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IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

REV. JOHN A. BRUNSON'S 1 14-COURSE ON THE SUBJECT.

The Lately Resigned Pastor Of French Broad Church Speaks At The Adventist Tent Tuesday Evening To a Large Crowd.

The tent in Nellie Park in which the Seventh Day Adventists have been holding their services has been enlarged and removed farther from the street. It was filled last evening on the occasion of the discourse by Rev. John A. Brunson, who recently resigned the pastorate of French Broad Baptist church. Mr. Brunson's subject was "Conditional Immortality; or, Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ," and the talk was based on Genesis 2: 7:

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

In opening, Mr. Brunson said that in coming to consider the question it was best not to do so in a spirit of controversy. He came as a true seeker and simply laid before the audience the result of his investigations. "The views to which I hold," Mr. Brunson continued, "have been the result of an investigation extending over two years or more. I had considered the question before I left the shores of Japan. When I came to Asheville some six months ago, I was not prepared to say—my views were in abeyance. Two months ago when the tent was erected here and I saw the hand bills on the street, I came seeking the truth and for the first time I knew that their views were like mine. Works bearing on the subject were secured and five or six volumes were read. The views were peculiarly my own.

"I am surprised at the tone of much that has been said in Asheville regarding the immortality of the soul. The doctrine of conditional immortality is spoken of as peculiar to the Seventh Day Adventists. We see that it is as old as the New Testament. I claim, in preaching a conditional immortality of the soul, that I am simply returning to the doctrine taught by Jesus Christ and His disciples. This belief is not confined to any one denomination. I have been greatly astonished at the ignorance of some who hold themselves up as leaders of religious thought. I am not saying this for a reflection upon anybody, but I allege it as an indisputable fact. Whether the doctrine be true or not, it is the duty of every leader to investigate it fully. I do believe that within the next 25 years, if Jesus Christ has not come by that time, the doctrine of conditional immortality will be generally accepted. It is the most rational doctrine. The doctrine of eternal torment is not of Christ but of the heathen philosophers.

"I am not identified with the Adventists; I am not here as the representative of any denomination; simply myself, representing myself. I believe that the life we have is conditioned with God and dependent upon God. I do not believe man has an inherently deathless principle in him. If man is independent he occupies the same plane that God does. If man cannot die he must live, and if he must live, being a deathless entity, he is self existent. Throughout the Scriptures, if I read aright, life is absolutely contingent upon the will of God, who gave it.

"If the breath of life means a deathless entity, then we must conclude all animals have it. If the breathing of life into man makes him a deathless soul, then the breathing of life into the little mosquito makes it a deathless soul. If we declare so, then all animals to whom breath has been given are as immortal as man. Dr. Woolbridge accepts this and declares that all animals are immortal. How do you know that the soul can never be at rest? Who told you? Plato, and not Paul. There is nothing in Scripture that implies an inalienable, deathless principle. Man is not a soul, body or spirit, but the three taken together. It is not an immortal soul that sees, thinks and feels. It is the whole man that lives. The whole man dies, the whole man rises again, the whole man is judged.

"Here is the idea of conditional immortality: Man was made by God and animated by Him. Was he perfect? No; not in the sense of holiness. Was he immortal? No; but to him was given the power of attaining immortality and perfection. He disobeyed and forfeited immortality.

"Of course we want immortality, but we have mistaken the instinct for the possession of the thing itself. God made man; he is not immortal, but capable of attaining to immortality. Then Jesus Christ came to bring light and immortality to life. Through Him and Him alone can we attain immortality."

Mr. Brunson's sermon was full of quotations from noted writers on the subject and passages from Scripture. There will not be services at the tent this evening, but tomorrow evening Mr. Brunson will continue his argument.

At Mount Mitchell.

The attractions of the mountains are filling the resorts with visitors from the low country. At the Mount Mitchell hotel at Black Mountain are registered Mrs. B. H. Heyward and children, Pebble, Fla.; Mrs. D. C. Champlain and children, Biltmore; W. Lindsey, Miss Isabel Lindsey, Miss Mary Ely, Frankfort, Ky.; Mrs. J. M. Thornburg, Miss Bessie Thornburg, John Thornburg, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Carrie McDonald, Miss M. J. Moss, Knoxville; Miss A. V. Bomquin, Savannah; J. F. and Mrs. Patterson, China Grove, N. C.; D. F. Jarvis, Mrs. E. H. Meadows, Mrs. F. G. Mitchell, Newbern; G. W. Conner and Mrs. Conner, Wilson; Mrs. Bissenger, Wilmington, and Mrs. A. Walker, Statesville.

In Baseball Circles.

The Knoxville baseball team will come in to-night from Spartanburg to begin a series with Asheville at Allandale tomorrow.

Spartanburg won from Knoxville yesterday by a score of 6 to 1. Flournoy was in the box for Knoxville and James for Spartanburg. This is the first game out of seven straight that Spartanburg has won.

