

THE CHIEF CAUSE OF CRIMINALITY

Born With Criminal Instincts, Life Is a Hard Battle.

There is None Righteous, No, Not One. Where Lies the Blame?—The Value of a Correct Diagnosis—We Can Oppose Sin Best When We Know Its Origin—Aids and Disadvantages in Fighting Sin—Divine Help Necessary. How the Useful is Provided.



Cumberland, Md., September 14.—Pastor Russell gave two discourses here today. We report one of them, from the text, "I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5.)

Diagnosis is valuable in the attempt of cure of any malady. This is as true of sin-sickness as of any other ailment. The better we understand the origin of sin and the methods of its operation, the more successful we shall be in combating it.

Our forefathers erred, evidently, in their declaration of total depravity. None of us ever met a human being entirely depraved—dead to all good influences. Experience, however, corroborates the Bible statement that "There is none righteous, no, not one." All are sinners, born in a state of sin, with inclination toward sin.

The Pastor declared that we are not to conclude that God made us sinners. All God's work is pious. The Bible tells us that our first parents sinned and came under the Divine sentence of death. St. Paul says, "By one man's disobedience sin entered the world, and death as a result of sin."

Then the Pastor showed that sinful tendencies are evidences of man's fall, and all under such influences are to be pitied. But true pity must sympathize with the sinner, not with the sin.

Parental Sympathy Needed. Pastor Russell next declared that increase of knowledge of facts will bless both parents and children. Parents should learn that their mental states birth-mark their children—either favorably or unfavorably. It requires much training to work out of the child's disposition what was lobred at birth.

A weighty responsibility rests upon parents respecting prenatal influences. With what loyalty to God and righteousness should the procreative powers be exercised? What care should the father use to surround the mother with every good mental influence during gestation? What a different world we would live in, if parents lived up to these principles!

"Brethren, What Shall We Do?" Then the Pastor demonstrated from Scriptures that life is God's gift, designed for the sinless. Adam was condemned, or damned, as soon as he became a transgressor; and all his race were born in the same condemned condition. The question is, How shall we get free from that condition?

The Bible answer is, that God had compassion on our race, and provided the Savior. The Redeemer will have the right to restore to perfection Adam and all his posterity desirous of returning to God. The message respecting this merciful arrangement is called the Gospel.

"Times of Restitution." All desirous of returning to God's favor must be restored to that physical perfection in which Adam was before he sinned. When recovered, those who stand the tests of loyalty and obedience shall receive everlasting life through Jesus Christ, whose sacrificial death opened up the way.

The Pastor then stated that only recently have Bible students discerned how confused our forefathers were respecting the Divine Plan—through their neglect of the Bible for fourteen hundred years. They see now that Jesus, the Apostles and the Prophets taught that God's time for dealing with the world is future—under Messiah's Kingdom. The thousand-year period in which that Kingdom will rule the world, restraining sin, chastising sinners and helping the willing and obedient back to perfection, is called by St. Peter "[Years of] Times of Restitution."—Acts 3:19-21.

During those Times of Restitution, or resurrection, Satan will be bound, that he may no longer deceive humanity, putting darkness for light and light for darkness. Sin-blinded eyes shall be opened, and sin-deaf ears unstopped. The message of God's Love shall be made known world-wide.

God's Dealing With the Church. The Pastor then showed the difference between God's plan of salvation for the Church and that for the world. God desires that the Church shall consist of a very special class, zealous for righteousness and everything pleasing in His sight. He has issued a special call, therefore, and has prescribed special terms for the Church.

All these must have the spirit, disposition, that Jesus had. They must walk in His steps, the way of the cross, a narrow way, with few liberties to the flesh. In some respects their battle is the same that the world will have in the next Age. Then will be the world's time for escaping the condemnation, imperfection—damnation—resulting from Adam's sin.

HAD RIGHT TO BE PRESENT

Critic of Proposed Tariff Clause Tells Rather Good Story to Illustrate a Point.

