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For the sum of \$94,000 has issued against the New Vancouver company, of Nanaimo, for an infringement of the Railway Act...

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Preacher And Social Problem

Address By Rev. E. S. Rowe Before Ministerial Association.

Human Selfishness and Mammonism is Opposing the Divine Purpose.

The regular meeting of the Ministerial association of the city of Victoria was held Monday morning at the residence of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

Rev. E. S. Rowe, of the Metropolitan Methodist church, on "The Preacher and the Social Problem." His paper reads as follows:

Any one who believes in the existence of an intelligent and beneficent God cannot doubt that His purpose includes such a social organization as will conduce to the highest human good...

Unfortunately, it is just as clear that for the great majority of men such conditions do not exist in spite of the increase of knowledge, resulting in the improvement of human implements and the utilization of the forces of nature...

Here, then, we have the factors in the problem: A wise and beneficent God, a selfish and mammon-loving man, and a world in which wealth and a majority of that wealth are in the hands of a few...

It seems much more reasonable to believe that these human ills come of human ignorance and selfishness, and that as these are removed, the sufferings are removed, and that the best way to seek for the moral betterment of the world is to seek for the moral betterment of the individual man...

How, then, shall we account for the conditions we have named? It may be said that the earth is unable to produce sufficient for man's need, or that man's implements are defective, or that all those who succumb are guilty of indolence or imprudence, and thus the blame of their own misfortune, for it has been found in times of greatest need that the markets are glutted with food and the products of manufacture.

We have had more than once, on this continent, the spectacle of a famine in the cities whose storehouses were at the same time filled with grain, and the still more important work of alleviating the distress of the poor, and in the still more important work of alleviating the distress of the poor.

The need of the world is Christ; He alone can enable men as individuals to endure the strain of the social conditions without suffering moral wreck. He alone can give to the individual a charity which, opening the stores of the wealthy, will afford immediate and temporary relief to the victims of social distress.

From Him alone can come that spirit of brotherly love which, operating through the organs of social demand, will bring in justice and prosperity and peace.

It is Christ that is needed, and that institution which is prompted and moved by His spirit and which will by teaching and example, preach His truth, and that institution which is the instrument of the world's salvation, and that institution which will be the means of bringing about that work, the true Church of Christ.

ally adopt the former with the result that wages are reduced to a point that renders the wage-earner's life only the barest necessities and to make no provision for "dull times," sickness or old age. From his inability to consume more than a very small share of the product of his own toil, comes the inevitable over-production, less work and bitter distress.

Evidently the truth is that our social problem is due to the inequality of the division of the results of labor. Men are not equal in ability, and under such an equitable system as would bring results would attend the labors of different men. But it seems essential to justice that every man should have the opportunity to work and such results from work as to drive him from the danger of involuntary poverty.

The social problem therefore, is the product of a system which denies to the workman a fair price for his labor. The conditions are, of course, aggravated by voluntary idleness, improvidence, and vice. These are evils that could not be removed by any possible economic change, though it is evident that comfort and plenty were the sure rewards of industry, sobriety and prudence.

We may now inquire how it is that, in spite of the developing intelligence of the race, these defective, unjust and unwise systems have been allowed to remain. The true answer to this question will uncover the ultimate moral cause from which all our troubles spring. These systems prevail because comparatively few people desire to have them changed, and fewer still think a radical change is possible. It will not avail to urge, in objection to these statements, the growing social unrest, the widespread and loud-voiced discontent, the demands for reform and the legislative experiments that are being promoted. These may or may not be demands for or efforts to secure social righteousness. They may constitute nothing more than incidents in the warfare between the classes and express only the desire of one to profit at the expense of the other—a perfectly legitimate desire and motive in a condition of war, of course, but not the motive likely to lead to the establishment of the Kingdom of Righteousness. The only effective movement is that which is inspired by an honest desire to remove all inequalities and to establish righteousness. And we may account for the persistence of our present systems by the fact that the world yet awaits the development of such a movement.

Have you ever considered what would be the result of a plutocrat on the question: "Do you desire a strict application of the principles of righteousness to all human affairs, and will you loyally accept the effect produced upon your own circumstances by the adoption of a system embodying such principles?"

