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## Current Events Reviewed.

### Carnegie and Frick.

The suit of Mr. Frick against the Carnegie Steel Company, and the suit against the Coke Company, brought about a change in the form of the corporations, by which Mr. Frick gets the amount he wanted; not in cash, but in stock of the new corporation. There was a re-organization under the cover of New Jersey laws, Mr. Carnegie retaining the controlling interest, and the new management including neither Mr. Carnegie or Mr. Frick. The values of the plants have been largely increased—the book values, and as the company has large orders, at large figures, it will continue to give large dividends to the stockholders as long as the present industrial prosperity continues.

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### The Joint Revision of the Psalms.

For nearly three years it has seemed as if this project would utterly fail and that the hope of a version on which all could or would unite was doomed to disappointment. The revival of the project is due to several reasons. The Rev. W. J. Dey, chairman of the sub-committee, never gave up hope, and finally in conjunction with the secretary, Dr. Steele, called all the members of the original committees to meet in New York on Friday, April 20, 1900. Another reason that urged this revival was that no one is entirely satisfied with the version he now has. While each version has its good points, no one version combines these excellencies while it seems that a selection and combination of these versions might accomplish the desired end. There is no opposition of consequence to be reckoned with; the only difficulty being inertia and the need of the version overcomes this.

At the time appointed seven members of the general committees were present at the meeting in the R. P. church (N. S.) Twelfth Street, between Sixth and Seventh Avenues, New York. These were the Rev. W. J. Dey, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, Prof. J. Scrimger, D.D., Montreal, Mr. Robert Murray, Halifax, Rev. Dr. J. D. Steele, New York, in whose church they met, Rev. Dr. Watters, Pittsburg, Rev. Dr. T. P. Stevenson, Philadelphia, and W. J. Coleman, Allegheny. A few days later Dr. D. McAllister, Pittsburg, and Dr. M. Gailey, Philadelphia, joined the committee. Dr. E. R. Craven, of Philadelphia, sent a letter explaining his absence and regretting his inability to be present. Dr. John T. Duffield, of Princeton, was present during one session. The com-

mittee sat six days and made a fair beginning of the work of revision.

The committee from the Covenant Church had been discharged, but its members deemed it best to act until a new committee could be appointed.

A circular giving account of the work done was prepared and will soon be published.

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### Famine Stricken India.

An earnest appeal on behalf of the sufferers from famine in India is about to be issued to the American people by the Ecumenical Council on Foreign Missions. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, a committee of five was appointed to consider the question and to report upon what was best to be done. The committee is composed as follows: The Rev. L. R. Scudder, of Bombay, Chairman; the Rev. Dr. Smith, the Rev. Mr. Brock, the Rev. L. R. Wolf, and the Rev. J. Wilkie of Central India. All of the members of the committee have missions in the parts of India where the famine is most severe. The Rev. Dr. J. W. Waugh said that the sending of a ship from America to India, laden with corn, was a good idea, but it took considerable time for a vessel to reach India, and, considering the circumstances, the cable was a far better means for the relief of the sufferers. Dr. Parker said that during the previous famine the beans sent from America made the famine sufferers sick because they did not know how to cook them and ate them raw. "Don't stop the sending of corn," said the Rev. Dr. H. J. Bruce. "The corn ought to be sold and the money cabled," said another speaker. "What is imperatively needed is money. The necessary food can be obtained in India for money. The British Government is doing and will do all it can to meet the distress. There are certain classes, however, the Government officials cannot reach on account of social caste. There is therefore a large field to be covered. Only the missionary can reach it. Thank God the people of India have such confidence in the missionary that his wife has access to the home, where caste compels the women to remain indoors and starve because they are not allowed to appeal for outside aid." "I'm an old Indian," said another speaker, "and I say money, not grain, is what should be sent. It costs more to send the grain there than to buy it on the spot. India has an excellent railway system. There is plenty of grain there to buy."

The CHRISTIAN NATION Famine Fund now exceeds Five Hundred Dollars. Every dollar received goes forward in full to the starving people. All costs of exchange, and every other item, are

## Facta Actaque.

The total Boer force is now estimated at 30,000.

The Queen of England has returned to Windsor Castle from Ireland.

By the death of the late Duke of Argyle, the Marquis of Lorne assumes the title. Princess Louise, of England, is now Duchess of Argyle.

