

The Planet

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WHAT WOULD JESUS DO AS AN EDITOR?

In His Steps brought Rev. Charles H. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas, prominently before the religious world as a writer who would have the world of affairs managed as he believes Jesus Himself, if in the flesh to-day, would ordain. The book, though not marked by any extraordinary literary merit, it has been on the whole favorably regarded by the church classes, and many who make no pretensions to being saints have been quite free to commend the ideal set forth in this little volume, which has had an immense circulation—upwards of a million copies having been sold, and numerous translations of it published in foreign countries.

Not the least interesting part of In His Steps is the story of the founding of a great daily journal, with a million-dollar capital, and imbued with the spirit of Christ, but it left the reader unaware of the outcome. Mr. Sheldon, possessed with the ambition to have such a paper, brought the subject before the great Y. P. S. C. E. convention in Detroit last July. He there startled one of the largest assemblies of Christian workers ever gathered with this question: "In this day, when philanthropy munificently endows our institutions of learning, is there here a man who, recognizing the potency of the public press, to make or mar our civilization, will contribute a million dollars to establish a daily Christian newspaper?"

To this extent Mr. Sheldon has shown himself a practical man, that he asks for an adequate financial backing for such an enterprise. It is not his thought that any old kind of a paper would flourish, because its purpose is high and holy, but he would have it enter upon its mission with the finest literary and mechanical equipment that money can provide, and would expect to operate it at a loss till such time as its merits would be recognized and it should become a paying investment. The appeal for a million dollars remains unanswered, at least in that particular form. But Mr. Keyser, proprietor of the Capital, Topeka, promptly wired Mr. Sheldon, offering to turn over the entire editorial and business control of the paper for one week, or longer if the venture is financially successful. Mr. Sheldon has accepted the offer, and will take charge of the Capital for the week commencing March 13th. He will select his own staff, and his actions will not be questioned by the owners of the paper. He will permit the publication of reports of prize fights, police news, horse races, baseball games, or other items that in his opinion would be calculated to poison the mind of any one who may read the paper. Every news item and advertisement will pass under his personal supervision, and the test of its admissibility will be, "What would Jesus do?" were he editing the paper?

Notwithstanding the fact that E. D. Martin, of Winnipeg, was elected by good Tory votes, the London Advertiser insists on being delighted at his success. This being the case it will probably go into spasms over the candidates who will succeed next election all over the Dominion in the same way.

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It was the African Light Horse who rushed the crest of Spion Kop. Score for the colonials.

As Judge Houston has frequently stated from the police court bench, assaulting cops is a serious business. It certainly appears to be in South Africa.

Emperor William, it is said, intends to take up again his plan for modifying the Prussian school system, especially in the higher classes, believing that the studies ought to bear more upon the practical demands of the newer callings. Germany apparently is loaded up with the same kind of a school system Hon. G. W. Ross has copied for us from the Yankees.

The capture of Spion Kop on Tuesday night last, was announced in The Planet, in big type, on Wednesday afternoon, about 24 hours, corrected time, after it had taken place. Some other Canadian journals got the news yesterday afternoon, or two days after it happened, while the Toronto dailies came along with the intelligence this (Friday) afternoon, all trimmed up with "special cable" lines, etc.

E. W. Reitz, the Transvaal state secretary, has written a parody upon Mr. Kipling's "Recessional." It is entitled "Progressional" and is dedicated to "Mudyard Piping." The first stanza reads: Gods of the Jingo, brass and gold, Lords of the world, by right divine, Under whose baneful sway they hold Dominion over mine and thine— Such lords as these have made them rotten. They have forgotten. They have forgotten.

The author of In His Steps has a very lofty conception of the power of the press. He says: "The press is the vanguard of civilization. The daily paper is its vitality. This is an age of government by newspapers. The press convenes lawmaking bodies, marshals armies, builds navies. It declares wars and dictates the terms of peace. It is the die in which opinion is cast. It is the force which makes opinion effective."

Mr. Costigan having gone over to the Ministerialists, his opponent in Victoria, N.B., at the last election has followed over with him. It seems to be a pretty good exchange.—Toronto Mail.

A man should not be blamed for honestly changing his political convictions but, if he happens to be a member of parliament when he undergoes the change, he should be honorable enough to return to those who elected him and place his resignation in their hands. If they indorse the change well and good. But for a man who has acted like Costigan it is hard to feel anything but contempt. We are sorry for the Liberals though. He will bring them the odor of a turncoat without any compensating advantage in the way of strength.