A. L. Hamilton, the leading millinery expert of America, complained in New York about the tariff clause prohibiting the importation for millinery uses, of all wild bird feathers save the ostrich's.

Mr. Hamilton pointed out that many game birds are killed for sport and food, and that many other birds are killed because they are pests, and he asked why the Audubon societies would have the feathers of all these birds wasted.

"I represent the birds, Mr. Hamilton," said an Audubon devotee. "I speak for the birds. Whom do you represent, and what right have you to speak?"

"I represent the millinery trade," Mr. Hamilton answered. "I speak for thousands who will be thrown out of work if this foolish clause goes into effect. As to my right to speak—well, I think I'm rather in the position of the department store proprietor.

"A department store proprietor inaugurated in the basement a ten-cent, three-course luncheon for his workers. He thought one day he'd try the luncheon himself, and accordingly he hopped up on to a peg and called for the soup. But the waiter, not knowing him, said:

"Oh, no, mister! You ain't in on this. You don't belong to this store."

"I'm quite aware of that," the proprietor answered, "the store belongs to me."

FOR PRESERVATION OF FISH

Russian Claims He Has Method Which Is Far Superior to Those at Present in Use.

The preservation of fish is not a subject likely to be of intense interest to the average man, and let it be one of considerable practical importance to him. Few foodstuffs are so prone to rapid decay, and few are more dangerous when in that condition. Pickling and salting, while reasonably effective, seriously injure the natural flavor of the fish, when they don't actually destroy it. Hence a new method of preservation which keeps the fish fresh and sweet and of unchanged flavor "for weeks or even months," is something of a discovery.

This is what Prof. A. J. Danilevsky, a member of the Imperial Academy of Russia, claims for his new method. And his claims have been considered of enough importance to be given an official test by the board of agriculture and fisheries in London, and also by the Tull Trawlers' and Fish Merchants' association. A 16-day test, conducted by the latter organization, is said to have justified the professor's claims, and it is probable that he will be given the opportunity for a more extended demonstration of his process. Its cost is said to vary from 40 to 80 cents per 200 pounds of fish.—New York Post.

Where Do the Watches Go? What becomes of the watches? The average man does not buy more than about two or three watches in the course of his whole life, and yet the manufacturers keep on making new watches by the thousands. Who buys them all?

No statistics can answer the question. What becomes of the old watches? What did you do with the one you discarded when you got your present watch? Where is it now? It was a silver watch and it kept good time for years—that old watch, the predecessor of the gold one that you now possess. You had a strong affection for it. You called it "she," and sometimes in the solitude of your room, you may have caught yourself saying a word or two to it aloud. The watch certainly talked to you in the middle of the night; Heine's watch conjugated Hebrew by the hour. The old watch had a kind of a ringing tick like a riveting machine, and you could hear it clear through the pillow. It has sung you to sleep more than once. But let's see—what in heaven's name became of it?

Single Walnut Tree. A walnut tree was sold in the middle west the other day for \$250. Time was when there were thousands of walnut trees in that same county. At one and the same time there was a conviction in the minds of men that no fence rail was good enough for a "worm fence" except a rail split from the very heart of a walnut tree. A worm fence, be it known, is one of those fences made up of obtuse angles and once defined by a man who had put up a good many as a fence that "first goes andyoggin and then goes andyiggin." But returning to the increased cost of a walnut tree, life is not going to be really worth living until the economists discover some way to get the high price tags affixed while there are plenty of trees left to hang them on.

Virus Slaughters Rabbits. Rabbits took possession of the cemetery at Rouen, France, and ate up all plants and flowers as fast as they were placed upon the graves. The keepers called in hunters with ferrets, but the burrows were almost straight down, so the ferrets could do nothing. Then some of the virus used in Australia when the rabbits became a pest was obtained. Dr. Loir of the Rouen board of health inoculated several rabbits with it and turned them loose in the cemetery. Eight days later there were no rabbits in the cemetery. All had died in their burrows.

