

NO CHURCHES LEFT IN 2008 A. D.

So Predicts Dr. Charles F. Aked, Pastor of John D. Rockefeller's Church.

FOR John D. Rockefeller to attack the conduct of the oil business or for John D. Jr. to expatriate on uselessness of Bible classes would be hardly more surprising than for the pastor of the ultra-conservative Rockefeller church, the Rev. Charles F. Aked, to criticize Christianity as practiced in the churches of today and to assert that these churches themselves are doomed to extinction within a century unless the present course of events changes.

Yet this is exactly what has happened and instead of repenting his rashness the man who has the distinction of being religious preceptor to the richest man in the world, proposes to follow up his first attack, which appears in Appleton's magazine, by a series of articles to continue for a year or more in which he will tell other uncomfortable truths about the failure of the churches and the need of a decided change in their spirit and methods if they would avoid being completely wiped out by the attack of dry rot from which they are suffering.

WORD HAD TO BE SPOKEN.
"I didn't want to do it," said Dr. Aked when asked as to his reasons for attacking the methods of existing organizations for religious work and thus laying himself open to the charge of "muckraking" the churches. "I have been more or less a storm center ever since I entered the ministry and I had planned for quiet and rest. Besides it occurred to me that it might be felt that my Americanism was of too recent an origin to entitle me to the role of critic. But—and the gaze of the famous Fifth Avenue preacher wandered out of his study window which overlooks the greenery and the glimmering lake of Central park from the top of a big apartment hotel—the word had to be

spoken and the opportunity to speak it in a way that would reach a host of thinking men and women throughout the country came to me, and so I am trying to perform the task that seems to me absolutely necessary to the salvation of Christianity." He swept the air with a wide gesture indicating the extent of the field to be covered and paused to see if he was understood.

The pause gave an opportunity to study this man who has startled the religious conservatives out of their comfortable somnolence on more than one occasion since he came over from England to take charge of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church—the church which is celebrated the country over by reason of its Rockefeller connection, through the fact that John D. is its most prominent member and sometimes passes the plate of a Sunday morning, and that John D. Jr., organized and conducts its famous Bible class.

At first glance one would set down the Rev. Dr. Aked as a quiet, studious individual, a lover of books and a thinker of thoughts, rather than a man of determined action. But when he begins to speak the squareness of his reveals itself more prominently; the firm lips curve away from the well-set teeth and the keen gray eyes hold one with the tensely of their expression. As he moves about the slender figure reveals dynamic force behind the utterances that makes them strike home. There is something Rooseveltian about the set and action of the jaw as it cuts off the words. It is easy to understand his casual mention of the fact that he had been a "storm center" during his pulpit career. Though a preacher of the gospel of peace Dr. Aked is a man of strenuous thought and with the courage of his convictions as is shown by his ministerial record.

A WORLD-WIDE QUESTION.
"The question of the decreasing mem-

bership and waning influence of religion—the churches—are not a denominational question," continued Dr. Aked. "It is not a national question. It is a question as wide as Christianity itself. Conditions in America are broadly speaking, the same as in England and in England as in the rest of Europe. I can see the difference in this country since I first visited the United States 15 years ago. The danger is not from direct attack on religion. The denial of belief, that is, atheism, has spent its force. What the churches have to fear is a more insidious danger—indifference. The man in the street says the church is a back number. He feels that he can do without it. If you ask him whether he believes in God, in the existence of an infinite power superior to man, the chances are that he will say 'yes.' But questions of dogma, distinctions of creed, do not interest him and he refuses to concern himself about them. He has made up his mind that he can get along without religion—that is, religion as it has been expounded to him. But that does not mean, necessarily, that he is irreligious.

MORE PRONOUNCED IN AMERICA.

