day is largely unholily, perverted, and imperfect. But those who have stepped out from the world, those who have become, through faith in Christ and dedication of themselves to God, children of God, here His Holy Spirit—His mind or disposition; and this they have in proportion as they are living close to God; following in their Master's footsteps.

According to the measure that this latter class "sow to the Spirit" will they reap the character of Christ, the fruitage of the Holy Spirit. The Lord desires His people to sow to the Spirit, but to sow bountifully. There is a principle of justice that runs all through the matter. God does not say, "Never mind what you do. I will forgive you and make it all right with you. I know that you are imperfect. No. The principle constantly pervades that whoever sows good seed will reap corresponding blessings; but whoever sows evil seed may expect to reap corresponding injury. The merit of Christ covers the Christian's unwitting mistakes when he is doing his best; but it does not make up for negligence, carelessness, or indifference as to the kind of seed he sows. "Whosoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Indefinite Law of Cause and Effect.

Those now children of God found, before they left the world, that when they lived in accordance with the will of the fallen human nature, the things from which they expected good results and happiness gave poor results and dissatisfaction—that anticipation was much better than realization. They also found that following their own will generally yielded bad fruitage. They had sown wrong thoughts; and these thoughts produced more of the same kind. Then the wrong thoughts brought forth wrong deeds, which in time developed a wrong character. The things which at first were merely optional became fixed characteristics. As somebody has well said, "Sow a thought and reap an act; sow an act and reap a habit; sow a habit and reap a character; sow a character and reap a destiny." To the extent that an unholily character had been developed it must be painstakingly demolished, and a righteous character erected.

In this connection parents should begin with their children, by keeping before their minds from earliest childhood pure, noble, loving thoughts. While it is impossible to make them perfect, yet parents can do much toward shielding their children from the evil in the world. By giving their children a right start in life, parents would be bestowing upon them a legacy for which the children would thank them throughout eternity. No mothers could only know how much they have in their power the moulding of the minds of their children, how important it would be! How vigilantly they would guard their own mental conditions and attitudes, in order that they might bring into the world children whose dispositions would be noble, upright—children that would be a blessing rather than a curse.

But if vicious passions control, if wrong thoughts are harbored, the child will be born with those evil tendencies; and no matter how hard he

may try in after life to develop a noble character, he will have a life-long battle with the results of improper pre-natal influences. How sad it is that these facts were not set before us long ago!

The fathers also have special responsibility along this line. Not only should they themselves be equipped mentally, morally, and physically, of how much more importance is it that their children be given thus a noble heritage!

Proper Training of Children.

It is high time that all thinking people agitate this subject, and thus head off the possible propagation of children badly equipped mentally, morally, and physically. We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of proper pre-natal influences in forming the bend of the child's disposition. But parental responsibility does not cease with the birth of the child. Its care and life must be supervised. Here again the mother has her care to see that the child is not unjust in dealing with its playmates—not even with the dog. She must also inculcate cleanliness and neatness of mind. It is careless about these things that child gets the idea that it does not matter what one does; and thus the liability to do unjustly and to live uncleanly is greatly increased.

Peculiar responsibility along all these lines rests upon Christian parents. As we come to the principles of God's government, our mind should be filled with thoughts of justice, righteousness, kindness, love. These thoughts should be reflected upon our children; and thus our children would be taught of God. Even though they may not become spirit-begotten children of God, yet all who ever attain unto life everlasting on any plane must have this holy spirit, mind, of the Lord. If a child is not naturally meek, if its pre-natal development was neglected in this respect, then it should be taught meekness. It should be shown how unbecoming, rude, and self-assertion; it should have held up before it the beauty of gentleness and kindness.

If a child is handled properly during the early formative years of its life, it will soon get these good principles fixed in its mind. Meekness, righteousness, patience, long-suffering, kindness, love—these are traits that parents should carefully cultivate in themselves. They are qualities of the Spirit of God which He expects all His children to develop richly in heart and in life. However bad a Christian's habits may have been before he became a child of God, the Heavenly Father expects him to eradicate his undesirable traits of character as rapidly as possible, by Divine grace. He is to dig them up by the roots, as he would pull up noxious weeds from his garden. Then he must plant instead the beautiful and fruitful things of God, the beautiful adornment of meekness. How unlovely are arrogance and headiness!

