

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Miss Emily Folk, of Pittsburg visited friends here Sunday.

Joseph Gunter, of Grahamton, left Tuesday for Detroit, Mich.

John Howat, of Pittsburg spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Goldie Price is ill at her home on Broadway with the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moody announce the birth of a baby boy.

Mrs. Conrad Lapp, of Corriganville, was a recent visitor in Frostburg.

William Dando, of Braddock, Pa., spent Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. Mark Lewis left Sunday to join her husband in Turtle Creek, Pa.

Miss Agnes Cain, Centre street, is spending her vacation in McKeesport.

Rudolph Mendelssohn, of Morgantown, W. Va., is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Edmund Lewis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lottie Welsh, Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. David Davis, of Pittsburg, were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Carl Dando, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited his father, Owen Dando last Sunday.

Frank Dando who spent the past week here returned to Akron, Ohio Saturday.

Miss Blanche Thornton, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Betz.

Prof. Earl Lewis, of this place, is teaching for the summer at Mt. Jackson, Virginia.

Dr. I. L. Ritter and Earl Metger have returned from a motor trip through Virginia.

Miss Margaret Porter, Mechanic street, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. W. Plummer, Pittsburg.

John Colborn, of Pittsburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Flynn, East Union street.

Marshall Lewis is at home to spend the Fourth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lewis, Hill street.

Miss Madeline Johnson, of Front Royal, Va., is a guest of Miss Susan Colborn, West Union street.

The homes of J. Fred. Dillon and James Brady, Maple street, are being improved by a coat of paint.

Miss Marie Lewis, of Pittsburg was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, Hill street.

Patrick Byrnes, of Pittsburg is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William James, Bowery street.

Allan T. Hartman, of Baltimore was a guest Sunday of his mother, Mrs. Annie Hartman, Ormand street.

Mrs. David Lewis, of Eckhart is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Nickel, Borden Road.

H. Dorsey Eitchison, democratic nominee for congress was a week-end guest of ex-Mayor George Stern.

Mrs. Robert Ricker visited her mother, Mrs. James McAllister, who is a patient in a Washington hospital.

Garrett Jackson, of Fairmont, W. Va., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jackson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Betz and their guest, Miss Thornton motored to Oakland Wednesday and spent the day.

Mrs. Oscar Keaffer, of Pittsburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eakins, Welsh Hill.

Misses Vera Parker and Nellie Powell are attending summer school at West Virginia University, Morgantown.

Mrs. Samuel Bolton who has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Paul L. Hitchens has returned to her home in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Edgar Rowe and children, of Fairmont, W. Va., are guests of Mrs. Rowe's mother, Mrs. John McFarland, Mt. Pleasant street.

A dance and social under the auspices of Division No. 8, L. A. A. O. H. will be held in St. Michael's Hall Thursday evening, July 13.

Miss Rhoda Neal is at home from Virginia College, Roanoke, Va., to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Neal, Bowery street.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jones, of Baltimore were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Biddington, Wood street. Mrs. Jones will remain for some time.

Mrs. Joseph Eady and daughter, Margaret, who have been visiting Mrs. Eady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Taylor, Spring street, will leave today for their home in Akron, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Beall left Thursday for a month's visit in Fulton, Ill., and other cities of the middle west, returning home by the way of St. Louis. While in Fulton Mr. Beall will officiate at the marriage of his nephew.

WEEKLY ADDRESS
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THE LOVING KINDNESS OF OUR GREAT GOD

Misunderstanding of God's Character Leads Men Into Skepticism.

LOVE OF GOD CONSTRAINS—MANY MADE AGNOSTICS BY ERRONEOUS TEACHINGS—VERY LITTLE GOSPEL PREACHING FOR MANY CENTURIES—HEATHEN BEWILDERED BY UNREASONABLE AND CONFLICTING CREEDS—TRUTH NOW CLEAR TO EARNEST BIBLE STUDENTS—MAJORITY OF COLLEGE PROFESSORS KNOW NOTHING OF THE TRUE TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE—MANY TRUTH-HUNGRY SOULS STUMBLING INTO LATTER-DAY ERRORS—TO KNOW GOD ARIGHT IS LIFE EVERLASTING.

