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AN OVERFLOWING CUP OF SORROW

The Chesley Enterprise tells the following sad tale, and similar stories of sorrow may be told from many of our Canadian homes. It says:

"Many of the older readers of The Enterprise will remember Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McLellan of Sullivan, who left for B. C. 25 years ago this March. In renewing her subscription for two years, Mrs. McLellan writes as follows from Vancouver: 'Since coming here a great many things have happened. First a married daughter died, then I lost my husband on the first of April, 1912. When this cruel war began, my two sons enlisted. My youngest son, Howard, in the machine gun section, was killed by a sniper on May 2, 1916. My son, James, stayed in the trenches until he received five wounds in the big battle of the Somme on the 8th of September, 1916. He came home on the 17th of January, 1917, a perfect skeleton. He was home just a week when he had to undergo an operation, hav-

ing already undergone one while in England. He was thought to be convalescing, but suddenly expired while talking to one of the nurses. He was given a military funeral. My son, Howard, is buried in Chester Farm cemetery in Belgium, 7,000 miles away. I am glad to say my two sons died like heroes. I trust God will give us the victory over the wicked enemy, who has murdered so many of our brave soldiers. Mrs. McLellan's cup of sorrow is certainly full to overflowing and she will have the sympathy of many friends in her trouble.'

A WISE MOVE

The Rev. W. W. Prudham headed a deputation, the other members of which were Messrs. J. D. Hunter, and R. Bremner, who want a clean-up campaign. This is not a moral affair, something sanitary and aesthetic. Mr. Prudham has gone into the matter, and spoke with knowledge. His idea is to get rid of the dirt, burn up the rubbish, cultivate

all vacant lots, use the paint brush, clean up front yards, clean up back yards, and everything in short that tends to make a town beautiful. The council have taken the matter up and will give the idea, which is a good one, a boost. There will be a public meeting, committees will be formed, and a clean-up campaign will soon be under way. The remark was correctly made that this is not the work of a day, or of a week, but of a year. The committee appointed to take charge of this work are: Rev. W. Prudham, Messrs. D. J. Hunter, R. Bremner, J. C. Moore the Reeve and the Mayor.—Wiar-ton Echo.

Her Eyes

All the poets rhapsodize On the lovelight in her eyes. After marriage such ecstatic poem stop. But it's very safe to say As to optics blue or grey That a little glint of anger makes 'em hop.—Kansas City Journal.

CHECK TO RUSSIA

Conflict Between Labor and Army Authorities Retards Russia

A conflict of authority between the Council of the workmen and soldiers' Deputies and the Government has been receiving much attention in the newspapers. The Deputies appear to have given a qualified acknowledgment of the authority of the Government, but seek their own way to the extent of constituting a menace to the success of the Ministers in solving problems with which they are confronted. An exaggerated jealousy of the rights of the people is the cause of the friction. The Council has announced that it is its prerogative to ignore Governmental authority when in its opinion such authority overrides popular freedom. The newspapers are filled with appeals to the workmen to subordinate themselves to the needs of the army and to resume activity in disorganized factories, many of which are still virtually at a standstill. Other factories are working theoretically eight hours a day, but the employees are devoting much time to meetings and to other things which cause interruption. That much of the unrest and dissatisfaction among the workmen can be attributed to the remnant of the old police organization, members of the Black Hundreds and German agents is the opinion of the members of the Duma. An encouraging sign, on the other hand, is seen in the growing support of the Government by the military. The Don Cossacks have announced their unqualified allegiance, and delegations from various parts of the front have appeared in the Duma with similar assurances.

CANADIAN RAIDS

Cavalry's Fine Work—Aerial Position Improved

Canadian Headquarters in France: To the great satisfaction of everyone here, the remarkable April snow-storm has been followed by frost and bright sunshine, which has permitted a resumption of operations, and raids have been carried out along the enemy positions. The head fighting Bavarians still confront the Canadians on a large section of the line. Few of them have been taken in recent encounters. Our experience has been that they remain in their dugouts at the risk of death by bombing, rather than come up on the call to surrender. Our aerial position has been changed greatly for the better, and the "red devil," the formidable enemy machine which has been causing trouble, has now learned to respect the British machines. From the Somme area comes further information regarding the great value of cavalry. Some of the best bits of work done in the capture of villages was accomplished by horsemen, who took to the fields and carried light guns with them, which proved useful in driving away the machine gun sections used freely by the enemy to cover his retirement.

Warships Withdrawn

Allied Warships in Atlantic to be Replaced by U.S.

A report from Washington says: Allied warships patrolling the Atlantic coast will be withdrawn and many will be sent to the European battle fleets, now that German merchant ships in American ports have been taken over and there is no possibility of their slipping to sea as commerce raiders. All of the allied war vessels which have been patrolling close to American shores nearly three years may not be taken away until the status of the Austrian merchant ships finally is determined, but it is the intention of the allied Governments to remove them eventually. Their places will probably be taken by American naval vessels.

