

THE NE TEMERE DECREE

Presbyterian--General Assembly Passes Strong Resolution on the Matter

Ottawa, June 14.—A strong pronouncement against the promulgation of the Ne Temere decree and a warning to the people of the church to abstain from mixed marriages till the situation is cleared up, was passed by the Presbyterian general assembly here tonight. The motion was carried unanimously by a standing vote, after Dr. Duval, of Winnipeg, and Principal Scrimger, of Montreal, had spoken in favor of the strongly worded resolution they presented. The main resolutions, as presented, read:

"We recognize union between one man and one woman in marriage as primarily consistent with the law of God in creation, and necessary to the highest well-being of the race.

"That said union in marriage has been sacred since the time of revelation in the old and new testaments.

"That we unite the highest ideals of the Hebrew and Christian world for maintaining the sacredness of the marriage bond as necessary for the highest good of society.

"But inasmuch as marriage involves both social and property rights, which can be enforced owing to the civil government, it is necessary that the contracts be entered into under the full sanction and security of the civil government.

"That we deeply regret that any denunciation should presume to reflect upon, to morally or materially damage any person that may be united in marriage according to the provisions of the civil law, whether with or without the sanction of any particular religious denomination.

"That the legislatures of the various provinces be urged to remove as far as possible all ambiguity in the law respecting the validity of marriage and provide that the legal hindrances to marriages should be defined by the civil law and not by any church or other body whose rules do not apply to the whole community.

"And because the peace and training of our Canadian life has been greatly disturbed and the civil rights of the people greatly interfered with by the publication and attempted enforcement in Canada of the Ne Temere decree by the Church of Rome, we record our respectful protest against the enforcement of that decree in Canada, and call upon all good citizens to resist the same, and our legislatures to render it impossible by law.

"But so long as the Ne Temere decree is attempted to be enforced in Canada, while deeply regretting the necessity of suffering any cloud to rest upon the social harmony that should exist among all Christians in this dominion, the general assembly is compelled to warn all our people to abstain from entering into the marriage tie with those who give their allegiance to the Church of Rome."

NOTICE.

The Twenty-third annual meeting of the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada will convene (D. V.) at Beulah Camp Ground, King's Co., N. B., on Wednesday, June 28th, 1911 at 10.30, a. m.

The first business session will begin at 3.30 p. m. of the same day.

Every member of the Alliance is expected to be present at the first business session.

W. B. WIGGINS,
Secretary.

"A great man is always willing to be little."

"The worm that works in the trunk is always advertised somewhere on the branches."

THE BIBLE A BOOK OF HOLINESS

(By E. F. Walker.)

The supreme subject of the Bible is holiness. A methodist minister who wrote a treatise on this theme was well justified in giving to it the title, "The Central Idea of Christianity." All who have any acquaintanceship with the Christians' Text Book well know that its position is emphatic and unequivocal against sin of all kinds and degrees, and insistent upon holiness unto perfection. No one can come in contact with this sacred volume without feeling reproof, if he has any sin, and a powerful drawing towards holiness.

Not a line of the Book would ever have been penned but for the celebration and ministry of holiness. The Catechism correctly says: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man." Of all that we are to believe concerning God His holiness is the summum bonum; and the duty God requires of man is summed up in one word, Holiness.

The attributes of God are several; but when the man of God prayed, "I beseech thee, show me thy glory," the answer came, "I will make all my goodness pass before thee;" and Jehovah passed by His servant and proclaimed "the name of the Lord." The name of the Lord is His character, and that name is holy. He is called the "Holy One of Israel." He is the thrice holy One: Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit. In all the revelation which the Book of God gives concerning its Author, Holiness is presented as the principal thing. As taught by the Bible, we can believe nothing concerning Him dissociated from holiness.

The great empire command—that which is inclusive of all other requirements which God makes of man—is, "Like as he which called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for I am holy." Nothing more than holiness does the God of the Bible require of man, and nothing less than holiness can satisfy the divine requirement.

This is the clear doctrine of this Book, as is evidenced in its every page. We have done well in calling it the Holy Bible; for it speaks of itself as "The Holy Scriptures," and it associates with itself "holy men of God" who "spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," "holy prophets" and "holy apostles"—all in goodly fellowship of ministry and love with "holy angels," who delight to serve and celebrate "the Holy One of God."

