

and showed much of that business ability which has made him notorious and wealthy enough to carry on a world-wide propaganda for many years.

*"Pastor" Russell's Career—Condemnatory Documentary Evidence.*

Before me, as I write, are several very interesting documents which throw much light on the "Pastor's" subsequent career. They include the long list of articles which ran from May 4th, 1909, to January 29th, 1913, in the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," and which were the occasion of the libel suit which Russell took against that paper for \$100,000, and lost, because the jury found that the "Eagle" was justified in its charges. From the headings of those articles I take these samples at random: "'Pastor' Russell's Imaginary Sermons; printed reports of sermons in foreign lands that he never made." "Russell follower of fallen angels"; "'Pastor' Russell a clever financier; his 'dummy' transactions"; "Stout string tied to Pastor's gifts"; "Sold house for \$50 to defraud his wife"; "Sought to show his wife was insane"; "Girl kissed Pastor and sat on his knee"; "Church a sales-room for Miracle Wheat at \$60 a bushel." It was this last charge which was made the particular ground of action by Russell against the "Eagle," but which was found to be justified and therefore caused his defeat. But in some other more important documents before me I find confirmation of the other headings also. These documents are the court stenographer's report of the testimony in Hamilton Police Court in 1913, when the "Pastor" himself was on the stand, testifying under oath in the libel action he had instituted against Rev. J. J. Ross, of Hamilton, Ontario, which he lost. They bear the stamp and signature of the Clerk of the Court and give Russell's own sworn statements as to his religio-commercial career and his private affairs. Alongside this I have placed the court records in the long-drawn action taken against him by his divorced wife to secure the alimony awarded to her when she secured her divorce, but which he refused to pay during a period of five years. These were obtained from the Court of Common Pleas in Pittsburg, Pa., and show where in June, 1909, he, or his friends for him, paid by order of the Court \$8,696 alimony and lawyer's fees. By means of these legal and fully attested documents we learn from the "Pastor's" own lips, speaking under oath, in 1913, that his wife secured a divorce from bed and board on grounds of cruelty and improper relations with other women; that he manipulated his property so as to defraud her of her dower interest, in one instance allowing to be sold by the sheriff a house worth \$35,000 for \$50 to his own Watch Tower Society; that he organized or held controlling interests in several "dummy" corporations—turpentine, asphalt, brick, and cemetery companies and others, which were holding companies