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EDITORIAL

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With this issue of the "Prophetic Voice" we begin a new department in connection with our Conference work. We hope it will meet with your approval. For a long time, the Executive Committee, who have charge of this work, has felt the need of a medium, through which could be brought to the many souls all over this continent, that are interested in God's Great Prophecies. It is true, that the days of John the Baptist are over, and yet the need of a voice in the present wilderness is as great now as it was then. People to-day want to know what God has to say about the future. By means of this journal we hope to place in your hands some of the wonderful things that are to be found in God's Word. Will you help us in this matter by circulating this journal? If this issue reaches you, reader, through the interest of a friend, and you have enjoyed reading it, what doth hinder you from passing the compliment on. A letter addressed to the Editor of the "Prophetic Voice," 1216 Thirteenth Avenue West, Calgary, Canada, will meet with instant attention, and a sample copy will be sent to anyone you wish. If you care to have your name or theirs on our mailing list, just say so. It costs you nothing.

This Journal will be issued through voluntary contributions received from time to time by those interested in such a publication. There will be another issue in November if we have enough money. We depend upon the Lord to interest you in an investment of this kind. We have confidence that our friends will support us in this undertaking.

This is a day when the prophetic utterances of the Bible should be made known to all our friends. Your support, whether large or small, will be appreciated, and will be applied to the issue of others like this. We shall be glad of any suggestions from our friends by way of improvement and will welcome questions upon Bible topics. Co-operation is the first rule of modern life. Let us cooperate.

The Prophetic Bible Conference has been trying to serve the public faithfully for years, by giving them from week to week, the very latest information along prophetic lines, as well as by contending earnestly for the faith, once delivered unto the saints. We are fundamentalists in the actual sense of the word, not in the popular sense. We are not funny-mentalists, but Pauline Heretics. This is how Paul describes himself and his followers.

Acts 24: 14—But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call Heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing ALL THINGS which are written in the law and in the prophets.

We believe that the final court of appeal is the infallible verbally-inspired Word of God. We believe it all, and knowing that the original manuscripts, long ago, been lost, we have no confidence in those individuals, here and there, who claim such superior wisdom in the Greek and the Hebrew that they attempt to correct what the Lord Jesus pronounced infallible and adamantine. Hear His words.

Matt. 5: 18—Verily I say unto you, TIl heaven and earth pass, ONE JOT, or ONE TITTLLE shall in no wise pass from the law, until all be fulfilled.
This is clear, definite and straightforward. We submit to it. We warn our readers, therefore, against the numerous revisions and so-called improved editions of the Bible. All such claims are based upon the hypothesis that the Bible is NOT WHOLLY complete and correct, and, therefore, in its entirety the Word of God. This hypothesis is base and false and tends toward skepticism.

We claim that it is "...to the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."—Isa. 8: 20.

For seven years, from week to week, public meetings have been held in a down-town theatre, and have attracted an increased attendance. Thousands of carefully selected tracts have been distributed during this life by the Prophetic department. Lectures upon Prophetic subjects have been published and circulated, and a splendid library of interesting books has been in constant demand by the public. God has surely blessed us in the salvation of many souls, and in the edification of many Christians.

This work has all been accomplished through the investment of time and money by our many friends. To them be the praise.

This year's Annual Report will be seen on another page.

The issue is before you. We need your support.

(1) We need the very best of information. This Journal should be an Open Door to the spread of the latest Prophetic News. Send it to us anything of interest that we may pass along.

(2) In the pages of this paper we shall strive to answer any Bible difficulties that may perplex you. If you have met with hard nuts, write us and tell us about them. There may be others having the same trouble.

(3) Finally, bear in mind that we are wholly dependent upon you and our other friends for the financial support necessary to publish this once a month. Do you the Lord's work while investing? Ponder it well and let us hear from you.

THE EDITOR.

The measure of our success is the help we give others to succeed. This works both ways.

There are plenty of filling stations on the way to Hell. Let us build a few on the way to Heaven. What say YOU?

The Lord cannot direct a man until he starts somewhere—1. Cor. 9: 6. But this is say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. This is logic that no one can gainsay.

"There are people who don't do anything but watch their symptoms. I have seen dogs just as sensible. I have seen a rat terrier watch the symptoms of a knot-hole, in a board fence, all day, for sum rat to come out, but he rat didn't come out."—"Wisdom," by Josh Billings.

"GOD'S WAY" AND THE "WAY OF THE WORLD.

There was a church in our town Which thought 'twas wondrous wise, It tried to pay expenses By selling clothes and Hages; But after years of trying That plan to raise the cash, The folk got tired of paying And the whole thing went to smash.

Bring ye all the thees into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and not any man shall hunger in mine house."—Malachi 3: 10.

THE WORLD'S BIG BLOW-UP.

How little some people read or believe the Bible! The realm of wild speculation and dream, more directly and more truly, is more interesting to the Natural Man than the definite, proven, infallible Word of God.

Compare the two and see for yourself.

Dr. John Nol, of Dublin University, Fellow of the Royal Society of England, says that every hundred million years or so the earth is due for a big blow-up, during which period the rocks on the surface are melted, and oceans turned into steam, and everything made to settle and boil like present conditions on the planet Jupiter of our solar system. He figures that the next blow-up may not be the last; that there may follow a few hundred millions of years after. This is a disturbing theory that Dr. Jolly advances, yet he may be right. Scientists SOMETIMES are right. But don't worry. You won't be here to partake, let it be either a catastrophe of fire or water. Nor are the figures given by the distinguished Dublin scientist of a hundred million years so far after all, for there are other scientists who say that the earth, in some form, has existed for from five billion to ten billion years.

If the latter be true, and Dr. Jolly's figures are not at fault, we have been quite a number of blow-ups in the past. —Omaha World-Herald.

What evidence could the learned doctors give that 200 years ago the earth had a big blow-up? Can he establish the fact that the earth was really in existence at that time? Then why speculate further?

Again, why does he figure that the next may not be the last?

