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#### **The Finished Mystery (SS-7), 1917 ed., p. 31**

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#### **The Divine Plan of the Ages (SS-1), 1927 ed., p. 63**

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it as public as your judgment indicates." It reads as follows:

"In view of my soon departure for a foreign shore, and in view of the increasing virulence and threats of my enemies, and under the assumption that they may await my absence to make a fresh attack, by advice of my counsel I make under oath the following sweeping statement; namely,

"THAT I never was guilty of immorality toward any person.

"FURTHERMORE, I never cohabited with any person at any time and,

"FURTHER, I have never desired to do so.

"WITNESS my hand and seal to this declaration this Twenty-Eighth day of Sept., 1911, at Brooklyn, N. Y.

(Signed) CHARLES T. RUSSELL.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of October, 1911. C. H. MERRITT.

"Commissioner of deeds for the City of New York."  
[Seal.]

But persecutions only stirred him to greater efforts in the cause of the King of kings, knowing, as he did, that such persecutions are evidences that the night is drawing on when no man can work. Without murmur or complaint, early and late, in winter and in summer, in heat and in cold, in season and out of season, amidst storms and in sunshine, as a mighty giant he fought on to the goal, never faltering or looking back. Truly, he died a hero, and died in the harness! "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Truly at the close of his earthly career, as such a hero, he could say:

"I have fought my way through;

I have finished the work

Thou didst give me to do."

Silently listening we hear the response from the throne of the Lord and Master:

"Well and faithfully done;

Enter into My joy and sit

Down on My Throne!"

Is his work finished? Ah, no indeed! Of such faithful one who die during the presence of the Lord the Great Master said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."—Revelation 14:13.

#### THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

The work that Pastor Russell did was not his work alone, but it was and is the Lord's work. It was Jesus who said that at his coming he would gird himself and cause his servants to sit down at meat; and that he would come forth and serve them.—Luke 12:37.

For forty years the Lord has been present, feeding those who have been hungering and thirsting for righteousness. For forty years Pastor Russell—that faithful servant of the Lord—has set forth clear and unmistakable evidence of the presence of the Master. He nailed the banner of Christ's presence on the title page of THE WATCH TOWER; and it shall never come down until the kingdom is known in the earth. The flood of present truth has been rising for more than forty years, and it is rising higher and higher. As well might the enemies of the truth seek with a common broom to sweep back the waves of the mighty Atlantic as to try to suppress the flood of truth that is rising now. In spite of all the opposition that can be brought to bear, it will continue to rise until, as the Prophet declares, "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall fill the whole earth as the waters fill the deep"; until such time as it will not be necessary for any man to teach his neighbor, saying, Know ye the Lord; for all shall know him, from the least unto the greatest.—Isa. 11:9; Jer. 31:34.

The thousands of Christian men and women in the earth today who have fought by the side of Pastor Russell have not been blindly following him. They have followed the Lord; they have followed Pastor Russell only as he followed the Lord. Recognizing him as the special servant of the Lord, they have fought by his side as his brethren, looking to Jesus, the Captain of their salvation; and having thus started in the fight, they will fight on until every one of the kingdom class has gained the victory.

#### A PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO THE PASTOR

I cannot pass this moment without saying a personal tribute to Pastor Russell. He was my friend, and a true friend, indeed. It is written, "A true friend loves you all the time." I loved him; I know he loved me. Long before I knew Pastor Russell, he had done much for me. While I was engaged in the law practice in the Middle West, there came into my office one day a lady, bearing some books in her arms. She was modest, gentle and kind. I thought she was poor, and that it was my privilege and duty to help her. I found that she was

rich in faith in God. I bought the books and afterwards read them. Up to that time I knew nothing about the Bible; I had never heard of Pastor Russell. I did not even know that he was the author of the books at the time I read them; but I know that the wonderfully sweet, harmonious explanation of the plan of God thrilled my heart and changed the course of my life from doubt to joy.