Nine persons were killed and about forty injured at the Paris Exposition, on Sabbath, by the fall of a foot-bridge which had previously been condemned.

No settlement has as yet been made by the Turkish Government of the indemnity claim made by the United States on account of the massacre of American missionaries.

A disastrous fire, on April 26, swept the cities of Hull and Ottawa, in Canada, causing a loss of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, and rendering fifteen thousand people homeless.

General Roberts was thought to have had the Boers corralled near Thaba Nchu, but General Botha, the Boer leader, succeeded in withdrawing his troops and they are retreating northward in the Orange Free State.

The Ecumenical Conference on Missions, held in this city during the past ten days, proved a wonderful success as to numbers and results reached. Four hundred foreign missionaries were introduced on Thursday afternoon. The collection taken on Sabbath, for starving India, reached \$1,600. A permanent committee was appointed to receive subscriptions.

The twenty-first anniversary service of Christ's Mission, the Rev. James A. O'Connor, pastor, was celebrated on April 29, at Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue, New York. Its purpose is to convert Roman Catholic priests, and already sixty have been converted. The Rev. Dr. David James Burrell praised Mr. O'Connor in an introductory address. The Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur, who made the principal discourse, proposed that the mission be more widely known, that a large hall suitable for services be secured, that a representative committee of men and women be appointed, and that speakers of national and international reputation be engaged to speak.

At the Ecumenical Conference "Comity" in mission work was enthusiastically discussed. Organic union between different denominations was considered out of the question, and missionary after missionary declared that they found no hindrances arising from that fact, but union was recommended where there were branches of the same general church division. No church should interfere or compete with another which has already established its work in a field, but on entering a new territory there should be an amicable division of the field, a careful and friendly drawing of the boundary lines, for the sake of reaching the greater number with the gospel light.

# A Sermon. The Mystery of Redemption.

By Rev. J. M. Foster.

Action sermon by Rev. J. M. Foster. Second R. P. church, Boston, October 15, 1899.

Text.—“For yourselves know what great conflict I had for them at Laodicea, and as many as have not seen my face; that your hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, unto the full assurance of understanding, unto the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, even the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Col. 2:1-3.

A few words by way of exposition. The apostle calls attention to his great mental struggle on behalf of fellow believers, many of whom he had never seen in the flesh. His soul is on fire with the love of Jesus. He manifests the Master's spirit in seeking to comfort these troubled believers. He brings forward two grounds of consolation. One is the love of God, “Knit together in love.” The knowledge of Christ and His salvation. The value and importance of this he expresses by the ultimate object to be reached, “unto the full assurance of the understanding.” These Christians had saving knowledge of God and His Christ. By this knowledge they had been comforted. An increase of this knowledge would enlarge their ground of comfort. But where there is a believing with the heart, there is also a profession with the lips. A knowledge of the revelation of God in Christ, leads to a confession of and a glorying in this great salvation, “unto the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, even the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” But Jesus Christ is “God with us.” And so the apostle adds: “In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” The gospel is the mystery of God. But Jesus Christ is the revelation of God. “He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father.” He that knows Jesus Christ has the key to the mystery. “He that hath the Son, hath the Father.” The mystery of God revealed in Christ. In 2 Cor. 4:1 gospel ministers are called the stewards of the mystery of God. They are sent to dispense the gospel among all nations. Their mission is to teach men Christianity. In 1 Tim. 3:16, we read: “Great is the mystery of godliness, God was manifest in the flesh justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” The incarnation, life, death, resurrection and ascension of the Son of God are the mystery. The knowledge of these comforts believers.

There is nothing else that can give comfort. Mystery signifies the marvelous, that which is beyond nature, that which the human mind could not discover with its own unaided powers. But when it is revealed, it is so plain and simple, “that a wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein.” The gospel has an excellence, an adaptation and a power to comfort that “by manifestation of the truth, we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.”