Yes, Scientists are right, but they reserve the right to change their opinions every quarter of a century. The Word of God does not change.

That the earth has existed much longer than 6,000 years is clearly init-
mated in the Scriptures. The Prophet Isaiah (46: 18) tells us that God created the earth, and that before it was inhabited. The Prophet Ezekiel (Chap. 28) gives us a glimpse of its wonderful beauty, when Lucifer, bright star of the morning, walked up and down, in that gorgeous mineral garden of Eden. It was not chaotic then. But Lucifer rebelled (Isa. 14: 12) and the catastrophe that followed is described in Jeremiah 4: 24-26, and also in Job 3: 6. The mountains were overturned. The light of the sun was cut off, and the great glacial period set in. How long the earth remained in this state is impossible to ascertain. It was during this time that the great coal beds were formed and the pre-historic animals were killed.

Then the Spirit moved upon the face of the waters, and chaos fled away, and man was created to dwell upon the earth.

Dr. Jolly says the next blow-up may not be the last.

The Bible declares that "ONCE MORE" a similar catastrophe will take place.

Web. 12: 25-26.—See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who escaped them that were bound in unbelief, much more shall they not escape, who turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.

Whose voice then SINGS THE BATTLE? But now he hath promising, says, YET ONCE MORE I shake not, the earth only, but also heaven.

The Apostle Paul in his referring to the prophecy of Hagai.

Hag. 2: 6-7.—For thus saith the LORD of Hosts, I am jealous for Zion, and I am jealous for her inhabitants, and I will quicken you with my spirit, and cause you to enter in again to the city, which is called by My Name.

No, Doctor Scientist. It will be only once more. Just before the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus when all nations shall be gathered unto Him. It will not be a catastrophe of water.
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SOME STRANGE SIGNS TODAY

Strangely mysterious signs are being reported from time to time throughout the world. People are having peculiar visions and queer dreams in these days. While the scientists have been reaching out in their anxiety to get messages from Mars, some religious people (honest people) have been astounded by striking visions in the heavens and elsewhere. One of the Tract Publishing Houses of Los Angeles recently received a leaflet from which the following are a few excerpts:

1. "On Palm Sunday, April 16, 1916, in Stavanger, Norway, there appeared between 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., a most remarkable vision in the heavens. One of the many eyewitnesses states the following: 'A large black cloud arose and forming an arch out of which appeared great letters—He Will Come Again.' The vision continued. Then there appeared an angel with large white wings, whose side bore a large cross, and below whom stood a little child. During the whole time it was light, but afterwards became very dark, as if a great cloud hid it all; and we became very much alarmed because of the sight."—Stavanger Aftenblad.

There is surely a new order of things when a vision is seen by many at the same time.

2. "Again, in Sweden, in the summer of 1916, a number of three hundred people returning from a night prayer meeting, there appeared a hand pointing to the words written in the large letters, 'See, I Come Quickly.'"

In another instance, one hundred and thirty persons in their home in Bombay, India, were holding services on the street one evening when they all saw in the sky an immense semicircle of letters of fire, 'Jesus is Coming Soon.'

3. "A missionary in India writes: One evening as two missionaries were standing on a hillside, they saw appearing and disappearing in the sky, 'The End, I Come Quickly.'"

5. "A lady in Providence, R.I., was in a car about sundown, going to her home, when suddenly the conductor cried, 'Look! Look! Look!' and stopped the car. A number of persons were in the car, and all looked in the direction pointed out by the conductor. There, in the western sky, was the distinct form of a man from the waist up. His arms were extended and a radiance shown above his head. (Ed.—A sort of halo, I suppose.) He had, as it were, a beauteous look which brought a solemnity over all in the car. Two of the passengers were overheard to say: 'Well, probably they are right, after all, regarding the Rapture. It is not far off, now. We are expecting the coming of the Lord.' "

I wonder how long it will be before the Christian people will distinguish the coming of the Lord from His Appearances?

Now, while it is true we are looking for the day of the Lord, we know that His Coming cannot take place for at least seven years as yet, and longer if the Rapture is to take place this year. Any Sign, therefore, in the skies declaring that Jesus is coming soon is unscriptural and cannot, therefore, be of God. Let us remember this and ponder it well.

6. "In Portland, Oregon, a simple German woman who had never heard of the Rapture, while cooking in her kitchen, suddenly saw handwriting appear on the wall—'Jesus is coming soon.' Go and tell it.

Surely the Lord is getting short of workers when He calls upon an unconverted person to enter His service."

7. "From Intelligent, N.Y., Mrs. J. E. Smith writes: 'I was awakened from a sound sleep, and looking into the sky, I beheld a large globe of letters. The lower half of the moon was as black as ink and revealed distinctly against a dark sky. A lurid fire arose from the upper part of the moon in flaming flames, merging into a large column of thick black smoke, which made a feathery cloud. I cannot describe it exactly, but I believe it is one of the signs of the last days.'"

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Then JESUS could not have meant what He said in Matt. 16:4: "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the Prophet Jesus." If people will look for signs they must remember that these are not of the Lord and, therefore, must be of the Evil One.

WHAT DECEPTION THERE IS ABOUND TODAY!

(By British United Press.)

"Boys and girls who dance the shimmy by inspiration of the Lord," do not believe it.

ROMERO, Ohio, Aug. 24, 1924—

The statement of Rev. T. H. Spear, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, who on Sunday came to the defence of more than forty members of his flock facing charges of contributing to the delinquency of their own children, charges that the parents encouraged their children to take part in immoral dances as part of the church service.

The children were 'imbued with the Spirit of the Lord, and were doing only what he instructed," Rev. Spear said. "There is no such thing as strange things," the pastor continued. "The first woman to receive the Spirit was knocked unconscious.

"Normal hearings against the church members have been set for Thursday. Meanwhile the church is padlocked and meetings are being held in the churchyard.

"Strange things are being done today in the name of the Spirit! This does not seem such as to be a product of the Word of God as we find it in—

1 Cor. 14:30—Let all things be done decently and in order.

"A Knowlege of Greek Might Have Prevented It..."