Russ. Effect Turkish Landing

Russians Land on Black Sea Coast—Burn Observation Post

A report from Petrograd reads: A small Russian force made a landing Saturday on Turkish territory on the Black Sea coast at a point about 140 miles west of Trebizond, it is announced officially. The statement follows: "One of our Black Sea torpedo boats landed troops near the mouth of the River Termeh, 58 verses (38 miles) east of Samsoon. (Samsoon is 180 miles west of Trebizond). Our troops burned a Turkish observation post. The same torpedo boat captured ten sailing ships loaded with valuable cargoes and took them to Trebizond. One of our submarines has sunk a sailing ship in the Bosphorus region."

Italians Suppress 5,000 Arabs

The following official communication was issued from Rome Sunday: "General Cassini has routed 5,000 rebel Arabs in the Zezara zone (Tripoli) and destroyed their camp and captured 40 artillery caissons, vast quantities of rifles, munitions, cattle and a Turkish flag."

Loan Allies \$3,000,000,000

A report from Washington says: Of the \$3,000,000,000 to be raised by a bond issue, \$3,000,000,000 it was definitely stated, would be loaned to the entente allies. The entire issue, House and Senate leaders have agreed, will bear interest at the rate of 3½ per cent.

Villa Advances on U.S.

Francisco Villa is moving rapidly toward the American border with 3,000 troops, Gen. Francisco Murguilla announced here Sunday before leaving for Casas Grandes with 4,000 de facto troops to carry out an enveloping movement against Villa.

Lieut.-Col. R. C. Morris Killed

Lieut.-Col. Robert C. Morris, Commander of the Imperial Siege Artillery on the Somme front, who a few days ago was reported dangerously wounded, was killed on March 25, according to a cable received last week from the British War Office.

PRESIDENT WILSON

SIGNS WAR BILL

Overwhelming Majority For Vote—100 Enemy Ships Seized by U.S.—Value Over \$125,000,000

A report from Washington says: Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, signed the joint war resolution of both branches of Congress at the White House at 1:13 Friday afternoon. Lieut.-Commander Byron McCandless, United States Naval Aide to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, flashed from the Presidential window the signal to the Navy Department. It was close to 4 o'clock Saturday morning when the House of Representatives finally adopted the war resolution by an overwhelming poll of 373 to 50.

\$100,000,000 Emergency Vote

The Senate then proceeded to pass without debate or division, the special "national security and defence appropriation of \$100,000,000, to be immediately available, and to be expended 'at the discretion of the President.'" This done, both Houses of Congress stood adjourned over Easter. Preparations are already well advanced for financing the war. A bond issue, increased taxation, including higher taxes on estates, large incomes, whiskey, beer, tobacco and new methods of taxation, probably will be resorted to to raise the huge amount of \$3,500,000,000, for which the present program calls. Unofficial estimates to the Federal Reserve Board are to the effect that the banks of the Federal Reserve system are in a position to absorb up to \$2,000,000,000 of war bonds at once, at a rate of interest not exceeding 3½ per cent. Secretary McAdoo authorized the statement that he thought the Government would have no difficulty in raising the necessary finances, but declined to indicate the probable methods that will be adopted.

Nearly 100 interned ships of the Kaiser went into the possession of the United States. They represented a tonnage of about 600,000, and an estimated value of more than \$125,000,000. No action was taken in regard to any of the Austrian ships in American ports.

Total Value \$126,540,000

The total value of the ninety-one German ships in American waters is placed at \$126,540,000. The total tonnage of the twenty-seven vessels at New York is about 300,000. At Boston five ships, of a total tonnage of about 77,000 were taken. National Guardsmen, acting under the United States Marshal, seized three ships at Baltimore of a tonnage of about 20,000.

Two vessels at Philadelphia, of a total tonnage of 16,000 were taken over. San Francisco yielded three of a tonnage of 8,000. At the Philippines are twenty-three German ships with a total tonnage of about 85,000.

The Willehad, supply ship to the German submarine Deutschland, was seized at New London. Marines from the United States destroyer Gresham boarded the five Boston ships. Two companies of the 22nd United States Infantry, a company of New Jersey Guardsmen, a score of Hoboken policemen, and a squad of customs inspectors participated in the seizure of the giant liner Vaterland, the George Washington, President Grant, Kaiser Wilhelm II, and other big ships tied up at the Hoboken piers of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American Lines.

