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A WORTHY MOVEMENT.

Attention is especially directed to an
announcement in another part of this
paper from the Presidency of the Relief
Societies of the Church. It touches on
a matter of great importance. There
are many inducements held out to
young women in country places to
come to this city for employment. The
scarcity of efficient help in families
causes high wages for domestics, and
when there are such openings in good
respectable households, there is no safer
or more lucrative employment for girls
competent to give proper service, than
that in comfortable and well conducted
homes.

But there are two sides to this ques-
tion of the influx of young women from
the country to this city. They are lia-
ble to fall into evil company, to be de-
ceived by unprincipled and crafty per-
sons, and to be led astray to their ruin.
In order to establish a sort of protec-
torate and advisory body for their bene-
fit, an Employment Bureau has been
organized under the auspices of the
Relief Society, and we give to it our
heartiest endorsement and support.

The ladies whose names are men-
tioned in the circular are well known
in the community, and possess the con-
fidence and regard of the Church au-
thorities, as well as of a host of friends
throughout the State. We advise the
leading men and women in every Stake
of Zion to act on the plan explained in
the circular, and that whenever a young
woman comes to this city to obtain
employment, she report to the commit-
tee named and become identified with
the Bureau.

We also suggest to people who need
reliable help for the household, to ap-
ply to that committee, stating the
kind of employment they have and
the wages to be paid. The movement is
one of the needs of the times and we
are sure will be productive of very
great good.

THE SALVATION OF INFANTS.

At the Presbyterian General Assem-
bly at Winona Lake, Indiana, which
we suppose should be now in session
according to appointment, the question
of dropping the Westminster Confes-
sion of Faith and the substitution
thereof of the "Brief Statement of the
Reformed Faith," is slated for discus-
sion. It will be remembered that at
the Assembly in California, last year,
some modifications as to the meaning
of certain passages in the Westminster
Confession were adopted, and among
other points the doctrine of election as
it relates to children dying in their in-
fancy was declared. The term "Elect
Infants" in the Confession was con-
sidered to cover all who died in their
infancy. This afforded great relief to
the minds of people of the Presbyter-
ian faith who had naturally understood
from the very use of the phrase that
some infants were non-elect, and there-
fore were doomed to everlasting wrath
and destruction from before the foun-
dation of the world, the same as adults
who were not among the elect.

Since the California Assembly some
ministers of the Presbyterian church,
and notably one local anti-Mormon
preacher and lecturer, have taken the
position that the doctrine of the dan-
nation of non-elect infants was never
held by the Presbyterian Church, and
have gone so far as to assert that the
saying "There are infants in hell not
a span long" was never uttered by any
of the Presbyterian divines.

Of course these denials are useless to
those who have heard and read the
sentiments of ultra-Calvinistic ex-
pounders, both in Europe and America.
If the framers of the Westminster Con-
fession had intended to convey the idea
that all children dying in their infancy
were among the elect, they would
doubtless have said so in unmistak-
able language. But here is the section
of that document on this subject:

"Elect infants dying in infancy are
regenerated and saved by Christ
through the Spirit who worketh when
and where, and how he pleaseth, who
also are all other elect persons who
are incapable of electing outwardly
called by the ministry of the word."

If this does not convey the idea that
there are some infants who are not
"elect persons," then there is no sense
in the section at all. It is certain that
hosts of devout people belonging to
that faith have entertained in dread and
horror, a doubt concerning the fate of
their little children, wondering
whether they were among the elect or
not. And that this awful doubt did
prevail, and was held by ministers of
that church previous to the declaration
at the California Assembly, is evi-
dent from the expressions of relief that
have been uttered and published since
that occasion.

Further evidence of this is afforded

by the enunciations of Rev. Samuel T.
Carter of New York City, who address-
ed an open letter to the Presidency,
which it was thought would bring
about his trial for heresy, but on his
appearing before the Presbytery of
Newman, his appeal against the West-
minster Confession was endorsed, and
that Presbytery voted to overture the
General Assembly to adopt the "Brief
Statement of the Reformed Faith" in
place of the Westminster Confession. In
a recent statement Rev. Carter said, as
published in the New York World:

"It is important to rid the Church
of a bad creed, but still more impor-
tant to dispel from the lives of men the
groomy ideas of religion which go with
the old creeds, and most of all the
dreadful dogma of endless torment
which has caused such intense suffer-
ing."