A teacher in an East-side Metropolitan classroom asked: "What is the exact difference between the 'cyclus' and the 'stokes'?"

"I'm not sure," the student answered.

The teacher was astonished. "Why, the 'steknik' is the place where you put the water, and the 'stokes' is the feller who brings us the babies."

THE YELLOW PERIL

Very few people are alert to the movements of the Yellow Peril. Today, in the world, today to precipitate the great struggle of all struggles between the Yellow and White Races. Every few weeks our newspapers contain articles that are, to say the least, full of suggestion.

Here is one from the Hong Kong Post:

"As Japan, at the present time, indeed, would not be likely to give privileges in China without reciprocal rights in Japan, we are led to believe that the time is far distant when Japan and China will come together and unite in a solid front against those peoples whose laws confine them to Eastern Asia. What is here presented is the old picture of the Yellow Peril repainted. To believe in the theory one must discount all the great educational and social forces at work, which, in the future, will cause the Chinese to rise up, not only to meet the present day obstacles to the great federation of nations."

One often wonders why some people take such an interest in the Yellow Peril. Further, how is it that the "educational and social forces" are so powerful at work, the great powers, as it were, are not strong enough, or are we to suppose that it is only upon universal or other Eastern nations that these forces of education and commerce have their effect? The prophecy of Daniel is very definite in declaring that this STRUGGLE is a fact of the future—(Dan. 8.)

"A LITTLE CHILD IN THE MIDST..."

Last night, my little boy confessed to me: "Some childish wrong, and, kneeling at my knee, he prayed with tears streaming down his face. "Dear God, make me a man. Like Daddy—wise and strong, I know you can."

Then while he slept, I knelt beside his bed, confessed my sins,

And prayed, with low bowed head—"O GOD, make me a child in the midst of this great sea..."

Pura, guileless,

"Trusting Thee with faith sincere."
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THE GOSPEL OF SAINT JOHN

Lecture 1 — The Glory of the Father

PROLOGUE

It is our intention to deal with this wonderful Gospel in a new and striking manner. No writer that we know of up to the present seems to have declared its prophetic significance. This we shall do. The recognition of this method reveals a new mould entirely for the whole Gospel; a viewpoint, as we shall presently see, that was absolutely essential to the Messianic claims of the Master.

It is evident, therefore, that this point must be carefully established in the beginning.

A Word of Introduction

The first duty of every student of any Gospel or Epistle is to get the central theme. Here, I may say, is the critical point, the parting of the ways. Here, too, we have the literary fog that will be impenetrable will settle down over the book. But catch the line and your soul will be thrilled again and again with the harmony and dignity of the message, chapter by chapter and verse by verse.

I have been of the opinion and felt satisfied with what little investigation, that the content of this Gospel was the story of Jesus as the Son of God. To prove this I had heard quoted John 20:21—These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name.

However, when I came to read chapter by chapter, I found that this theme would not fit that each chapter did not convey to the mind the content. I soon found that it was necessary in this Gospel to distinguish the content from the purpose, the antecedent from the consequent. It is true that the two purposes or consequences intended by the Gospel are declared in this verse. The Gospel was written to convey the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and the purpose is to regenerate their souls, but this does not reveal the content. The purpose for which we are to write what I wish to express, but the content of the pen is wood and carbon, or lead, as the case may be. We must distinguish these two carefully.

Again, it would seem strange that the inspired apostle should not mention the theme of his Gospel until the twelfth chapter. This surely would be poor composition. A careful examination of the early chapters, where of necessity you will expect to find the theme, reveals to us that John takes up the theme as stated in John 3:14—15: And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.)

The theme was the glory of the Only Begotten of the Father.

I. Proclaimed, the darkness shall cover the earth, and the glory of the Lord shall arise upon thee.

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and to thy name shall the nations be gathered.

Thus we see that the glory is to be manifested, and the Gentiles are to be attracted thereby. That this is still future is plainly declared by the apostle Peter.

II. Ezra 4:13—But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are persecuted, because the spirit of this world is against you.

The new born day.

Thus we see that Ezra 4:13 brings us to the subject of the new born day.

In a further issue we shall proceed to give the outline as based upon this content.

MORNING PRAYER

For mercies new each morning, Lord,
My thanks I give,
And for the gift of life that I
Each night receive,
For health, and strength sufficient for
Each day I live.
I thank Thee for the vision of
Thee and of Thy glory.
With its fresh opportunity
To serve and pray,
To lead and guide those
Who's gone astray.
To look upon the face of men,
I would see Thee,
Who of my countenance art the health
Of my body, and of my distress I
Thee to God, Whom in my distress I
Thee would fly.

Strengthen me, that I may work
May faithful be.
That I amid discomforts,
May still trust Thee,
Patient in suffering, and given
To charity.
Without Thy council, Lord, I
Not understand,
The duties that devolve upon me,
Each morn I wake,
Lead Thou, and guide me through this
day.
For Thy Name's sake.
(J. P. ROSS, Calgary)

Selfishness consists in facing any human relationship with the main thought of getting something for oneself, all the pleasure and profit that one can.
SEARCHLIGHT
in its story

PIN-HEAD LOGIC

Did you ever try to reject a prophetic fact by saying, "I can't see that," or "It seems an impossibility to me?"

Think a minute. What would you say if a Rip Van Winkle should proceed to build his house in your town, but refuse to install electric lighting wires, because he could not understand how light could be made to come out of the end of a wire? Do you think you would reason with him something like this? "Rip, do not trouble yourself with the how and the why of it; just try it. We can assure you from our own experience that it works." So with the temple of God. Do not go along endeavoring to light up its darkened chambers with the smoky, flickering candle of human speculation. Ask God to install a divine wiring system in your heart and then will be fulfilled the Scripture (Isa. 58:11):

The night that walked in darkness has seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Even so, the things of God knoweth no man but the Spirit of God.-I Cor. 2:11.