As this beauty of character is manifested in the parent, it will be noticed by the children, who are very quick of discernment, and who justly have a very keen sense of justice and consistency of example. Sooner or later this beauty in the parent is sure to bear fruitage in the child, unless its character had become too firmly fixed before the parents realized their responsibility along these lines. Undoubtedly the disrespect of parents so common to-day, and the neglect of parents in their old age are the legitimate fruitage of parental neglect in earlier days. Many parents to-day are reaping the harvest of their own failure to train their children properly in early childhood. In many cases evil seeds have been sown in the child mind as a result of neglect, and need the bad fruitage of such sowing is evident. In other cases the seed has been sown far too sparingly, and the reaping has been in proportion.

God's Children Carefully Trained.

As the child-life is a training school, so it is with the spirit-begotten children of God. As soon as we enter His family, He puts us to school; and during the remainder of our lives in the flesh we are given a systematic course of training, schooling. As New Creatures, we are in the School of Christ, where we have daily lessons to learn—lessons of meekness, gentleness, patience, brotherly-kindness, love, as well as lessons of doctrine. Chronology shows us where we are on the stream of God's life. The foundation upon which our character structure is to be built. But the most important of all our lessons is that of character-likeness to our great Teacher, Christ Jesus.

St. Peter tells us that this work is accomplished through the "exceeding great and precious promises," given to us that thereby we "might be partakers of the Divine nature." (2 Peter 1:4.) As the children of God, fed upon these promises, they work in us to will and to do of God's good pleasure. Thus we become like Christ, who always delighted to do God's will. We are willing to do that will, but now we are striving TO DO. And this is right; for it is just what the promises are designed to do in us.

This School of Christ was opened at our Lord's First Advent. Dug His early ministry about the hundred pupils were enrolled. At Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was first given in begetting power, many more entered this school and came under the instruction of the Master Teacher. At first the pupils were of the Jews only; but later the door was opened to the Gentiles also. Then all who would meet the conditions of discipleship were invited to enter this school. The terms of discipleship are very definite and rigid. To be a disciple of Christ one must entirely surrender

his will to God, and then take up his cross and follow Jesus, henceforth to have no will of his own, but to strive day by day to copy Christ. (Matthew 16:24.) This class shall, if faithful to the end of their course, reap the legitimate reward of their careful sowing to the Spirit—full character-likeness to Christ Jesus our Lord; and this will bring them joint-heirship with Him in His Messianic Kingdom.

Training for the Priesthood.

Whoever desires to hold on to his own will can have no part nor lot with Christ now. He cannot enter the family of God at all. Before we shall be accepted of God, we must give up everything that we have. Henceforth we are to live, not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Thus the New Creature will grow stronger day by day, while the flesh—that is, the fleshy nature—will grow weaker. As long as we are in this mortal body we shall have a struggle with the flesh; but through the strength of the Lord we may win a glorious victory and in due time receive a new spiritual body, like that of our glorified Lord.

This class are the ones who are to rule the world during the incoming age. No others will be fit to rule the world, but those of this class can be qualified for such a position, they must first learn to submit themselves fully to God, must have fixed characters for righteousness. No one can make a competent ruler of others until he has learned to bow to lawful authority, until he has first learned to govern himself. The pupils whom the great Teacher is now training are to be Priests of the incoming Age. The priests of old taught the people and healed the sick. This typified what the Royal Priesthood will do in the future, when empowered by the First Resurrection change. (Revelation 20: 4, 6.) "Sown an animal body," they will be "raised a spiritual body." It will be a grand class that God will have. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, will be there, St. Peter, St. John, St. James, St. Paul, and the other Apostles, as well as all the faithful saints of this Gospel Age, will be with Him. A glorious company it will be.

Some of this company, however, did not always do right before their transformation into the likeness of our Lord and Head. Sometimes they manifested a wrong spirit. But afterwards they became well developed in meekness, gentleness, patience, brotherly-kindness, love. When all of them shall have been perfected and receive their spirit bodies, all their earthly imperfections, some of which they were never able to overcome fully, will be forgotten. Forgive them, they will shine all the brighter because of what they once were and what they overcame.

Christian Responsibility.