Melba's Australian Home. Mme. Melba has built for herself a delightful retreat at Lilydale, one of the most picturesque localities near her native Melbourne. She has hinted more than once that she would soon make it her permanent abode. She is keenly interested in the conservatorium of the University of Melbourne and has lectured to its students.

FIND JOKE HARD TO FORGIVE

Detective Burns Aroused Ire of Female Fellow-Passengers, AND Also Their Curiosity.

Detective W. J. Burns was blessed by the pope the other day. Half a dozen well-to-do ladies reading that statement earnestly hoped that the blessing is a defective and insincere one, because Burns played a joke on them that they can never forgive. They were fellow passengers with him on the Mauretania.

"Please, Mr. Burns," they said to him, pleadingly and working their eyes, "please make us a speech in the cabin this evening. Tell us about the wonderful detectaphone."

So Burns did. All the cabin passengers were there. He explained to them that the detectaphone could be hidden almost anywhere.

"In order to make my little talk a convincing one," said he, "I had detectaphones hidden in every cabin before I came on board the boat. Last night I listened for hours—"

"Oh!" said many ladies, springing to their feet.

Then they remembered themselves, and pretended they were just fixing their skirts and sat down again, and from time to time pinched their cheeks to restore their color. Then Burns said it was all a joke. The various ladies laughed hollowly, like the breaking of plates. When Burns concluded they came to him, one at a time, and eyed him sadly, and stood in pensive poses.

"Did you really?" they asked him. He assured them that he had merely been spoofing. They all said they were so glad to hear that. They said he didn't seem at all that sort of a man. Then they said:

"Dear Mr. Burns—"

Mr. Burns inclined an ear.

"What did that hussy in yellow talk about last night?"

GOOD JOKE ON BILL DAHLEN

Umpire Hurst Took Abuse Calmly When He Knew Player Wanted to Be Put Out of Game.

Bill Dahlen, manager of the Dodgers, recalls the time Tim Hurst would not put him out of the game, regardless of what he said or threatened to say.

Before the game Bill confided to Hurst that he was desirous of being ejected from the game so that he might go down to the Brighton Beach race track and place a bet on a "good thing."

"I'll call you a few mild names—you'll know I won't mean them—and you can put me out of the game," Bill told Tim.

Dahlen started applying the appellations early. Hurst turned a deaf ear to them in the first inning. In the second he was just as immune from Dahlen's calling down. Dahlen was becoming angry, and started to call Hurst harsh names. Finally Dahlen blurted out a phrase to Hurst that would have cost him a heavy fine under ordinary circumstances. The players who were within hearing were astounded when Hurst would not "call" Dahlen.

"Get back there and play," roared Hurst to Dahlen. "I wouldn't put you out of the game if you called me an A. P. A."

Dahlen was not a bit consoled when he learned that his "good thing" catered home a winner at the comfortable odds of 20 to 1.

Camels Are Not Even in It. Whether sheep are any relation to camels the bureau of forestry does not attempt to determine, but it has discovered that sheep can go four and a half months without water, except for such moisture as they can get from the dew and the juices of forage plants.

The constantly increasing demand for grazing ground has forced forestry officers to find places for as much stock as can safely be admitted to the forests. Therefore, they have tried, apparently with success, the grazing of sheep on ranges entirely destitute of water. The grazing season lasts from June 15 to October 31, and during this period of four and a half months the animals on these ranges do not get drinking water.

Under such conditions, according to the forestry bureau, the sheep have done extremely well, and last year's lambs from the Nebo national forest, Utah, had an average weight at the close of the season of 68 pounds, which is declared to be rather above the normal weight.

Two Kinds of Macaroni. The new cook was helping her mistress to prepare dinner. All went well until the macaroni was brought out. The cook looked with surprise as she beheld the long white sticks. But when they were carefully placed in water she gave a choking gasp.

"Did you say, missus," she said in an awed voice, "that you were going to eat that?"

