

PROTESTANT MINISTERS' ARGUMENTS FROM THE BIBLE IN FAVOR OF PATRIARCHAL MARRIAGE.

We make the following extracts from a work published on "India, Ancient and Modern," by David O. Allen, D. D., Missionary of the American Board, for twenty-five years in India, etc. They are published in his work in an appendix devoted to the subject of Polygamy. This subject was taken into consideration by the Calcutta Missionary Conference, composed of Missionaries from various sects of England and America, and including Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists, in consequence of the application of converts in India, who had been legally married to several wives and who had given credible evidence of their personal piety, to be admitted into the church. After frequent consultations and much consideration the Conference unanimously came to the following conclusion:

"If a convert, before becoming a Christian, has married more wives than one, in accordance with the practice of the Jewish and primitive Christian churches, he shall be permitted to keep them all, but such a person is not eligible to any office in the church."

"To those who have doubts in respect to the intrinsic moral lawfulness of plurality of wives as it existed among the ancient Jews, and who wish further to examine this subject, the consideration of the following extracts from a work called 'Theophylact's,' published anonymously many years ago in England, is recommended. The author of this work says:

I will now hasten to the examination of a notion, which I fear is too common among us, and on which what is usually said and thought on the subject of a plurality of wives, is for the most part built; I mean that of representing Christ as appearing in the world, as a new lawgiver, who was to introduce a more pure and perfect system of morality, than that of the law which was given by Moses. This horrible blasphemy against the holiness and perfection of God's law, as well as against the truth of Christ, who declared that He came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it—this utter contradiction both of the law and the Gospel—was the foundation on which the heretic Socinus built all his other abominable errors.

Christ most solemnly declared—that heaven and earth could sooner pass, than one jot or tittle pass from the law. Think not, said He, that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. So far from abrogating the law, or rule of life, which had been delivered by the hand of Moses, or setting up a new law in opposition to it—He came into the world to be subject to it in all things, and so to fulfill the whole righteousness of it. Matt. 3: 15. To magnify and make it honorable. Is. 42: 1. even by His obedience unto death. Speaking in the spirit of prophecy (Ps. 40: 8.) He says—Lo—I come—in the volume of the book it is written of me—I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, Thy law is within my heart. And in His public ministry, he uniformly doth He speak the same thing?

If we attend to our Savior's preaching, and especially to that heavenly discourse delivered from the Mount, we shall find him a most zealous advocate for the law of God, as delivered by Moses. We shall find Him stripping it of the false glosses, by which the Jewish rabbies had obscured or perverted its meaning, and restoring it to that purity and spirituality by which it reacheth even to the thoughts and intents of the heart. For instance, when He is about to enter upon a faithful exposition of the moral law, lest his hearers should imagine, that what He was about to say, was contrary to the law of the Old Testament, being so different from the teaching of the Scribes and Pharisees, He prefaces His discourse with those remarkable words—Matt. 5: 17—20. Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill; for verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall not pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Let us take a nearer and more critical view of those passages of the Gospels, in which Christ is supposed to condemn the plurality of wives as adultery. The first which I shall take notice of, as introductory to the rest, is Matt. 5: 31, 32. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement. But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery, and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced, committeth adultery.

The next scripture to be further considered, is Matt. 19: 9. I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife (except it be for fornication) and shall marry another, committeth adultery, and whosoever marryeth her which is put away, committeth adultery.

Christ was surrounded at this time by a great multitude of people, who, in principle, as living under the law of the Old Testament, were polygamists, and, doubtless, numbers of them were so in practice—many there must have been among this great multitude of Jews, who had either married two wives together, or having one, took another to her, and cohabited with both. Had our Lord intended to have condemned such practices, he would scarcely have made use of words which did not describe their situation, but of words that did. It is very plain that—He that putteth away his wife, by giving her a bill of divorcement—could have nothing to do with the man who took two wives together, or one to another, and cohabited alike with both. But we are apt to construe scripture, by supposing persons to whom particular things are said, were in the circumstances then,

* This extraordinary work, though published anonymously, was generally understood to be written by the Rev. Martin Madan, Chaplain of the Lock Hospital in London. He was a man of some musical talent; he composed the tunes "Denmark" and "Denbigh," the first is commonly sung to the hymn, "Before Jehovah's awful throne;" the latter to that commencing with "From all that dwell below the skies." He was also the author of a translation of Juvenal & Persius, with 2 vols. of a commentary on the articles of Church of England; "Thoughts on Executive Justice;" and "Letters to Dr. Priestley." He died in 1790.

in which we are now; but it was far otherwise: they had no municipal laws against a plurality of wives, as we have. So far from it, their whole law, (as has been abundantly proved) allowed it. Which said law, and every part thereof, was, at the time Christ spake what is recorded in Matt. 19: 9, in as full force and efficacy, as at the moment after Moses had delivered it to the people. He therefore could no more state a plurality of wives as adultery by the law of Israel, than I can state it as high treason by the laws of England. (To be continued.)

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