It is to be noted, that the very reasons which the world assigns for rejecting the gospel are those given by believers for accepting it. The doctrines most objected to by the unbelievers, are those most precious to the believer. “The cross is a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks; but the power of God unto salvation to all them that believe.” When the world is told that God gave His Son to redeem it, that He laid on Him the iniquity of us all, that Jesus Christ suffered and died, the just for the unjust, and that there is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ, they laugh us to scorn. One reason why the world rejects the doctrine of substitution is, they have only a worldly standard. There is nothing like this in all the field of their observation. This is the great exception. It differs from God's method in every other field. Another reason is, their perceptions are carnal. An artist sees a beauty in a master's painting that a tyro cannot apprehend. The believer has the eyes of his understanding opened to see the beauty of the Lord our God. “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned; but he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” There is a difference between the view of Christ and His death, on the part of a man who has no sense of sin, and that of the man who is overwhelmed with grief and fear, because of deep convictions. “They shall look upon Him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for an only son, and be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born.” This mystery of God is a test of character. It condemns the ungodly, it comforts believers.

The gospel is the mystery of God. We could not but expect mystery in redemption.

1. *Because salvation is a high and peculiar matter.* It has to do with eternal interests. The destiny of the immortal soul is involved. For this

heaven was built. For this hell was dug. The holy angels in glory look down upon this earth with deepest interest because human souls are being prepared for eternity, and ready to rejoice over one sinner that repenteth.” The fallen angels in hell are waiting to receive the lost soul, that dies impenitent, and take him into their company with fiendish delight.

Now, when such high and stupendous issues are involved, shall we not expect that they will be met in a way that will comport with their importance? Will the ordinary methods of nature, with which we are familiar, suffice? Shall not some grand and unique and unusual way be revealed, a way worthy of the majesty of God, of the issues involved, and of the souls to be saved? And when we read what God Himself undertook for us, that He came down from heaven to earth, that he appeared in the likeness of sinful flesh, that He gave His life a ransom for us, and that His blood cleanseth from all sins the believing heart responds, “this is worthy of God, it meets the exigencies of the case, it brings God's peace to us.”

2. *Because God Himself is concerned.* God is angry with the wicked. This anger is not like human passion. The divine mind is not disturbed. It is the calm, unchanging, necessary and consuming opposition of the divine nature to sin. It is this that creates alarm in the sinner's heart. “Who knows the power of thy wrath? According to thy fear, so is thy wrath.” God has given us this warning, “I will not meet thee as a man.” “Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.”

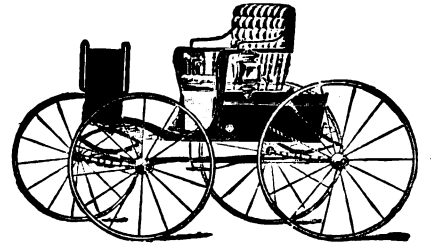
Now what will suffice to appease the divine wrath? Shall we give thousands of rams or ten thousands of rivers of oil? Will the fruit of the body be accepted for the sin of the soul? Man instinctively knows that these will not suffice. “Their soul's redemption precious is.” Nothing but a divine provision will meet this case. The mystery of the incarnation, the mystery of Gethsemane, the mystery of the cross, and the mystery of the resurrection are the only all sufficient remedy. “It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, and who also maketh intercession for us.”

Concluded next week.

### Recognition of Quality.

The Philadelphia Export Exposition of 1899 is now a thing of the past, but the honors conferred by its Jury of Awards are lasting. It is for the public good that it should be known to all that the very highest honors were awarded to the Mason & Hamlin pianos and organs, such honors as were awarded to the instruments of no other maker. This significant fact is a guide to all intending purchasers.

It is not so very long ago that any stock article, however much of worth and durability it had, lack as a rule all elegance of design. In other words, it had no style. Fortunately all this is now past. The article of moderate cost has a character and finish that could not be had a few years ago except in high priced made-to-order goods. It is nowhere more noticeable than in some of the modern lines of vehicles and buggies now