St. Louis, Mo., June 25.—Pastor Russell spoke today before the I. B. S. A. Convention which is in session in our city. His text was, "Because Thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee." (Psalm 63:3.) The Pastor said in part:

More and more are we noticing that the Bible presents to us a God of loving-kindness, and from that viewpoint calls upon us to render some return to Him. More and more are we impressed with the erroneousness of the creeds. How they misled us into thinking of our Heavenly Father as anything but the kind, loving Parent presented in our text! In harmony with this thought of the loving-kindness of our God, the Apostle says, "The love of God constrains us." (2 Corinthians 5:14.) Since Christ is the "express image of the Father's glorious person," God also constrains us—draws us to Himself by His love.

It is very probable that the reason why so many have been kept away from God is that He has been very seriously misrepresented to us all and by us all. When we read the Apostle's words to the effect that the heathen are feeling after God, if haply they might find Him (Acts 17:27), we ask ourselves, Why is it that the heathen have not found the Lord? Evidently St. Paul expresses the right sentiment here; for mankind are so constructed that the highest and noblest organs of our brain are those that call for reverence for the Almighty God. Therefore it would be the most natural condition for all men to desire to have a God, to have fellowship with Him, to have His favor and blessing, and to have the everlasting life which He has offered.

But we find the very reverse of this, not only in Christian lands, but in lands where the Gospel has been preached to a very limited extent. Not only do we find many who neglect the Lord and care little for Him, but we also find many who have turned away from Him entirely and who are antagonistic to Him. They call themselves agnostics, a term which signifies persons who do not know anything definite about God, persons who demand proof of the existence of things supernatural. There is a difference, however, between an infidel—an unbeliever—and an agnostic. Some of the leading people of our day candidly confess that they are agnostics. They are feeling after God, trying to find Him. Then there are some who drift from one denomination to another; and others, such as Christian Scientists, who are outside of all so-called orthodox denominations—all feeling after the Truth, but not having a knowledge of it.

REPELLED BY FALSE TEACHINGS
It is difficult to estimate how much harm has been done by the doctrines which misrepresent God's character. Erroneous teachings are responsible for the many denominations all calling themselves Christians, though knowing little about God and Christ—for the most part, merely formal professors. Only a few claim to be fully consecrated to the Lord. After all these centuries of preaching, we would naturally expect better results. The trouble is that during all these centuries there has been very little real Gospel preached. If we had been taught the simple Truth during the entire Gospel Age, and not the "doctrines of demons," doubtless the results would have been more like those obtained in the early Church, when

thousands turned to the Lord.—Acts 2:41, 4:4.

Noble Christians they were, not merely formal professors. The Apostle tells us of some who endured a great fight of afflictions, who suffered great loss; and of others who became the companions of such as were thus treated. (Hebrews 10:32, 33.) Under Nero, the Roman Emperor, and later under Diocletian, many Christians suffered for loyalty to God. It required a great deal of character to stand up and be willing to suffer even unto death for righteousness' sake. Had this spirit continued, where do you suppose Christianity would be today?

A few years ago, when I was in so-called heathen lands, some of those heathen people came to me one morning, just before my departure, and said, "Pastor Russell, we are sorry that you are leaving us. We wish that you could stay longer. We did not get out to hear you last night; for we supposed that your teaching was something like that of the missionaries here. But we are told that it is very different; and we would like to hear you. We know that there is something in Christianity; but we cannot understand how it could be true, as the missionaries have told us, that thousands upon thousands are suffering in eternal torment because they did not know about our God." Some said, "The gods of the heathen are better than your God. We are taught not to take the life of even a worm, and to be careful where we tread, lest we kill some little creature. How different from what the missionaries tell us about your God! Can you wonder that we are not Christians?"

