

HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS DIVINE

Pastor Russell on the All-Pervading Love of God.

EIDS FAREWELL TO BOMBAY.

Preacher Sees Hopeful Signs That the Religious Sentiment of India Will Be Illuminated With the True Light—Divine Power Will Be Exercised to Awaken the People to an Understanding of the Glory of God.



Bombay, Feb. 25.—The Committee of the International Bible Students Association for the investigation of Foreign Missions have spent three weeks in India and travelled over three thousand miles. The seven members divided the work among themselves at the various stopping points and will elaborate in the report. We report today's discourse in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium by Pastor Russell, the Chairman of the Committee, as follows:

I had a great interest in your land and its people before coming to your shores, but my interest has been greatly increased by what I have witnessed during the past three weeks in India—not only in your largest cities, but also in your towns, villages and agricultural districts. As there are no other extremes in the world so great as between the caps of your Himalaya mountains and the wash of your coral strands, 29,000 feet below them, so likewise there can be found no greater contrast socially and financially than between your wealthy princes and your poverty stricken lower castes. Although such contrasts are deplorable we have no remedy to suggest, except the Divine one—the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom.

Sympathy Misapplied.

Meantime, if poverty be favorable to saintship, there should be excellent material in abundance here. Indeed, one of the things which has impressed me is the religious sentiment of India. The religious fervor of the thousands who bathe in the Ganges, and the numerous temples and shrines in every city, remind me of Saint Paul's words respecting some of his day: "feeling after God, if haply they might find Him." The two thousand temples and shrines of the one city of Benares speak volumes for the religious sentiment of the people and, although I have remarked of your hundreds of millions of hopelessly poor, I have not overlooked the fact that some of your wealthy have shown that they are not without generous instincts. Many of your merchant princes have evidently given largely to the charitable institutions, notably in Bombay; and I would not overlook the fact that in one of your great cities large animal hospitals have been provided for decrepit chickens, donkeys, horses, etc. However we may consider such sympathy misplaced, in view of human need and suffering, we cannot overlook the fact that sympathy is there only waiting for the proper direction which Messiah's Kingdom will shortly give.

Your own grand Bombay I noted with astonishment the Towers of Silence, where the Parsee element of your population gives the flesh of its dead to feed the vultures. Alas! my soul cries out, is not such heroic worthiness of a better cause—would not these Parsees make wonderfully faithful Christians, if they but had the blessing of the true Light? How I rejoice in the Divine promise that the true Light of the world shall yet lighten every man that cometh into the world! (John 3:9) How glad I am that now I see the Divine provision for the hundreds of millions of India and of the whole world to come to a knowledge of the glory of God, under the uplifting of the Kingdom of Messiah! And how I rejoice to believe it is near, even at the doors—just behind a terrible time of trouble and anarchy, which India will not escape!

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But I must not dwell too much on the dark side of India's picture; you know it too well already. I will allow the wonderful heights of the Himalayas from your sea shore to draw our attention to the Apostle's words respecting "the heights and depths, the length and breadth of the love of God which passeth all understanding." This is the text of my parting words to India. In the past our forefathers studied God's Word with the light of a tallow candle, or of a pine knot, or of a smoking lamp; now we will search the Scriptures in the clear, steady light of the electric lamp, which brings us almost noon day brightness.

Correspondingly, we find beauties in the Divine Word and Plan which our forefathers of the day of the tallow dip could not discern. Once we believed with our forefathers that God's love was merely for the "elect," saintly few, and that the non-elect, in His displeasure, He had doomed to eternal suffering. Now we see the same blessings as ever for the "elect," but other blessings for the non-elect, the world—earthly blessings of restitution to hu-

man perfection and to an earthly Ed world-wide.