The trouble with us is that we are more concerned about the amount of our gain than about the equity of the division under which we receive them. We will do anything to increase the amount of our gain, but we will do nothing to increase the equity of the division.

The power of human selfishness manifesting itself in mammonism and operating through the industrial and commercial systems, is thus opposing the Divine purpose, instead of making it a man's goal and working for that alone, it seeks as a goal the increase of the amount of his gain, and is subjected to conditions necessary to that end. Social and political institutions are judged by their success in hiding the accumulation of wealth, and thus in the cultivation of men. The higher intellect and the cultivation of the spiritual nature are considered only so far as such may be thought necessary to the material prosperity and the safety of the society.

We have been seeking material good with such an absorbing eagerness that we have overlooked the good that is higher. We have been selfish and greedy, and we have forgotten God and we are confounded.

The social problem, then, stands before the preacher as at once a product of sin and a testimony to human weakness and folly—the sin of greed and the weakness of the flesh, which denies the value of righteousness and peace, and which denies God's truth and the prospect of the blessings to which it alone leads, which sows the seeds of selfishness and will reap the wheat of labor, while the wheat of labor is sown in the soil of sin.

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fore, and I think, perhaps, we need to be reminded of our limitations more than of our possibilities. It is possible that we preachers are apt to over-value regulations, both political and social, and to expect from reforms and what to do towards promoting them. In the first place, the social conditions are responsible for much of the prevailing want and distress, and every step towards the improvement of these conditions, in the product of evil tendencies that will do the effects of the best possible reforms. The ultimate victory must include the extirpation of the primary cause, and every step towards that victory must involve the diminishing of the power, extent and activity of that cause.

The final victory will be achieved when the spring of human action is love, and when the power of the love is effective toward victory involves the application, in some degree, of the principle of righteousness to all human affairs, and will you loyally accept the effect produced upon your own circumstances by the adoption of a system embodying such principles?"

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Along the Waterfront

Steamer Victoria Sails For the Orient—Queen City and Tees Leave.

A Schooner Sights Wreckage South of Cape Beale—Peculiar Ocean Current.

Steamer Victoria, of the Northern Pacific line, left Victoria for the Orient, on Monday morning, Feb. 6, at 10 o'clock. The Queen City and Tees left for the Orient on the same day.

A schooner sighted wreckage south of Cape Beale, and a peculiar ocean current was observed. The wreckage was found to be that of a vessel which had been wrecked some time ago.

MYSTERIOUS CURRENT

Running Fifteen to Thirty Knots per Day to Westward of the Equator.

Navigationists who voyage carry them between this coast and Australia are speculating as to the causes of a mysterious current which has been observed in the course of vessels running from the coast of British Columbia and Alaska.

CASCADE POWERS

Work to Harness Kettle River Almost Complete.

Grand Forks, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The development of 3,000 horse power on the Kettle river at Cascade, 15 miles east of Grand Forks, will soon be an accomplished fact. The work has been in progress for nearly two years.

SIGHTED WRECKAGE

Big Timbers, Seemingly From Lumber Carrier Are Reported.

The schooner O. J. Olson is at Callao. She was not spoken by the transport British Columbia, when she was sighted southwest of Cape Flattery. She sighted a considerable quantity of wreckage, consisting principally of big timbers.

MARINE NOTES

The Vancouver Province says: The steamer Victoria, on her return from the coast, is reported to have sighted a large quantity of wreckage, consisting principally of big timbers.

THE PREMIERS' VIEWS

We publish in this issue, from the columns of the Victoria Colonist, a letter which Hon. James Dunsheer has written to the Premier, in which he states very clearly the position of his government in respect to the relation between the Dominion and the province.

MARINES IN DISTRESS

Washington, Feb. 1.—Gen. Chaffee has called to the War Department a report of the march of Maj. Waller and his men across Samar. It is the first full account of the march, and tells a tale of terrible suffering and hardships.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

A fire at Waterbury, Connecticut, on Sunday wiped out property valued at over five million dollars. Great storms are prevailing in Eastern Canada and the United States.

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