



What is the Unpardonable Sin?

Editor Ontario.—
In attempting to answer the above question, we must be careful to arrive not merely at an answer that appears to be feasible, but to obtain one that has as its source, the Word of God, and in not merely the creation of the human brain. And in arriving at such an answer, we must not be satisfied with an isolated verse of scripture, but must examine with care the connection in which our verse or verses are found.
The sin, which hath never forgiveness, or the unpardonable sin, as it is more generally termed, is usually interpreted to mean the continued and final rejection of Christ. There is no doubt as to what the scriptures teach as to the result of the continued and final rejection of Christ. That there is no hope of heaven for the soul that is guilty of this sin, we are assured, but is this the sin that is specially marked out by the Lord Jesus as the unpardonable one?
We venture to suggest that a close examination of the portions of Holy Writ where this sin is spoken of, will assure the reader that this is not so. The portions referred to are Mat. 12: 31, Luke 12:10, Mark 3:28 to 30. The latter being the one to which we wish to call special attention. The Lord Jesus was as usual busy about that work that He came to do, which in spite of the fact that it was largely works of mercy, in which the healing of the body played a prominent part, only aroused enmity and hatred in the hearts and minds of the religious leaders of that day. On this particular occasion, we are told in verse 22, that the Scribes accused Him of working in the energy of the prince of devils, and it was in answer to this accusation that He said in verses 28: 29 "Verily I say unto you, all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewithsoever they shall blaspheme. But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost, hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation." In verse 30 we read "Because they said He hath an unclean spirit." It is self evident that the attributing, in the power of the Holy Spirit, which was the power by which He returned to and if such be the case then is it not clear that the sin which hath

never forgiveness is this blasphemy of giving the credit of the miracles to the devil. How solemn, how careful we ought to be in coming to conclusions regarding the source of any movement, which perhaps we may never have before come into contact with. Let all be tested by the light of the sacred page and not by the doubtful light of the human, with its limitations.
T. Rich

Editor Ontario.—
An article appeared in your daily of recent date, written by Mr. Poucher, of Plainfield, questioning the methods of the handling of Thurlow's finances—information which he might have received at the nomination.
As far as I know the statements made at the nomination were in accord with the facts. Because the statement of receipts and expenditures for 1916 shows an indebtedness to the bank of \$2,000 on Dec. 15, does not mean that it is still a debt. The notes are paid when due, even after the 15th of Dec. If the reeve and treasurer have authority to borrow money, we have authority to pay the same.
It is the custom of the council to not exceed their estimates or overdraw at the bank, which custom is faithfully carried out. That the collector did not receive his salary on the 15th means nothing more than that he was absent from home. The payment of his salary is authorized by by-law. Mr. Poucher would have the ratepayers of Thurlow believe that I pay out funds of the township without proper authority. I pay out no money unless authorized to do so. It does not follow that because there is no meeting of the council between the 15th and 31st of Dec. that no money can legally be paid. The school trustees and the county are paid during this period—the amount of nearly \$50,000. Such payments are made without the council's direction. The financial year ends Dec. 31, and not the 15th as Mr. Poucher stated. The books are then closed and audited.
The ratepayers of Thurlow can safely rely on the present council to keep no one in office who would in any way mismanage the funds of the municipality.
Respectfully,
J. Brenton, Treasurer.

dangerous wounds he received from machine-gun bullets on Nov. 4th, just a week before the armistice was signed. He was wounded on the final march to capture Mons. He was slightly wounded on a previous occasion.
Lieut. Brook went overseas with the 80th battalion but transferred later to the 72nd from Vancouver.
His splendid war record does honor to his former comrades in arms as well as to the entire city.
Holsteins Sold for Good Price
Mr. Duncan Ketcheson, 4th of Sidney, has sold three milch cows from his fine herd of pure-bred holsteins to Mr. John Chisholm, of Wallbridge, for a very satisfactory price. The three were all under five years but had already established for themselves notable records as milk producers.

