

DIRECTORS HOLD MEETING

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Road will come in for a share of attention at that time.

Messrs. Leach, Math Braun and Babcock were named as a committee to attend at a hearing to be given at Fargo on April 6th at the court house by the State Railroad Commission regarding a change of shipping rates known as Western Classification No. 51.

Plans are on foot with the house committee to secure a long distance phone booth in the club rooms and a Western Union clock.

It was voted to propose to donate \$10 in prizes, to be awarded in a school children's garden contest. Mr. Eberley had inquired from Supt. Ennis of the Great Northern Railroad, who had no objection to having a conspicuous part of the line's station grounds here used for such garden plots. Mr. Eberley was appointed to consult with Supt. Wigger and ascertain whether the proposed plan would have his support and if he would take the contest in charge.

The membership of the club on the first of this month was 112 resident and 21 non-resident, or 133 in all.

Nature Anticipates Art.

"The remains of that mastodon," said the scientist in the museum, "were found buried in an iceberg." "Hm," responded the man from Chicago, "that cold storage idea isn't so new after all."

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The Snake Habit

If Turley Mathers had not had an attractive personality he never would have lasted as a figure in society, because the most amiable of hostesses might be pardoned for disapproving a caller who insisted on skinning snakes on her front porch and demanding admiration for their lines and colors.

The year he spent the summer at Wigwam lake is still recalled solemnly as a landmark by the cottagers. All the children were going around dragging snakes after them because Turley had taught them how to catch and hold the creeping things safely, and more mothers went into hysterics that year than had in the century preceding.

The worst of it was that Mathers was a person of scientific attainments and had a perfectly valid excuse for studying snakes. Nobody could say he did it to be unique or troublesome.

If you feebly said that you weren't crazy about snakes Mathers simply drew a long breath, fixed you with a pitying stern glance and lectured to you on your sins. When he had finished you were in such a flabby state that you would have let a snake perch on your forefinger.

Mathers met Clara Baysworth out west when her party and his combined for a camping trip through a noted canyon, and the acquaintance progressed at the rate of ten miles a minute until the fatal moment when the stage coach driver silently pointed with his whip to the side of the sun-baked road. There, lazily stretched out, lay a rattlesnake. Mathers says it was a mere baby snake of a foot and a half or so, but if you had inquired of the others any of them would have told you it was a horrible monster six feet long, with cerise eyes and a foaming mouth.

Before any one realized what he was doing, Mathers, with a gurgle of pleasure, had slipped to the ground, swept the snake into a heap with his straw hat, deftly grabbed it around its neck with three fingers and held it up to be admired. Persons who do the unusual are instantly pronounced, crazy by everybody else, so the conviction instantly settled upon the stagelond of travelers that any man who would deliberately pick up a rattler must be insane. Clara Baysworth got her voice first as Mathers, still holding his prize, started to climb back to his seat by her side.

"Go away!" she got out in a strangled voice. "If you come any nearer I'll stick hatpins into you!" The distracted coachload echoed her cries. Fathers clasped their sons to them and glared at Mathers, women shrunk into corners and fixed him with imploring eyes. Clara frowned at him, pale and desperate.

"Why—" Mathers began soothingly, and put one foot upon the hub of the wheel. But a series of shrieks arose from his victims.

"I—I hate you!" Clara Baysworth told him wildly.

"He's a perfect beauty," Mathers announced firmly, "and I want him for a specimen." Then he shrugged his shoulders. "Oh, well," he said, "I suppose I can strangle the little beggar!"

His fingers tightened their clasp around the scaly neck and presently the rattler hung limp. Putting him in a convenient box and stowing the box in his pocket, Mathers remounted the coach, but the atmosphere was strained.

For twenty miles he tried to reform Clara Baysworth. He told her frankly that he was pained and displeased by her foolish prejudice, but even that did not move her. She regarded him with alien eyes.

"I'll listen to you," she said, "when you stop being so perfectly foolish! And if you ask me again to marry you while you are carrying that thing around with you I—I'll scream!"

Somebody who was brave opened the box the next morning to see the dead snake and the camp nearly broke up as the rattler winked one eye and waved his tail at the horrified meddler, having survived his choking, as Mathers had known he would. Mathers paled before Clara Baysworth's accusing eye.

