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The Earthly Paradise—Lost Through Disobedience—Redeemed at Calvary—Messiah's Great Work—The Restoration of Paradise—"The Story of the Cross"—Importance of Character-Development—Its Effect on the Future Life—The Heavenly Paradise—Who May Attain It—How—The Alternative of Paradise, the Second Death, Everlasting Destruction.

Pastor Russell today depicted the beauties of Paradise, as revealed in his free Photo-Drama. His text was, "I will make the place of My feet glorious." (Isaiah 60:13.) He said: "Paradise is another name for the Garden of Eden, the abode of bliss. It was lost through the sin of our first parents, but the gracious promise of our great Creator is that this condition of earthly bliss shall be re-established—not merely in a little corner of the earth, but that the whole earth shall become the Paradise of God. Heaven is God's Throne and the earth is His footstool, and He assures us, 'I will make the place of My feet glorious'—'in due time.' How this will be done is the Gospel Message.

The Divine Promise to Father Abraham, that all the families of the earth shall be blessed through his seed, includes the thought of man's full restoration to Divine favor—as before he sinned and fell, before Paradise was lost, before man came under the curse, or sentence, of death. The Jews hoped that Messiah would come and constitute their nation the earthly Kingdom of God and re-establish Paradise with Palestine as its centre. They expected that under His wise ministrations, using their nation as His instruments, the Divine Law would extend to all and, by bringing all people into harmony with God, would gradually bring all back to the Paradise state.

It was in full harmony with this that the dying thief asked the Lord to remember him when He should come into His Kingdom. The Kingdom whose dominion would establish righteousness in the earth, and thus convert the world, under Divine favor, into the Paradise of God. Our Lord's answer was that every man who repents shall be granted truly, that he would yet be with Him in Paradise. Paradise has not yet been established; for God's Kingdom has not yet come to earth; it will only be established when the Church shall be accomplished.

It is not the Divine purpose to make of the nation of Israel God's Kingdom in the highest sense of the word, though it will be identified with the Heavenly Kingdom as its earthly representative. God is selecting during this Gospel Age a new nation, Spiritual Israel, from every nation, people, kindred, tongue, and subsequently, He gathered from Israel such as were saintly and ready for the Kingdom; since then He has been taking out from other nations enough to complete the forordained number of the elect Church. These will constitute the Kingdom per se, and it cannot be set up or established in power until this election, and the elect "changed" or glorified on the spiritual plane, by the power of the First Resurrection.

Paradise, or the Garden of the earth, not only represents the earthly condition that will be restored for the benefit and blessing of the natural man—as the reward for his obedience to the rules of immortality during the Millennial Age Kingdom—but it also applies to the glorious and Heavenly position which God has in restoration for the Church. Thus we read in the Book of Revelation that God has promised to the overcomers of the Church, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

This is a grandly beautiful and symbolic message and promise, assuring us of the happiness and Heavenly bliss in eternal-life conditions of all who are faithful followers of Christ in the present Age—walking in His footsteps in the Narrow Way. The Book of Revelation pictures the history of this Gospel Age down into the Millennial Age and shows us Paradise re-established, with the Heavenly City, the glorified Church, as its centre and capital. The River of Life is pictured as flowing from under the Throne. On either bank of its crystal waters of Truth and Grace grow the Trees of Life, after the manner of Eden of old.

The future state will all be Paradise. The completeness of blessedness will first be manifested in the Church on the spiritual plane, and secondly, it will be manifested in the Ancient Worthies on the earthly plane—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the holy Prophets perfected; the earthly representatives of the Heavenly Kingdom. Gradually the Paradise condition shall fill the whole earth. The wilderness shall blossom as the rose, the solitary places shall be glad, and streams shall break forth in the deserts, as we read in Isaiah 65: "The morally lame shall learn to walk in the paths of righteousness. Yes, they shall leap for joy as they come to a knowledge of the grace

and goodness of God. The world's eyes and understanding shall be opened, and their deaf ears shall be unstopped, that they may see and hear of the Goodness, the Mercy, the Justice and the Love of our Father. The willing and obedient shall eat of the good of the land," but evil doers shall be cut off in the Second Death. Gradually the boundaries will be spread abroad until they will include the whole earth. Gradually the number enjoying Paradise will increase until, in the end of the Millennium, the entire race of Adam shall experience the privilege of God's Love and Mercy through Christ.