Double Honor for Belleville Boy

Lieut. C. H. Brook Receives Military Cross in Addition to Military Medal Won at Somme.
Mr. Chas. H. Brook, accountant for the Smith Hardware Company, received over the cable this morning the happy announcement that his son, Lieut. C. H. Brook, had been awarded the military cross for conspicuous gallantry in action at Valenciennes in the closing days of the war.
This honor comes to Lieut. Brook as a second distinction. At the Somme, as previously reported in The Ontario, he won the military medal, for notable works in that most grueling of all battles in which the British were engaged.
The recipient now lies in hospital in England recuperating from three

City's Health is the Best

No Placards in the City—No Communicable Diseases.
The health of the city is the best it has ever known. The sanitary inspector report to the city that he has made sanitary purposes in inspected the Moira as coal commissioner early in the year. The report contains a detailed account of his work. During the year there were seven diphtheria cases, but only one death occurred. There were eleven cases of small pox last spring. Five scarlet fever cases but no deaths therefrom was last year's record. There were 41 cases of whooping cough, all recovering; 55 of measles, no deaths; two of typhoid, no deaths; two tuberculosis, two deaths.
"During the year I condemned 123 pounds of bad fish."
Three tests of water were sent to Toronto. There were three milk tests in 1918.
"During the year I served 40 notices to have outside closets removed and sewer connections made. Nineteen of these were completed and others are pending as during the summer, labor was high and material as well, so I did not rush this work until times in this line got better. I have sold coal and wood from the city coal yard all year since we had coal. I have also attended to the duties of local fuel commissioner which takes about 4 hours per day.
"Since the month of May there has not been a placard on any house in the city of Belleville to date. The health of our city is first."

Wims & Co. Increase in Deaths Large

10 pieces English Flannelette, yard wide35c yd.
Nurses' Cloth, fast colors 25c yd.
Pure wool Blankets \$3.75 to \$16.50.
Flannelette Blankets \$3.50.
3 doz. Children's Sweater Coats \$1.95.
Men's heavy Sox35c pr.
Women's Cashmere Hosiery, black, white, brown59c pr.
Men's fine Shirts \$1.19
Remnant of Linen, Prints, Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets to clear at real bargains.

Obituary

AGNES MARY BLANCHARD
On January 16th, Agnes Mary, infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Blanchard, of Lowell, Mass., aged seven months, died from heart failure. Dr. and Mrs. Blanchard have been visiting in Belleville four months previously.
CHARLES DUKE
Charles Duke, of Detroit, died yesterday at that city, at the age of 38 years. He had been ill with influenza. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duke, of Rosmore, both of whom recently died. He was married.

Walton Factory Sold to a New Company

The Walton Company's Sash and Door factory has been sold to a firm of four Belleville men. The new proprietors are Messrs. R. J. Graham, Harry Perry, Myron Ellis and Canning Rutan. They took possession of the property yesterday.
The Ontario interviewed Mr. R. J. Graham today in reference to the enterprise and the information was given out that the new company would continue the manufacture of door, sashes and similar products, on an adequate scale and would also operate an extensive lumber yard and engage in the contracting and building business. Mr. Perry is an experienced builder, while Mr. Ellis and Mr. Rutan are thorough mechanics in the manufacturing end of the business.
The new company has already made a good start. They have purchased from the Imperial Munitions Board a vast quantity of lumber, roofing material, metal, pipe and plumbing supplies, glass and paint as well as several of the buildings at Camp Mohawk and Camp Rathbun. It will be remembered that it was the intention of the board to fix up winter quarters for the aviators at the Deseronto camps, but the signing of the armistice prevented the carrying of the plan into execution. Consequently the material that was assembled was offered for sale and disposed of to the Belleville men.

MARRIED

ELLIOTT-McCARGAR
On Thursday, Jan. 23, at St. Paul's Church, Toronto, by Hon. H. J. Cody, rector, Theda Grant, youngest daughter of J. K. McCargar to Edward James Elliott, Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott, Belleville.
Mr. Max Herity is reported this afternoon to be in much the same condition as yesterday.

Belgian Relief

The following donations have been handed in to the Quinte Chapter I.O.O.F. for the Belgian Relief for January:
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Miss Mary E. Stapley 2.50
Miss Sarah Richards 2.00
Mrs. R. J. Graham 2.00
Mrs. E. G. Porter 1.00
Mrs. John Williams 1.00
Miss A. A. Miller 1.00
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Mrs. Stewart Robertson50
Mrs. A. Abbott50
Miss H. Lynch25
Mrs. J. W. Johnson25
Mrs. St. Charles25
Total \$18.75
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Portsmouth Wants Government Help

As No Revenue is Derived From Government Property in the Village.
In view of the government institutions located in the village and the vast amount of property owned in the village by the Dominion and provincial government, Portsmouth Council will this year, make an appeal to them for special grants. The village derives no taxes from government institutions and it is quite a heavy burden for the council to pay for roadways, walks, drainage, etc., and the members of the council think that it is up to the governments to help out in this way. The matter will be taken up as soon as possible.
DIED
Miller's Worm Powders are sweet and palatable to children, who show no hesitancy in taking them. They will certainly bring all worm troubles to an end. They are a strengthening and stimulating medicine, correcting the disorders of digestion that the worms cause and imparting a health tone to the system most beneficial to development.
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READ—Died at Smith's Falls on Sunday, Jan. 26th, 1919, Janet Fleming, beloved wife of late Edwin Read, aged 94 years.