The Westminster Confession pre-
sents for the worship and allegiance of
man a God who, according to the good
pleasure of His will, assigned the mil-
lions of the human race to endless tor-
ment before they were born or had done
good or ill. Of this number a large
company died in infancy and committed
no sin, and yet were doomed to eter-
nal punishment. The wicked and
heathen world forms another large
company, by the teaching of the Con-
fession Homer and Virgil, Plato and
Socrates, Cato and Antoninus, Con-
fucius and Gautama, are at this mo-
ment resting in the literal flames of
hell fire and shall so burn for ever and
ever.

The Westminster Confession in fact
says that God is a monster; modern
theology says that He is not. In this
intense lies the whole gist of the Con-
fession. Every fibre of my being
rises up against this God-dishonoring
theology. With the utmost fervor
of my soul I reject this god of the
Confession, and as fully as I reject this
god, so gladly do I receive the God
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Now why should there be any zeal
for this Confession with its god that so
many reject with such abhorrence? Why
should it be so cherished and main-
tained? As Elijah said to Israel: 'If
the Lord be God follow Him; but if
Baal then follow him.' So can it be
said to the General Assembly, if the
God of the Gospel be God, follow Him;
but if the God of the Confession be God,
follow him. They cannot keep the one
for their creed and theological
seminaries and the other for their pul-
pits and common talk."

The gentleman denounces in most
vigorous terms the hypocrisy of the
clergy of his church, solemnly affirm-
ing in the act of their ordination that
they accept the Westminster Confes-
sion, when in their hearts they repudi-
ate much of it, and so admit in conver-
sation. He argues that this "bad creed
should be got rid of," and that "It is
more seriously important than sending
missionaries to China, for there is no
use of sending the truth abroad if we
live a lie at home."

In view of these denunciations by a
noted minister of the Presbyterian
church, it is useless for apologists and
shielders of the present creed to pretend
that the Westminster Confession, as it
stands, does not convey the dogma of
the eternal torment of non-elect per-
sons, including infants and others not
ordained before they were born into
eternal life, and comprehending all the
Heathen world and every individual
who has not saying, faith in Christ, cre-
ated in him by the grace of God with-
out effort of his own.

The modification of modern theology
among various sects of Christen-
dom is undoubtedly due in large de-
gree, to the promulgation of the prin-
ciples received by divine revelation
through the great Prophet of the Nin-
teenth century. In a revelation given
in September, 1820, it is declared:

"But behold I say unto you that lit-
tle children are redeemed from the
foundation of the world through mine
Only Begotten." Doc. and Cov. p. 10.

The following paragraphs are from
the Book of Mormon, pages 615, 617:

"Behold I say unto you that this
thing shall ye teach, repentance and
baptism unto those who are account-
able and capable of committing sin,
yea teach parents that they must re-
pent and be baptized, and humble
themselves as their little children, and
they shall all be saved with their little
children."

"And their little children need no re-
pentance, neither baptism. Behold,
baptism is unto repentance to the ful-
filling of the commandments unto the
remission of sins."

"But little children are alive in Christ
even from the foundation of the world."

"Little children cannot repent where-
fore it is awful wickedness to deny the
pure mercies of God unto them, for they
are all alive in Him because of His
mercy."

The baptism commanded by Christ
is to be preceded by faith and repent-
ance, but infants, being incapable of
faith and repentance and having no
sins of their own to repent of or be
remitted, their baptism in any form
is needless and wrong. But as Christ
blessed little children when he was on
earth and declared that "of such is the
kingdom of heaven," so in these days
His servants have been authorized to
bless and give them a name. In a
revelation given in April, 1820, the Lord
said:

"Every member of the Church of
Christ having children, it is to bring them
unto the Father before the Church, who
are to lay their hands upon them in
the name of Jesus Christ, and bless
them in His name." Doc. and Cov.,
page 218.