The religion of the Bible in its very essence is holiness. Everything connected with it ministers to this supreme end. Its Divine Executive is "the Spirit of Holiness." Its country is "the holy land." Its community is "an holy nation." Its devotees are "a holy people." Its communion is a "holy brotherhood." Its government is by "holy law." Its sanctuary is "the holy temple." Its inner shrine is "the holy of holies." Its ministry is "a holy priesthood." Its utensils are "holy vessels." Its worship is "in the beauty of holiness." Its day is "the holy Sabbath." Its watchword is "Holiness unto the Lord." Its shrine is "an holy altar." Its sacrifices are "holy offerings." Its call is "unto holiness." Its assurance is the "holy promise." Its anointing is with "holy ointment." Its redolence is "perfume pure and holy." Its robes are "holy garments." Its proposal is that we should be "holy and without blame." Its course is "the way of holiness." Its final presentation is "holy and unblameable before God." Its eternal capital is "His holy Heaven." Every God-inspired Scripture is given to the end that the "man of God may be perfect" Every God given ministry is to the end of "the perfecting of the saints." According to the Bible, every thing in life should be secondary and contributive to that "holiness without which

no man shall see the Lord." Not a word finds place in the Bible but has for its ultimate ministry holiness unto the Lord. Holy Bible! Text Book of Holiness!

Each word of thine a gem
From the celestial mines,
A sunbeam from that holy heaven
Where holy sunlight shines.

I must here quote those oft-repeated words of Bishop Foster, speaking of holiness as the Bible theme:

"It breathes in the prophecy, thunders in the law, murmurs in the narrative, whispers in the promises, supplecates in the prayers, sparkles in the poetry, resounds in the songs, speaks in the types, glows in the imagery, voices in the language, and burns in the spirit of the whole scheme, from the alpha to the Omega, from its beginning to its end. Holiness! holiness needed, holiness required, holiness offered, holiness attainable, holiness a present duty, a present privilege a present enjoyment—is the progress and completeness of its wondrous theme."

In our view of the case, to be a Bible church is to be a Holiness church; to be a Bible expositor is to be a Holiness expositor; to be a Bible School is to be a Holiness School; to be a Bible professor is to be a Holiness professor; to be a Bible preacher is to be a Holiness preacher; to be a Bible Christian is to be a Holiness Christian.—Nazarene Messenger.

CAMP MEETING AT CALGARY.

A tent meeting under the auspices of the Calgary Holiness Association, will be held at Calgary, Alberta, Can., on July 20th to 30th. Rev. L. Milton Williams of Oskaloosa, Iowa, will have charge of this meeting. Any of our readers living in that section will do well to attend and assist in these meetings. Anyone wishing further information can write W. B. Laite, Room 413 Grain Exchange Bldg., or to Mrs. J. E. Clink, 17 Twelfth Ave. West, Calgary, Alberta.

The pastor who feeds his flock on the faults, mistakes, blunders and weaknesses of other classes or other brethren in the ministry is worse than the man who feeds his cows on chaff alone; he gives them poison which poisons their minds and prejudices their estimation and respect for the brethren.

We have pure food commissioners and inspectors whose sworn duty it is to examine the milk, meat, canned, preserved or otherwise prepared foods of every description, and prosecute all manufacturers and sellers of adulterated and drugged articles for the protection of the health of the people.

How much greater criminals are such who adulterate the spiritual food of the household of God with poisonous fermentations of a self-seeking, disloyal spirit, or with bitter, malignant insinuations against other members of the same household? Did not Jesus say that the Father would "avenge His own?"

Men and women who love the Lord and deeply desire to walk circumspectly before their fellowmen welcome the truth. They desire to have the standard up. These people will find it easy to get along with their fellowmen. They do not habitually feel imposed upon and generally are found, expressing gratitude for so many undeserved favors. The fact is, they are "easy to be intreated" (See Jas. 3:17), not "heady," and people love them. They can be corrected without becoming irritated, and don't land the blame on some one else. They have learned to esteem others and are fully conscious of their own frailty. It is not what we say alone that does the work, but a testimony or exhortation backed up by a consistent practical Christian life will do excellent work.—Sel.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Closely connected with Spiritualism is that other and newer form of Satanic delusion, misnamed Christian Science, and which had its birth, shortly after the rise of Spiritualism, in New York. It should be remembered that Mrs. Eddy, in introducing her new religion, claims nothing in the way of revelation. She says: "In 1866 I discovered metaphysical healing and named it Christian Science." But the Apostle Paul declares that the verities of his Christian experience he "received not from man, neither (in his own words) was taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

It is a very significant fact that three of the most prominent and dangerous delusions of recent years were promulgated by women. The Fox sisters invented Spiritualism; Madam Blavatsky originated Theosophy; and Mrs. Eddy is the mother of Christian Science.