Captain Lanier injured the third finger of his left hand at practice yesterday. The hurt is painful but will probably not prevent him from playing.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL GAMES.

National League—Chicago 18, Pittsburg 11; New York 1, Boston 0; Cincinnati 4, Louisville 3; Cleveland 15, St. Louis 9; Cleveland 4, St. Louis 2, second game; Boston-Brooklyn and Washington-Philadelphia games postponed.

HILL TALKS SENSE.

Enough For All Other Senators Single Handed.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—In the Senate today the conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was agreed to.

At one o'clock the conference report on the tariff bill was called up and Mr. Caffrey took the floor, resuming his speech begun yesterday.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Hill went into an elaborate defence of President Cleveland and his letter to Chairman Wilson. Hill said he had known the President for many years. He was a man who said little in conversation. He was a good listener. He formed his conclusions slowly, deliberately, honestly and sincerely. He permitted his party friends to disclose their plans and purposes. And it was certain to his (Hill's) mind that the President did not bind himself to the provisions of the Senate bill and that he did not approve them.

The President, Hill said, had not intended to dictate to either branch of Congress. The letter could not be construed into dictation. It was a suggestion, an expostulation, a warning to his party friends not to persist in the Senate bill. Hill argued that the letter violated no clause of the constitution, and that the President had the constitutional, legal and moral right to send it.

Hill wound up a two hours' speech, bristling all over with the spikes and spears of his wit and sarcasm, by comparing the Senatorial conspiracy against President Cleveland to that which compassed the assassination of Julius Cæsar. In this historical parallel Gorman stood for "lean and hungry Cassius," to whom Cæsar said: "He thinks too much. Such men are dangerous;" Jones of Arkansas for "honest Brutus;" Vest for the "envious Casca;" Voorhees for Trebonius, and "the distinguished Senator from Tennessee," Harris, for Cinna. He carried out the parallel by declaring that these Senators made the same plea which the conspirators of old made—"not that they loved Cæsar less but that they loved Rome more; not they loved Cleveland less, but that they loved their party and the country more."

The caucus of Democratic Senators yesterday afternoon reached no conclusion.

GREAT CLOUD BURST.

A World of Water in and Near Roan Mt.

KNOXVILLE, July 25.—Col. Frank McNulty, proprietor of the Imperial hotel, returned yesterday from Cranberry, N. C., where he spent Sunday with his wife.

Col. McNulty reports a terrific cloudburst, which was accompanied by much damage to property on Roan mountain last Friday night. So hard did the rain fall that the road was washed out in places from four to five feet deep and was rendered impassable.

The continued rain ever since has rendered it impossible to repair the road so that traffic over it could be resumed. When this ceases it will take some three or four days to put the road in traveling condition again.

The crops in the vicinity of the cloud burst were also damaged to some extent and the streams are all overflowing their banks.

HALF A MILLION LOSS.

Big Fire In Washington—Three Firemen Killed.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—At 2:20 this morning fire was discovered in the warehouse and stables of the George W. Knox express company. The building and contents were destroyed and 205 horses were burned to death. Eight two story houses were also destroyed.

Three firemen were killed by falling walls and four were seriously injured. One of the Knox stable employes was badly injured and will probably die.

The warehouse was packed from basement to roof with furniture and merchandise, many families having their entire household goods stored in the building. The loss is about half a million.

A LITTLE WAR YET

Japan Willing To Tackle Corea and China.

SHANGHAI July 25.—Advices from Seoul say the Japanese military commander at that place is concentrating his troops with the intention of attacking the Chinese and Corean troops entrenched just outside the city.

Her Bones Are Bleaching.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 25.—Word has been received here of the total wreck of the British bark William Lelachur off Cape St. James on Provost Island, 600 miles from Singapore. The vessel left Singapore for Hon Kong May 4th to load for San Francisco. Her bones now are bleaching on the rocks off Cape St. James while the bodies of her crew are strewn along the shore. Out of a crew of twelve not a man lives to tell the tale. The crew consisted of four Englishmen and eight Chinese.

Henderson and Long the Victors.

STATESVILLE, July 23.—The friends of Armfield and Turner concede the nomination of Long for judge and Henderson for Congress. Telegraphic information received here today from the counties of Lincoln and Cabarrus give Henderson 166 votes, necessary for a choice 147; Long 172, necessary for a choice 122. Caldwell is strongly in the lead for the solicitorship, the indications pointing to his nomination.—Charlotte Observer.

Republican Convention

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 25.—The Republican State convention was called to order by Hon. James H. Clarke of Nattoon a few minutes after noon today. Prayer was offered by Rev. O. R. Adrian of Aurora, and Alderman J. R. Man was made temporary chairman. The roll was called for members of the various committees and recess was taken till 3 o'clock p. m.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Six members of a negro mob at Turaville, Fla., were shot down by Jack Thomas, a negro whom they were trying to lynch.