As to the heathen nations, and all
people who have not had the opportu-
nity of hearing and receiving or reject-
ing the Gospel of Christ while in the
flesh, the offer of redemption is to be
made to them after death in the spirit,
so that all the race of Adam may hear
and be judged by the everlasting Gos-
pel, the one divine plan of salvation.
And all are free to receive or reject
it on their own agency, as was ordained
before the foundation of the world.

Election, predestination and fore-
ordination are correct principles. In so far
as they relate to particular callings and
appointments in this life for special
works and purposes to effect the de-
signs of the Eternal Father. But no
one of His sons or daughters was cre-
ated for the purpose of being eternally
doomed, or made to suffer condemna-
tion for anything but their own evil
works and intentions. The plan of re-
demption includes all the human race,
except those who wilfully sin against
light and knowledge to the extent that
it is impossible to redeem them.

The elect of God are they who keep
His commandments. The wicked and
corrupt who deserve punishment will
receive it according to their works and
as eternal justice shall decide. But
mercy will claim its own at the proper
time, and the atonement of Christ will
eventually reach out to every crea-

ICELANDIC LORE.

Friend John Thorgeirson, of Thibide,
who is well versed in the sagas and
history of his romantic native land,
Iceland, and who never tires in exhib-
iting the literary wealth contained in
Icelandic lore, favors the "News" with a
communication, from which we quote
the following lines. Speaking of the
reported discovery of gold in Iceland,
he says:

"I read with great pleasure your
editorial regarding the finding of gold
in Iceland, and your comment thereon.
Your suggestion regarding the 'dwarfs'
and 'elves' in connection with gold and
silver mining is excellent, and some-
thing I had never thought of. The only
mineral production on actual record
in the Icelandic sagas is iron, which is
mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of
the saga of Egil Skallagrimsson."

"I read a short time ago in an Ice-
landic journal that a regular excursion
line was to be established between
Germany, France, the British Islands
and other parts of Europe to Iceland,
during the summer season, both for
scientific and pleasure purposes."

Referring to some comments on Dr.
Goldmark's "Valkyries," Mr. Thorgeir-
son expresses the opinion that:

"There is a serious misunderstanding
regarding the province of the Valkyries,
as well as regarding Odin himself, so
far as I can see by the Eddas, it is
Thor, and not Odin, who is the god of
war. Thor is the god of thunder, who,
when in a state of wrath, with his ham-
mer Mjolner—which signifies the crush-
er—in his chariot rides through space
and the advance of the formidable
frost giants, and causes thunder and
lightnings, when swinging his hammer.
Odin, on the other hand, appears to be
a god of law and order, peace and
prosperity."

"He was also a great inventor, a
great lawgiver and statesman, a skill-
ful general, and valiant warrior."

"It is generally supposed that the Val-
kyries derived their name from their
official duties to search for the virtu-
ous dead, among the slain on the battle-
field, and to lead them to 'Valhalla,' which
is from the same root as the Anglo-
Saxon 'wall' or 'waire,' which I am
inclined to believe to be of British
origin. The word 'val' means 'war' and
its derivatives in all the Scandinavian
dialects is akin to the English adverb
'well.' In the Icelandic the noun,
'val,' means 'selection.' Valhalla, the
celestial palace of the Allfather Odin,
does not mean 'the hall of the slain,'
but 'the palace of the elect.' The Val-
kyries, I think, were acting under the
direction of the Goddess Freya, whose
mission it was to unite young folks in
marriage, and to re-unite in the here-
after those who had been true to their
marriage covenants. Hence the term
'Valkyria,' which is derived from
'valin,' the elect, and 'kyria,' Dan-
ish 'kjore,' to drive. If this theory
is correct, the word 'valkyrie' signifies
the celestial transport maidens—those
who are conveying the elect to cele-
stial bliss."

The Adulterers were all "knock-
ers."
Those racing yachts are simply out
of sight.
Already the rustle of Los Angeles
wings is heard.

The jury found Johann Hoch guilty
of murder. Hoch der jury!
How strange it will seem in Chicago
when there is no longer any strike.
Is the peace of the Sabbath to be
broken tomorrow by baseball games?
The Philadelphians have been awak-
ened at last by an explosion over gas.
Those nests are taking their time.
After a while they will be taking to
each other.