Spanish Crown in Danger

Big Political Upheaval Reported to be Imminent

A despatch from Rome says: Confidential reports reaching the Vatican say that the situation in Spain is so critical that sensational developments, not even excluding a political upheaval, are feared to be inevitable. It is the prevailing conviction in Vatican circles that Spain's monarchy is in peril, because even if a revolution is averted or repressed, the situation will not be permanently improved, and complications are sure to follow. It is well known that King Alfonso is pro-ally, and the army is pro-German, and Spain is overrun with German agents whose propaganda, carried on regardless of expense, has secured the sympathy of the conservatives and reactionaries.

German Destroyer Sunk

Naval Seaplanes Make Successful Attacks

British Admiralty announces: "Attacks were carried out on the Zeebrugge (Belgium) Mole by naval seaplanes on the night of April 7-8. Many bombs were dropped. Attacks also were made on ammunition dumps at Ghent and Bruges. All our machines returned safely. Other operations were carried out off Zeebrugge during the same night, whereby two enemy destroyers were torpedoed. One was seen to sink. The fate of the second is uncertain, but it was severely damaged. We sustained no casualties."

German Papers Banned

A despatch from Ottawa says: Another batch of pro-German publications has been banned from circulation in Canada. It includes: The Mississippi Blatter; The Melting Pot, St. Louis; Sakama, Fitchburg, Mass.; The Monthly Illustrated Atlantic; New York, and The Blaetter, St. Louis.

U-Boat Failure Means Loss of War

The Chemnitz Socialist paper Volkstimme frankly admits that if the unrestricted submarine warfare should prove a failure Germany is lost. "We all knew this on the day unrestricted submarine war was announced," adds the paper.

Careful computation of grain in elevators and survey of the situation in the several Provinces lead to an estimate of 102,000,000 bushels on hand.

Cuba, not yet out of her teens as a Republic, is at war with Germany.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson III.—Second Quarter, For April 15, 1917.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, John x, 1-18—Memory Verses, 11, 12—Golden Text, John v, 11—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

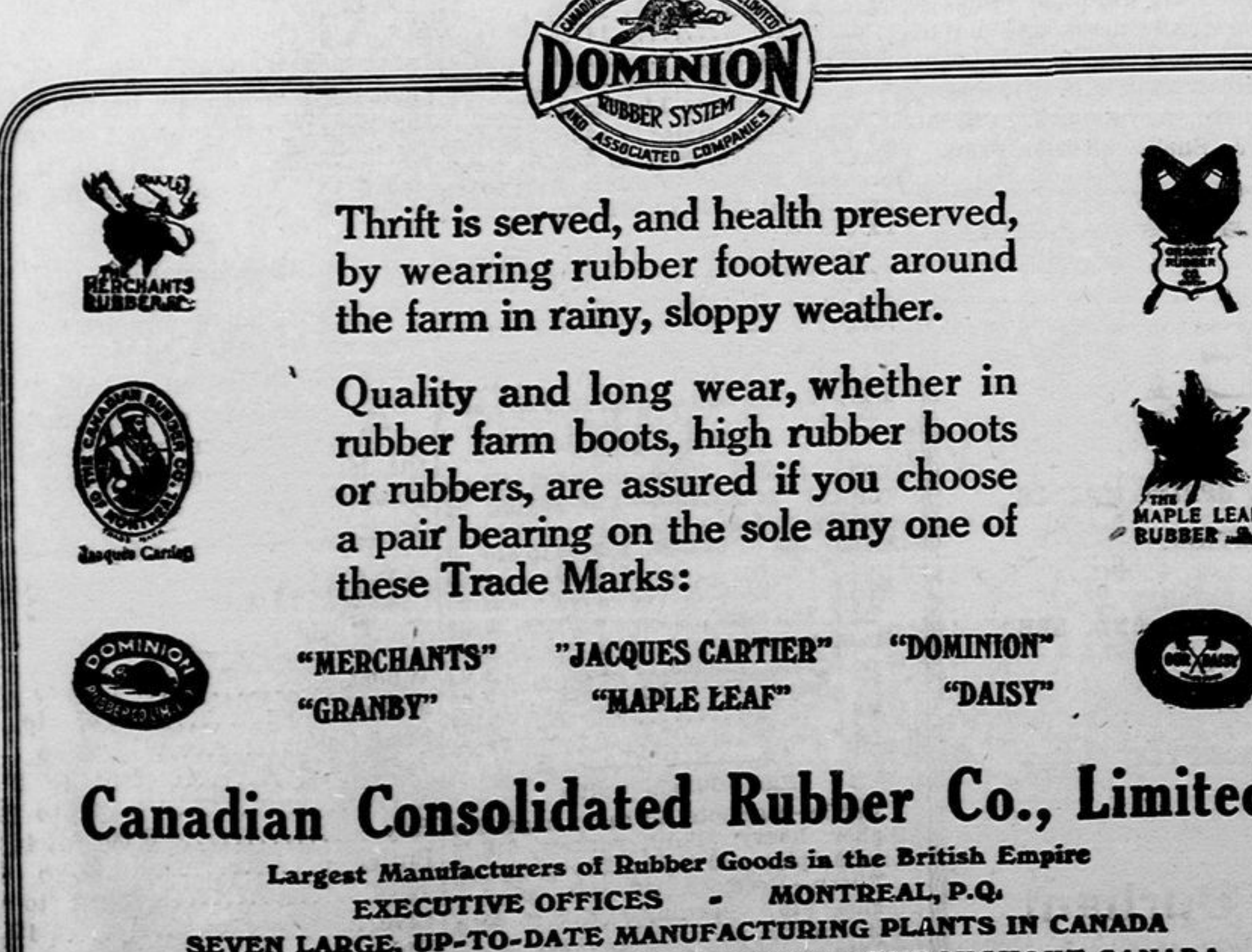
The Golden Text seems to be the heart of the lesson this time if not always. While in our lesson He is the Good Shepherd laying down His life for the sheep and giving unto them eternal life, with the assurance that they can never perish nor any power take them from Him (verses 11, 15, 27, 29), in Heb. xiii, 20, 21, He is the Great Shepherd risen from the dead, living His life in us and working in us that which is well pleasing in the sight of the God of Peace. In I Pet. v, 4, He is the Chief Shepherd who shall give rewards to His faithful followers at His appearing. In Gen. xlix, 24; Ps. lxxx, 1, He is the Shepherd of Israel. This last shall be fully seen when Ezek. xxxiv, 11-16, and verse 31 shall be fulfilled, and then shall be seen the significance of Ps. xxxiii as never before in the history of the world. In our lesson chapter He is talking to Israel, but He spoke of other sheep whom He must bring (verse 16), and some of those we are now gathering to complete His body, the church, but the full gathering of the nations to Him shall be after Israel has learned to say, "The Lord is my Shepherd," according to Zech. ii, 10-13; "Many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day and shall be my people." Also Jer. xli, 17, "At that time they shall call Jerusalem the Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord to Jerusalem."