"It seems to me that this indifference is more pronounced in America than in England, just as orthodoxy is more strictly defined and more unyielding over here. And where there is indifference to the church I can form no other conclusion than that the church itself is to blame. Yet the need of religion never has been greater in any age or country than in this country and in the day we live. Churches exist and preachers are maintained to remind men and nations of the eternal laws they must obey and the eternal love in which they may rest. And in the United States they may yet be needed as the mainstay of social order. Either the churches have got to live up to the task of keeping the soul of the nation alive or they will perish.

"Do you think that members of the ministry generally agree with your views?"

"The facts speak for themselves. Statistics gathered by Dr. Josiah Strong show that the gain of the churches in membership in proportion to the gain in population is steadily and rapidly falling off. In the last 20 years it is less than half what it was in the preceding 20. The trouble is that too much of their religion, both as it is preached and as it is practiced, lacks life. The attitude of a vast number

of persons toward it is like that of the New York banker who said to a certain preacher at the conclusion of his sermon: 'This is the first time I ever knew that religion had anything to do with living. I thought it had to do only with dying and going to hell.' "How about the various schemes that have been adopted to attract men to the church, such as vaudeville concerts, the serving of temperance drinks and similar means?" "They simply show how desperate the situation has become in some quarters. But I don't believe that the church can compete with the saloon by turning itself into a weak imitation or with the theater by presenting a poor theatrical attraction. The church must concern itself with the saloon, with politics, with questions of better homes and better home life for the poor, but the way to strengthen religion is not by debasing it."

TEN YEARS IN BED.

"For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys," writes R. A. Gray, J. P. of Oakville, Ind. "It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a God-send to me. For sale by F. J. Hill Drug Co. 'The Never Substitutes.'"

TASMANIAN SHELL NECKLACES

How An Industry is Carried On in An Australian Island.

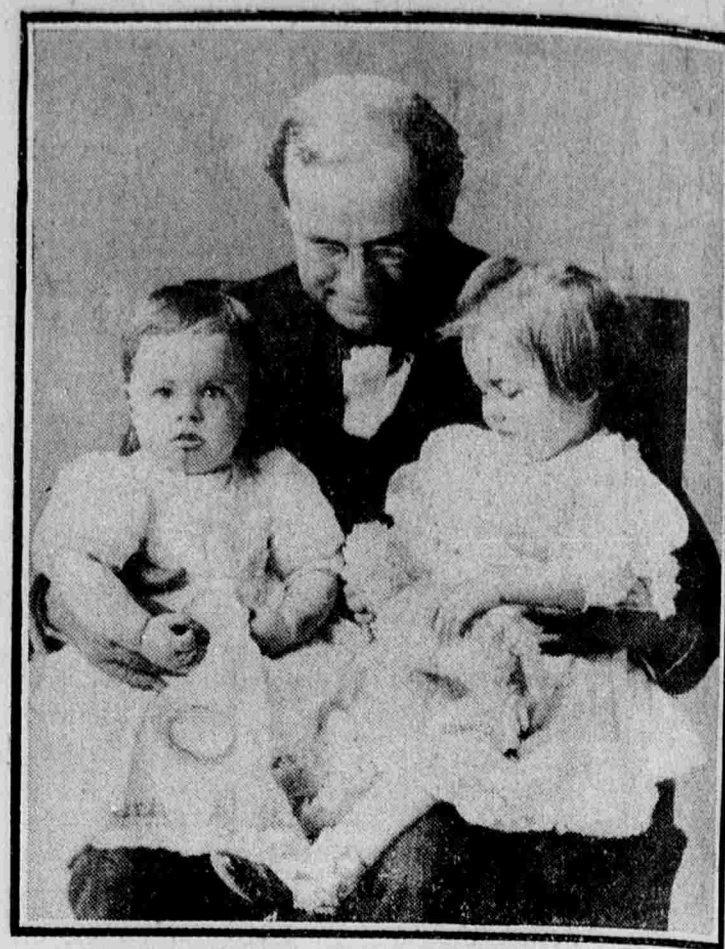
Consul Henry D. Baker, writing from Hobart, gives the following account of the traffic in shell necklaces in that part of Australia:

The invoices of shell necklaces exported from Hobart to the United States for the year 1907 amounted to \$2,083. The shells which are used for the stringing of necklaces for this export trade are known locally as the "mermen's shell," of which there is a green and blue variety of many different sizes, varying from about one-fourth inch to one-half inch long, the width being about half the length and the shape that of a cornucopia. They are found among the seaweed at low tide, around the south and east coasts of Tasmania, and among the Furneaux

group of islands in Bass Strait to the northeast of Tasmania. The shells, to have any value, must not be taken from the fish while the fish within them is alive, otherwise they have no luster. After being taken from the seaweed they are exposed to the sunlight and atmosphere for several months, and the fish eaten out of them by flies and ants; after which they are immersed for further cleansing in hydrochloric acid after which treatment their appearance is quite lustrous, and shows many of the prismatic colors. Some of them are strung in this natural state, while others are dyed pink, light or dark blue, green, and yellow. After stringing they sell at retail in Hobart for about 60 cents a necklace, or about \$4.80 a dozen necklaces, and still in larger quantities at about \$4.50 a dozen. The sale to tourists from the mainland of Australia during the summer season is very large.

The best shells are found in the vicinity of D'Entrecasteaux Channel. Those found on the east coast of Tasmania are about the same in appearance, but are usually more easily broken than the shells of the south coast of Tasmania. Those of the Furneaux group are apparently of good quality, and when properly cleaned make very attractive necklaces. In these islands the work of gathering and stringing the shells is performed mostly by half-caste women and children. On a recent visit to this group I found a number of attractive varieties of shell necklaces which are very little known to the Hobart trade. They were made up from shells known locally as "penguins," "toothies," "cats' teeth," "rice" shells, "feather" shells, and "painted ladies." The half-caste children at Cape Barren were contributing quite a number of these interesting varieties while I was there, to be sold for the benefit of the children's hospital at Launceston, Tasmania.

Hobart firms which export shell necklaces to the United States are also exporters to a smaller extent of shell and pebble ornaments from the same American firms which buy the necklaces, pearl shells being the most common article of import. The cities of San Francisco and Vancouver, British Columbia, furnish for the local tourist trade many bracelets made up from polished Japanese and Chinese pebbles, to which is usually attached a spangle—the heart shape of the island of Tasmania. It is said that these bracelets are the work of Japanese in these two cities.



WILLIAM J. BRYAN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

The two children of Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, who are shown here on the knees of their maternal grandfather, William Jennings Bryan, are great favorites of the Democratic presidential nominee. They usually figure in the public functions at Fairview, Mr. Bryan's country home, near Lincoln, Neb. Both of them are pretty children, resembling in this their mother, who is recognized as a beautiful woman.

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SCHOOL APPAREL



for Girls and Misses

Truly magnificent assortment of school coats, for the school girls—here and ready for your choosing—and along with the greater "selections" we add the charm of lower prices, which in this sale means much to parents.

\$3 and \$4 Children's Jackets \$1.75
Handsome little jackets in blue, brown and other shades, in sizes up to 8 years, just the right weight for immediate wear, \$3.00 and \$4.00 jackets, next week they'll go at..... **\$1.75**

\$5.00 Children's Coats \$2.95
At the time when the children will need coats we offer this lot of neat, jaunty coats in sizes up to 14 years, worth \$5.00. Next week they'll go at..... **\$2.95**

\$6 Children's & Misses' Coats \$4.25
Children's and Misses' coats in the new fall styles of excellent materials, and a wide range of patterns to select from, worth \$6.00. Next week they'll go at..... **\$4.25**

Advanced Showing of Women's TAILORED FALL SUITS



They are fresh from the hands of one of New York's most exclusive manufacturers, and were designed especially for us after some particularly smart models upon which Paris has already set her stamp of approval.