being offered direct to the consumer by means of advertising. Take the above design selected at random from the catalogue we have just received from the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Carriage & Harness Co., their No. 325 Stock Seat Stanhope, since it illustrates the principle referred to, it equals in every way, so far as we can see, the product of certain factories which cater exclusively to the wealthy, and sell their vehicles by old methods of high priced salesmen and expensive repositories in many leading cities. By such concerns, vehicles, apparently no better than this one, are sold at from three to four times its price. In dealing directly with the Kalamazoo Carriage & Harness Company, all extra expenses such as city stores, salesmen, margins for bad accounts, etc., are saved. You pay only one profit and that a very modest one. It is impossible for us within the limitations of this paragraph to give more than a hint of the complete line of the Kalamazoo Company. The catalogue itself is a very handsome one and it is an earnest of the good things inside. There are vehicles of every conceivable style and all at very low prices. Every condition of taste, need and purse are met. The farmer who looks first for service, then for economy of cost, finds these qualities combined with a certain exclusiveness of design which will make his rig a noticeable one when he drives out, while the town and city man, who wants more of lightness and elegance, will not turn elsewhere unsatisfied. The Kalamazoo Carriage and Harness Company are strictly manufacturers and not jobbers. Every vehicle they sell is produced in their own works and is guaranteed. The foregoing holds good to regarding their harness lines which the catalogue covers fully. Send for a copy and verify for yourselves that nothing but personal inspection will do the book and its contents justice. Address Kalamazoo Carriage & Harness Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., and mention this paper.

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For the benefit of those desiring to visit Cincinnati during the session of the People's Party National Convention, May 9, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell tickets from all stations at the rate of one first-class fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold and good going on May 7 only, and returning leaving Cincinnati no later than May 12.

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## Facta Actaque.

A German relief fund of 500,000 marks has been forwarded to the Viceroy of India.

The laying of the German American cable was begun May 4, at Borkum Island, in the North Sea.

Rev. Dr. H. P. Dewey, of Concord, N. H., accepted the call to the Church of the Pilgrims, in Brooklyn, to succeed Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs.

By an explosion of blasting powder in a coal mine near Colton, Utah, over one hundred persons were killed and many injured on May 1.

F. W. Atkinson, principal of the Springfield, Mass. High School, has been appointed Superintendent of Instruction of the Philippines by the new commission.

Admiral Dewey reviewed the Dewey Day Parade in Chicago, and was received with the greatest enthusiasm. A like greeting was extended to him in St. Louis.

Ten thousand Ashantees attacked the British at Coomassie, on April 23, and a bloody fight continued for days. The governor has asked for reinforcements on the gold coast.

No less than a dozen of tornadoes passed over Saline, Ellsworth, and Barton counties, in Central Kansas on May 6. Dreadful havoc was made of all property within their course.

Ex-Judge William C. Endicott, who was secretary of war under President Cleveland, and whose daughter is the wife of Honorable Joseph Chamberlain, of England, died in Boston, May 6.

The coming of age of the Crown Prince of Germany, was fittingly observed by imposing ceremonies which lasted three days, Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, joining in the ceremonies.

A lad eighteen years of age killed a companion aged fifteen, on Saturday last, in Jersey City, in order that he might secure the three dollars pay in the murdered lad's possession. Sensational literature and cigarettes are believed to have ruined his moral nature.

The latest reports from South Africa describe General Roberts as having crossed the Vet river and say that General Hamilton occupies Winburg. The passage was forced by Pole Carew. Every foot of the advance has been hotly opposed by the Boers, but they were compelled to fall back.

Considerable work is being done in exploring the Cliff Dwellers' ruins in Chaco county, San Juan County, N. M. Over one hundred persons are employed and the company doing the work has a large freighting outfit, which is busy bringing in supplies and sending out relics. The main building that is being excavated measures 510x350 feet, and is four stories, or 30 feet high. There are over seven hundred rooms in it, 192 of which have been excavated and explored.

## Current Events Reviewed.

### The Mission Conference.

Much of our space was given last week, and a full page is given this week to addresses delivered at the Mission Conference—addresses that we are sure will be of great benefit to our readers. The greatest value of the Mission Conference, however, was not in the addresses, but rather in the coming together for heart to heart talks of the missionaries of the cross from every part of the world—their mutual exchange of views, and the new courage which their comradeship for even so short a time would give to one another. They will return to their respective fields of labor with new ideas and new purposes. Mission work the world over will feel the new impetus born of the inspiring occasion.

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### The India Famine Fund.