Why should not I love him? I know that he loved me. A little incident illustrates this: Several years ago he requested me to go on a mission of importance. After talking with him I said, "Brother Russell, I feel that I cannot do it." He answered, "Yes you can, by the Lord's grace." I said, "I am willing to try." "Go on," he replied, "and I will pray God to give you the wisdom." I went; and having succeeded far beyond my expectations I returned and gave him a report. Seated in his study, as I went over the report in detail, his face lighted up with joy; and like a loving father he arose and put his arms around me, drew me to him and kissed me, saying, "Brother, I love you very much." I have walked with him; I have talked with him; I have eaten with him; I have slept with him; I have been with him through trials and triumphs; I have seen him in storm and in sunshine. Amidst all of these I have marked his complete joy in the Lord, his magnanimous heart, and his absolute loyalty and devotion to the Lord and to his cause. Gentle, kind, fearless and affectionate, magnanimous, sincere and filled with the spirit of the Lord, he was a giant of power in the world. I count it the greatest honor that I have known to have had Pastor Russell for my true and loyal friend, and that I have been privileged to be associated with him.

I will relate to you an incident that throws some light on his sweet relationship with the Lord. For more than a year prior to his death he suffered a great deal of physical pain, yet never did he murmur. His greatest desire was to have the approval of the Lord and Master. He spoke the Master's name in loving terms, and his face lighted when he mentioned the Lord. A few weeks prior to his last illness, speaking to one whom he loved very dearly and in whom he had great confidence, he said, "I have had such a longing desire to be embraced by the Lord Jesus, to think of myself as the woman, or bride, and to have the Master press me to his bosom. I have prayed earnestly to the Lord that I might experience this sweet relationship, and he has given me this assurance that I do enjoy that sweet relationship." Truly the Lord loved him much! Truly for him to live was for Christ to live!

God's book is written for those who are loyal to him. His promises are to such. Among these sweet promises are the words of the Master: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." "These shall be kings and priests unto God and unto Christ and shall reign with him." Long ago God caused the Sweet Singer to record in his holy Book, concerning the faithful and loyal followers of Christ Jesus, these sweet words:

"The king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord: and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice. Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah. For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness; thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days forever and ever. His glory is great in thy salvation; honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him, for thou hast made him most blessed forever; thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance."—Psalm 21:1-6.

Truly these words fittingly apply to our beloved Brother and Pastor!

Charles Taze Russell, thou hast, by the Lord, been crowned a king; and through the everlasting ages thy name shall be known amongst the people, and thy enemies shall come and worship at thy feet.

We take the last view of this piece of clay that so faithfully bore the banner of the King. He has been a true, loyal, faithful ambassador of Christ. Thanks be to God, he has entered into his everlasting reward. The greatest desire of our lives is that we, together with him, may soon be forever with the Lord and participate in blessing all the families of the earth. God help us, as we here renew our consecration, to keep it faithfully to the end.

We sorrow not for him who has gone, because we know he has entered into his everlasting joy. For him we rejoice; but we sorrow for ourselves. Yet trusting in the Lord we will continue to fight the good fight of faith.

#### EXHORTATION TO FAITHFULNESS

My beloved brethren—we who are here, and all who are in the earth—what shall we do? Shall we slacken our zeal for the cause of our Lord and King? No! By his grace we will

soon shall know. It is a great privilege to be one of its officers. I am mindful of the great responsibility resting upon the one who attempts to fill the office of President. I am especially mindful of my inability to measure up to the full requirements.

"One who follows a great man in office always finds it a more difficult task to fill the office than it was for his predecessor, due largely to the fact that his acts are measured by the high standard set and maintained by the great man who preceded him. Brother Russell was truly a great man, because especially fitted for the use to which the Lord put him. No one can fill his place. While I am fully conscious of this fact, yet I realize that through Christ Jesus who strengtheneth me, I can do all things that it is his will I shall do. I will therefore attempt, by his grace, to continue to make known the glad tidings of Messiah's kingdom, which Brother Russell did as no other man has done since the days of the Apostle Paul. The policies which Brother Russell inaugurated I will attempt to carry forward. Brother Russell was deeply convinced that there is a great work yet to be done; that the Jordan must be smitten; that the people must know of the kingdom message, and that the Lord will use his people to give much of this knowledge to the world before

the kingdom is fully established. No doubt there is yet much work for you and for me to do.