Women who take pride in keeping abreast of the latest fashions will see quick to inspect this interesting little showing of

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUITS, varied in a score of ways, each and every one an entirely original style. Priced from \$15.00 to \$60.

MONDAY \$4 and \$5 Lawn Waists

\$1.75

Very handsome line of exquisite lawn waists, that sell regularly at \$4 and \$5. Monday only they go at..... **\$1.75**

MONDAY 50c and 60c New All Wool

Waists and Dress Flannels for School Waists and School Dresses

In plaids and stripes and plain colors. Every shade you can imagine. For one day they'll go per yard..... **33c**

MONDAY 25c White Checked Dimities, 35c White Victoria Lawns, 35c White India Linons, 35c White Dotted Swisses, 35c White English Long Cloths

For CHILDREN'S SCHOOL APPAREL. For one Day they'll go, per yard..... **19c**

MONDAY 100 Dozen Fringed Napkins

15 inches square, just the size and quality used for the SCHOOL CHILDREN'S LUNCH BOXES. Regular Price 60c a doz. For one Day they'll go per dozen..... **36c**

MONDAY 12 1-2c Outing Flannels

The heavy kinds, the best known brand in the best patterns obtainable, for night gowns, children's dresses and skirts. For one Day they'll go per yard..... **8 1/2c**

School Days are Coming. Get The Boys and Girls Ready

Clean up Sale of all GIRLS' DRESSES

A sale that gives you an opportunity to get the girls ready for school at enormous savings. All summer dresses at attraction of former prices. Girls' dresses that sold at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each, go in this sale at..... **69c**

Girls' Dresses that sold at \$1.75 and \$2.00 each, go in this sale at..... 99c

Girls' Dresses that sold at \$2.50 and \$3.00 each, go in this sale at..... **\$1.50**

The Greatest Sale of Ribbons

Of course the girls want new hair ribbons for school, you can buy here this week plain and fancy ribbons in widths up to four inches and worth up to 40c a yard at..... **15c**

Hosiery

Values that appeal irresistibly at Prices that are surprisingly small

Children's fast black cotton hose, all sizes in narrow or wide ribbed, for boys or girls, the best 20c grade school opening. Sale price..... **12 1/2c**

Children's fast black cotton hose, narrow ribbed, all sizes, a splendid 12c grade school opening. Sale price, a pair..... **8c**

Children's fine Silkaten Hose in pink and blue, an exceptionally fine excellent wearing stocking, the greatest 35c value ever shown anywhere, school opening sale price..... **25c**

Superior Value Giving in Attractive Fall Dress Goods

For School Dresses

This will be a Mothers' Week in our Dress Goods Department. While we will help them to prepare the children for school as usual in our annual school sale, we offer the newest Dress Fabrics at Special prices. Mothers who previously purchased here will come again, and we expect thousands of others.

At 26 a Yard

New assortment, bright, pretty Plaid, in all colors, usually 35c a yard, annual School Sale, **26c**

At 43c a Yard

50 pieces 38 to 42 inch plain and novelty Dress Goods, Panama stripes, Shepard Checks, Herringbone stripes, check novelties, plaids, etc. Usually sold at 65c to 75c a yard. Annual school sale, a yard..... **43c**

At 59c a Yard

Extraordinary values, a very choice assortment of new novelties in black and all colors. Worth 75c a yard. Annual School Sale, a yard..... **59c**

At 85c a Yard

42 to 44 inch all wool heavy storm serge Panamas, wool taffetas, etc. The \$1.00 grade. Annual school sale, a yard..... **85c**

The Shoes For School Going



The time is drawing nigh, when your children will be plodding back to school. See that their feet are made ready.

We carry a line of school Shoes that for durability, price and comfort can't be beaten. Our Foot-year has been made to withstand the hard and rough wear that School Shoes always get. Don't put this duty off to the last moment. Something may come in the way.