Our forefathers saw the height of God's love for the holy angels and its concession to the saintly of men but they did not see its depths. They did not see that the Redemption accomplished by Jesus is ultimately to reach down to and embrace the very humblest and most degraded of human kind. How the precious Scripture which tell of Jesus as the Saviour of the world, as well as of the Church escaped our notice, who can explain? But surely glad are we that now we can see clearly that the Redeemer is a Propitiation for our sins, the Church's sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

This fuller appreciation of the lengths and breadths and heights and depths of love Divine is coming to Christian people as a benediction from heaven, just at the time when many are higher-critically repudiating the Bible and its God as unworthy of belief. The true view of God's Word we have intimated, namely, that all the families of the earth are to be blessed by Messiah's Kingdom, and that the Church in process of election for the past eighteen centuries, is to be shamer with her Lord in that King-

In the Ages to Come. Nor will the lengths and the breadths and depths of Divine love toward the elect Church, the Bride of Christ, be fully exhibited to angels and to men, even during the glorious period of Messiah's reign. Saint Paul explicitly declares, "that in the Ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Is it asked what opportunity there will be for further favors to be bestowed upon the Church at the conclusion of the Millennial reign? We answer that as the Scriptures declare that God formed the earth not in vain but made it to be inhabited, and will make it glorious as His footstool in due time, so we may reason with respect to the other planets of our solar system. Gradually through coming Ages Divine power will be exercised in bringing into being millions of intelligent creatures on every planet of our system.

And still more than this, if our astronomical concepts are correct, all the fixed stars are suns, and around each sun are planets. Are there, then, a thousand blazing suns? Yes, more. Are there ten thousand? Yes, more. Are there ten times ten thousand? Yes, more! Are there ten times a hundred thousand, a million? Yes, more! Are there ten times ten millions, a hundred millions? Yes, and more! And if we allow an average of ten planets to each sun this would make more than a thousand billion planets, all made not in vain, but eventually to be inhabited. And astronomers assure us that we have every reason to believe that if we could stand upon the very furthestmost sun of our knowledge we would see as many millions more beyond.

Verbal Agreement is Good

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Another view of the heights and depths of God's love is that which recognizes us as a race fallen from human perfection into the mire of sin whose quicksands are swallowing up mankind at the rate of 90,000 every day. The Divine Program shows two salutations for the groaning creation. The first of these is the most wonderful; it is now in progress, and we urge all who have the hearing ear to lay aside every weight and every besetting sin that they may attain this special salvation offered to the Church. By faith, through the medium of exceedingly great and precious promises, God is now lifting the obedient "elect" from the original pit of sin and death, from the mental degradation in which we all were as Adam's race; and to some extent they are being lifted also physically from this degradation.

The transforming work begins with each believer in Jesus who presents himself a living sacrifice to walk in the Master's footsteps. Even though these may not generally be of the wealthy and educated and higher social classes, the power of the Holy Spirit operating through the Divine promises gradually beautifies not only the characters but to some extent the features of those who rejoice to take up their cross and follow the Savior. However uncouth and rude or careless or savage they may have been before, the transforming influence of the Holy Spirit develops in them the fruits of the spirit—meekness, gentleness, patience, longsuffering, brotherly-kindness, love; and these things continuing in them and abounding more and more, and attesting their faithfulness unto death, make these neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of God and in the character-likeness of Jesus; and hence the Resurrection change will usher them into the everlasting Kingdom of their Saviour—to be sharers in His glory, honor and immortality—for above angels, principalities and powers and every name that is named. Do we not here see wonderful depths from which these are rescued and wonderful heights to which they are yet to be lifted by Divine grace and its arrangements on their behalf? Surely all mankind who see this glorious arrangement of our God can glorify Him on this account.

God's Original Design to Be Carried Out.

For the world a somewhat similar and yet very different blessing is outlined in the Divine Plan of the Ages. Our poor race in some quarters of the world, fallen from the image of God almost to the level of the brute, sadly needs the uplifting, restricting, restorative influences which Messiah's glorious Kingdom will bring to them. To what heights will man be raised? Oh, not so high as the Church, the elect Bride of the Lamb—not so high as cherubim or even as angels, but very high, nevertheless—back to all that was lost in Eden.