"In the performance of the duties of President I shall feel more keenly than ever that I am your servant. It is my desire to serve faithfully. I will need, and therefore ask, your united prayers, deep sympathy and unqualified co-operation. I believe that I shall have such. You will have my prayers and love and sympathy.

"The year past has been a very eventful one. The year opening may be even more eventful. Let us feel therefore not in the least discouraged. He who has thus far led us will continue to lead us. Let us have brave hearts, ready minds and willing hands, trusting implicitly always in the Lord, looking to him for guidance. He will lead us to certain victory. Renewing our covenant with him today, united in the holy bonds of Christian love, may we go forth proclaiming to the world, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 'He that reapeth receiveth wages.' Let us do our part in the reaping faithfully while the opportunity is here. Be strong, be brave, be loyal! May his blessings be upon you who are here and upon the Lord's children everywhere! Thanks be to God that he has permitted us to be members of such a favored company!"

## FIRST DISCIPLES OF THE LORD JESUS

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## JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS

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## DESTRUCTION OF THE TWIN MONARCHS

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."—Romans 6:6.

The Apostle Paul in his epistles represents the world as being under an evil reign of Sin and Death. (Romans 5:12, 14, 17, 21; 6:12; 1 Corinthians 15:26.) He presents the matter as though these were Twin Monarchs. Sin and Death have been reigning over the world for six thousand years. Sin binds and fetters mankind, and finally turns them over to Death. Under their blighting reign thousands of millions have gone down into the tomb, mentally, morally and physically degraded.

It is not in our power to destroy these great monarchs. They can be destroyed only by the One who has been given all power. This great One can rescue all mankind from Sin and Death and lift them out of their misery and degradation up to purity and life and happiness. Eventually he will fully destroy these great enemies. Then Sin and Death will be no more.

### CALLING OUT THE VOLUNTEER CORPS

During this Gospel age God is calling for a volunteer corps of brave soldiers, who have his Spirit and will fight a good fight against sin—a good fight on the side of truth and righteousness. These are called into this great warfare. Whoever is following Jesus, the great Captain, is a soldier in this special corps of volunteers. These are the chosen band of Gideon. We who have answered the call are expected to show our loyalty to our great Leader and Head.

We must first make a full consecration of our lives to God, in order that we may be begotten of his holy Spirit and become new creatures. It is our love for God and for righteousness that leads us to hate iniquity and to walk in the footsteps of our Leader, Christ Jesus. After having been as aliens adopted into God's family, begotten as sons, as members of the body of Christ, we have a new relationship to him, and any sympathy for sin would be so much of disloyalty to our Captain. Hence we are bound, as true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Gideon, to fight a good fight against sin.

Our old man, our human nature, which otherwise would have been made just and perfect in the Millennium, we have surrendered voluntarily to a sacrificial death, just as Jesus surrendered his human nature. This old man of ours is covered by the imputed merit of Jesus Christ. Our Lord says, "Now ye are clean." The Apostle in enumerating the works of the flesh practised by the world, says, "And such were some of you, but ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified." The new creature is that which is begotten of

the holy Spirit and is to develop to completion, and the creature that must be killed is the old man. Much of our battle with the giant sin is within. And not only so, but we must remember that our old man, justified, is our sacrifice. But while we are laying down this sacrifice, consuming it day by day, the merit of Christ's righteousness covers our flesh, so long as we are loyal to God. And we must keep this sacrifice on the altar until it is completely consumed.

### CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

Our Lord was crucified in conjunction with the divine arrangement. He did not die a sinner, but he died as the Redeemer of men. And so our human nature goes down into death, not as a sinner, but as a justified creature, by God's arrangement. The Word declares that we are to be dead with Christ, to suffer with him, to be crucified with him. This does not mean that our new minds are being crucified. It means that as our Lord as a man was crucified as a sin-offering for the world, so we as his members have died as men, sharing in this crucifixion of Christ. We are already reckoned dead; but the natural process is now going on, and will not be consummated until these bodies have been actually laid down in death.

So the sufferings of Christ, the crucifixion of Christ, in this larger sense of the word, have been in process all through this Gospel age. The sufferings being completed, the glory and honor and the change to the divine nature promised to the "more than conquerors" will take place, and the purchase-price for the world will be applied.

What is the end of this crucifixion of each member of the church with his Lord? The Apostle states it in our text. It is in order that the body of sin may be destroyed. Sin once ruled within us. But he has been dethroned. His power over us has been destroyed. Sin is the great giant that has been ruling the world for six thousand years, in conjunction with Death. These giants have made a terrible reign of suffering, but they are about to be vanquished. The church is now suffering with Christ. And if we faithfully suffer with him unto the end, we shall reign with him and bring about the destruction of sin and death, which will be accomplished in his Millennial reign.—Romans 5:17; Revelation 3:21; 5:10; 20:4-6; Daniel 7:22; Psalm 149:6-9.

"That henceforth we should not serve sin." We as the Lord's people are delivered from this reign of sin. We are no longer under bondage to sin. God counts us as having passed from death unto life, from sin unto righteousness. We

edition of 100,000 is going rapidly, as orders are daily being received at the office in large numbers. Letters from hundreds of the friends throughout the country show an increasing zeal for and activity in the work. Thus we see that in many ways the Lord is manifesting his blessing upon the work of the harvest, greatly to the joy of those who are able to participate therein, either by actual labor or otherwise.

#### JESUS THE GREAT CHIEF REAPER

Why, we are asked, is the work still progressing? We answer, Because it is the Lord's work and not man's! Brother Russell always recognized that the work of the harvest is directed by the great Master of the harvest—Christ Jesus; and that all of those who labor therein are greatly privileged above all other creatures on earth. Furthermore, the Scriptures show that those who died since 1878 have been changed instantly, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," and have entered into their eternal reward. The Scriptures declare that while such have ceased from their laborious efforts, their works do follow them. (Revelation 14:13) Hence our dear Pastor, now in glory, is without doubt, manifesting a keen interest in the harvest work, and is permitted by the Lord to exercise some strong influence thereupon. (Revelation 14:17) It is not unreasonable to conclude that he has been privileged to do, in connection with the harvest work, things which he could not do while with us. Although we recognize that the Lord is the great Master and Director of the harvest, yet we recognize that he would privilege the saints beyond the veil to have a part in the work on this side; and thus all the saints, both in heaven and upon earth, are now given the honor of concluding the work on this side, preparatory to the full establishment of the kingdom of glory.

#### "SCATTERING COALS OF FIRE"

Pastor Russell organized the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, under the Lord's direction, to carry on this work. This corporate body clearly seems to be designated in Revelation 14:18. It is the only organization on earth that is maintained by the sacrifice of the saints—the little voluntary sacrifices of the Lord's dear people throughout the world, who love him and his cause better than this life, and who joyfully make sacrifices in order that they may have a part in the work of setting the ecclesiastical heavens on fire, and announcing "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Thus the Society is granted power and authority to scatter coals of fire (truths destructive of error), particularly as contained in Volumes IV. and VII. of STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES.

Pastor Russell was a prodigious worker. He labored early and late to make known the precious message of the kingdom. The welfare of the church was always dear to his heart. Like the great Apostle Paul, he ceased not day and night to warn the flock of God, if not with literal tears, yet often with weariness of body and sadness of heart. One of the last messages which he delivered to the church was that after his departure great trials would come upon the Lord's flock; and we witness the fulfillment of this prophetic statement. While fiery experiences bring sadness for the time, yet all who are properly exercised thereby rejoice to be partakers of these sufferings as a further evidence of discipline from the Lord.