GREATER BARGAINS Than Ever

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The White Ribbon

A gentleman attending an evening meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. told how a bow of white ribbon on the coat of a perfect stranger had kept him from yielding to drink offered by two friends as a social glass. He had inherited the appetite and was trying to resist it but his companions were urging him to be sociable, and he was just yielding when the sight of the white bow like mother wore saved him.
He said "Young ladies, let me urge you to wear your white ribbon always and put it outside your wraps. You can never know until the heavenly records are revealed what the influence upon others of that little white bow knot. You may never see it but eternity will show that all who have stood loyally for their principles have helped, encouraged and often saved others, though no word was spoken."
We can not all do our temperance work but all can wear our badge the white ribbon. Let the public see it more on our Christian women and girls.

What Canada Wants

Canada wants a government that will realize that "daughter am I in my mother's house and mistress in my own."
Canada wants no government that will distribute land to disgruntled Mennonites from the United States, while soldiers are told there is no land for them.
Canada does want a government that will populate Canada with British stock and fill the country with such men as responded to the call of the war.
Canada wants no government that so completely lacks power of decision as to be without a land program for soldiers after four years of fighting.
Canada wants a government capable of riding the high tide of opportunity which waits to be turned into the land.
Canada wants no government that protects any interest at the expense of the whole people.
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Expert tailoring and youthfully simple lines prevail among these charming modes. Because we want to dispose of these Suits before the new models arrive, you may have your choice of a variety of styles at very sharp reductions. Wool Serges, Cheviots and a few Velvets in Blues, Browns, and Burgundy make up this lot of Ladies' Suits. One price \$25.00

The Battle That Was Never Fought

New York Tribune.—It was the battle that was never fought that won the Great War. We have all of us tried to form some just appreciation of what the Allied navies did to save us in the past years. Not until our Admiral Rodman's downright sailor talk has there been any vivid, coherent account to help us. We think every one who has read his narrative will feel a new orientation toward the war, will realize far more justly than ever before just how fundamental and vast and magnificent was that battle of the North Sea, fought hour after hour, day following day, through storm and sunshine, without halt or rest—and yet was never fought. Sixty-five miles of ships were in the column of the Grand Fleet, entering and leaving port. Our own Sixth Battle Squadron, with its place of honor as one of the two fast wings, was once at the head of the line when the German High Sea Fleet was nearly intercepted. That was a frequent chance, a constant possibility. Admiral Rodman makes clear how compelling and controlling was this threat that never came true, yet upon which was, necessarily, based the whole battle tactics of the Allied fleets, indeed the whole grand strategy of the Allies by land and sea. There is more than a glorious spectacle in the Hudson these days. There is more than eloquence and a glorious history in Admiral Rodman's report. The whole relation of sea power to history, to the safety of our democracy in a world however constituted, speaks in these grim fortresses of the deep that held the freedom of the seas against a devil's brood of monsters.

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BEECHAM'S PILLS
When your head aches, it is usually caused by your liver or stomach getting out of order. These "sick headaches" quickly disappear as soon as the stomach is relieved of its bilious contents. Right your stomach and regulate and tone the liver with Beecham's Pills, which rapidly improve conditions and promptly
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Directions of Special Value to Women are with Every Box.
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Attractive Flannelette Night Garments
They are warm and cozy, but that is not their only claim for attention, for these Flannelette Nighties and Pyjamas are very attractive as well. The Pyjamas are one piece and are in striped effects. The gowns are in White and Pink. Pyjamas \$2.50, Gowns \$1.75, \$2, \$2.25

Serge Dresses Resist the Effect of Constant Usage
For general utility wear, the smartly cut Serge Dresses are decidedly worth-while values. Very dark blue is the color featured and in many of the frocks the effect is enhanced with striking wool embroideries or rich braidings. Every garment is simple in style and typically youthful. Such attractive modes cannot remain long unsold at our prices \$23.50 to \$42.50

Extra Warmth
There will be many days during Winter when a Coat does not provide adequate warmth. On such days you will appreciate one of these light weight Spencers, especially knitted for wear under the coat or indoors. In all the wanted colors and all sizes \$2.25 to \$3.00

Remnants
There are so many little accessories and articles of apparel that can be easily "ashioned from remnants, that we feel certain that many women will take immediate advantage of the bargains offered at this selling. Silks, Crepe De Chine, Velvet, Taffeta, Georgette, Corduroy and Gabardine in all colors at a very price.

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