The resources of the Covenant Church are large—larger than any demand which has yet been made upon them. It needs but the right touch to start the streams of God's money flowing. Only a few weeks ago we announced our willingness to forward any monies that readers would send us for the relief of the starving people in India. Already we have received more than seven hundred dollars, and the money is still flowing in. The first fifty dollars went to Rev. Ferd. Hahn, a distinguished missionary recommended by the American Tract Society. Twice since then we have cabled money to Miss Emma Anderson, of the United Presbyterian Mission at Jhelum, Punjab—six hundred dollars to her in all. This method of forwarding the money was adopted by us because it would save more than a month's time. Twenty-four hours after the money left our hands the starving mothers and children were eating the bread which it bought. Otherwise hundreds would have starved awaiting its arrival by mail. Since we cabled the first three hundred dollars, missionaries from India at the Conference have cried out, "Don't mail your money, cable it!"

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### Trickery or Honesty, Which?

The American Wire and Steel Company has sustained a severe shock. Mr. John W. Gates, the executive head of the concern, not long ago gave out orders for the stoppage of certain mills. The reason given was over-production, the stagnation in trade being caused by labor troubles. The reasons given were plain enough, and at once there was a fall in the stock. This did not suit, and an outcry came that the move was a stock jobbing act

by Mr. Gates! He rested under the charge, and a meeting of the managers was held, when lo! there was a reduction in prices made on several of the products of the company, of about thirty per cent; on nails 31 per cent, on fence wire of 27 3/4 per cent, on galvanized fence wire 26 1/2 per cent. All which redeems Mr. Gates' name, and shows that there are forces against which even the Trusts cannot stand, however anxious they may be to keep up the boom, in view of large issues of stock. Their prices were too high.

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### Music and Discord.

The introduction of instrumental music into the churches has been the occasion of much discord among brethren, and in many cases has divided congregations. The introduction of choir service has also troubled the churches. A late case is in a very prominent Presbyterian congregation. The pastor is Rev. Wallace Radcliffe of Washington, D. C., the moderator of the Assembly of 1898, in whose church the late council of the Alliance met. The *Presbyterian's* Washington correspondent says:

"An unfortunate condition just now disturbs the pastor and people of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, this city. Some time ago, a large element in the congregation sustained the pastor, the Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D. D., and a few of the officers in introducing a paid choir, in place of a precentor who had served in that capacity eighteen years. The precentor stood at the pulpit platform, and was accompanied by the organ, away off in the opposite end of the church. The cost of the choir, or rather pay, in hard cash is \$3,000, of which \$2,000 is paid by the trustees from church funds, and \$1,000 from special subscriptions for the purpose. Of the latter sum it is stated that the pastor paid \$400. This large church has a membership of 1,400. Of that, about 350 recently decided, in congregational meeting, that henceforward the \$3,000 in salaries to the choir should be all paid from the church funds. This action has aroused opposition, some of the leading and most prominent members taking their letters to other churches. Six of the ruling elders resigned and one deacon, they opposing the employment of a paid choir, and the additional burden on the finances. Among the elders resigning was the Hon. John W. Foster, the eminent diplomat. Four of the vacancies in the eldership have been filled by the election of new members, two of whom are Hon. John M. Harlan, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and General John C. Breckinridge, of the army."

The precentor relied on the congregation lifting up their voice in praise. Now they may listen to the choir. There is a step further along. This is seen, for instance, in a Pittsburgh Episcopal church, which employs as leader in the morning and evening Sabbath service the organist who in the afternoon leads the "Sunday park concerts," against which the efforts of evangelical people have been directed ever since their inauguration. The apostle has another pattern for the Christian congregation: "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."

## A Sermon.

## The Mystery of Redemption.

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Text.—“For yourselves know what great conflict I had for them at Laodicea, and as many as have not seen my face; that your hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, unto the full assurance of understanding, unto the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, even the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Col. 2:1-3.

3. *Because the article of sin is involved.* Sin is the greatest mystery in the world, only excepting deliverance from sin by the death of God's Son. Who can tell why sin came into the world? Why did God permit it? It God could not prevent it, where is His omnipotence? If He could prevent it and did not, where is His benevolence? This is a mystery that the human mind cannot fathom. But sin is here. Its bitter fruits are everywhere in evidence. It erects hospitals and charnal houses. It builds coffins and fills graveyards. It covers all lands with misery, lamentation and woe.