The Record of Christian Work says: "All the modern esoteric teachings, like Theosophy, Revived Buddhism and Christian Science are offshoots of Oriental occultism, which is simply and confessedly demoniacal in its origin. 'Doctrines of demons,' as Paul calls such errors in 1 Tim. 4:1, is a phrase that means what it says. The female founder of Christian Science was an ex-Spiritualistic medium; and any one who will take the pains to examine a little into mediumship, both as revealed in the Bible and as confessed openly by many Spiritualists today, will find that it is simply the yielding of the body of the medium to the visits, possession and inspiration of the unclean spirits, or demons, which, under Satan's leadership, haunt the air and rule this world. No wonder all these devilish doctrines deny the Person and the Atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Christian Science denies every fundamental doctrine of the Bible, as can be proved from their own text-book, entitled "Science and Health."

1. They deny a personal God. "God is mind. He is divine principle, not person." (Page 317.)

2. They deny a personal Christ. "Our church is built on Christ, not a person, but the principle that Christ said is the way, the truth and the life. Christian Science is the way (this is blasphemy) and its foundations are eternal." (Page 152.)

3. They deny a personal Holy Spirit "The Holy Ghost is divine science." (Page 151.)

4. They deny a personal devil. "There is neither a personal Diety, a personal devil, nor a personal man." (Vol. 2, p. 146.)

5. They deny a personal man. "An illusion." (Page 183.) "There is no matter." (Page 147.)

6. They deny the fact of sin. "All is good; there is no evil." (Page 147.) Then, whatever one does is right. Monstrous!

7. They deny the forgiveness of sins. "God, which is life, truth and love, never forgives sins." (Page 150.)

8. They deny that Jesus Christ came in the "flesh." "An error of personal belief; an illusion; a belief that what is termed matter has sensation." (Page 183.) This last is a form of the anti-Christ. (Read 1 John 4:3, and 2 John 7, R. V.)

A remarkable contradiction is this: After denying most emphatically the existence of matter, personally and disease, in order to prove that Christian Science is true, its adherents will tell you of thousands who have been healed of all kinds of diseases!—Exchange.

NOTICE.

The general Missionary Society of the Reformed Baptist Churches, will meet at Beulah Camp Ground on Thursday, June 29th, at 4 p. m.

S. A. BAKER,
President.

A CHANGE OF PASTORS.

You say that a change would be better; I grant it—but here let me say A few solemn words to each member, In a sisterly, Christianly way.

Are you sure where the change is most needed,

In the pulpit? or in the pew?
Is the pastor the one who needs changing?

Or my friend, let me ask, is it you?

Have you prayed for God's blessing upon him?

Have you been to him helpers, indeed?
Worked with him, stood by him, upheld him,

And ministered oft to his need!

Has your place in the prayer-meetings always

Been filled, when you knew you could go?

And the Sunday-School been brightened and flourished

At your presence and work—is this so?

Have you given your means to your Master?

Not merely a dollar or two?
But the twenties or fifties or hundreds,
In proportion as given to you?

If these questions cannot be replied to In a truly affirmative way,

Then I beg you to change now, my brother,

My sister, and do not delay.

Ne'er hope that a pastor, though gifted

As Gabriel fresh from God's throne,
Or mighty as Paul, could accomplish
His labors among you alone.

—Baptist Eng.

MISSIONARY BOX.

We sent a heavy case of clothing to our Missionaries in South Africa on the 8th inst. containing contributions of clothing from Woodstock, Fredericton, Greys Mills, St. John, Marys \$20.00, this amount we generally raise by contributions. Many of our people ville, and Penniac. The freight and duty on the contents will be about are willing to contribute for this purpose, so please mail your contribution today. So we can send the money to Brother Keirstead so he will have it when the box arrives.

S. A. BAKER,
Fredericton, N. B.

WHAT TO TAKE TO BEULAH.

We hope that all who can, especially those who live near, will remember to bring their bedding with them to Beulah. Supply yourself with sheets, pillows and cases, etc. Don't expect the Committee to furnish you with these, for their supply is limited, and as some only come for a few days, these must be provided for. Please remember to bring what you need in this respect.

ALLIANCE FUND.

Will the deacons in each church see to the collecting of the ALLIANCE FUND which is equal to 25 cents per member of the church. You wish to have a copy of the minutes of Alliance; then please see that your church sends money enough to help pay for the printing. Will the pastors stir up the members to give by mentioning it in their churches. Let us have a good contribution this year—please.

W. B. W.

HOW TO SECURE A GOOD BOOK.

We will give to any person sending us five yearly subscribers at our regular rate, either of the two books by Rev. L. Milton Williams, which sell for \$1.00 each, Jacob the Heel Grasper or War of the Ages.—This offer is open until June 30th.