Grand Master Workman Sovereign goes to Alabama Friday to take part in the State campaign.

The Walter Wellman arctic expedition is believed to be lost.

Chenoa, Ill., was wiped out by a $100,000 fire.

BETTER COUNTY ROADS

BUNCOMBE TAKES ANOTHER STEP THAT WAY.

Meeting In The Court House Addressed By Col. Roy Stone Of The Agricultural Department—The Railroad Question.

The double meeting held by citizens of Buncombe for the purpose of considering the railroad and county road questions was called to order shortly after 12 o'clock today in the court house by J. E. Rankin, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Will Aiken was made secretary. There was a good attendance of the people of city and county.

The railroad meeting was the first to take action, by the adoption of a motion made by Capt. Natt Atkinson, to the effect that the chairman should appoint a committee to communicate with the authorities of Transylvania county and with persons who would undertake building of the proposed railroad from Brevard to Asheville. This committee is to be composed of Chairman Rankin, three committeemen from Asheville township and one from each township outside the city.

At the conclusion of this business the question of bettering the roads of Buncombe county was considered, the County Commissioners as a body taking part in the conference. Chairman Rankin introduced Col. Roy Stone, special agent and engineer of the Bureau of Road Inquiry, a branch of the Department of Agriculture at Washington. Col. Stone made an address that went right into the details of the momentous question of building county roads, and relating instances showing in various States how great a benefit had accrued from the adoption of measures for road improvement. The address was plain, practical and instructive.

Questions on particular points were asked by Col. Frank Coxe, W. S. Cushman, W. D. Houghteling, W. G. Corpening and others and Col. Stone gave the benefit of his information upon the subject. At the close of the talk Col. Stone gave out copies of road literature published by the Agricultural department.

Geo. S. Powell offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure and benefit Gen. Stone's remarks on good roads; that one of the great needs of Buncombe county is better roads, and as a step in that direction be it

"Resolved, That the Board of County Commissioners be, and are hereby requested to appoint a committee of citizens for the purpose of investigating the question of better roads for Buncombe county. Said committee to report their investigations with recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners."

Upon the adoption of this the meeting adjourned.

VISITING FLORISTS.

Welcomed By The Mayor—Cold Storage For — ?

The North Carolina Florist's association met this morning in the Y. M. C. A. lecture room. The president of the association is J. Van Lindley.

The address of welcome to the visitors was delivered by Mayor Patton. He made a very happy little speech. He said that Florida was called the land of flowers, but thought it was a mistake, as North Carolina had a greater variety of native flowers than Florida.

A committee was appointed to see if the United States would not buy Roan mountain for a National Park. The committee is to send a delegate to the Society of American Florists which meets in Atlantic City, August 21-4.

There will be a regular business meeting in the Y. M. C. A lecture room at 9 o'clock this evening. The florists went to Vanderbilt's this afternoon and will be given a reception at the Mayor's residence at 7 o'clock.

The visitors are loud in their praise of the "cold storage room" at the Idlewild greenhouses. They pronounce it the best in the United States, if, indeed, not the only one.

Debs' Case Goes Over

CHICAGO, July 25.—The Debs, Howard, Keliher and Rogers strike cases were today continued, the United States court having adjourned at 11 o'clock until September.

In the Debs contempt case Judge Woods delivered a brief opinion formally overruling the motion of the defense to quash informations against the A. R. A. officers.

Two More States.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The Senate committee on territories this morning ordered a favorable report on the admission into the Union of the territories of Arizona and New Mexico.

N. Y. Republican Convention.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The Republican State committee today decided to hold the State convention at Saratoga September 18.

COMING AND GOING.

Misses Amelia and Lizzie McComb of Hickory are in the city on their way home from a visit to Hendersonville. They are stopping at Justice A. T. Summey's, Haywood street.

J. S. Moody has returned from a trip to Savannah and other Southern cities, selling the Stearns wheel for the Edison Phonograph and Typewriter company.

At the Berkeley: G. C. Bonniwell, Hickory; Ernest J. Bush and family, Morganton; Jas. A. Sanders, Raleigh; Walter E. Stone, New York.

Savannah Dispatch: Mrs. George Mills and her mother, Mrs. Postell, left on Tuesday for their beautiful home in Asheville.

P. F. Kean of Detroit and J. S. Cake of Columbia are among those stopping at the Swannanoa.

Dr. Isaac Robb and wife have returned from Morehead City. They report a delightful time.

Greensboro Record: Mrs. J. W. Fry left for Asheville this morning to remain some time.

I. N. Smith, principal of Darland Institute at Hot Springs, was in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beam of Shelby are visiting relatives in Asheville.

Postmaster J. Will Jones of Fairview is in the city today.

Dr. G. W. Fletcher is in the city from Fletchers.