He had been dealing with and was in the midst of thieves and robbers, who sought to enter the fold, but not by the door. They were persistently robbing God and making His house a den of thieves (Mal. iii, 8; Matt. xxi, 13). He is the door as well as the Shepherd, the only way of access to God, God's own appointed way, and it is not possible to come to God but by Him (verses 7-9; chapter xiv, 6). But by Him, the door, any man may enter in and be saved and in Him find pastures green and waters of quietness (verse 9), peace as a river and righteousness as the waves of the sea (Isa. xlviii, 17). All who are not Christ's are in the employ of the leader of all thieves and robbers and liars and murderers, the devil, of whom He said in a recent lesson that these religious hypocrites were his children (verse 10; viii, 44). With righteous wrath He denounced them in these words: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matt. xxiii, 33.)

The Spirit through Paul said to Elymas, who tried to turn a man away from the door to life, "O full of all subtlety and all mischief, child of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" (Acts xiii, 7-10). Contrast the Good Shepherd, who by laying down His life for us has provided life, and life abundantly, for all who will receive Him. He gives freely that which He has purchased at so great a price, even the sacrifice of Himself. Life eternal, the water of life, eternal redemption and all that is included in such expressions become the sure and everlasting possession of all who receive Him, and there is nothing in the Bible that in any way conflicts with the positive assurances of verses 27-30. See Heb. i, 3; ix, 12, 26; Rom. vi, 23; iii, 24; Rev. xxii, 17. There can be no contradictions in the Bible, for the same Holy Spirit wrote the whole book.

As to life abundantly, compare pardon abundantly and an abundant entrance into His kingdom (Isa. lv, 7; II Pet. i, 11). The Lord gives not only freely, but fully, all that He has purchased for us, and He desires to be able to give full rewards for service in that day (II John 8) which He certainly will do if we have been faithful. Salvation is wholly of grace and the same to all, but the rewards will be according to our works (Rev. xxii, 12). Note the wonderful statement in verses 17, 18, that no man could take His life from Him, but that He laid it down of Himself, having power to do this, and to take it again. His was the only life that could not be taken from Him. It is true that they killed Him but it was because He allowed them to do it. He willingly suffered all that was put upon Him, leaving us an example that we might follow His steps, who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not, but committed Himself to Him who judgeth righteously. Then, having left us a perfect example and having no sin of His own, for He was without guile, He took the sinner's place and suffered in our stead, His own self bearing our sins in His own body on the tree (I Pet. ii, 21-24).

Hirelings seek their own welfare rather than that of the flock, but true followers of the Good Shepherd seek the welfare of the sheep, not considering themselves. David took his life in his hand when he delivered part of his flock from the lion and the bear, but the Son of David actually laid down His life for His flock. When He putteth forth His sheep He goeth before them, and He only asks that we keep close to Him and follow Him fully (Deut. xxxi, 8).



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