You will perceive that these people are feeling after God and wishing to find Him; but they are bewildered by misrepresentations of the God of the Bible. Of course, we could converse only through an interpreter; and as my schedule placed a time limit upon me, I could not remain with them longer to tell them about the loving-kindness of our God, as I would have liked to do.

"YE KNOW NOT WHAT SPIRIT YE ARE OF"

When St. Paul was in Athens, he recognized the fact that the heathen were feeling after God and trying to find Him. On the street corners and elsewhere they had vain images erected to represent their multitudinous gods; and lest they should overlook even one, they had erected an altar to "The Unknown God." St. Paul noted the fact and preached to them the true God. But they were so steeped in superstition and error that when they heard of the true God and His Plan they were not ready to receive the Gospel.

If the truth had been proclaimed by the best of teachers all down the Gospel Age, the result might have been the same. Perhaps it would have been rejected; perhaps only a few would have been willing to receive the Message. But experience teaches that many people would like to know the truth about God. Even children of ten years of age and younger are interested to know about Him; and many at the age of twelve or fourteen years have a clear understanding of His Plan.

False doctrines have driven people away from the Lord; and Christian people, under the delusion of these false doctrines, have shown anything but a proper Christian spirit. They have not known what manner of spirit it was, as was the case with St. James and St. John. We will recall that the people of a certain Samaritan village had refused to sell bread for the Master's use. St. James and St. John asked our Lord, "Wilt Thou that we call down fire from Heaven and consume them?" The Master replied, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. The Son of Man came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them."—Luke 9:51-56.

Like these two disciples, Christendom has had a wrong focus. We have not understood our Father in Heaven, nor His Plan. We had a devilish idea, engendered by the doctrines of demons. (1 Timothy 4:1.) During the Dark Ages, men were burned at the stake and put through various forms of torture, all in the name of Jesus, in the name of religion. What a terrible mistake! Did not this drive the people away from the Lord and the Truth? Did it not do great injury to those who perpetrated such crimes as well as to the world at large? Yes; and it all resulted from the lack of knowledge of God.

But now, by the grace of God, the light is shining clearly upon the Bible. God's people today can appreciate our text, perhaps, in a way not appreci-

ated even by the early Church. Because of God's loving-kindness our lips shall praise Him. How far removed is this thought from what many of us were taught in childhood—that God was vengeful, ready to throw us to the Devil; but that our Lord Jesus stepped in and said, "Please do not! I died for these people. Allow Me to show them mercy!" and that then the Father would say, "For Your sake I will; otherwise I would throw them into eternal torment."

What a wretched picture! Where would God's loving-kindness be? But when we see that God arranged a wonderful Plan of Salvation before the foundation of the world, that He has a great Purpose in gathering out of the world a Church, a Bride for His Son, to become Heavenly beings of the Divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), for the blessing of all mankind later, then we begin to see His loving-kindness, His tender mercy.

RIGHT AND WRONG VIEWPOINTS

Now we have come to a time when our conceptions of God are growing clearer. We are awakening from the sleep of the past. We are getting our eyes of understanding open a little. We are looking and thinking, in the right direction. Many others are looking also, but in the wrong direction. The great professors in our colleges are looking, and are seeing things, too; but they are not looking in the right direction, however. A former professor in one of our western colleges came into the knowledge of Present Truth recently. One day he remarked to one of the brethren, "It is not necessary to teach Evolution to the young men and women who come to college. They enter with their minds already prepared on that subject, having gained ideas along this line from their school books and elsewhere. They have already been taught that Evolution is the way by which man came into the world. Furthermore, nearly all of the faculty in all of our colleges and universities are Evolutionists."

