

REV. W. A. BURGE DISCUSSES PROBLEMS AT GIBSON MEMORIAL

Today Nationally and Internationally, Industrial and Political Orders Are Still Built on a Pagan Material Philosophy

This sermon is a complement to the radio talk of Tuesday morning over CFNB "Listening Post" as preached by Rev. W. A. Burge, Sunday morning Gibson Memorial Church South Devon, on February 3rd, 1935.

"And the Spirit of God brooded upon the face of the waters." Gen. 1st chapter, 2nd verse. "It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit."

Zac. 4th. Chapter, 6th verse.

Whoever wrote the book of Genesis was gifted with Divine insight. It is a simple all absorbing story of Creation. The writer succeeded where modern men have failed. He grasped the Spiritual plan of God, which shall ever remain true concerning the Divine plan at work in the world. Man has sought out many inventions, many schemes, but in the beginning and for all time, God. His plan has not deviated one iota since the beginning of time. When the earth was without form, when all was chaos, when darkness covered the face of the deep, the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said "Let there be light" and there was light. When we ask ourselves the 'HOW' of creation and how creation is maintained there can be but one answer, which is both scriptural and scientific. It was and still is the work of the Holy Spirit. It was not a blind force which produced this beautiful world, but a Divine mind. And today there is nothing to save this old world out of moral and industrial chaos, save the Spirit of God as manifested in Jesus Christ.

When the children of Israel were being delivered from the bondage of Pharaoh, we read that a Pillar of Cloud by day, and a Pillar of Fire by night never left them. "And they did eat the same Spiritual meat and did drink the same Spiritual drink, that Spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ." While they followed that guiding principle they were all right but the time came when they followed other Gods. Even yet they were still followed by that same Spiritual force and by their prophets were urged to return and see once more its leading.

When we consider the history of the human race, the amazing thing is the Infinite patience of God. We cannot begin to know how long the Spirit of God has been brooding over the human race, nor in a particular way, how he has been brooding, but the little we do know, leads us to believe with the poet, that that spirit has never left us. "With unhurrying chase and unperturbed pace, deliberate speed, (and) majestic instantcy," His spirit is still brooding over this world, striving for the supremacy of man's mind, while the prophets of God, still cry, "How Long, oh Lord, how long."

Shall the answer be in words of the prophet Isaiah, "Until the cities be wasted and without inhabitant and the houses without man and the land utterly desolate." May God forbid! "It is not my might." It must be by the Spirit of God if we are to be saved from utter desolation. Would to God we had men and women in high places who talked like Jesus Christ, in our Legislative Halls, in our City centres, in our banks, in our stores, in our homes, talking, acting un-

der the power of the Holy Spirit. My friend let God's spirit dominate you by and through the medium of communion. You all know that familiar incident of the two on their way to Emmaus and also the lament which those disciples uttered "We had hoped that he would have redeemed Israel." Their hopes had been dashed to the ground, the visibility of their hopes been taken from them, He was dead in the grave. Oh my friends, we, too, have hoped that things which are visible to the naked eye would end the chaos and darkness and bring peace. It is not by any seen force, but by the unseen, invisible, Spiritual power working in and through us that we shall be saved. I tell you the means of our deliverance is not dead, it is the living Christ which worketh in us. God's way is to change the heart of man and not by any cataclysmic force from without. Thank God that His Spirit is still a living Witness in the heart and mind of man.

Away back at the beginning of the Jewish people you will recall, God gave the children of Israel, two tables of stone on which was written the Law of Negation. It was something to go on with, it was never intended as Jesus has shown us that man should always be trammelled with "Thou shalt not." The Spirit of Christ is the fulfilment of the Law. Two thousand years practicing the Law of Love and forgiveness ought to have taught us differently but again let me remind you of the patience of God. We still need our Laws written upon the Statute books, but we need to heed more the Still Small Voice, working in the heart of man.

Today Nationally and Internationally, industrial and political Orders are still being built on a Pagan material philosophy which ignores the sermon on the Mount. It enthrones a worldly shrewdness as the instrument of power. Self giving culminating in the Cross, is tabooed. But as God liveth, the only way by which we shall conquer is by allowing the spirit of God to dominate our lives, it is not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord. In the words of a great man, a British ambassador to the south of us, We need to take His Vow, "I vow to Thee my Country, a love that asks no questions, a love that never falters, a love that pays the price, a love that makes undaunted sacrifice; yes there is another country I've heard of long ago, most dear to those who love her, most great to those that know, We may not count her army, we may not see her King, her fulness is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering and solemnly and silently her shining bands increase, Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace.

In the Gospel of John we have these significant words "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made. In Him was Life and the life was the light of men, Friends the creation was and is the work of God's Spirit, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Holy Ghost shall overshadow thee, and the Holy things which is born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Then the Son of God

ASK FOR SLUM ELIMINATION BUT NO CIVIC HOUSING PLAN

Home Builders Association Says All Past Attempts Have Been Dismal Failures and Only Resulted in Added Tax Burdens.