INFIDELITY OUT OF PLACE AT A FUNERAL

Michael Foley’s obsequies were about to proceed, and neighbors were taking a last look at Michael, handsomely laid out in his coffin and clad in brocaded cloth, when Patrick O’Brien suddenly broke into suppressed laughter.

"Whist, there, Pat. Ain’t ye ashamed to laugh at a funeral?"

"Well, it’s like this, Dye. Moi’ talk. Moi’ turn had a nice funeral, an’ didn’t believe in nuthin’, neither in hell nor in heaven. An’ as I see him there in his fine clothes, I lost all help thinkin’ how he was all dolled up an’ nowhere to go, an’ I had to laugh:"

Overheard at a Prayer Meeting

It was a bitterly cold prayer meeting night. Deacon Williams was dozing in the hot stove, at the rear of the room. After various religious exercises, the minister says, gravely, "Now, we shall have a few voluntary prayers. Deacon Williams, will you lead?"

Deacon Williams, suddenly startled awake by his name and the request, drowsily replied: "It isn’t my lead, I dealt.

Can we wonder some churches have so little power?

A FLASH OF CHURCH UNION

Dean Wilbur F. Thiel, in "The Hand of God in American History," says: "Church Unionists are forever baring denominationalism. There have been many love songs sung to the sects and the 'insects.' It must be acknowledged that many denominations have no logical right to existence. Several denominations are without differentiating principles. Several came into existence because small and inconsequential groups of God’s people found it easy to fly off at a tangent. But when all this has been said, the fact must remain that Christianity, split up into denominations, produces the finest type of character and the noblest type of civilization. Compare, if you will, North America, 'cursed with denominationalism,' with South America, blessed with a united church. There is more truth than poetry in this statement.

It’s the Only Baby that is Usually the Spelled Child.

"We count it a fortunate thing that there were many and independent types of Christian experience, character and faith that met together here in the land of the free in America. This tended to make the resultant type of Christian civilization and government that was developed in this country singularly free from bigotry and sectarian narrowness, and more genuinely liberal than could have been the case had all been of one type of religious faith. The fact that there are, and have always been in this country, many different religious denominations, tending to be despised as wholly evil. The different churches have influenced each other for good, and have tended to make each other broad and charitable, and have thus helped to create and maintain that idea of civil and religious liberty which is the crown and glory of our civilization. The growth of Christendom in this country and our cooperation in the world’s evangelization are in no small degree the resultant of the facts here referred to. Truly it is the only baby that is usually the spoiled child.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
Money and Missions.

TWO WAYS

I.

The beautiful little girl of a Hindu mother died. The body was buried at the bank of the Ganges. The mother, almost heart-broken, went to the temple of Many Gods to see if she could find any comfort.

"Was it a boy or a girl?" asked the priest.

"She was my darling little girl!"

The priest responded with a sneering laugh, "Hoo," he said, "men don’t have any right to say that the girl may live again in the form of a toad or a snake."

The next morning the mother went to the river bank. She saw the heap of ashes where the funeral pyre had been. Out of the warm ashes slowly crawled a snake. She remembered what the priest had said "Oh-h!" she shrieked, "my sweet little girl is changed into a serpent!" And she fell to the ground a hopeless maniac.

II.

The beautiful little girl of another Hindu mother died. But a woman missionary had come to the home of this mother, and she had learned of Jesus and the resurrection. Soon after the little one’s death the missionary visited the home again to talk with the mother and comfort her. The mother’s face was sad, there were tears in her eyes, but they were tears of deepest joy and a smile trembled upon her lips. Neither was she draped in garments of mourning, but in a bright and cheerful apparel.

"Yes," she said, "when the missionary referred to it, I am wearing my best today. I am doing it to honor Jesus, who has taken my darling to Himself. I want Him to see that I know that she is safe and happy with Him.

And that is the difference between Hinduism and the "Jesus Way."—Christian Evangvel.

SPREADING, NOT DESTROYING

Psa. 76:10.

The postmistress of a small town in South America has been holding back and destroying evangelical literature that she might root out the Protestant heresy.

She has a small store, and was using up packets of "La Estrella" and "Manana," the splendid organ of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission, to wrap up soap and other articles. Meanwhile the young missionaries came in some fifteen miles to make some purchases, and on returning home found his soap wrapped in one of those papers. The matter interested him so much that he returned several times and purchased the soap in small separate packets, so that he might have more of the paper to read. Through the reading of this he learned about the Bible, secured a copy, and as a result was converted some time ago.

—Record of Christian Work.

Money or Service

A missionary doctor of the Protestant Church was offered $50,000 a year by a big American corporation to look after the health of all its employees in that section. At that time his salary was $1,500. What do you suppose he gave up the position to assume it? Here is what he said:

"I cannot risk missing the great adventure offered me as a Christian surgeon of making Christ’s Imprint on the material life of China."—Heidelberg Teacher.
Criticism From the Critics

Our Friends from the East:
The average newcomer is apt, in his isolation at first, to fall into a querulous mood. The transition from his old home down East, or across the ocean, to a new one, is often accompanied with perilous occasions in life. At such a crisis tens of thousands have commenced a disastrous lapse into sadness. The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, when examined for installation at Brooklyn, was asked if he believed in the perseverance of the Church. He replied: “I was brought up to believe in that doctrine, but after I settled in the West, and saw the Christian churches acting in that region, I began to be troubled with doubts.” For the stranger himself, the spiritual growth, no less than for the increase of one’s own congregation, there is need to throw the arms of the church around him.

Good habits are not made on birthdays, nor Christian character at the New Year. The workshop of character is every day.

LITTLE HUMOROUS PHILOSOPHY

“Don’t mind criticism—if it is untrue disregard it; if it is unfair keep from irritation; if it is ignorant, smile; if it is justified, learn from it. The wall of your room,” said a wise picture dealer to an Oxford undergraduate, as he handed him the engraving of a Madonna of Raphael, “and then all the pictures of jockeys and ballet girls will disappear.” Try the experiment and see.

Judging One’s Self.