St. Paul, like St. John the Revelator, was caught up to Paradise in a vision, and saw the glorified Church, permitted to explain to us, because the due time had not yet come. Neither was St. John the Revelator permitted to reveal fully the details of the Paradise condition. He has merely given us a few symbolic hints or suggestions respecting the glories of Paradise restored.

We have already noticed that Paradise was lost through disobedience to the heavenly command. Life, bliss, Divine favor and fellowship, were all lost to Adam and so to us, his children, under the death sentence. There was no hope for any of us mere men, for the brute nature of the latter was born to die, man, created with possibilities of life eternal, was sentenced to the loss of all. Indeed, under the demoralizing influence of sin, and finally more degraded than the brute creation and apparently less worthy of Divine favor. But God, rich in Mercy in the great Love wherewith He loves us, has provided for man a recovery from sin and death, while He has made no provision for the future life of the brute creation.

God's provision for man's recovery from the sentence of death is the "Cross of Christ." Because a man had sinned, the Redeemer must be a Man. Because the penalty was human death, the Redeemer must die for the sinner's release from the death sentence, to uplift the willing out of sin and death conditions—up, up, up to fellowship with God and eternal life. Because the Redeemer must be a Man, he must have all the physical defects, therefore none of his posterity was worthy of eternal life. But in the Divine arrangement, as Adam involved all of his children in the Paradise home in the wreck of sin and death, so a redemption has been effected through Christ.

The great work of Messiah will, therefore, be the restoration of the world to all that was lost in Eden and redeemed at Calvary. The work of Restoration, St. Peter tells us, has been spoken of "by the mouth of all his holy Prophets since the beginning and will be accomplished by the Messiah at His Second Coming. (Acts 3:21.) But the Divine Plan changes not. Sin is still abhorrent to God and will always be so, and the Divine sentence is that sinners shall have eternal life. Hence the offer of Divine grace is merely to all who may have a heart-desire for Divine assistance, resurrection, restoration, uplifting out of sin and death conditions to a Paradise state. These things will be accomplished only in those who are willing and obedient. Only such "shall eat of the good of the land"—the fruits of Paradise.—Isaiah 1:18-20; Acts 3:25.

Furthermore, it is the Divine arrangement for mankind, and a just one, that every good and noble deed in the present life works a measure of character-development which will be fruitful in the future life, enabling the faithful to mount up step by step to full perfection of earthly life. Correspondingly, every willful sin, every violation of conscience and principle, works a demerit, which like impurities of manhood, which likewise will have its effect upon the future life in the difficulty of rising out of degradation to the heights of human perfection, Divine approval and everlasting life. If all mankind could appreciate these facts, what an influence it would have in restraining and governing self and in developing self-control and true manhood.—Galatians 6:7.

Does some one inquire why He who redeemed Adam, His Eden home, and all his race; and who during a restoration of all, has now begun this Restoration work since the sacrifice of Himself? The Scriptures answer that during the interim and every feature of the Divine Program is being carried out. The Lord is gathering in the elect Church from Israel and all the nations to be Messiah's assistants in His Kingdom and in the gracious work of the elect Church—first selected, is the Church-class first selected, is the Scriptures called "a first-fruit unto God of His creatures." (James 1:18; Revelation 14:4.) The world of restored humanity will be the after-fruit.

The Scriptures exhort such as in the present time are blessed with the hearing ear, to give heed to the special invitation to the Elect. They exhort such as have the eye of faith to aspire to the crown of glory and joint-heirship with Christ that is now being tendered to a very select class. "He that hath an ear, let him hear." He that has an ear, let him see. See that the eye of faith, let us rejoice in the blessed opportunity. Let us seek indeed to make our calling and election sure, to this Heavenly estate of glory, honor, immortality and joint-heirship with our Lord, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Both the thieves crucified with our Lord, and the thief who was crucified through Father Adam's disobedience, as did we all. Both these thieves were born in sin, shapen in iniquity and in sin they conceived them, as with us all. Both thieves were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, as were we all; for Jesus "by the grace of God" died for every man. "He tasted death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9) and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the

whole world."—Hebrews 2:9; 1 John 2:2.