TORONTO, nt., Feb. 3.—Slum elimination is receiving support from boards of trade and from citizens all over Canada. Civic housing schemes are being advocated either timidly or violently as well but these are having a mixed reception. The attitude of most building bodies is definitely hostile to plans on the ground that it is absurd to increase taxation to build houses when there are thousands of residential vacancies still available for housing the overcrowded in the large cities. But these building bodies have been among the first to advocate slum elimination.

The Toronto Home Builders Association, for example, in February, 1934 urged on the Mayor and Board of Control of Toronto the immediate appointment of a committee to report upon slum conditions. This committee, it was urged, should report on the number and location of such houses or tenements as might be classed to be unfit for human habitation, on those which needed rehabilitation, and on all over-crowded houses, flats and tenements with a view to depopulating them. It was also urged that needed legislation to enforce findings should be applied for immediately.

A recent circular, signed by W. J. Fulger, chairman of the legislative committee, and J. P. Cowie, president, expresses the view of the association that though slum elimination is urgent because "the dilapidated house is a stronghold of disease and discontent" the city has not adequate reasons to embark on such civic housing schemes as have been proposed "with over 8,000 residential vacancies available." It was urgent to have legislation enacted giving the municipality power "to compel owners to demolish slums at their own cost and with no compensation allowed". Its reason for opposing the plans to compensate the landlord is succinctly set forth as follows: "Surely the responsibility rests with the owner for allowing his property to reach such a deplorable state".

The association suggests that the 8,000 residences now vacant could be used by the present slum occupants "with an adequate general raise in wages and perhaps some form of subsidy to either the owner or tenant. Previous attempts at civic housing in

went forth to His ministry the same Holy spirit leading and dominating Him. It was in Christ God's Holy Spirit found its fullest manifestation. It is in Christ we shall realize the same. This same spirit led him victorious in the wilderness, this same spirit was upon him when He preached the Gospel to the poor, the broken hearted. When He gave sight to the blind, when he healed the Leper. And when He completed His ministry He said "It is expedient that I go away, but if I go away I will send the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God he did come again in the outpouring of His Spirit upon all mankind.

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Toronto have proved dismal failures and only added burdens to the taxpayers'.

The association also opposes tax exemption over a period of years as a means of stimulating building. It thinks this simply offers an opportunity to those with money to escape the responsibilities of citizenship. As an alternative it suggests strongly that the city seek an amendment to the Assessment Act whereby there should be no assessment on new houses or buildings under construction until they have been occupied.

"A new house, until it is sold or rented, is a builder's stock-in-trade and taxation on his stock-in-trade has often worked great hardship upon him", states the association.

This suggestion will undoubtedly be one of those which will come before the committee representing various boards of trade which is likely soon to be formed at the suggestion of the Montreal Board of Trade to devise a slums elimination and social betterment policy for all Canada.

No doubt builders in other cities will have the same views as the Toronto Home Builders Association that the present tax on mortgages should be abolished as one means of helping to reduce the cost of building and thereby stimulating it. The association argues that "a tax on a debt" cannot be justified.

THE AMAZING HITLER

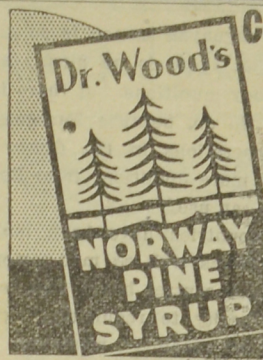
Amid the welter of comment that followed the Saar plebiscite with its overwhelming vote in favour of the return of that territory to Germany, a brief passage in Hitler's speech to the German people seems to have escaped inclusion in the cabled reports. Yet it would appear to be of vital importance. The German dictator is reported to have said:

"With the return of the Saar there are no more territorial claims by Germany against France, and I declare that no more such claims will be raised by us. We are now certain that the time has come for appeasement and reconciliation".

This, if it is correct,—and there is no record of Hitler having issued any subsequent denial—means that Hitler, on behalf of Germany, has abandoned all claim of the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. In view of the fact that only a few weeks ago he mentioned those provinces specifically in a public address in which he emphasised Germany's intention of inviting the Powers to consider the return of the German colonies, this is a remarkable volte-face.

On the other hand, it is by no means out of keeping with Hitler's amazing career. Twice he has turned round upon those by whose help he climbed to power. Why should he not abandon a claim which he knows very well will never be entertained—certainly not within the lifetime of even the rising generation? Moreover, to make this admission publicly for all Europe to hear is surely the best way to smooth the path towards Germany's readmission into the comity of European nations.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 4.—Four members of the United Mine Workers of Springhill, who were alleged to have caused damage to the headquarters of the Amalgamated Mine Workers, the rival organization—in Springhill a week ago, have received summons to appear in Amherst Wednesday for a hearing before Stipendiary Magistrate A. G. MacKenzie.



