

**Attorney General Hudson's Reply to False Charges.**

My attention has been called to two circulars which are being distributed in the state of Mississippi by an opponent, Ross A. Collins, or in his behalf. They are sent particularly to my friends who are supporting Gov. Vardaman. One of these circulars is a copy of an editorial from the Mississippiian, and the other is a copy of an editorial from the Osyka Herald. The statements in these circulars are false, and I am sure that they are. He who circulates them, or has them circulated, for the benefit of the state, will obtain the same. In an effort to defeat me for the office of attorney general, he is willing to destroy in the eyes and minds of the people of the state of Mississippi my character and reputation with unrighteousness and integrity with statements that he knows to be false. Although he knows the statement is false, he would have the people of the state of Mississippi believe that Edward Hines has paid money to have his case dropped, and that his money being used in the present campaign. Mr. Collins and his friends selected Hines lumber case simply because of the charge that Edward Hines, of the election scandal notoriety, had been the administration, would attract more attention than a charge that a man of better reputation had done so. As to my connection and conduct in reference to the Hines Lumber Company case, I submit the following statement by Messrs. W. J. Flowers and A. H. Whitfield Jr., of Jackson:

"Jackson, Miss., July 18, 1911. To whom it may concern: The case of the State of Mississippi vs. Edward Hines Lumber Company in the Chancery Court of Pearl River county, was filed February 3, 1911, by the undersigned W. J. Gex, a lawyer of Bay St. Louis, Miss., under contract made by him with the Governor.

"At that time the Hon. J. B. Stirling was attorney general, and the present attorney general did not come to office until the 6th day of April, 1911.

"Mr. Gex engaged the firm of Flowers, Fletcher & Whitfield, of Jackson, to assist him in the litigation. We, the undersigned lawyers, have been in the immediate control of this case, and ever since he has been in office, Attorney General Hudson has advised with and assisted us in every way possible.

"He has never at any time or in any manner done or suggested anything that would injure or jeopardize the state's interest in this suit.

"There has been no delay unusual in the case of the same character and importance as this.

"Mr. Hudson has not attempted to state to us any course of conduct in a suit contrary to what we considered the best course and the one best calculated to secure the most favorable judgment for the state. The case is a live controversy. The state's interest has not been and is not being neglected.

"W. J. Gex,  
"J. N. Flowers,  
"A. H. Whitfield Jr."

All four of these gentlemen are lawyers who stand high in their profession, and they are men of unquestioned and unimpeachable integrity of character. Mr. Flowers was formerly assistant attorney general of Mississippi. Mr. R. V. Fletcher, who is now in Chicago, was formerly assistant attorney general, attorney general, and judge of the supreme court of Mississippi. Mr. Gex is a personal and political friend and supporter of Gov. Vardaman, and I am informed that Mr. Fletcher is also.

"I publish this statement signed by these gentlemen who are now in Mississippi, in order that the people may be made aware of the means that are being employed by Mr. Collins to defeat me, and that the people may know how much credit to give to charges made against me coming from the same source in the future.

"Having stooped to this sort of thing, there is no reason to suppose that Mr. Collins will not do the same thing again. Respectfully,  
S. S. Hudson.

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Jno. S. King, Clerk.  
Whitfield King, D. C.

**The Kaiser's Christmas.**

**P**ROBABLY no European court gives Christmas presents on so extended a scale as the Kaiser's. Every one gives presents to every one else, and for weeks before Christmas secret inquiries are made about the most suitable gifts to bestow. The empress and her seven children mysteriously dash about Berlin and Potsdam, visiting jewelers, toy-shops and other establishments where something new or striking is to be had, and they hold a levee every morning of tradesmen whom they have no time to visit.

The Kaiser does no shopping himself, but he is the greatest Christmas box giver of all, and his presents in every case exactly fit the desires of the happy recipient. Early in December he makes a list of the persons to whom he intends making presents. His wife heads the list, and at the foot is usually some old pensioner or invalid housekeeper who has served the Hohenzollerns for half a century.

Soon before Christmas the royal mint sends the Kaiser a bag of bright, new gold twenty and ten mark pieces and another of silver five mark pieces. His majesty fills his pockets when he goes walking in the parks at Potsdam, and the little children and old men and women who are fortunate enough to meet him or soldiers standing sentry, stamping in the snow, are certain of a gift, accompanied not infrequently by a joke.

The Kaiser's best side is seen at Christmas. There is a story current that once near the palace of Sans Souci the Kaiser came upon a half frozen sentry with very red nose and eyes. The sentry, with stiff fingers, brought his rifle to the salute.

"Cold day," said his majesty. The sentry did not reply, but his teeth chattered.

"How long have you been on duty?" asked the Kaiser. Still no reply.

"Stupid!" said his majesty. "Why don't you speak when I address you?" The sentry moved his jaws and lips, but no word escaped. The Kaiser burst out laughing and, turning to his adjutant, said:

"Take this chap into the palace, put him before a fire, thaw him out, particularly his jaws, see he gets a big hot drink and a big feed, and, here," turning to the sentry, "take this and drink my health and the empress'!"