Henry M. Stanley tells that when he was going through the forests of darkest Africa, the most formidable foes he encountered, those who caused him the greatest loss, were not men, but the Mambuti dwarfs. These diminutive men had only little bows and arrows for weapons, so small that they looked like children’s playthings, but upon the tip of each tiny arrow was a drop of poison which would kill an elephant or a man, as surely and quickly as a rifle. One of the strangest things about it was that their poison was made from honey.

It is thus that Satan wields his destructive warfare against God’s people. Stealthily, under cover of darkness, by treachery, with weapons seemingly harmless, through the sweetness of life, he comes clothed as an angel of light, yet how deadly are the honey-coated serpents which he administers, how sure the destruction to him who is led into wandering from the straight and narrow way! There is a sin which, by committing with great little ill-temper in family, commerce and church; a light and frivolous spirit; remissness in religious duties; idleness; sloth and back-biting; vanity and folly in dress; indulgence in hurtful amusements; pride and every form of imperious Grandeur—these are a host of the little foxes that spoil the vine.

They injure our consciences by hardness; they relax our devotions and communion with God; they hinder the presence of Christ with us; and especially, they make us greater than we are. There is an Indian story of a morsel of a dwarf who asked the king to give him all the ground he could stand on. The king, seeing him so small, said, “Certainly.” Whereupon the dwarf suddenly shot up to a tremendous giant, and stood on the land with the first stride, all the water with the second.
and with the third knocking the king down and taking his throne.

It is said that a man one day was walking along the seashore when he noticed a magnificent golden eagle flying bravely upward. He watched it with admiration and amazement, and as he did so he noticed that something was wrong with it. It seemed unable to go any higher. Soon it began to fall, and at last it was on the ground a lifeless mass. What could be the matter? No sportsman's shot had reached it. He was away from the bird; and what did he find? It had carried up with it a little weasel in its talons, and as it had dropped down near to its body for flight the little creature had wormed itself out of them and drank the lifeblood from the eagle's breast.

How little this is all sin! It may appear a little thing, but it fastens upon the soul and works death and destruction. We must down it, or it will down us. We must watch against and pray against and fight against even the smallest of sins, or by and by we will be overcome of sin.

MYSELF
I have to live with myself, and so I want to know what to do. I want to be strong, as days grow by. Always to look myself straight in the face don't want to stand, with the setting sun. And hate myself for things I've done. I don't want to keep on a meat shelf. A lot of secrets about myself. And fool myself, as I come and go. Into thinking that nobody else will know.

The kind of man I really am; I don't want to dress up myself in shams. I want to go out with my head erect, I want to deserve all men's respect. But here in the struggle for fame and fortune? I want to be able to like myself. I don't want to look at myself and know that I'm a failure.

That I'm bustle and bluff and empty show. I can never hide myself from me; I know exactly what I am. I know what others may never know; I never can fool myself, and so. Whatever happens I want to be self-respecting and conscience-free.

—Edgar A. Guest

THE CONFERENCE DEVOTIONAL PAGE
(Prayers, Prayer Lists and Specials)

There are no skeletons in the closet of prayer. Think this over carefully.

Prayer List:
2. The work of the Prophetic Conference, Calgary.
3. The spread of the "Prophetic Voice."
4. The number of loved ones out of Christ.
5. Peace of the world. (Send in any special requests.)

"Greatness lies not in being strong, but in the right use of strength."—Henry Ward Beecher.

Which Are You?
Some folks are like rowboats, for they have no power whatever they go. Sometimes it is a hard struggle to keep them pointed in the right direction. Others are like sailboats. If the wind blows East that's their direction. If it blows West, they go that way. Of course it is possible for them to "beat against the wind," but they don't often do it. They are inclined to follow every wind of emotion and popular sentiment.

Others still are like power boats, who drive against wind or tide, and in face of great difficulties keep their even course.

What is said, make Thou pure; What is wounded, work its cure; What is parched, make it fertile; What is rigid, gently bend; What is frozen, warm tend; Strengthen what goes erring.

One's Acquaintances
Years ago Mark Twain, having been introduced to many kings and queens, to say nothing of duke's and earls, was introduced to the German Kaiser. When he came home his little daughter, commenting on it, said: "Pretty soon you will know everybody but God, won't you, papa?"

Backsilding Begins In The Knees

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

By W. F. HARVEY, D.D.S., Calgary, Alta.

In connection with the Old Testament history there is one particular object of interest that is laden with spiritual significance and vitally important for every Christian to know. It is the tabernacle. As you carefully study this structure you will find that every dimension, every material, every arrangement, has a meaning and importance regarding the Christ of God.

"Tabernacle" literally means a tent or dwelling-place. The Bible gives various names more fully describing it:
1. It is called the "tabernacle of witness."
Numbers 17:1; And Moses laid up the role before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness.
2. The Lord called it "my tabernacle."
1 Chronicles 26:20; For the tabernacle of the Lord which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering that was in the high place at Gibeon.
3. Other tabernacles are spoken of in the Bible, such as the tabernacle of Moloch.
Acts 7:45; Yes, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god which ye made to worship.

In the encampment of Israel the tabernacle was the centre, and this was the work of God.
Numbers 2:17; Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall be set forward in the camp of the Levites in the midst of the congregation.

The function of the tabernacle was evidently to bring a continued relationship between a Holy God and an erring and unworthy people. The being whom the heavens could not contain was pleased to occupy a dwelling place of boards and curtains in which He might be in communion with man, His creature. The tabernacle service foreshadows, in a wonderful way, the person and ministration of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, the Architect, gave Moses the pattern, and commanded him to fashion it in accordance.

Ex. 26:1; According to all that I show thee, according to the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

With great care and exact precision, Moses proceeded to make the tabernacle in accordance with the Divine plan. At last this wonderful structure was completed, as the Holy Spirit says in the written Word.

(1) Speaking of the creation, it is said—
Gen. 1:1.—Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the hosts of them.

God can now have communion with man.

(2) John 19:30.—When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished; and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

One more thing God can have communion with man.

