

"RUSSELLISM" TO BE DEBATED IN PUBLIC

International Bible Student Association Accepts Dr. Cooke's Challenge

AUGUST DATES MAY BE SELECTED

An opportunity is to be given the people of Wilmington to hear arguments for and against "Russellism," the doctrines of Pastor Russell. The Rev. George A. Cooke, pastor of Wesley M. E. Church, and members of the International Bible Students' Association have arranged series of two meetings, at which first one and then the other side will present arguments in support of what each believes.

It is said that there has been more or less friction between some of the city's churches and the advocates of "Russellism." Dr. Cooke recently stated that he would like an opportunity to talk to the Bible students, and the chance has been given him. The following correspondence has already passed between the parties.

The Rev. George A. Cooke.

"No. 314 South Jackson street.

Dear Sir—Having made known your desire to Oscar Jones, No. 406 South Franklin street, of having the privilege of addressing the Wilmington Branch of the International Bible Students' Association, with a view of opening their eyes with regard to the teaching of Pastor Russell and the work which he is doing, the matter has been brought up before the said Bible students, and they have voted to give you this opportunity, providing you, in turn, will give said Bible students the privilege of addressing your congregation, with the view of making known to them their understanding of the teaching and work of Pastor Russell. Of course, in the event that you convince said Bible students, or the majority of them, that Pastor Russell is wrong, the latter engagement will at once be discontinued.

"We will give you the opportunity of determining the time for your meeting within the limit of one month from date, following meeting to be conducted by said Bible students to be held within week after your meeting. It will be understood, of course, that we make known to all Bible students this meeting and request a full attendance, and that likewise, in the event of your acceptance of this proposal, that you also request a full attendance of your congregation.

"We are making this proposition, dear brother, because we believe that you are zealous for the truth as it is taught in the Scriptures, and that you really desire to make known to the Bible students the error (?) of their understanding of the teaching of the Bible is the truth, and if you have been faithful in proclaiming it to your congregation who you understand to be the truth, you should have no fear of any serious results arising by having false doctrine (?) presented to said congregation. At least this is our position in the matter.

"As Bible students we have no fear of being blown about by every wind of doctrine, and take for granted your congregation is in the same position.

"Our only desire is to have the truth, as we understand it, properly presented to your congregation, as we believe you will present the truth, as you understand it to be, to the Bible students.

"It will be understood, further, that at each meeting there will be an opportunity given for any one to ask such questions of the speaker as he may deem wise.

"We will expect to have an answer to this offer, accepting or rejecting, within one week from date.

Your very truly,

W. N. Woodworth, (sec.)
J. W. Fairbrother,
Oscar Jones,

"Board of Elders."

Mr. Cooke's reply follows:

Messrs. W. N. Woodworth, J. W. Fairbrother and Oscar Jones.

"Dear Sirs: Your communication of August 9, 1916, received and contents carefully noted. I will agree to a discussion with a representative of the Bible Students' Association upon the conditions named by you. I propose that we hold the first meeting in Wesley M. E. Church, Sunday, August 27, at 2:30 p. m. or on Thursday evening, August 31, at 7:30 o'clock. You may fix the time and place of your meeting, so it does not conflict with any of our regular services. I accept this as an honorable proposition, made in good faith. Assuring you of my good will, I am

"Yours sincerely,

"George A. Cooke."

LIEUTENANT C. C. HERMAN RECALLED TO REGIMENT

Special to THE EVENING JOURNAL.

NEWARK, Aug. 14.—Lieutenant Charles C. Herman, Jr., who for the past three years has been military instructor at Delaware College, has been ordered by the War Department to report to his regiment September 16. The board of Trustees of the college last spring named Lieutenant W. F. Hoey, of Bridgeville, as military instructor, but as far as can be learned the War Department has assigned Lieutenant Hoey to Delaware College as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Pilling Wright are on a trip through Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Seeger, of Philadelphia, have been visiting Mrs. Agnes Miller, Miss Frances Miller, of Philadelphia, as Mrs. Agnes Miller's guest now.

ENTERTAINING ABOARD YACHT.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Pusey entertained a party abroad the yacht Enfin, last week, while on a cruise on Chesapeake Bay. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mendenhall, Miss Sarah Mendenhall and Mrs. Donald Ashbrook. The yacht was met at Annapolis Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warner and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, who took a week-end cruise with the party.

HUGHES SHOWS UP "AXEMAN" M'ADOO

Nominee Says Secretary Ousted Veteran to Place Tammany Man's Son

PLEASED WITH THE WEST'S GREETINGS

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 14.—Accusing Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo of discharging a capable and experienced customs official to make room for a Tammany district leader, and charging the Wilson administration with sectionism, Charles E. Hughes continued his sledge hammer attacks on the Democratic regime in speeches in Helena and Butte on Saturday.

The mountain air is acting as a tonic on the Republican Presidential nominee. Both addresses were marked by a vigor of expression which served to carry his points home with telling effect. This evening, at the close of the sixth day of his campaign tour, Mr. Hughes said:

"This week has been most gratifying. Everywhere we have gone there has been manifested a very deep interest and sincere cordiality. I think the people here are fully alive to the serious defects of the present administration and that through the Northwest we shall have very strong support."

The charge against Secretary McAdoo, Mr. Hughes said in his speech in Helena, was based on information "from a very high authority which I believe to be entirely trustworthy."

The resignation of Henry N. Clapp, assistant appraiser of merchandise at the port of New York, was demanded by the Secretary, the nominee declared, and Daniel E. Finn, son of the late "Battery Dan" Finn, of New York, was appointed in his place.

Ousted After 25 Years' Service.

Clapp had been in the Treasury Department service twenty-five years and rose from a clerkship, which was obtained through competitive examination. He had been special agent of the Treasury, confidential secretary to the late Secretary John G. Carlisle and the right hand man of five different appraisers in New York.

Substantiating his charge of sectionism against the administration, Mr. Hughes read a list of thirteen House committee chairmanships, all of which are held by Representatives from south of Mason and Dixon's line. The chairman of both the Senate and House "pork" committees, which dress the river and harbors bill are Southerners.

Mr. Hughes dispelled the Democratic charge that his criticisms of the administration's Mexican attitude are destructive rather than constructive in a brief discussion of the causes leading up to the Columbus (N. M.) raid.

"I would not let have any trouble at Columbus," he said, "because we believe that you are zealous for the truth as it is taught in the Scriptures, and that you really desire to make known to the Bible students the error (?) of their

understanding what you really believe what the Bible is the truth, and if you have been faithful in proclaiming it to your congregation who you understand to be the truth, you should have no fear of any serious results arising by having false doctrine (?) presented to your congregation. At least this is our position in the matter."

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