Thus, as we have seen, the Redeemer has made provision for both of those thieves, as well as for all of us—all of Adam's race—to be recovered from the sin and death conditions of the fall, and restored to Paradise. The Church, called during the Gospel Age, may reach the spiritual Paradise, or highest condition of holiness and happiness. The two thieves and the remainder of mankind will have their opportunity during the Millennium. Their opportunity will be for a return to earthly life, perfection and happiness, and to an earthly Eden—worldwide. How much grander a work will thus result from our Lord's death than we had previously supposed!

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MISS CAMPBELL'S NEW PARLORS

From Thursday's Daily

Miss Campbell's new parlors on Front Street were most attractive today, the opening of the millinery display. The new rooms have been renovated and larger quarters have been provided in the showrooms. The windows are carried out in colors of pink and white with a tone of black shown in a sequin mode. One of the Hyland hats on exhibition is a fine French chip in pure white with a cogue band around the crown and two square wings directly in front. This piece of head-gear is faced with black. The early Victorian model is carried out in black with a high sideband of King's Blue flowers, velvet streamer, and a light band of the same color. The shades this year are very interesting. The old blues include nuttier, navy, soves, gobelin, wodgewood and labrador blue between copahagan and navy. There are all shades of tan from biscuit to tobacco brown, beige, tango, mahogany nigger brown. The dark greens include the magnonettes and jone and the rose shades are shown in all tones from the faint ecru to the deep turko or Indian red. The hats are small with some of the early Victorian styles the straps with real high sides, showing a headband on the Charlotte Corday shades. Black sequins are being shown very extensively. The basket over the mirror is decorated with pink and white carnations.

SCOTS HAD BRAW TIME

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening, Camp Rob Roy, Sons of Scotland, had a braw time. The occasion was the official visit of District Deputy Grand Chief, Bro. William McIntosh. After the initial greetings and business their rooms were thrown open to their families and friends. A varied selection of recitations and songs was given and an interesting address by Rev. A. S. Kerr, following this refreshments were served. Everybody spoke well of the fine entertainment given, pronouncing it the best yet.

POLITICAL TURPITUDE

(The Canadian Courier)

Commenting editorially upon the recent Eventual disclosures in the Ontario Legislature, "The Canadian Courier" for March 7th describes it as political turpitude. It says: "When a man undertakes to represent a certain constituency in a parliament, he undertakes a position of trust equal to that of a general manager of a bank. When the latter signs false discharges or appropriates money for his own purpose or commits any other sin against society and the banking laws, he is punished by a term in prison. There seems to be no adequate reason why a defaulting member of parliament should be treated more leniently than a defaulting bank manager. The Monocle Man, in his customary way, says 'How to Get Rich.' There is a syndicate on the Ontario Commission of Government, which is worth close study. 'A Page of Country Life,' 'Tova Planning in Regina,' The New Martin Harvey and other features so to show that the National Weekly touches every phase of life. Samuel Alexander White's story 'Out of the Whirlpool' is one of his best. Newswy photographs and a comprehensive Women's Supplement make up a valuable issue of the National Weekly."

Funeral Late Miss Holden

From Friday's Daily.

The funeral of the late Miss Esther Holden was held privately from the George street residence on Thursday afternoon. The Rev. A. S. Kerr, M.A., of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, conducted the solemn services in lieu of the deceased's relatives and officiated at Belleville cemetery where the interment took place. The bearers were all relatives of the deceased lady.

Funeral Late B. Baker

From Friday's Daily.

All that was mortal of the late B. Baker was laid to rest on Thursday afternoon in Belleville cemetery. The Rev. Chas. G. Smith, assisted by the Rev. J. R. Webb of Peterboro, conducted a solemn service at the home of Mrs. A. M. Free, in her honor in lieu of the deceased, Herchmer St. The bearers were Messrs. Harrow, J. Harris, C. A. Cronk, Robert McCormick, S. P. Hagerman and W. S. Clarke. The Rev. Mr. Smith officiated at the grave.

Th Canadian rider.

