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"Johnny, he ain't takin' no interest in his school. I've got a mighty good notion to let him quit an' go to work on the farm."

"How long has he been in school?"

"Oh, he's been off and on about six years, I reckon. He's just finished his Fourth Reader, so he's got enough schoolin' to use on a farm. He's got more than my gran'daddy had in his day, an' you know he died worth about $30,000."

"Tell me something about your grandfather."

"Well, you see, he come over the mountains when this here was all Virginia, an' he took some land an' began to clear it up an' farm it, an' he"—

"What did you say he paid for it?"

"Gran'daddy? Why, he didn't pay nothin' for it."

"How much land did he get?"

"Oh, he could 'a' had all he could 'tend to—a thousand acres was all he could 'tend to, an' he"—

"So he farmed a thousand acres, did he?"

"Not all of it. Some of it was left in timber so the hogs could be turned out to fatten on the beech an' oak mast in the fall. An'"—

"How old were the hogs when he killed them for meat?"

"About two years ol'. Say, what are you askin' me all these questions for anyhow?"

"I am trying to find out why you think Johnny has enough education to make him a successful farmer."

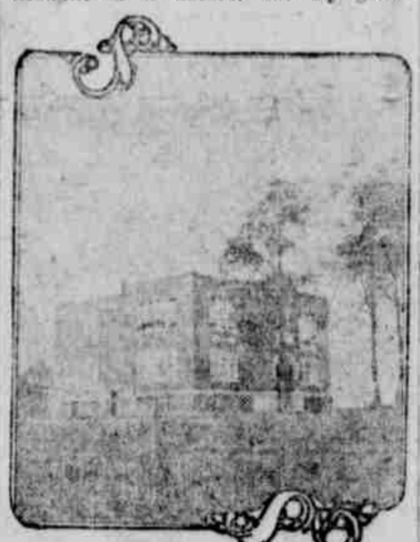
"I just now told you because his gran'daddy made a snug fortune with less schoolin' than Johnny's got."

"Can Johnny go out an' find a thousand acres for nothing?"

"No; of course he can't."

"Can he afford to keep a hog for two years an' fatten him on beech an' oak mast?"

"No. Why, say, look here, I never thought of it before, but my gran'daddy got rich just a-settin' still, didn't he?"



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"Yes; he did. Where your grandfather got a thousand acres for nothing your boy will have to take it at a valuation of from $30,000 to $100,000 and make it pay. He can't wait two years for hogs to be ready for slaughter. It must be at eight to ten months. There is no way now for your boy to be a pioneer and get rich sitting still. He must be educated to succeed in the twentieth century."

He Knew—He Had Fed Cattle.

The old trustee turned to the visitor and asked, "Well, what do you think of our new consolidated school?"

"Beautiful! Cost a lot of money, didn't it?"

"Yep, an' it costs like smoke to run it with teachers for all the different grades. But all of us are for it now."

"Were you against consolidation?"

"Yep, I was against it strong. You see, I got the three R's in a single room schoolhouse." He paused, looked at the splendid brick building and continued: "I oughter known better too. Anybody that had fed cattle for thirty years oughter know a consolidated school was better than a one room school."

"Why should you have known? Cattle and children are not the same."

"Look here—just stop an' think for a minute; will you? I've known for thirty years that you can't put weanlin' calves, two year an' four year ol' calves, two year an' four year ol' steers in the same feed lot an' get fust class results. In our ol' time one room school we had 'em all sizes an' ages in the same lot an' feedin' out of the same trough. It won't work any better with children than it does with cattle."

A school tax is simply a long time investment in brains; therefore the eternal question should not be "HOW SMALL A TAX CAN WE GET ALONG WITH?" but "HOW MUCH CAN WE INVEST TO ADVANTAGE?" It is a business proposition pure and simple.

HEAVENLY MANSIONS IN FATHER'S HOUSE

Jesus Now Makes Ready For His Bible, the Church.