How our hearts glow with gratitude toward God as we perceive that His original design for His human creatures is yet to be carried out to the letter! "His Word that is gone forth out of His mouth shall not return unto Him void, but it shall prosper in the thing wherunto He sent it" (Isaiah 51:11). He said, "Let us make man in Our image;" and when he was made, the Divine judgment expressed was that he was "very good," only "a little lower than the angels" (Hebrews 2:7). Moreover, he was crowned with glory and with honor in a sense that the angels were not crowned, for man was made the king, the ruler, the Divine representative of all the lower creatures of the earth. As we read, "Thou didst set him over the works of Thy hands * * * all sheep and oxen, and the beast of the field, the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas."—Psalm 8:6-8.

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HERALD WANT ADS BRING RESULTS. TRY THEM AND BE CONVINCED.

FAVOR FROM COURTS FOR THE FRUIT TRADE

Railroad Is Obligated to Furnish Proper Equipment and Service for Shippers

PITTSBURG, Feb. 23.—A case of more than ordinary interest to the fruit trade of the country was decided by the State Supreme Court recently. It involved the principle of whether a transportation company is responsible for not furnishing proper equipment and not properly caring for perishable products while in transit.

December, 1906, S. Catanzano & Co., wholesale dealers here, shipped four cars of Almeria grapes and two cars of lemons from Boston to Pittsburgh via the Boston & Maine and the Pennsylvania railway. Mr. Catanzano was in Boston and made a verbal agreement with W. C. Brown, district freight agent of the P. R. R. to furnish good solid cars in which to load the fruit which he had purchased at auction. When the cars arrived at Pittsburgh it was found that they were the old style cars with leaky roofs, insulation off the doors and the bunkers only half filled with ice. The contents were badly frozen and Catanzano & Co. were compelled to sell the fruit to the best advantage, selling some of it at auction at low prices, and dumping the balance. Immediately after arrival at Pittsburgh the cars in which this fruit was shipped were ordered to the shop for repairs by the car inspector.

Railways Pays the Claims

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It is interesting to observe the growth of improved methods in 1904

was 36,818, while in 1909 it was 59,237. The total mileage of gravel roads in 1904 was 109,905, while in 1909 it was only 102,870. This decrease in gravel roads, however, was due to a reclassification of roads. Many of those reported in 1904 to be gravel proved to be of some other substance, while exaggerations were eliminated.

Improvements Increasing

The total mileage of sand-clap-brick, bituminous-macadam and other improved roads in 1904 was 6,806, while in 1909 the mileage reached 28,372.

The office of public roads has just issued a table showing the states having the largest mileage of improved roads:

State	Mileage
1904	1909
Indiana	23,877 24,955
Ohio	23,460 24,106
New York	5,876 12,787
Wisconsin	10,633 10,167
Kentucky	9,486 10,114
Illinois	7,924 8,914
California	8,803 8,587
Massachusetts	7,843 8,463

Five hundred thousand foreigners, it is estimated, will be landed annually at ports on the Pacific coast after the Panama canal has been completed and the steamship service which it will mean with the Pacific coast has been inaugurated. Various public speakers and writers in forecasting the conditions which will come under the influence of the canal have fixed the number of newcomers from foreign lands at the above figure.

General Agent C. C. Burdick of the Northern Pacific railway has recently received from the Hamburg American steamship line a statement of the number of cabin and steerage passengers landed at the port of New York during the year 1911 by the various steamship lines plying to that port. The total shows an aggregate of 845,519 of whom 149,173 were first and 185,772 were second cabin passengers and 510,565 were steerage. The number of trips made by the steamers was 2,280.

South America furnished nearly 4,000 of the total number of newcomers and over 160,000 were from Mediterranean ports and nearly 200,000 came through British ports, the balance coming from Hamburg, Bremen, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Flushing, Trieste, Libau, Copenhagen. The number placed as "miscellaneous" is 66,433 and all the figures are those given out by William C. Moore who is landing agent at Ellis Island, New York.

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