For years he was the head of the Bethel family and director of a large corps of workers, both in America and abroad. Notwithstanding his arduous duties, he was never too busy to hear the troubles of others; and like a loving father and shepherd he sympathized with, comforted and directed the Lord's dear children. At the weekly meetings addressed by him, and at the many conventions which he attended, he always devoted a portion of the time to private counsel and aid to the Lord's dear flock, over which the Chief Reaper and Shepherd had made him overseer. Truly he was a Barnabas to the consecrated scattered throughout the earth.

When the great adversary came in like a flood, threatening to overwhelm the saints, Pastor Russell, the Lord's chosen servant, raised up a standard against him (Isa. 59:19), bring-

ing forth the "row" of faithfulness, which has proved a protection and blessing to many in these evil days. The "Morning Resolve"; another product of his fertile brain, has been a great comfort and help to many in time of need.

#### HIS DEVOTION TO THE LORD

His firmness was a distinct part of his character. Once sure that he had the mind of the Lord upon a subject, he permitted nothing to stand in his way or to prevent him from carrying out what he considered to be the Lord's will. Indeed, the Lord foretold that his servant would possess this attribute of character, saying through his prototype:

"Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant, harder than flint, have I made thy forehead."—Ezekiel 3:8, 9.

Whatever trying situation Pastor Russell faced, the Lord made him equal to it, and gave him the strength to prevail according to God's holy will. His life motto, in fact the very keynote of his wonderful career, was, "God first"; and this motto he kept faithfully, at whatever cost to himself or others dear to his heart. His loving devotion to Jehovah and to the Lord Jesus was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact and served. Though firm, yet he possessed a gentleness like unto that of a woman. Benevolence was a marked attitude of Pastor Russell, which manifested itself in his liberality of sentiment and his untiring efforts to bring the "glad tidings" of the kingdom of peace to those who sit in darkness. He suffered much, yet was able to steel his mind against difficulty and attack, and by the Lord's grace was enabled to stand firm and steadfast while others would grow weary and discouraged. He was endowed with keen perceptive powers, thereby rendering his range of observation extraordinary; while his memory and ability to analyze, and to reach rapid and accurate conclusions, continued to be a marvel to all who were associated with him closely. He had an exalted sense of duty as a servant of the Lord, and the conviction that each moment is precious and must be utilized to the Master's praise seemed to pervade his entire being. This was a source of inspiration to the brethren generally. He faithfully and untiringly administered the affairs of the church, the members of which he loved devotedly. It was said of the Apostle John that when he was too old and feeble to walk to the meeting of the early Church, he was carried into the house and placed upon a couch, where he delivered his exhortation and message of love to the flock of God, always admonishing them to love one another. With a like loving spirit Pastor Russell faithfully looked after the interests of the Lord's little ones, until his dying hour. When almost too feeble to walk and too feeble to stand for any length of time, he was assisted to the platform of the hall where the church at Los Angeles, California, was assembled; and there sitting with bowed head, he delivered to them the last loving message that he ever spoke. When he had finished this last message he quoted and asked the congregation to sing:

"Abide, sweet Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With light and comfort from above,  
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide;  
O'er every thought and step preside.

"Teach us in watchfulness and prayer  
To wait for thine appointed hour,  
And fit us by thy grace to share  
The triumphs of thy conquering power."

Great men are not fully appreciated while they are among us. Such is true with reference to Pastor Russell. Like the great Master whom he devotedly loved and faithfully served, he was misunderstood and persecuted, all of which he bore in patience. He finished the work given him here to do, and is now forever with the Lord, where there is fulness of joy and pleasures for ever more.