(3) The word here rings out again, God desired to have communion with man, and thus we read—
Ex. 40:33.—So Moses finished the work.
Let us then approach this tabernacle in the wilderness with the Word of God before us to illuminate this wonderful dwelling-place Jesus patterned it for Himself. Like Balaam, the prophet of God in olden days, we can say: "God has given me great beauty in this tabernacle."

Balaam was taken by the prince Balac up into an exceedingly high mountain, and he was shown the Israelites. He saw that nation, two million strong, encamped around the wonderful tabernacle, with the Shechinah glory hanging like a bright cloud above it and illuminating the whole camp. Balaam, seeing not only with his eyes but with his heart, exclaimed: "Oh, Lord! Why did the death of the righteous. Let me last end be like his." Apparently the effect of the vision that Balaam had was very great, yet, on account of his lust for wealth, he neglected the Holy Word of God, and when He came to the last chapter of his life this man, who had been called of God, speaking of the Messiah, exclaimed: "I shall see Him, but not near. I shall behold Him, but not nigh.

May we each come close to Him in our study of this wonderful structure, and submitting ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit, let us say with Paul: "We are not unaware of your knowledge of the Good of His cross." Let Him be the centre of our thoughts and adoration, as we strive to understand the truth that is typically represented in God's tabernacle.
CALGARY PROPHETIC BIBLE CONFERENCE
ANNUAL REPORT 1923-24

The meetings for the current year commenced in the Grand Theatre on October 3rd, and ran right through the season without a break until the end of May. The attendance has shown a decided increase, and we have averaged an average of about six hundred per meeting.

Our President and Lecturer, Wm. Aberhart, B.A., has faithfully conducted our sessions, and we have all reaped the benefit of a greater knowledge of the Word of God, and a closer walk with our Lord and Saviour. We owe much to his faith and zeal, and to his giving freely of his services to the preaching and teaching of God's Word every Sunday afternoon. Calgary is indeed fortunate in having a Conference where God's Word is upheld from cover to cover, and the fundamentals of Christianity taught.

During the last three months of the season, Thursday evening lectures were held on the subject of the Holy Ghost, and were taken advantage of by many interested and enthusiastic Christians. A number of those attending signified a desire to be of greater service to their Lord.

Our various departments have shown decided good work during the season. In the thirty-three meetings that were held, approximately twenty thousand tracts that had been carefully selected were distributed. We wish to mention the great use that our members made of the Christian Science tract that we issued. In our Library Department, sixty-six books were kept in constant circulation. These books deal largely with prophetic subjects. The Literature Department reported a circulation of over two thousand Prophetic Literature books, and our Testament Department distributed over a hundred copies of the New Testament to those who joined the Testament League.

The results of the meetings cannot be fully estimated. Their influence has been far-reaching, and many Christians have expressed their great appreciation through them, while a score or more have found peace with God through the saving knowledge of their Saviour.

We are glad to say that these meetings, which have been carried on entirely by the voluntary support of those who attend, have closed up their books with a small surplus for the year.

ROBERT SCHIRMBOURG, Secretary
Treasurer's Report
Ending August 31, 1924

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WILLIAM ABERHART, B.A.

IS CHRIST'S COMING AGAIN A REALITY OR A MERE FANCY?

Address given by Wm. Aberhart, B.A., at Opening of Prophetic Conference, Calgary, Fall, 1924.

One of the most important religious questions of modern times is the question of the topic of this lecture—Is Christ's coming again a reality or a mere fancy?

It is the bounden duty of every intelligent, sincere person to know whether this great cry of the present day, that the Lord Jesus is coming, has any truth in it or is mere rumor. The output of the world at large should not be the criterion of our interest in it, because the world has not recognized the worth of Christ, or so, is very inconsistent in its attitude toward Him.

Let it be rumored that the King of England or the Prince of Wales, or the President of the United States, has serious intentions of visiting our city and what a stir it would make! Our leaders and civic authorities, and newspapers, would be all excitement. They would make elaborate preparations to welcome this distinguished visitor, and would call on the people in general to be prepared to do honor to him by turning out in crowds. We have seen this again and again.

But let it be declared that the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, is going to return again to this earth in all His glory and power, and what then? Do our leaders and those in authority over us demand to know the truth? Do they call upon the people in general to be prepared to do honor to this heavenly visitor? Ah, not! the world does not know Him. They are crying out today for peace, and will not recognize the Prince of Peace.

That is the strangely inconsistent attitude of the world for you! Your interest cannot be gauged by that. To you, interested people, I sound once more the midnight cry, "Behold, the Lord is coming again!" I want to say this to you this afternoon: no person who has not given this subject careful consideration enough to be able to say whether Christ's Second Coming is
a reality or a fancy. It is surely most fitting that we should make this the opening inquiry of our Conference work this fall.

History Repeats Itself.

Students of the world's progress readily admit the principle that history is constantly repeating itself. Herein lies the value of study. We may learn what the result of certain actions and attitudes will be.

Now, I want you to note that there were many centuries ago, when the question of the first advent of the Messiah was practically in the same state as this of the Second Coming is today. From an historical point of view this fact is most instructive and interesting.

Over and over again the prophets had forewarned the people that the Messiah was to visit the world in a marvelous way. Away back in the Garden of Eden, the Lord God Himself gave utterance to this thought.

Gen 3:15. He shall bruise thy head and thine enmity shall be with the serpent, and thy seed shall bruise his heel.

The Seed of the Woman, the Messiah, was to come into the world and be stung to death by the Serpent. Then again when the days were Israel were sojourning out of Egypt to the Promised Land, about two thousand years before the birth of Christ, Moses that grand old law-giver, whose system of jurisprudence has become fundamental to every form of government, foretold the people—

Deut. 18.:—The Lord Thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken.

Israel must have realized from this that the Messiah was to be a man, born in their midst, a prophet, whose word was to be believed.

Time rolled on, and this message was repeated again and again with greater frequency and more minute detail, until about 700 B.C., when Moses' inspiration, revealed the very spot at which the Messiah was to appear.