MAY BE TAKEN AS DESIRED

Supplying One's Own Punctuation, Eagerly Constructed Letter Has Two Different Meanings.

A queer letter, so constructed, without punctuation, that it can be read in a number of different ways, giving directly opposite meanings, is in the possession of W. G. Shaif, now living in Illinois. He copied it from an Indiana newspaper when he first came to this country, in 1855. He is now seventy-nine years old. The letter follows:

"He is an old experience man in vice and wickedness he is never found opposing the works of iniquity he takes delight in the downfall of the neighborhood he never rejoices in the prosperity of any of his fellow creatures he is always ready to assist in destroying the peace of society he takes no pleasure in serving the Lord he is uncommonly diligent in sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances he takes no pride in laboring to promote the cause of Christianity he has not been negligent in endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers he makes no exertions to subdue his evil passions he strives hard to build up satan's kingdom he lends no aid to the support of the gospel among the heathens he contributes largely to the evil adversary he pays no attention to good advice he gives great heed to the devil he will never go to heaven he must go where he will receive his just recompense of reward."

MODEL MAID GIVES ADVICE

With One Family Twenty Years, Helena Schwartz Discloses the Secret of Her Efficiency.

Just 20 years ago Helena Schwartz, then two years from Germany, became a maid in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jacobson of New York.

She has been there ever since. When a reporter asked Helena what her employers had done to make her service so pleasant she said:

"Before leaving for America my mother called me to her and gave me some advice, and I have tried to keep it in mind. Remember, when you go into service that your mistress's closest interest is her home, and that it rests a great deal with you to make it agreeable. Do just as you would do if it were your own home. Never give anything away belonging to the house. Not even the smallest morsel.

If any one talks to you about your mistress, tells the doing in their own household, do not listen. Never gossip to your mistress either. Be both deaf and blind to what goes on around you, and above all things remember that honesty and truthfulness will never get you into trouble."

"I have kept these rules before me at all times and if those girls who wonder why they cannot get along in their situations would adopt them, I am sure their mistresses would be quick to appreciate their services."

Cheap Shirts in China. Chinese and Japanese shirt material is cheap and attractive, and the low price of labor enables the native tailors to place excellent shirts on the market at most reasonable prices and to make them to order. To illustrate the low cost of labor I will give a specific instance which is interesting in this connection. A Chinese gentleman who dresses in foreign style had a native tailor come to his house and make shirts for him to order. The man made at least one shirt a day, and received 140 cash a day for his work and his food in addition. As the food cost not more than 110 cash, the total cost a day did not exceed 250 cash, which, at the present rate of exchange, amounts to less than 10 cents United States currency. As the shirts which this man made are excellent in every way, there is little inducement for the Chinese to buy ready made shirts from abroad, for similar arrangements can be made in any part of China, the cost varying slightly.

Sign at Gettysburg. July 1, 1863, on Cemetery Ridge, near Gettysburg, Pa., was posted this sign:

"All persons found using firearms in these grounds will be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law."

For the failure to enforce it you must blame old John Burns, for he was the constable of Gettysburg, but the majesty of the law was himself blazing away with a borrowed gun.

And as accessory before the fact you must indict the man who had the shoe store, for he, and not Hooker, Meade or Lee, brought on the battle of Gettysburg. A detachment of men in blue with holes in their shoes came into town to clean out the store, and at the same time came a detachment of gray with no shoes at all, and then the village ordinance against the promiscuous use of firearms began to go to pieces.—American Magazine.

Trees Have Eyes and See. A German scientist—it is amazing that nearly all the amazing things come from German scientists—says he has discovered that trees have eyes and see. Not only trees, but all vegetable life; the grass, the orchid, the onion, the ragweed and the Easter lily.

The epidemic cells of the leaves, according to this German discoverer, are merely so many convex lenses which record visual impressions such as do the facets of an insect's eye. He has succeeded, by means of microscopy and photography, in actually reproducing the images which he has found in the "eyes" of trees. They do not differ greatly from the images formed in the eyes of human beings.

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