Places For Humanity and For the Angels of Various Degrees, Cherurbim, Seraphim, Principalities and Powers, but None Previously Prepared For the Bride—She Is God's New Creation—Hers to Be the Highest Place, the Divine Nature.

PASTOR RUSSELL

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 15.—We report one of Pastor Russell's discourses here today from the text, "In My Father's House are many mansions; * * * I go to prepare a place for you; * * * I will come again and receive you unto Myself."—John xiv, 2, 3.

The Heavenly Father "dwelleth not in temples made with hands." In the largest sense the whole Creation is His House, every apartment of which shall ultimately be peopled with holy, happy beings. "All the wicked will He destroy."—Psalm cxlv, 20.

Man's fallen condition is the result of heredity. God made Adam in His own image, perfect, upright, holy. Disobedience and sin have wrought mental, moral and physical infirmities, and "There is none righteous, no, not one." All are prone to sin "as the sparks to fly upward."

God provided Adam a mansion—the earth—Paradise. But sin (not unforeseen) brought Adam and his race under a death sentence. God chose to permit sin and death to reign during Six Great Days of a thousand years each, thus to give valuable lessons to both angels and men. He does not intend that this lesson shall work disadvantage to any. He has provided a great Redemption, which shows His sympathy for His creatures and the unchangeableness of His Law.

The Divine Program for dealing with this rebellious province is to be carried out by the Kingdom of Messiah, during the Seventh Great Thousand-year Day. Satan and every evil influence shall be restrained. "The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His beams," and the curse of death will be set aside. Man will be assisted toward righteousness and life everlasting by the interposition of the Kingdom for which we pray, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, even as it is done in Heaven."

Humanity's Mansion—Perfected Earth.

At the close of Messiah's reign the "mansion" appropriated to Adam and his race will be fully released from the curse, and God's footstool will be a glorious Paradise. (Isaiah lx, 13.) All refusing the blessings of Messiah's Kingdom will be destroyed by the Second Death.—Acts iii, 23; Rev. xx, 14, 15.

While there were places arranged in the Divine Plan for the angels, and for humanity, no habitation was perfected for the Church. This is because the Church is a New Creation.

Writing of these, St. John says: "The world knoweth us not, even as it knew Him not." St. Paul refers to this New Creation as the "ministers of God." All of these demonstrate their faith and obedience by walking the "narrow way" of self-sacrifice, "by *faith* and not by *sight*." To all of them it is declared, "Through much tribulation shall ye enter the Kingdom." But this class have the assurance that "all things work together for good to them"; that they "shall not be tempted above that they are able to bear."

This New Creation is "made a spectacle to angels and men"; God is giving the angels a great object lesson in connection with the development of this class. He is able to transform some of the mean things of this world into polished "jewels," "a royal diadem in the hands of thy God."—Malachi iii, 17; Isaiah lxii, 3.

Heavenly Mansion For Church.

St. Peter tells about the "mansion" designed for the Church, saying, "God hath given unto us [consecrated followers of Jesus] exceeding great and precious promises, that by these we might become partakers of the Divine nature."—II Peter i, 4.

Thus we see what it means to be members of the New Creation! "Eye hath not seen; ear hath not heard; neither have entered the human heart the things which God hath in reservation for them that love Him"—the choicest mansion, the highest place! As our Lord Jesus in His Resurrection ascended "far above angels," so will His Church, who will share His Resurrection, and be made "like Him," "see Him as He is," and share His glory.

The Master's death was for humanity in general, but its merit remained to be appropriated at the inauguration of His Kingdom. The whole world still "lieth in the Wicked One," until Christ makes satisfaction for their sins with the merit of His sacrifice.

Meantime, our Lord deals merely with His Church, as we read: "He appeared in the presence of God for *us*" (Hebrews ix, 24)—as the Church's Advocate, to make "satisfaction for *our sins*." The preparation *in* us and *for* us will be completed when the number is full—144,000. It is for us to comply with the conditions of our covenant of sacrifice and to "walk in His steps," thus to make our "calling and election sure," as members of the New Creation.

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