Mat 5:2. But ye, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come unto me that is to be ruler in Israel whose kinship hath been with David.

This was certainly distinct and definite enough. The Messiah, the ruler in Israel, was to be born in Bethlehem.

Isaiah, a contemporary of Micah, living in Judah during the reign of that wicked King Ahaz, added a further note of detail in his wonderful declaration of the virgin birth.

Isaiah 7:14. Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Many, and many more such proclamations, were in the hands of the priests and the scribes in those days, but they held them in their guarding, and it was no exertion for the priests to study these things out, so they treated the whole question with cold indifference. They would not believe that these mighty prophecies meant what they literally declared. Their forfathers had killed the prophets. They in turn killed the influence of the prophets' messages.

Then the days of John the Baptist drew near, and the story of Joseph and his strained relationship with his beloved Mary became known. She had been found with child before her time, and was constrained to put her away. What a splendid morsel for gossip in those days.

But, in a dream, he was warned that Mary was with child of the Holy Ghost, and the prophecy of Isaiah was being fulfilled in their midst.

Hardly had this strange happening ceased its grip upon the public mind when Simeon, a just and devout priest, one of the most godly in the temple, further startled the people by declaring that he had a revelation from the Spirit that he "should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ." (Luke 2:26.)

However, all this had little effect. What did the world care regarding the trouble of a man who had been so judged and as for Simeon, truly he was a just and devout man, but he was an old man in his dotage. His fellow priests placed no reliance on his starting revelation.

Then the shepherds came down from the hills of Judah and told of the glad tidings at the stable. It must have been a thrill when the shepherds gathered in the stable of the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger at Bethlehem. But, these were the ignorant, unlearned men of the hills, and the people were persuaded to pay no heed to them.

Finally, the wise men came from the East and all Jerusalem was stirred, but they were the only ones who, after the adoration of theGas, the Magi was having no effect upon the people and they could not be aroused to investigate.

As I meditate upon these things, I am amazed at the indifference and spiritual indifference of people in the face of God's Mighty Word. Here were just six miles from Bethlehem, where they were told the King of the Jews was born, and yet there was no interest shown by the people as to who was in the manger, or regarding the truth or falsity of the whole matter. They depended almost wholly upon their blind and indolent prophet, who later crucified the Lord of Glory. How sad it is!

Yet, ladies and gentlemen, I am persuaded that the same may be said of many today. How much time have the people given to enquiring regarding the Second Coming of Christ that is so near on every side today? How many of our fellow Christians would care to talk about this matter? Are you one of those who would care to talk about it? Or are you ready to investigate and believe it true?

Prophecies Concerning the Second Coming:

The first thing that will strike you as you begin to investigate this matter is the fact that we have in our Scriptures as many if not more prophecies in the New Testament than in the Old Testament as to how the Second Coming is to be. How many of those of you who are Christians, care about what the Word says about the Second Coming?

There are no less than six prophecies of the Second Coming in the New Testament, and all of them are distinctly and detailed as they had regarding His First Coming.

It would be altogether out of place to enter into a discussion with the many passages of Prophecy in regard to this matter. In your leisure moments you can take your concordance and easily find them by the scores.

On this occasion I shall only take a few of the more striking and singularly impressive ones.

What could be plainer than His own promise to His disciples on the eve of His departure out of the world:

John 14:1. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again, and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also.

Two outstanding facts are correlated in this promise, (1) His Departure

(2) His Return.

Did He go away? Not long ago a preacher said that the country is a big place and that the Gospel is the only thing that the United States has done in the last 50 years. But, then He did not come again, did He?

He did! And He has for a thousand years. He shall come again, and receive you unto Himself.
In this connection I recall the message in the Book of Luke that appeared to the disciples on the Mount of Olives on the day of Christ's Ascension: "And it came to pass, while he was blessing them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold four men in white apparel appeared at their side and said: Acts 1:11. And now they have reached the summit of the Mount of Olives. Suddenly, without a moment's warning, the Lord began to rise higher and higher until He disappeared out of their sight in a cloud. Two men in white apparel appeared at their side and said:

Acts 1:11—Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.

The same Jesus—In like manner; these are surely significant words. The same Jesus had flesh and bones; He spake; He ate; He talked. In like manner—He left the Mount of Olives; He disappeared in a cloud. What is it but that He should come again in flesh and bones, in a cloud, to the Mount of Olives?

Nothing less than the literal fulfillment of words such as these makes the whole passage ridiculous. Why, every time you sit around the Communion Table to commemorate the love of the Saviour for His people in death and in cross, you declare that He is coming again.

1. Cor. 11:26—For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this fruit, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

This ordinance was introduced to perpetuate a loving memory of the Saviour's death. After His return we shall have no need of symbols or pictures. We shall have the reality then, so the ordinance will cease.

How, then, can a minister officiate at the Communion Table? If he declares that the Lord has come to Pentecost, or that the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, or as one lately said, at the signing of the Franco-Treaty on November 11, 1918. It must be formally to him, and bear no meaning, if he declare Christ has come, has passed, and He is not the Communion, He could not at least finish the text "till He come."

How can any person partake of the Communion who believes that Jesus came at any of these times, or in 1874, or 1914, as the Russells and Seventh Day Adventists declare? Clearly He was not living in days that He should be regarded as not partaker of the Lord's Table and of the body of Christ.

The Scriptures abundantly declare the Lord Jesus Christ is again coming to this earth, in the same way as He left.

The Attitude of the Modernists

You have noted that in olden times, they said the prophets did not mean what they literally declared. So the modernists say today. They cannot take these passages literally. They scoffed at old Simeon and Anna the Prophetesses. They looked upon the shepherds as ignorant and unlearned in these things. They are doing the same thing today. What is your opinion of those who believe this doctrine?

John Wickliffe, the morning star of the Reformation, commonly called the Gospel Doctor, possessed of his intimate acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, said:

Stop a minute! Do you not know that all down the ages, the message has been brought to the world in different forms? John Calvin, that old prince of theological deepness, who expressed his sentiment in the support of the Word, expressed himself thus:

"Moreover, it must be held as a fundamental principle that ever since the appearance of Christ there is nothing left to the faithful but to be always on their guard and intent on His first advent."