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Hamilton Herald. Mrs. Olive Sternaman that was, the lady who did not poison her former husbands, is proving to the world that she doesn't have to resort to such means of getting rid of husbands when she tires of them. She is suing for a divorce from her third and present spouse.

NO IRISH NEED APPLY.

Contributed. There are Irishmen in Chatham Who are looking for a sit, But they're not among the applicants For the county court—nit.

There's Jimmy Holmes and Gossnell, McDonald, Mills and Coutts, Who all are of opinion That as clerk they would make beauts.

There's Edwin Bell and Thrasher, Waugh, Rankin and McKeough, And some other brawny Scotchmen Who'll want a lift from you.

For Coutts our Bob is working As nimble as a squirrel, But, beaded, he must do something Since there is no ice to curl.

Sly Jimmie Holmes, the bookstore man, Though never much a worker, When sits like these are to be had You can't call him a shirker.

They thought to sidetrack Rankin, So offered him it—put— Then Walker's turn for judge 't would be, But Rankin smelted a rat. No Irishmen are wanted, Though we cannot tell just why; But it's regulated this way: "No Irish need apply."

FAREWELL ADDRESS.

A KINSMAN SHOWS WASHINGTON THE AUTHOR.

History of the Document—An Interesting Contribution From Bushrod G. Washington in a Recent Number of the Forum.

Verily, this is an age of iconoclasm. We are assured by some that the plays attributed to Shakespeare were really written by Bacon, and others would fain have us believe that no such persons as Homer and William Tell ever existed. We have borne all such assaults upon our cherished beliefs with admirable patience, feeling sure that we have many heroes left concerning whose identity and achievements there can be no dispute. True, our equanimity was from time to time disturbed by sinister rumors in regard to George Washington's work as an author, but happily our peace of mind has now been restored, thanks to a kinsman of his, who shows that all such charges are groundless.

This kinsman is Bushrod C. Washington, and his article, which appears in the April number of the Forum, entitled "Was Washington the Author of the Farewell Address?" The writer in this article shows clearly the circumstances under which Washington conceived the idea of writing such an address, and also tells how and to what extent he was assisted in the work by other persons.

Here, in brief, is the history of the document: On May 20, 1792, Washington wrote to Madison requesting him to "turn his thoughts" to a valedictory address. On June 20 Madison replied, sending the draft of a farewell address upon the lines indicated by Washington in his letter. There the matter rested for a time. Toward the close of his second term, however, Washington again became convinced that it would be proper for him to deliver such an address, and, as was natural, he looked for advice and assistance to Alexander Hamilton, his late Secretary of the Treasury.

What he did was to send him Madison's original draft, which he had somewhat altered, together with several other new hints. He suggested to Hamilton that the whole might be formed into a new draft, and Hamilton went to work on this plan. Washington, on receipt of this new draft, examined it carefully, and then wrote to Hamilton that he liked it much better than the former one.

He also wrote: "I shall expunge all that is marked in the paper as unimportant, etc., and, as you perceive contained some marginal notes written with a pencil, I pray you to give the sentiments so noticed mature consideration." He subsequently wrote, requesting that a clause be inserted upon the subject of education, which was duly done, and in this final form, after a few changes had been made by Washington, the address was given to the public.

Soon afterward the claim was made that Hamilton was the sole author of the address, but this was manifestly impossible, since he to some extent incorporated Madison's original draft with his own. Since, then, the inception and substance of the address were clearly Washington's, and the literary style was largely that of Madison, what, it may be asked, was the distinctive work of Hamilton?

According to Bushrod Washington, his work "was that of the lapidary upon the diamond." "It was his to transform the draft of Washington and to reproduce from it a luminous and unique gem. He arranged the draft with a logical sequence that gave to the thoughts of Washington their fullest force and effect. This was the inevitable work of Hamilton, to secure, and the fame of which his grateful countrymen will ever award to Hamilton."

In conclusion, Bushrod Washington says: "The thought and the expression of Washington, Madison and Hamilton were singularly intermingled in the Farewell Address, besides some suggestions by Judge Jay, to whom, at Washington's request, it was on one occasion shown. But the origin of the address was not in Madison, Hamilton or Jay. It was conceived in the mind and nurtured in the heart of Washington."

Some of the finest expressions in the paper were exclusively his own, and in several instances the sentences of Hamilton were measurably improved by his interjections or emendations. Great honor is due to Hamilton and Madison for eminent services in the preparation of the Farewell Address, but the evidence is conclusive that Washington was, in the only applicable sense of the term, the author of it. The truth seems to be that Washington was as much the author of the Farewell Address as Michael Angelo was the creator of St. Peter's at Rome and Solomon of the Temple at Jerusalem.

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