It is well for us to remember, as Christians, that the responsibility of our character development rests with us personally. God does not do the sowing. We are doing this; and we are to do the reaping. God supplies the seed, and tells us how to sow it, but He does not do the sowing for us. Whoever is not following the Master's instructions is not making himself ready for the Kingdom. How sorry we shall be in the future, if we find that we have been giving time and attention to worldly business or pleasure or any other thing to the neglect of the development of character necessary for joint-heirship with Christ, and thus miss our share in the Kingdom glories!

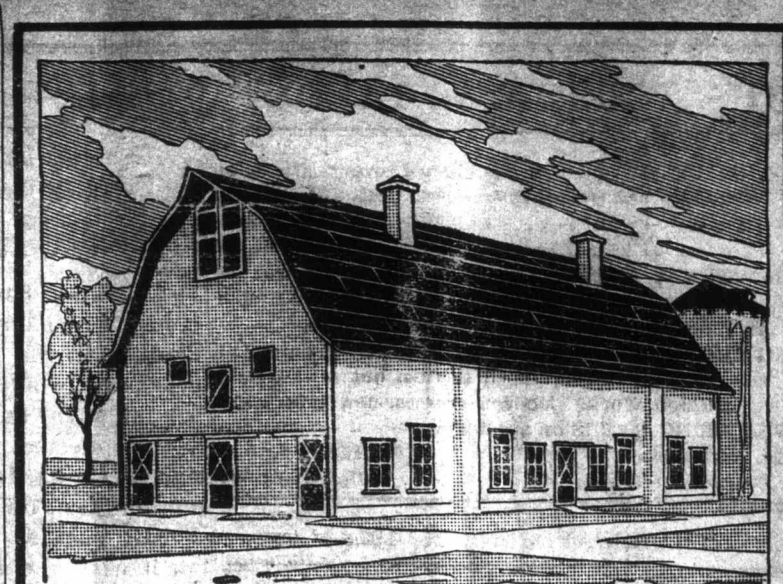
God expects each Christian to have the greatest concern as to his personal character development. Important as it is to assist others in the same narrow way, the building up of his own character is paramount. Each has an individual work in himself that no one else can do. That work God leaves to the individual. He desires each of His children to possess character; and each develops it according as he cultivates those traits which make it. Therefore let us do our very best.

The Work of the Church Reaping.

As it is true of the Church in the present time that we shall reap what we sow, and that the average manifested in the sowing shall determine the size of the crop, so it will be with the world in the next Age. The deeds that they do in this life, and the character that they develop, will determine their status when they enter the next Age. The bad man now made upon their character will remain with them until erased, by a process of discipline and development, in the resurrection time.

For instance, the Emperor Nero was probably the meanest man who ever lived. The man who set fire to the city of Rome that he might enjoy a great conflagration, who then blamed the Christians for the deed, who caused them to be covered with oil and burned as torches, and who finally murdered his mother—such a man was very deeply degraded. The measure of his responsibility we are unable to estimate. We leave the decision to the Lord. But he surely sowed lavishly to his depraved flesh, and correspondingly reaped an abundant crop of evil.

We sympathize with poor Nero and all others who were born predisposed to evil. We are glad that our gracious God has an arrangement whereby these unfortunates may have the opportunity under most favorable conditions to uproot the noxious weeds of sin which they have cultivated during this life. What a time they will have in accomplishing this work. As they do so, the shame and contempt will decrease; and by the time that any of them has regained the lost image of God his shame and contempt will all be gone. But those who will not return to harmony with God under these favorable conditions will abide in shame and contempt—will die the Second Death. Having had his opportunity to the full measure of the blessings accruing from the death and the reign of Christ, he will be cut off as a brute beast.—2 Peter 2:12.



The foundation is not the most important thing

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Arthur Raney Ostrom, son of Mr. A. D. Ostrom of Vancouver, B.C., has been wounded in the late fighting in Belgium. He was for four years a Belleville resident, attended the High School here, and was a member of Christ Church. He has many friends here who will await details of his wounding. He is a cousin of Mr. Geo. F. Ostrom, produce merchant, Belleville.

Arthur Ostrom enlisted at Vancouver for the Princess Patricia. He was in camp at Niagara last year and paid a visit here on his way to Montreal where he was stationed before going overseas.

"BRITAIN PREPARED" PICTURES WERE FINE.

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