Many of the thinking people of the world are looking about in the direction of Theosophy or New Thought or Christian Science. They are searching for light, not knowing where to go. The degree of light which we enjoy who have come to understand God's Plan is to be highly appreciated. "Blessed are your eyes; for they see." You have looked in the right direction—that which God has pointed out—in His Word. Higher Critics, Evolutionists, and others who lean to their own understanding are in darkness. Those who are looking carefully into the teaching of the Bible are being drawn closer to God, and are obtaining a deeper appreciation of Him as a personal God.

All who accept these theories of regard God as a Principle without personality. If any who follow these cults still believe in a personal God, it is because they have not as yet gotten the idea of their leaders. The theory is that there is a principle of good which operates everywhere, and that principle is God. Hence they say that God is everywhere and in everything. To them God is a great law of nature. Is there any intelligence in such a law? Is there any sympathy, any love, there? Not a bit! They worship the principle, instead of the great Source of the principle. They adore the law and not the great Author of law.

GOD'S LOVING-KINDNESS KNOWN TO FEW

Our text speaks to those who have learned to know God. Since the days of the early Church not many have known of God's loving-kindness. It has been lost sight of, even as the teachings of the Bible have been. Only through the Bible can any know of God's loving-kindness and tender mercy. The words of this text have been true of all who have been in close relationship with God throughout the Gospel Dispensation. More fully than ever before do the Lord's people realize His love and mercy today. More light is shining upon this class than ever before. Truly we know something of the loving-kindness of our God.

If this realization has come into your heart, it is having a transforming effect upon your heart and your mind; for it is having this effect upon all of God's people. The Psalmist declares that this loving-kindness of our God is better than life—the present life, not the future. It is this loving-kindness which has provided for a future life for us. In view of this fact, we count what remains of the present life as a trifling thing, not worthy to be compared with what God has in reservation for us. As a training school for the life to come, this life is very valuable, but not for its own sake. So we are glad to lay it down in the service of God. We have not been compelled to do so, however. God is not compelling any one to sacrifice. Whoever makes a sacrifice that is acceptable to God must do it of his own free will.

Our hope is built upon the loving-kindness of our God. As soon as we saw His loving character, we gladly surrendered our little all. It was the same with our Lord Jesus. Did He not, in appreciation of God's loving-kindness, lay down His life? And so it has been with all who walk in His footsteps. Thus we appreciate God's provision for the future as far better than the present life, and are willing to surrender all of our earthly prospects, counting them as loss and dross, in order that we may secure the glorious things which God has promised to those who love Him.

WILLING SERVICE, NOT COMPULSION

Our text goes on to say, "My lips shall praise Thee." We praise God with joy in our hearts. He does not

demand our praise; it is not that we MUST do this or that. We should not ask, "Must I do this?" or, "Will God require that?" This is not the right spirit; rather, it is just the reverse. Let us serve the Heavenly Father and do His will as our Lord Jesus did. He said, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God! Thy Law is written in my heart." (Hebrews 10:5-9; Psalm 40:7, 8.) We, too, will praise God with joyful lips for the privilege of service and of suffering for His name.

This spirit was exemplified in St. Paul and Silas, when on account of their loyalty to the Truth they were imprisoned at Philippi. There in the prison, with their backs smarting from the stripes which they had received, with their hands and their feet fast in stocks, and with their bodies in a most uncomfortable position, these two faithful servants of God had so great an appreciation of God's loving-kindness that their lips gave utterance to songs of praise, telling of Good Tidings to others.

So it is with us, dear Brethren. We cannot keep God's gracious Message to ourselves. As the Prophet said, "It is like a fire in our bones; we cannot stifle it." (Jeremiah 20:9.) We must declare our appreciation of the glorious things which He has in reservation for the Church and of the blessings which He has in reservation for the whole world of mankind. Because His loving-kindness is better than life, we praise Him with joyful lips.