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STRIKES at the ROOT of COLDS and COUGHS

Of Interest to the Women

KEEP YOUR CHILD'S FEET WARM AND DRY TO SAFEGUARD HEALTH

This is the time of year when children must keep their feet warm and dry. The wetness in itself will not harm them. They can run about in the rain and snow and get their feet wet without harm to themselves provided that as soon as they stop running about they go into the house and their shoes and stockings come off. Then they have a warm foot bath, dry stockings and warm slippers. The experience will do them good if that is the way it goes.

Usually that is not the way. The children go to school well shod, well protected from the wetness underfoot. The rain has left puddles or the snow has piled drifts along the way. The children make for the puddles or the drifts as ducks to water. They are over their shoetops almost immediately.

They reach home with both feet soaked in ice water, stockings soggy, shoes squelching. Unless they are made to take the foot bath and change the stockings and shoes they sit about in the house their feet growing colder by the minute and chills running up and down their backs. Soon they are sniffing, complaining of a cold, and off to bed they must go.

Colds consume so much of a child's energy for no good purpose that they are likely to be the biggest drain on their health that winter ever threatens. A cold completely prostrates some children. The slightest wetness under foot will set some of them sneezing and snuffing. No children can withstand the effect of wet cold feet for hours of inactivity. If they keep going there is little danger but when they sit down to rest during the whole of the evening, still wearing the iced poultices on their feet, they must pay the full penalty.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL COSTLY

A cold excludes a child from school, and absence costs a lot. Regularity in attendance is one of the major necessities in the learning process. Skip a lesson, a week's lessons and there is a loss that is difficult to make good. It is a loss seemingly out of all proportion to the absence but it is there and must be reckoned with and amended.

This period of the year is not the time to expose children's knees. The English fashion of wearing shorts is all right in England. They do not have ten degrees below zero for daily weather. We are very likely to have it. When a child's knees are chilled he has to use an enormous amount of energy to warm himself. That expenditure of energy leaves him short for the day's work. He is tired and inattentive and fretful.

KEEP LEGS COVERED

Put light weight woolen stockings on the boys and girls during the winter weather, if you can get them. If not, give them stout cotton ones or a mixture of wool and cotton. Cover their legs. Shoe them well. This will insure them against much of the illness they suffer during this period of the winter. Maybe they won't like it but if you assume it to be a matter of course they will soon stop grumbling. They enjoy being warm and comfortable.

How do you know when a child is warm enough? Look at him as he stands waiting for the car, or for his mates. If he is erect and easy in his bearing he is comfortably clothed and warm enough. If his shoulders are hunched or bent, if he is drawn to himself, huddled to himself, hands in pockets elbows hugging his sides, body scrouched down, he is cold. That means a loss of energy and consequent loss of power. Loss of energy and power spells colds, illness, absence from school and loss of place. Do something about it!

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Baked Potatoes

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The Flea on the Dog

As a part of an on-going, successful universe you too should be successful. So surely as you are full of life full of potential success. This is a successful world where life is ever Lord of death, where human beings need not permanently lose that which is rightfully their own.

The very fact that life continues to manifest itself in its myriad forms proves that it still is Lord of death else the world would have long ago succumbed to the forces of destruction.

Man's continuing optimism and improving of his lot up through the ages is a very heartening thought. The foxes have no better holes today than did those when the King of Kings walked in Galilee. The dogs of today are no finer by their own initiative than the curs that licked Ahab's blood.

But man ever builds himself more stately mansions, better conveyances and better means of enjoyment. Moreover he provides more and easier education for each succeeding generation. Furthermore, man is never satisfied as a whole with any degree of achievement but has within the capacity to respond to the divine urges he is able to receive, which ever beckon, "come up higher."

Of course all men do not always respond to the call of the ideal. This thought flashed on my mind the other day when I saw two dogs racing. Now ordinarily I am like the artist who couldn't see why there was so much excitement over a certain horse race. He said that he knew that in every group of horses there was one that could run faster than the rest, but he didn't care which one.

However, we were interested in this dog race though we knew that both pups were lousy with fleas. We were interested because when one of the dogs won the race the thought flashed on our mind that the fleas he carried also won the race.

This is an on-going world with plenty of reserves in nature to carry all human beings safely and successfully through the race of life, even the human fleas who aren't trying to win (except possibly by stinging the dog) but are content to ride free on the dog-gone world.

There are said to be several million on relief in this country. Probably all but a few thousand would much rather be in the race of life on their own power. These men and women know that the geographies worth reading concern those who have carried loads—not those who had to be given free rides. On the other hand there are some today who could run a pretty good race on their own but who WON'T try. While the flea on the dog also wins the race we would remind these few that he doesn't have half the fun and thrills possible through effort and success.

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