The soldier found voice at last. He bellowed out the one word "Majestast!"

The empress is always practical with her gifts. Every year her majesty grows more popular among the best elements of the people. Her unassuming ways, entire freedom from hauteur, consideration for servants and kindly interest in the welfare of the poor and helpless endear her in ever widening circles of Germans. She is fond of presenting ladies with costly lace.

The young prince, headed by the crown prince, show little discrimination in their gifts—scarfings, rings, dogs, cigarette cases, matchboxes, and so on, being their staple gifts, varied sometimes by a book, a picture or a statuette. Victoria Louise's gifts of dolls to her friends are numerous. To favored friends she does not mind presenting kitchen ranges and furnished dolls' houses. She is in close association with the matrons and soldiers' orphanages at Potsdam, and the number of little girls who receive her gifts is enormous. Stores of oranges and honey cakes are collected by her for distribution on Christmas eve.—New York World.

**GEHENNA FIRE!**

**"Where Their Worm Dieth Not and the Fire is Not Quenched."**

**Pastor Russell Leads an Exploration Party of Toronto Bible Students in a Critical Investigation of "Gehenna." Stripped of Superstitious Accretions, He Declares It "the Second Death."**



PASTOR RUSSELL

Toronto, Canada, July 15.—Pastor Russell lectured here today under the auspices of the "International Bible Students Association." His text was, "Where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched" (Mark ix, 44). He said:—This text has stood in the way of God's people for centuries. If, by God's grace, this sermon shall help even one here present out of this horrible nightmare of the Dark Ages, I shall feel fully repaid. And the publication of this sermon in more than a thousand newspapers, I may hope, will clarify the vision of many. To whatever extent it shall sweep away the cobwebs of error and bring enlightenment of mind, it will surely bring an increase of rest and of love to the Creator and a corresponding blessing and comfort to the believer's heart. As for the worldly, we cannot expect them to understand much of the Divine program now. They must wait for the dawn of the New Dispensation of Messiah's Kingdom, when all the blind eyes shall be opened and all the deaf ears unstopped.

**Gehinnom—"Gehenna"—Hell.**  
As we have heretofore seen, the only Hebrew word translated *hell*, from Genesis to Malachi, is *sheol*, which is indiscriminately translated *grave*, *pit* and *hell* in our common version of the Bible—and the greater number of times *grave*—its proper translation. Its Greek equivalent in the New Testament is *hades*, which likewise is indiscriminately translated *grave* and *hell*, but always should be rendered *grave*. No scholar in the world will claim that there is the slightest thought of life or suffering connected with these words.

The Scriptures declare that there is neither wisdom, nor device, nor knowledge in *sheol*—to which all, good and bad, go at death, and remain until the resurrection. In the New Testament the word *tartarus* occurs once only and is mistranslated *hell*, whereas it should be rendered *our earth's atmosphere*. It has no reference whatever to humanity, but to the fallen angels. The Apostle says that as a punishment "God cast them down to *tartarus*, reserved in chains of darkness until the Judgment of the great Day" (II Peter ii, 4).

Today we will examine the fourth and last word translated *hell* in our common English Bible. This word in the Greek is *gehenna*. It occurs but twelve times, as follows—Matthew v, 22, 29, 30; i, 28; xviii, 9; xxiii, 15, 33; Mark ix, 43, 45, 47; Luke xii, 5; James iii, 6. To what does this word *gehenna* refer? Is it a name for Purgatory? Or is it a name for a still worse place of unending torture as our Protestant creeds declare? We answer, no. It is a figure of speech used to symbolize the Second Death—the death from which there will be no resurrection—the everlasting destruction mentioned by St. Paul.

The Greek word *gehenna* is the synonym for the Hebrew word *Gehinnom*, which means, "The valley of Hinnom." This valley is repeatedly mentioned in the Bible. The first reference to it is in Joshua xv, 8. At a time when the Israelites became sadly involved in Moloch, this valley was used as a sacred place. An image of the heathen god, Moloch, was erected and Israelites offered their children as sacrifices to the idol.

Later, lest the people should again revert to such atrocious customs, the valley was desecrated. It became a dumping place for the filth of Jerusalem. Dead animals and it is claimed some of the vilest criminals, after execution, were thrown therein, the worms feeding upon them.

No one sought to hinder the worms from making a complete destruction. In the bottom of the valley fires were kindled for the consumption of the waste debris, and brimstone was added that the fumes might destroy any germs of disease. This was the *gehenna* of our Lord's day. He uses it as illustrating the Second Death, which will be the portion of all wilful sinners. He used it also in connection with other symbols, in the book of Revelation, where He explains it to mean the Second Death.

This expression, "Where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched," signifies that the destruction of the class represented would be complete, that nothing would interfere to save them from destruction. Adamic death will be destroyed, as the Scriptures declare. Christ died that He might have the rightful authority to destroy Adamic death and uplift all of Adam's race who will accept His favor back to all that was lost in Adam, and redeemed at Calvary. But the Second Death is a friend to all who love righteousness, since it will utterly destroy such as have love or sympathy for sin and refuse to be obedient to the Divine will after full enlightenment.

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