

GREATEST THING IN THE UNIVERSE.

Not Justice, Not Power, Not
Wisdom, but—Love.

Pastor Russell Says That It, and It
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of the Past and How We Are Master-
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PASTOR RUSSELL

Nov. 12.—"The Greatest Thing in the Universe" was Pastor Russell's theme in the London Tabernacle last evening. He had as usual a crowded house of most attentive listeners. His text was, "That in the Ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His loving kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 11, 7.) He claimed that all Christendom has erred in respect to the lengths and breadths and heights and depths of the love of God, which passeth all understanding." (Ephesians 11, 19.) This is evidenced by our conflicting Creeds, not one of which is rational enough to be defended by one in a hundred of its own clergy, who profess that they believe it and are teaching it.

This, he declared, is driving many noble souls away from the Bible, which has been misinterpreted by us all. Our difficulty has been that we looked at the unfinished parts of the Divine Program and have neglected to properly use the telescope of God's Word, which would have enabled us to see the coming features of that Plan, without which the whole would be incomplete and unsatisfactory both to God and His creatures.

The Pastor reminded his hearers that none of us would judge of a new building by the first story of the structure, incomplete and surrounded by scaffolding. On the contrary, we would inquire for the architect's drawings and consider them prophecies of the building to be. We should do likewise in considering the work of the great Divine Architect of the Universe.

God purposes the development of the church class first, as a new creation on the spirit plane and higher than the angels, "partakers of the divine nature." "Ye are the Church of the living God, a kind of first-fruits unto God of His creatures." (II Peter 1, 4; James 1, 18.)

Then the World's Salvation.

The Pastor impressed upon his hearers the fact that the Bible declares the Church to be the "First-borns," the "first fruits" of God's creatures. Thus does God positively declare a secondary part to His great Plan of Salvation—in which "free grace" and fullest opportunity for reconciliation to God will be granted to the non-elect.

But their salvation will not be heavenly, but earthly. Their resurrection will not mean a "change" of nature, but a raising up to the perfection of human nature to be enjoyed in a worldwide paradise, by all the willing and obedient. Nor will the unwilling and disobedient be tortured to all eternity, but as the Scriptures declare, "All the wicked will He destroy;" they shall "perish like brute beasts," in the "Second Death."—II Peter 1, 12; Psalm ix, 17, R. V.

In order to judge of the Divine character we must see the Divine Program, and not merely a primary section of it. The Jewish Age and its people, its Law, its priesthood and its Jubilee were only rough, outline sketches of the Divine Plan, which had not then even begun. The Redeemer is the Foundation for the great structure; as said St. Paul, "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid—Jesus Christ."

Love the Principal Thing.

However, a God of Justice, Wisdom and Power, devoid of Love, would be as cold and unsympathetic as a marble statue. The greatest thing amongst men is Love. Neither palace nor cottage could be a real home and a place of joy and peace and refreshment without love. We cannot even suppose the heart devoid of love without supposing it under the control of selfishness, and selfishness is merely another name for sin.

The greatest men and women who have ever lived, and who have done the most to bless our race, have been men and women of heart, of Love. Surely Love is the principal thing in all this world, without which none can be truly happy under any condition, but with which happiness is possible under almost any condition. Whence came to man this quality of Love, unless from his Creator?

Purport of His Text.

The speaker declared that God's Love will be most wonderfully displayed in His gracious kindness in the resurrection of the Church, to glory, honor and immortality. Then will come a further display of "Love Divine, all love exceeding," when mankind in general shall be blessed under the Messianic Kingdom. But God's Love is great and our text declares that in coming Ages God will display the riches of His grace, His love, toward us, His Church, the Bride.

"Let us not receive the grace of God in vain." Let us count the necessary sacrifices as a very reasonable service.

WOMAN AND THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Civic Improvement a New Field
For Her Instincts.

IT HAS WORKED WONDERS.

Communities All Over the Country
Have Been Benefited by Tree Clubs
and Town Betterment Societies—It Is
Woman's Natural Bent.

There is a new field opening for women as factors in civic improvement. Women have always set the moral and aesthetic standard in the community in which they lived, and when they once get into this new field of making our cities more beautiful—a field which is really closest to their natural bent—they ought to accomplish wonders, says J. J. Levison, forester of the borough of Queens, New York.

Their confined life of former years gave them no chance to demonstrate their fitness for this sort of work. But today new interest in outdoor life, together with new social relations, is bringing out the wonderful aesthetic and moral qualities that have been so long diverted from the problems of the city beautiful and are now demonstrating a woman's superior fitness to do much in this new field. The instances where women have helped to improve their cities with trees are numerous.

