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Memphis, Tenn. September 21. -Pastor Russell addressed two large and deeply interested audiences the Memphis Auditorium, seating five thousand. We report one of his discourses, on the topic, "The Dawn of the Golden Age

of the Prophets

and the Poets." His text was, "He that sat upon the Throne said, Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation "Why do you insist on trying to 21:5.) He said:

8-22-if sell me beefsteak and beans and buck-The promise of a New Day has long been before God's people-in the Bible. "I told you all I wanted was two fried It was hinted to our first parents, six thousand years ago, that eventually "Well, I was in your shop yesterthe Seed of the woman should bruise day," retorted the restaurant man, the serpent's head. This, interpreted, is understood to mean that the power "All I wanted was a shave, but you bulldozed me into a shampoo, a foam of Satan will be crushed, and man kind will be delivered from the reign of Sin and Death which has prevailed since the disobedience in Eden. "Wake up," said a stranger, giv-ing Rip Van Winkle a snake. "Why

A second promise, still more explicit made by God to Abraham of old, says "In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." For centuries Abra ham's posterity waited for the Mes siah of promise, with the anticipation that He would use them in connection with His work of blessing all peoples The Prophets of Israel foretold the coming King of the line of Davidthat He should be a great Priest, a reigning Priest, after the order of Mel chizedec. To Him "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess," and through Him a blessing will extend to all nations as "a feast of fat things full of marrow, and wines on the lees." (Isaiah 45:23; 25:6.)

Even the disciples of Jesus, who rec ognized Him as the "Sent of God," were disappointed that His glorious Kingdom, of which He spoke, was not immediately revealed, and that in answer to their question He declared, "It is not for you to know the times and the seasons which the Father bath put in His own Power." Still the proph-ecies respecting Messiah's Kingdom were repeated and amplified in the parables of Jesus, in the teachings of His Apostles, and finally and graphically, in the last Book of the Bible, in the Revelation which Jesus gave the "That ought to be enough for this Church through St. John.

Our text is a quotation from this Revelation, respecting the Kingdom of Messiah. Through it God is to wipe way all tears from off all faces; and the King of kings and Lord of lords, whom Jehovah has established as the great Messiah, assures us that He Himself will "make all things new."

Even the heathen poets sang of the Golden Age to come-quite probably borrowing their thought from the He brew Scriptures and quite probably realizing in some measure that a gracious God would not forever permit a reign of Sin and Death, but would somehow, sometime, and through some agent, bring to earth blessings to supplant the curse.

### "Arise, Look Around Thee."

After all these centuries of waiting and hoping and praying, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as in Heaven." God's people today are more and more awakening to a realization of the fact that we are living in the very dawn of the glorious Epoch for which all have waited, prayed and hoped. These blessings have come down like a gentle shower, so quietly that we can scarcely realize that the earth has entered upon the foretold Times of Refreshing and Restitution mentioned by St. Peter.-Acts 3:19-21. Many are still asleep. Some are cou-

fused, and know not to what the blesslngs should be attributed. Having lost faith in the Bible and its promises. nany are seeking a solution of the wonderful things of our day along the lines of evolution, claiming that a Nature god operates by blind force, under law of the survival of the fittest. Burely they overlook the fact that there were great characters in the past with whom few of the present day may be compared-such as Shakespeare, Bacon, Socrates, Plato, St. Paul, King Solomon, King David the

poet, Job, Moses, etc. A far better explanation is furnished ns in the Bible. It explains that the wonders of today are the foregleams of Messiah's Kingdom and its blessings. dom of His Son. We have the numerous Scriptural declarations pointing to

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the end of this Age and the dawning of a new Age, and assuring us that at this time many would run to and fro, knowledge should be increased, and the wise should understand,-Dan. 12:1-13.