"You certainly have nerve," she told him, "to ask a girl to endure things like this the rest of her life! I don't care whether it is science or not! You might experiment with guinea pigs or ducks!"

"Till chloroform 'em!" Mathers offered, miserably.

"You will not!" Clara told him. "They might have nine lives like a cat and come to life again, and I cannot stand snakes for parlor companions, dead or sleeping! It's between me and your squabbling friends, Turley!"

For a long minute Mathers looked at her. Then picking up the rattler he walked to the edge of the cliff and hurled him far out.

"There!" he said simply as he returned and spread out his empty hands.

"Do—do you suppose it h-hurt him wh-when he landed where you threw him?" Clara wept.

Then for the first time Mathers laughed. "Oh, you consistent woman!" he said. "I wouldn't have had so much time to study snakes anyhow, since I've got you to figure out the rest of my days!"

PASTOR RUSSELL TOURING INDIA.

Preaching Daily to Many of the Heathens.

Foreign Missions Investigation Committee, of which the Pastor is Chairman, Visit Travancore District, Where They Spend a Week Prosecuting Their Work.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Travancore, India, Feb. 4.—The Foreign Missions Committee of the International Bible Students Association has reached here. Pastor Russell, Chairman of the Committee, is widely known in this District. His coming has been a topic of interest for several weeks.

Not only are Christian natives alert to meet him, but their heathen countrymen are also interested. Mohammedans have been inquiring. Has Pastor Russell any special message for us? The arrangement is that the Pastor shall spend a full week in this District and be at Madras next Sunday. In his address the Pastor said:

I have chosen as my text on this occasion the Message of the angels at the birth of our Redeemer—"Fear not! Behold, we bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people." (Luke II, 10.) I feel that I am not entirely a stranger to many of you, nor you to me. For a considerable time I have seen regular reports sent in from this District to the International Bible Students Assn., of which I have the honor of being President.

These reports in turn are published to the Bible Students all over the world. We want you to know of the Christian love of these children of God of various nationalities who are represented by the Committee before you.

The Father of Mercies. Two days ago, on the Island of Ceylon, my attention was drawn to the tomb of the good Bishop Heber. Immediately to my mind came his words:

What though the spicy breezes Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle, And every prospect pleases, And only man is vile!

From childhood I had sung those words, and finally found myself, on Ceylon's isle. But I am not so sure but that the dear Bishop exaggerated a little the villainous of the human types of this vicinity. Poverty, indeed, I see on every hand, and, if villainous be measured by our great Creator by lack of wealth, then certainly you are vile in comparison to some more wealthy. But can we really believe that this is the Divine standard? Shall we not rather believe the words of Jehovah, "Man looketh upon the outward appearance, but God looketh upon the heart?"

I am not here to flatter you—to say that poverty is a proof of purity of heart. On the contrary, it is my duty as a minister of Christ to declare that there is none righteous, no, not one. But I may say to you that, admitting that all men have sinned—some in ways more peculiar to one nationality and some to another—it is ours to point out the need of an Atonement for sin and the fact that "the blood," sacrifice, "of Jesus Christ our Lord, cleanseth us from all sin"—"Neither is there salvation in any other."

Now Look at Our Text.

Note its terms of a blessing intended of God for every creature. Two thousand years before the angels uttered those words God gave the same Message of hope and joy to Father Abraham. Let those of this audience who are Mohammedans, as well as others, call to mind the promise to which I refer. It was the promise with the oath. God, foreknowing that the fulfillment of the promise would be long delayed, made oath to it, so that all who trust in Him might have the consolation of that promise. And what is the promise? God said to Abraham, "In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

The Divine Purpose looked down to Messiah and saw in Him the real Seed of Abraham through whom eventually Divine Power will be exercised and Divine Grace be shed abroad amongst men. However, according to the Scriptures, the Messiah, the Deliverer, is composite—composed of numerous members. Each one of these members must be tested and proven in respect to his loyalty to God and to the principles of righteousness before he can attain to his glorious reward of the divine nature.