In Brooklyn it was women who organized a national city tree association and who started the first tree clubs among school children in this country. The women of Rome, N. Y., formed a civic organization and collected sufficient funds to care for their trees all the year. In less than a year they have demonstrated the value of their work and are now influencing the city authorities to appropriate sufficient funds for the preservation and planting of their city trees. In Morristown, N. J., the same thing occurred. It was a Massachusetts woman who founded the first improvement society in the United States. About ten years ago women formed a civic improvement association in South Park, Chicago, and within a few years not only changed the



WORK OF WOMAN'S TREE CLUB.

aesthetic and sanitary appearance of their own section, but extended their influence to the whole city.

In California women saved the famous Calaveras grove of big trees, a matter that has become a question of national interest and has received the commendation of congress and the leading men of the country.

Here is a broad and interesting field awaiting the modern woman, a field that tends to make one's surroundings worth living in and our citizens better and healthier, a field that requires every virtue a woman possesses—her good taste, her moral instincts, her love for the good and beautiful, her patience and perseverance. Because of these her natural gifts she is bound to excel man in this field of endeavor, for, after all, man's sphere of influence in a general way is his work, and this work too often tends to become a matter of such routine that there is absolutely no inspiration in it. Men too often cannot see the moral issues at stake in living on treeless streets or in sections devoid of parks.

There is no doubt that women are the natural leaders for the realization of the city beautiful—beautiful not with a lot of expensive cut stone, formidable fences or marble columns, but beautiful with natural parks, with avenues lined with fine trees and with front yards covered with verdure and blossoms and beautiful with children, healthy mentally and physically.

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"Railroad Gardening as a Paying In-
vestment" was the subject of an address before the Florists' club of Philadelphia, by Paul Huebner, landscape gardener for the Reading Railway company. He said in part:

The hard headed gentlemen who manage railroads do so from a dollars and cents standpoint and look on the embellishment of station grounds and approaches from the dollars and cents standpoint only and not from an aesthetic point of view. They realize that it attracts travel and settlement and by so doing not only helps current revenue, but improves the value of their real estate. Nevertheless these managers are to be commended for their breadth of view and for their farseeing good policy, even from those who work for the advancement of horticulture in a spirit of self-sacrifice for the public good.

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THE PROFIT IN BROOD MARES.

Many farmers are carrying on their team work with geldings and barren mares, which are producing nothing except the labor which they perform, writes J. S. Montgomery in the Kansas Farmer. In place of these horses every farmer should have some good, thrifty brood mares with which to carry on his farming operations. The market will take care of all the geldings for years to come, and brood mares should be doing faithful service on the farm.

Any mare that is not doing more than five hours' work per day on the average should, with reasonable care, be able to produce a foal each year without overtaxing her. The selection of mares for farm use is a subject worthy of some study, and a few suggestions may be of value. It should be kept in mind that size is in demand and that the open market pays well for it. Weight between 1,000 and 2,000 pounds is worth 25 cents per pound on the Chicago market. This shows that it pays to breed the big ones. It costs very little more to grow an 1,800-pound colt than a 1,000-pound one.

It is not so material what breed of draft horses a farmer breeds. All of

The breed of draft horses for the farmer to raise is largely a matter of personal preference. The Scotchman loves his Clydesdale, while the Englishman cannot see the proper amount of substance in anything but a Shire, and the average American farmer leans toward the Percheron. These breeds all have their virtues, and it is not much a matter of choosing a breed as of choosing good individuals, either pure breeds or high grades of the breed and continuing with that one breed. The Shire mare shown herewith was a prize winner at a recent English show.

They are good, and he will have no trouble disposing of colts from any of them at a good figure.

The farmer should select good, pure bred mares if possible; if not he should select some high grades. In selecting them the buyer should keep in mind that fat covers a multitude of sins, and should avoid the overfatted ones.

The old saying of "No foot, no horse" is a worthy one, and still better is the one of "Foot and ankle, bone and feather, top may come, but bottom never." Both may well be kept in mind. After having selected well bred mares with special reference to securing size together with good bone and feet, the question of the sort of stallion to which to breed at once arises. It should be remembered, first, that it is always advisable to stick to one breed; second, that it is entirely out of reason to expect a stallion to transmit qualities which he does not have.

The farmer should remember, in selecting a stallion, that it is a very poor policy to breed to anything other than a pure bred sire. The grade may look good and his fee may be cheaper than that of the pure bred, but his good looks, while a credit to his pure bred sire, are only representative about 50 per cent of his blood, and he cannot be expected to transmit it strongly and surely. The pure bred, on the other

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