"In the Time of the End." This prophecy of Daniel is worthy of careful note, not only because Daniel was a Prophet greatly beloved by the Lord, but because Jesus, the Redeemer, specially quoted a portion of this prophecy, and thus attested its genuineness. The many running to and fro could seemingly refer to nothing else than the wonderful travelling which is a feature of our day and no

fro a possibility to any extent. It is less than a century since the first crude hearsed-They Are Foregleams of locomotive was built. It is only one Messiah's Kingdom-The Blessings hundred and six years since the first steamboat by Fulton was tried. It might be said that there was no oppor tunity for running to and fro, until within the past fifty years. Now, the world is gridironed with rails. Now, Theory Incompetent and Unwise. the ocean voyage of four months is cut Lift Up Your Heads and Rejoice. down practically to as many days, by mammoth vessels carrying three thousand to four thousand at a time,

Who knew, at the time of Daniel's prophecy, of these wonderful facilities for running to and fro? Who knew that these facilities would be so generally used in this our day? Only the Almighty! And He gave this as one of the particular signs of the ending of the present Age-the dawning of the New Dispensation-the long here today, one in promised Messianic Kingdom.

Look also at the second proof furnished as by this Prophet—the increase of knowledge. Who would ever have dreamed, a century ago, of conditions as they are at this moment-when practically every human being in civilized lands, from ten years old and upward, is able to read and write? Who would have dreamed of such persisteney to fulfil the prophecy as would lead to laws of compulsory education in all civilized lands? Verily, the increase of knowledge is a positive proof of the inspiraton of Daniel's prophecy, and equally proves that the New Age is dawning, and that we are now in the day of God's preparation for it.

The next statement of the Prophe Daniel is that the wise of God's people shall understand. And now, in the appropriate time, all over the world. classes of Bible students are coming together, regardless of denominational lines, to study the Heavenly Father's Word. And true to the prophecy, the wise, trimming their Bible lamps and being well supplied with the oil of the Holy Spirit, are receiving light-are understanding the things kept secret from past ages and generations.

"The mystery of God shall be finished," is another of the promises of the Bible respecting the present time; and surely it is having fulfilment! Not all are yet awake. But the joy of those who are awake, and their singing of the song of Moses and the Lamb, tend more and more to awaken all the virgin class. .

One more token of the end of this Age and the dawning of the New Age. God declared to the Prophet Daniel namely, "There shall be a time of troot ble such as never was since there was a nation." Let us not especially dwell on this sad feature. Let us regret that unpreparedness for God's mercies and blessings makes necessary a great day of trouble, to prepare the hearts of men for the blessings God is about to pour upon them.

The Redeemer mentioned the present time, and the Time of Trouble which we see looming up on every hand and threatening the very foundations of society-political, social and religious He bade His followers rejoice even amidst the trouble, because it marks the Day of deliverance from the power of Sin and Death. He said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads and rejoice, knowing that your deliverance draweth nigh."-Luke 21:28.

### Knowledge of God's Glory.

The Bible declares that a prominen feature connected with the New Age will be the binding of Satan, the Prince shall have been manifested, when His of Darkness, the father of lies, who has been deceiving poor humanity for demonstrated, we have every reason these six thousand years. Continually to suppose that then, the majority of he has been misrepresenting God's character and Plan so as to turn humanity away from God in fear and distrust. Thus he has blinded their minds to God's giorious goodness, which, to His people, is now shining clearly, in the personal character of our Redeemer and in the promises of the Bible. Every preparation is being made for

the dissemination of knowledge worldwide. Telegraph wires and cables connext the civilized world, and now ad ditionally the wireless telegraphy; and the later improvements upon this means of communication seem destined to bring it shortly to a plane of world-wide economy and usefulness. The printing-press is one of the most wonderful preparations of God for the general dissemination of knowledge. And already the world is learning that many of the things considered absolute certainties by our forefathers are really absurdities. Amongst others are the various creeds which we and other civilized peoples have worshiped as idols-idols which have seriously misrepresented the character of our Heavenly Father.