But mark you well—the selection of this special class does not involve the "non-elect" in eternal torment nor in any eternal disaster. On the contrary, the gathering of the "elect" should be regarded as an assurance on God's part of the fulfillment of His larger promise, that through these saintly ones, great blessings are to be showered upon Abraham's natural seed, yea, and upon all the families of the earth.

The blessing of the world will be Restitution. (Acts III, 19-21.) If, as the Evolutionists tell us, the Bible theory that man was created in God's image is wrong and he is really the offspring of an ape, then Restitution would be the worst thing that could possibly come to mankind. But the Bible is quite right; namely, that man was created perfect and upright—in the image and likeness of God, and that restitution will be the world's blessing.

PASTOR RUSSELL IN CALCUTTA.

Investigation of Missions in India in Progress.

Juggernaut and the Ganges Visited Investigation Committee Go Next to Benares, Burning Ghats, Agra, Etc Pastor Russell Addressed Large Audiences in Calcutta.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Calcutta, Feb 18.—The Foreign Missions Investigation Committee, appointed by the International Bible Students Association, is here. The Committee expedite their work by each member giving special attention to a different feature of the investigation. This is their third week in India and they have already traveled nearly two thousand miles. They are keenly interested in the heathen and in the Bible, but they declined to give in advance any hint of what their report will be as respects the missionary work here.

Pastor Russell, Chairman of the Committee, preached twice to-day to large and attentive audiences in our finest auditorium. One of his addresses, from Jeremiah ix, 23, 24, we report. He said:—

Your "City of Palaces" greatly impresses me, as doubtless it does all who visit it. But as I look at its splendor I am reminded of that portion of my text which declares, "Let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord, which exerciseth loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth." Wherever we go we perceive that man, by virtue of his creation, is a worshipper.

I stopped enroute at Juggernaut; the very name called up the stories of my childhood which so greatly aroused my sympathies for the poor heathen. Missionary reports told of how in ignorance the natives would throw themselves before the great Car of Juggernaut, feeling it an honor to thus sacrifice their lives. And now, here am I on the Ganges River, of which in childhood I heard so much that thrilled my heart with sympathy—how mothers threw their babes into the Ganges, not because they had no sympathy with their offspring, but because they desired to sacrifice to and propitiate their gods.

"Now We Know In Part." Now that I am here I do thank God that, although the heathen have not been converted to a true knowledge of the great Jehovah, they have, nevertheless, come under the strong hand of the British Government, which, whatever its defects, seeks at least to protect its subjects from the extremes of their own ignorance and superstition.

St. Paul wrote, "Now we know in part, but then we shall know even as also we are known." (1 Cor. XIII, 12.) Alas! How every true Christian must realize how his own knowledge of God and that of his forefathers has so slightly exceeded the knowledge of the heathen, that he found it difficult to "glory" in his understanding of God. Only those who are adherents to the declarations of the Bible that "God is Love," that His mercy endureth ever, that He is like a pitying father, that He is a God of All Grace, the Father of Mercies, whose loving kindness we cannot measure—only such have the assurances which enable them to offset the horrible theories of our creeds formulated in a darker past, and which told us more horrible things respecting our God and His treatment of mankind than our poor heathen brethren ever imagined.

But now the better day is dawning! We are seeing the glorious outlines of the Divine character in the Divine Plan as never before! Our hearts first led the way and rebelled against the dictum of our fallacious reasoning. And now, in God's due time, when nature is yielding up her secrets and chemistry is making the world anew, behold the key to the Divine Word is thrust into our hands, unlocking its mysteries and explaining its parabolic symbols to our astonished faith!

Knowing Our God. Our Redeemer declared, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true and living God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." Evidently the great Teacher had in mind the thought of our text—not merely a knowledge about God, but an acquaintanceship with Him, such as can come only through a fellowship of spirit and an understanding of the Divine Program.

In our blindness of the past, assuming that all the non-elect would be consigned to an eternity of torture, we published in our missionary reports that ninety thousand every day go down into death, into Christless graves—and, by inference, into eternal torture.

Now we read God's character in fairer lines. Now we perceive that for a thousand years, the Elect, on the heavenly plane, invisible to men, "like unto the angels," will live and reign with Christ (Rev. XX, 4) for the blessing of the non-elect—for their uplifting from conditions of sin and imperfection back to the glorious heights of the image of God in the flesh.

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