The Canadian Courier for February 28th contains some rather striking material. John Melville cited as an important parliamentary topic, under the title, "The Fiasco of Isaac Ibbotson, M.P." This is the story of an independent who went to Ottawa, and tried to establish a new regime at the House of Commons. Professor Swanson, of Queen's University, has an article on "Rural Co-operative Credit Societies" which is a subject receiving much attention at the present time. How the same would be affected by the establishment of co-operative credit associations is one of the important points discussed in this particular article. William H. Moore writes an interesting article entitled, "Truth About Chinese Northern." The Monocle Man discusses the relations between Democracy and its Hindu rival, in his usual clear and telling manner. There is the usual number of stories and pictures, making up a very valuable issue of the National Weekly.

WANT PRISONER RELEASED

A strong effort is being made at present by a number in the village of Marboro to have Mr. Dan Osborne, who is serving an indeterminate sentence in the central prison, released and allowed to return to his home here. The citizens of the village are practically unanimous in the opinion that Mr. Osborne has already received greater punishment than his offence would warrant, as it is nearly five months since he was arrested. When not under the influence of liquor Mr. Osborne was an industrious and law-abiding citizen, and his becoming intoxicated, particularly while severely of his sentence was largely due to his refusal at his trial, to call who had given him the liquor. He was given an indeterminate sentence of not less than three months or more than two years, less one day. Some weeks ago a petition for his release was circulated in the village and largely signed. By mistake this petition was forwarded to Judge Brooch, the trial judge, instead of to the Minister of Justice. His Honor forwarded the petition to the Warden of the prison, with a recommendation that Osborne be released. It appears that even this was not sufficient as the petition was shelved in Toronto. Last week when the Reeve and a number of the councillors and officials of the village were in Toronto, the matter was taken up with the local member, Mr. R. J. Cooke, who had the petition forwarded to the Minister of Justice, and has taken the other necessary steps so that it is believed that Mr. Osborne will be able to return home in a few days.—Herald

S.S. No. 2 and 5, Huntingdon

The following is the report of S.S. No. 2 and 5 Huntingdon for January and February

Enrollment 45
Average attendance 85
Senior Board:

- Ursula Collins
- Gladys Brown
- Carman Foster
- Willie Crockett

Junior Board:

- Norman Welch
- Bessie Moon
- Willie English
- Junior Third
- Loella Brown
- Percy Cooney
- Albert Olave
- John Welch
- Haesl Welch

Senior Second:

- Clayton Rutter
- Ralph Salisbury
- Grace Vandewater
- Roy Holgate

Senior First:

- Howard Welch
- Bessie Ketcheson
- Tie Clare
- Earl Foster
- Helen Harrison
- Bert Salisbury
- Mary Spence
- May Salisbury
- Maggie Smith
- Willie Collins

Junior Second:

- San Ketcheson
- Olive Ketcheson
- Tom Emerson
- Mabel Holgate
- Arthur Salisbury
- Edna Welch
- Harvey Clare
- Douglas Foster

Junior First:

- Jessie Salisbury
- Willie Emerson
- Arthur Emerson
- John Spence
- Leslie Pool
- First O
- Michael Collins
- Laurion Brickman,
- Bernard Pool
- Howard Connor, Teacher.

PROMOTION ON THE GRAND TRUNK

The announcement is made from the Passenger Traffic Department of the Grand Trunk at Montreal that the following appointments have been made, effective March 8th.

Mr. W. E. Duprow, General Agent Passenger Department, Vancouver has been made Assistant General Agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific with headquarters at Winnipeg.

Mr. C. E. Jenny, City Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Grand Trunk Railway System, Toronto, has been appointed General Agent Passenger Department, Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, Vancouver, to succeed Mr. Duprow.

Mr. W. J. Moffett, Travelling Passenger Agent, with headquarters at Toronto has been appointed City Passenger and Ticket Agent, Toronto, succeeding Mr. Moffett.

Mr. Duprow has been in transportation work for many years. He was Chief Clerk for the District Passenger Agent, Toronto, several years ago and afterwards Travelling Passenger Agent, subsequently accepting the position of General Agent, Passenger Department, Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at Vancouver.

Mr. Jenny was for some years Soliciting Passenger Agent of the Grand Trunk Railway System at Toronto, Travelling Passenger Agent at Toronto, also at Pittsburg, Pa., and latterly City Passenger and Ticket Agent at Toronto.

The appointments are all deserving and the representatives who have been chosen for more responsible positions are popular and competent members of the Grand Trunk staff.

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