In agriculture other wonders are being performed, fulfilling the Scriptures. And seeming, in the light of the past. wilderness and arid lands are being glorious Kingdom which is just about fertilized. Artesian wells are fulfilling the prophecy of springs coming forth from the desert. The promise of the Lord through the Prophet, that the earth should yield her increase, is also It explains that we are in the Day of being fulfilled. New varieties of wheat, Jehovah's Preparation for the King- of oats, of cotton, etc., are being discovered, and the yield is being multiplied. At the same time the quality is

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to be fulfilled in a miraculous manner. it was because we forgot that "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

way. If once we expected these things

Everything in nature is really a miracle In no other time was running to and until we come to understand it; and then it is no less a wonder, but merely seems less so because commonplace and usual.

"Send Out Thy Light." While we have been singing, "Send out Thy Light and Truth, O Lord." perhaps comparatively few 'who sang have appreciated the fact that, while we were asking, God was fulfilling our

request, not only slong spiritual lines.

but also along natural lines. The increase of light, knowledge, understanding, appreciation of God's Word. has merely been keeping pace with the natural light. Think of it! even fifty years ago the naking of tallow candles was an industry in nearly one-half the homes of

humanity! Only then did petroleum begin to enlighten the world. Then came coal gas; and now this is rapidly giving way to the electric light, in which one form after another is increasing its usefulness and cheapness. Indeed, when we speak of electricity we are speaking of one of the wonders of the world, of which we understand so little. It would appear as though the Lord has in this, hidden treasures of wisdom, power and blessing.

Already the hours of labor are great Takes Bride ly decreased. Already time for study. improvement and pleasure is at our disposal. And 'yet we are only in the infancy of these blessings. We are only nearing the dawn of that glorious Day when sin and sorrow shall pass away forever.

At one time we might have feared that the rapid increase in the consumption of coal would soon leave the world destitute of fuel. Statisticians declare that the supply of the whole earth at the present rate of consump tion and increase will be exhausted in less than two centuries. But we need not fear. A better means of comfort than by the drudgery of our fellow creatures in the bowels of the earth. will undoubtedly be provided by the great King of kings, who has undertaken by His Kingdom to bring to our race blessings, instead of the curse un der which we have labored six thousand years—six great Days.

How He will do it is, of course, a mystery. Nevertheless, we do know that in the water which is so abundant and in the air which we breathe there are elements of combustion far more than sufficient for every need. Man needs the key of knowledge on this subject, and it will doubtless be furnished by the Lord in the very same way that He has already given us the key to our other blessings which are preparing for the perfectness of His Millennial Kingdon

Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Peace. But Messiah's Kingdom will be much more than a beneficent Reign giving mankind temporal blessings and knowledge. In connection with the knowl edge of God, the way of reconciliation will be paved for the sinner. He who edeemed the world with the sacrifice of His own life is to be the great Medi ator between God and men. ness of sins and help out of the weaknesses of the fall are the glorious prom ises of the Scriptures. Inherited weaknesses, surrounding

temptations and ignorance of God, undoubtedly have more to do with the reign of Sin in the world than any real preference for sin on the part of the majority. When temptation to sin shall have been removed, when Satan shall be bound, when the True Light shall shine, when God's true character loving pity for the race shall have been mankind will be glad to return to the Father's House, to serve Him with true contrition of heart and loyalty We are fully content, however, with the Scriptural proposition that when the light of that glorious Day shall bring blessings to every member of our race. the inexorable law will be that whoever loves sin shall perish in the Secand Death, without hope of recovery.

The Church of this Gospel Age is an exception to the masses of the world. Of these Jesus said, "Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear." Thus He indicated that a special favor comes to this special class. Respecting the others, St. Paul writes that some are feeling after God, desiring to find Him, but are baffled by the ignorance and superstition with which Satan blinds and confuses them. "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of those who believe not." lest the glorious light of God's goodness as it shines in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord should shine in their bearts. The Church, thus an exception to

the world, is styled the Elect of God. a people for a purpose. The Divine promise to the faithful of the Church is joint-beirship with Messiah in that to be established, and for which still we pray, "Thy Kingdom come." These elect ones, tried, tested, found worthy, will be Messiah's joint-heirs and His associates in ruling, helping, uplifting, judging, the world of mankind-to ascertain which, under full light and opportunity, will love sin and which will love righteousness and hate iniquity.

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