These prices are an invitation to do it now. Children's black Kid Shoes, extension soles, sizes 5 to 8, at pair..... **98c**

Children's Black Kid School Shoes, sizes 8 1/2 to 11, at pair..... **\$1.20**

Misses' Black Kid School Shoes, sizes 1 1/2 to 2, at pair..... **\$1.45**

Little Boys' School Shoes in box calf, sizes 9 to 13 1/2, at pair..... **\$1.20**

Youth's Calf School Shoes, sizes 1 to 2, at pair..... **\$1.20**

Boys' Calf School Shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, at pair..... **\$1.39**

Young Ladies' Low Heel School Shoes, in sizes 2 1/2 to 6, at pair..... **\$2.20**

Boys', Youths' and Little Girls' high cut, box calf Lace Boots, with buckle tops, at Bargain Prices.

MONDAY \$3.00 and \$3.50 LAWN SUITS

\$1.23

Lawn Jumper and Shirt Waist suits that sold up to \$3 and \$3.50, in stripes and figures. On sale Monday as long as they last at..... **\$1.23**

MONDAY 12 1/2c PERCALES

Full yard wide, for boys' school waists and children school dresses, red grounds and white grounds, striped and figured designs, for one day they'll go, per yard, at..... **7 1/2c**

MONDAY \$6.00 All Wool Blankets

Both filling and warp, all wool, 10-4 size, in silver gray with fancy borders, or in fancy plaid effects, for one day, and one pair to a customer at, a..... **\$3.98**

MONDAY 20c Towels

Turkish Bath Towels, size 18x35 inches, and Hemstitched Huck Towels, size 18x35 inches, for one day they'll go at, each..... **11c**

MONDAY \$6.50 Marseilles Bed Spreads

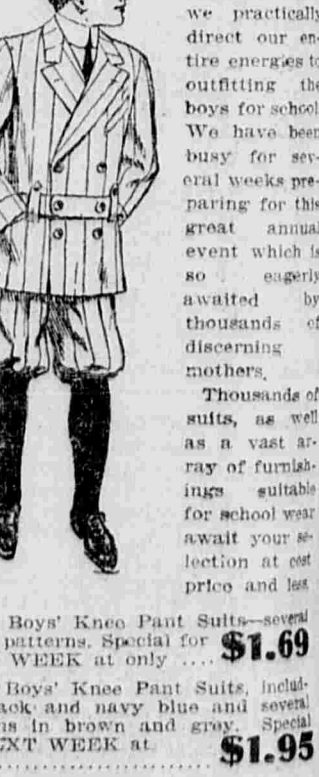
Satin finished, in the handsomest Marseilles patterns, fringed or hemmed, white or colored, in the largest double bed sizes for one day they'll go at,..... **\$3.60**

Limit one to a customer.

Next Will Be Boy's Week

Now is the time for Mothers to economize on the Boy's Needs.

Each year at this time we set aside one week, in which we practically direct our entire energies to outfitting the boys for school. We have been busy for several weeks preparing for this great annual event which is so eagerly awaited by thousands of discerning mothers. Thousands of suits, as well as a vast array of furnishings suitable for school wear await your selection at cut price and low



\$2.50 Boys' Knee Pant Suits—several choice patterns. Special for NEXT WEEK at only \$1.69

\$3.00 Boys' Knee Pant Suits, including black and navy blue and several patterns in brown and gray. Special for NEXT WEEK at..... **\$1.95**

\$4.00 Suits in good quality chevrons in a variety of patterns. Special for NEXT WEEK at..... **\$2.65**

\$5.00 Suits—a choice assortment of fall suits of high quality—every one a neat and substantial one. Special next week at only \$3.35

\$6.00 Suits, including navy blue serge, chevrons and worsteds in several choice patterns—extraordinary values. Special for next week only..... **\$3.95**

\$10.00 Youths' Suits—some of the best you ever saw at the price—the best of fabrics—worsted patterns—great values. Special for next week at only..... **\$5.95**