Bishop Latimer, that old saint of Anglican faith, earnestly exhorted his people thus:

"I believe that the Lord Jesus may come in my day, and I am prepared to be always on my guard, and ready to receive Him."

John Knox, that fearless Presbyterian preacher of Scotland, in his blunt way said:

"I know that He shall return and that with expedition."

And dear old Martin Luther, the great leader of the Reformation, in the midst of all the great struggles of his day, earnestly expressed himself thus:

"I ardently hope that He will return and that at this time He will hasten the day of His coming."

What, then, shall we say? We must have a definite doctrine on this subject. Were all these great reformers mere pipkins, ignorant unlearned fanatics? That was the charge that was brought against them. The charge that was brought against the Bible.

What further shall I say of John Milton, Jeremiah Taylor, Samuel Rutherford, John Bunyan, John Plowden, John Toplady, Wm. Cowper, Charles and John Wesley, Geo. Whitfield, the Bannas, Spurgeon, Moody, Chapman. The fact is that it is hard to name a single evangelical preacher of note who did not earnestly believe this doctrine.

I challenge you, therefore, to face this matter fairly. Give it your earnest consideration with an open mind and an open heart. Any question regarding the Lord Jesus Christ must, of necessity, be fundamental. The question of the day is: Our City has heard of it again and again. The Bible makes reference to it three times in the New Testament. How then can a man live in the present day and attempt to read His Bible without coming face to face with this question? Is it evident that God meant it to be a subject of our consideration?

It is Time Our Church People Aroused Themselves.

I am speaking to all of you. Many of our church people are being hoodwinked by those of Modernist tendencies who speak and write at this time. Logical and spiritual. The Bible plainly warns us that such shall arise:

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for these things must needs come; but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in all places: for these are the beginnings of sorrows. But take heed to yourselves, lest perhaps this baseless rumour should come in upon you, and ye should be taken unawares. For as the snare of a fowler is in his hand, and he catcheth the fat bat. So shall it be to the end of the world, Amen."

"And it came to pass, when thou elevatest thine hand to curse thy brother, and I shall set mine hand against thee."
"I would simply warn them to leave this matter in the hands of the ministers and of the clergy, and let the Church speak for itself.

That was exactly the attitude of the priests and scribes at the First Coming of Christ.

Some of the members of our Evangelical Church today have assumed this attitude, and are being governed by the same men.

Listen, men and women! Hearken unto us. The next time any of these fellows come along with doctrines such as that, take the creed of your church and put it in your hand, and ask them whether they believe it in harmony with the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and whether it is right with the Lord and with the church.

That surely is plain. The Baptist Church loses its authority for its existence immediately it departs from the literalness of God's Word.

And, lastly, you Methodists should know that John Wesley, that glorious saint of God, is responsible for the following statements:

I grant, suppose the Lord should delay His coming, it would not be His delay, but His appearance. But there is no necessity for making such a supposition, and how does He know when He will delay? Perhaps He will appear as the day-dawning from on high, and He will come. Oh, do not set Him a time or place. Expect Him every hour. Now He is near, even at the door.

Charles Wesley, his brother, was known as the Millennial Prophet. This is his poem:

Lo, He comes with clouds descending. Once for all by its Author was given to men, and the Chaldees awake, and the Chaldees wake. Bells of gladness! Hallelujah! Sing gladness! Lift your heads, ye friends of Jesus. Partners in His love, sing with a double voice the praises of our King. Lord of Lords, shall soon appear. Make the token known, of Our heavenly King a Near. It strikes me that a man who has the courage to say in the Bible declarations, and all the ordinances of the church, the Creeds of the church, are foolish and fanatical and not worthy of a Christian's attention, has really a very high opinion of himself. Does he not?

It is good to think highly of yourself, but there is a limit. It reminds me of the Irish that in the middle of the war, the men of the Irish had been fighting for the son of their countryman for the front. "Ah," she said, "it made my heart ache to see him marching down the straits. And faith, could you be after believing it, every soldier of the regiment was cut down by the Pasch. Was the Pasch, the Pasch, the Pasch, the Pasch do you mean to say?"

Surely a Presbyterian must renounce this established creed who doubts the reality of the Second Coming of Christ.

And you Baptists, tell them, will you, that as early as 1668, the Baptist Covenant of Faith declared:

That all men and women are ignorant of their salvation, except those who by the grace of God, are hallowed and made righteous in heaven.

What a difference it would make to your life if you actually believed, deep down in your heart, that Jesus was really coming again. Suppose a gallant young man has won the affection of a fair young lady, when one day, shortly after the engagement, he is suddenly called away into a far country. Next day she receives his letter explaining that he has had to leave a little while, but that he will return at an early date and be married. In the letter he puts out words of encouragement, that though she may not hear directly from him, yet he will surely return.

A year passes, and then two, and no word nor sign has come. Then a rival hatches out a plan. He has failed in securing her affection in the first place, but he will win her yet. He calls in a friend and urges his assistance. "Go," says he, "go to her, and tell her that you are sure Jack didn't mean what he said. Tell her you have no reason to believe he will not return, and she is foolish to think of him. Tell her that she cannot depend upon a mere letter. Jack has, no doubt, forgotten all about her.

Away the friend goes, and insidiously plants the doubt in her mind. How distressed it makes her! She weeps half the night. Can it be possible that Jack would deceive her and never return? Could he have been deluded when he promised to come back? Eagerly she reads his letter again and again. Yes, there it is. He did actually promise to return.

But, why all this fuss? What difference did it make to her? Why, my friend, all the difference in the world. Jack would deceive her in this she could find no pleasant or easy way to come again. Will you be glad? Where will you find him?"

There is no use saying you believe this unless the effect is seen in your life. It is all very well to give assent to it mentally. Do you love His appearing? Are you willing to live truly for Him? I call you to a higher life. Will you come?
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