Now, may we not expect that the mystery of sin will be matched by the mystery of redemption? Shall the means employed in removing sin not be commensurate with the great undertaking? Would you send a child to remove a mountain? Would you expect a dew drop to extinguish a volcano? Would you lift your punny arm to arrest a cyclone? The thoughtful, serious soul demands that a divine mysterious provision be made to match the mystery of sin. Our Redeemer must be God, “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall rest upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father.” “His name is called the Word of God.” “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” The death of the Word of God is the adequate remedy for sin.

4. *Because God's law is involved* Law is the revelation of the divine will. It is the source of peace in human society. It is the ground of heaven's order. “Law has its seat in the bosom of God, and its voice is the harmony of the world.” Sin is the transgression of God's law. It is the human will in collision with the divine. Who can measure the infinite terpitude of sin? Who can tell what is necessary to vindicate the majesty of the broken law? “Who can understand his errors?” What will suffice to pay the

penalty of the broken law? Who can pay hell? What will purchase heaven? Who can open the gates of heaven closed against the sinner? Who can close the gates of hell, opened to receive the sinner?

Nothing but a divine satisfaction will suffice. “God laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” The death of God's Son made the pardon of sin and the restoration of the sinner consistent with and gloriously illustrative of the perfections of God, the stability of the divine government and the majesty of the divine law.

5. *Because God's honor and glory in His moral government is involved* God's essential glory is the same from eternity to eternity. But His declarative glory has degrees. God is glorified in His material works. He weighs the mountains in scales. He taketh up the isles as a very little thing. He sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and before Him the inhabitants are as grasshoppers. He spreads the balancing of the clouds in the upper heavens. He binds the sweet influences of the Pleiades and looses the bands of Orion. His words glorify His power and wisdom.

In the sphere of animal and vegetable life His glory is more clearly revealed. In the song of the lark, in the roaring lion, in the blooming flower and the vine with its tender grapes.

In the rational world there is a still higher revelation of God's glory. He makes the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath He restrains. The King's heart is in His hand and He turneth it whithersoever He will.

In the highest sphere of redemption God's glory is most manifest. In creation, the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy. But when God became man, the angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest.” The material, the irrational and the rational kingdoms exist for the highest or spiritual kingdom. The Red Sea divides, the Jordan parts, the sun stands still on Gibeon and the moon in the valley of

Ajilon, the ravens feed Elijah, the barrel of meal does not waste nor the cruise of oil fail, when God hath need of them to serve His people.

Where God is most glorious, we expect him to be most mysterious. There is mystery in material creation. There is a greater mystery in vegetable and animal life. There is still greater mystery in the kingdom of humanity. There is the greatest mystery in human redemption. “Great is the mystery of godliness.”

6. *Because the human heart is involved.* Man was made for God. But sin has alienated man from God. The sinner hates God and he cannot believe that God loves him. Man cannot be saved by a demonstration of God's power and wisdom and justice. These only exasperate. Man's affections must be won to God. A redemption that does not awaken in man's soul a love for God is utterly inadequate. A wife must have the heart of her husband. It does not matter much what he gives her, only providing that she is sure of his love. She will share with him a hut or cave or scant meal without a murmur, if she is sure of his confidence and love. These she must have. And with these she is satisfied if he does the best he can, no matter whether that be little or much.

The sinner must be convinced that God loves him. Nothing short of this will suffice. God has done the best He can. He gave His own Son. “If God spared not His own Son, but gave Him up to the death for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things?” The sinner can lay his head upon the pillow of his death-bed with confidence because God is for him. The sinner can commit his body to the grave, in confidence that he shall rise again, because the Son of God descended to the chamber of death and sprinkled His blood on the two side posts of its door and opened that door, no more to be shut. David Brainard, suspended from Yale College because of his religious enthusiasm, became a missionary to the Indians in New England and New Jersey. His brother John Brainard, who succeeded him as missionary to the Indians in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, both experienced this love and always insisted that any human soul, brought under the power of this love by a personal experience, became a new man. That is the mystery of redemption.

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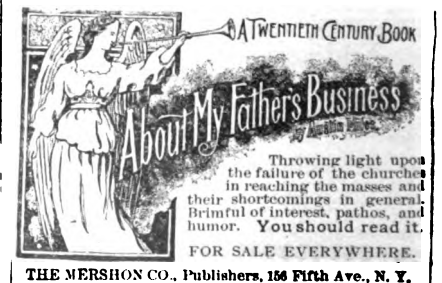
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