WONDERFUL STORY OF GOD'S LOVE

To know God is life eternal, the Master said. (John 17:3.) This being so, not many as yet have eternal life; for only a few know God. It is not sufficient to know that there is a God, nor to realize that He is a living Being, not a Principle. As the Scriptures say, "He that cometh to God must believe that He is [a personal God], and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6.) We first believed; then we sought to know His will concerning us.

Thus doing, we found that He had made a provision in His Love whereby we might come from under the condemnation of sin and death and be admitted into His family. We offered ourselves to Him through Christ our Redeemer. God accepted us and gave us the begetting of His Holy Spirit. By and by, if we are faithful, we shall be born in the spirit plane and have joint-heirship with Christ Jesus our Lord.

Beall High School Annex.

County Superintendent John E. Edwards, County Superintendent-elect Edward F. Webb, School Commissioners T. H. Morgan and J. S. McCauley, and trustees James Fuller, George Townsend and W. E. G. Hitchens, visited Beall High School Monday and decided on plans for a three room addition to be built on the East side next to Beall street.

Caton-Caton.

At the parsonage of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Friday evening, June 23, 1916 by Rev. H. H. Beidleman, Miss Susan Caton to Ira Solomon Caton both of Garrett county.

EXECUTORS' SALE Fine Farm and Timber.

The undersigned, Mary E. Shearer McEvoy, executrix of Anne M. Humbertson, by virtue of a power in her last will dated July 9, 1896, and of record in the office of the Register of Wills for Allegany county in Wills Liber H, Folio 164, and the undersigned, John N. Frantz and Ida W. Frantz, executors of the last will of Elizabeth O'Donnell, dated April 3, 1916, and of record in said office in Wills Liber L, Folio 6, by virtue of a power in said will, and all of us under an order of the Orphans' Court for said county, passed June 9, 1916, hereby give notice that we will offer at public sale in front of the Gladstone Hotel, on Main street, in the town of Frostburg, Allegany county, State of Maryland, on

Saturday, July 15, 1916,
At 10:30 O'Clock A. M.,

All that farm of land formerly known as "The John Winter, Sr., Farm," and more recently known as "The Elizabeth O'Donnell Farm," situate at or near the village of Vale Summit, in said county and State, containing about three hundred (300) acres of land, and comprising Military Lots Nos. 3592, 3593, 3594 and 3595, each containing fifty acres, conveyed to John Winter by Jacob Winter et al by deed dated April 1, 1826, and recorded among the land records of said county in Liber A B No. 1, folio 300, and by Josiah Porter and wife by deed dated March 26, 1839, and recorded in Liber A B No. BB, folio 336. Also that tract of one hundred acres conveyed to John Winter, Sr., by John Spiker and wife by deed dated February 28, 1835, and recorded in Liber A B, No. R, folio 399. The whole being the same property conveyed by George Winter et al to Hester Winter by deed dated April 15, 1868, and recorded in Liber H R No. 27, folio 232, and by George Winter et al to Anne E. Humbertson and Elizabeth O'Donnell by deed dated July 17, 1896, and recorded among said land records in Liber T L No. 79, folio 685.

The property is improved by a Two-Story Brick Dwelling House, a Barn, and a number of outbuildings. The mineral rights belong to others and are not included as part of the property offered for sale. The undersigned reserve the right to offer the timber and the land separately, and also as a whole, and in such order as they may deem best, and the right to sell as a whole or separately so as to secure the best total price, and the right to hold bids till this can be determined. Terms of Sale—CASH.

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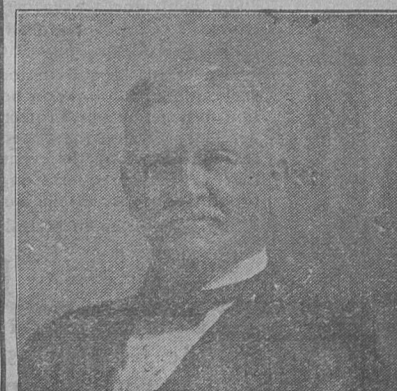
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