A woman who listens, a candle that
parleys and a politician who explains
are all lost.

That it was the cynosure of all eyes
yesterday. It was, an unusual thing,
big U and little I.

The end of the Chicago strike is in
sight, but it takes a very powerful tel-
escop to see it.

Lack of a strawberry mark has
saved an Austrian from being sent to
jail. It is too early for strawberries.

"The grass is coming up fresh and
green this spring," states the Boston
Globe. How has it come up other
springs?

The juvenile court is visiting the sins
of delinquent children on the fathers,
perhaps unto the third and fourth gen-
eration.

Good news that Admiral Dewey is
better. He is one of the country's
idols, and his illness makes all the
people anxious.

The people of Murray have voted
unanimously to become a second class
city. They may make it a second class
city, but it is a first class town.

The shirt, cuff and collar makers of
Troy threaten to go on strike. It is to
be hoped that they will not, thus avoid-
ing washing their dirty linen in public.

President Eliot says that two weeks'
vacation is enough for students in sum-
mer. But the students, who are most
interested, have not been heard from.

A bottomless pit has been found in
Hawaii. That's nothing very strange.
John W. Gates found a bottomless
wheat pit right in the center of Chi-
cago.

The re-union of the Baptists North
and South is the final touch, the cap-
stone, of the final reconciliation of all
sections of the country. It was the
triumph of Christianity and common
sense over prejudice and passion.

Mr. H. Cuthbert, representing the
Tourist Association of Victoria, B. C.,
is in Salt Lake, and is doing efficient
work, advertising that enterprising
city. He is distributing a very charm-
ing little pamphlet containing illustra-
tions of the attractions of Victoria and
surroundings, and these artistic pic-
tures speak volumes for the enterprise
of the citizens of that place. The ob-
ject of the Tourist Association has in

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edge as he goes from place to place. We
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The Living Church.

Both to the democracy and to conser-
vatives, the danger today is from with-
in. Unchristian standards among the
people will wreck both of them. Men
who purport to be Christians, and who
yet do not fulfill Christian standards are
greater foes to modern civilization than
are any others, because they give prom-
ise of conformity to those foundation
principles which underlie that civiliza-
tion, and then belie their promise. They
receive personal credit under false pre-
tences as to their personal standards
of right and wrong. Thus it becomes
apparent that the man who leaves
debts unpaid, not only wrongs his im-
mediate neighbor, but also strikes a
blow at the entire civilization and the
Christianity of the twentieth century,
and the man who is venal in politics
is guilty of treason to a democracy.
Either of these crimes—the crime of
leaving debts unpaid, or a specialty of
brotherly and political grafting—means
only to become general among a whole
people, and the entire systems of de-
mocratic government and of modern com-
merce will topple to the ground.

Boston Congregationalist.

Today a problem confronts us with
many ramifications, and one to which
we cannot in a moment give a cate-
gorical answer, yes or no. What is
business righteousness? How far and
in what ways must one compete with
his neighbors? With what per cent of
interest on his investments ought a
Christian to be satisfied? What are
fair wages? What ought one to give
his employees besides wages? Ought one
to draw any part of his income from
questionable businesses? Can one, for
example, be a stockholder in a rail-
road which makes a specialty of Sun-
day excursions? These and a dozen
similar queries arise when one begins
to think of the application of the Chris-
tian law to the business machine which we
call modern business.

The Standard, Chicago.

It is high time that the Christian pul-
pit and the religious press and good
men everywhere spoke out. We are
told that the laboring man is alienated
from the church, and the assertion is
all too true. If the fault lies in the
church, if we have demitted the man-
ifold ministries by which Jesus tied the
hearts of the common people to His
own; if we have withdrawn from the
fields where the gospel of grace is sorely
needed by those whose lives are bur-
dened by hard conditions, then the
church is doing a grievous wrong, and
should proceed at once to correct it.
But if the church is asked to condone
evil as the price of labor's friendship,
then the price demanded is more than
we can pay. It is the business of the
church to oppose evil and aid right-
eousness in high or low, rich or poor.

Northwestern Christian Advocate.

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