## THE HISTORY AND OPERATIONS OF OUR SOCIETY

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the Shareholders of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY will be held at Carnegie Hall, in the City of Pittsburgh (North Side), County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, on the 5th day of January, 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing Directors and Officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

W. E. VAN AMBURGH, Secretary.

Because of the unusual interest in the ensuing Annual Meeting of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY, as per the foregoing notice, it is deemed proper that we here give

THE WATCH TOWER readers a brief resume of the organization and operations of the SOCIETY.

As is well known, Pastor Russell began his religious

3:14. And [unto] BY the angel.—The special messenger to the last Age of the Church was Charles T. Russell, born February 16, 1852. He has privately admitted his belief that he was chosen for his great work from before his birth. His mother died when he was nine years old; and at the age of eleven Charles formed a business partnership with his father, himself writing the articles of agreement under which they transacted business. When he was but twelve years of age, his father found him in the store one time at 2 a. m., poring over a concordance, unconscious of the lapse of time. We give some extracts from his autobiography:

"We begin the narrative at the year 1868, when the Editor, having been a consecrated child of God for some years, and a member of the Congregational Church and of the Y. M. C. A., began to be shaken in faith regarding many long accepted doctrines. Brought up a Presbyterian, indoctrinated from the catechism, and being naturally of an inquiring mind, I fell a ready prey to the logic of infidelity, as soon as I began to think for myself. But that which at first threatened to be the utter shipwreck of faith in God and the Bible, was, under God's providence, overruled for good, and merely wrecked my confidence in human creeds and systems of Bible interpretations. I was led gradually to see that though each of the creeds contained some elements of Truth, they were, on the whole, misleading and contradictory of God's Word. Among other theories, I stumbled upon Adventism. Seemingly by accident, one evening I dropped into a dusty, dingy hall in Allegheny, Pa., where I had heard that religious services were held, to see if the handful who met there had anything more sensible to offer than the creeds of the great churches. There, for the first time, I heard something of the views of Second Adventism, by Jonas Wendell, long since deceased. Thus I confess indebtedness to Adventists as well as to other Bible students. Though his Scripture exposition was not entirely clear, and though it was very far from what we now rejoice in, it was sufficient, under God, to reestablish my wavering faith in the Divine inspiration of the Bible, and to show that the records of the Apostles and the Prophets are indissolubly linked.

"When in 1872 I came to examine the subject of Restitution from the standpoint of the Ransom-price given by our Lord Jesus for Adam, and consequently for all lost in Adam, it settled the matter of Restitution completely, and gave me the fullest assurance that ALL *must come forth* from their graves and be brought to a clear knowl-

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of the explanation thereof given by Charles Taze Russell. Gladly they began to support him and the righteous work in which he was engaged. Without solicitation or invitation they joyfully brought forth their money and said: "What can we do to have part in this glorious work which you have begun?"

More than thirty years ago, a congregation of Christian people formed at Pittsburgh, Pa., selected Charles Taze Russell as their pastor; and he served that congregation continuously as pastor to the end, being able, however, to visit them only occasionally since the removal of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY headquarters to Brooklyn several years ago. He wrote and published a series of books—STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES—in six volumes, which turned on a flood of light upon God's Word. Millions of these have gone into the homes of men throughout the earth, bringing gladness to their hearts. For more than thirty years he edited and published a semi-monthly journal, THE WATCH TOWER AND HERALD OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE, wholly devoted to the cause of Messiah's kingdom. Be it known that this is the only publication on earth that has ever announced the presence of our Lord. The Lord Jesus promised that at his second coming, which should be invisible to human eyes, he would have one wise and faithful servant whom he would make ruler over all his goods to give meat to the household of faith in due season. Christians throughout the world who are familiar with the work of Pastor Russell readily recognize that he has long been that wise and faithful servant of the Lord.

The work grew to great proportions; and desiring that it might be conducted in a systematic manner and perpetuated after his death, Pastor Russell organized the WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY, a corporation the charter of which was written by his own hand and is admitted, by men who know, to be a most remarkable document. Through this channel he has promulgated the message of Messiah's kingdom to all the nations of the earth. Branches of this SOCIETY have been established and are maintained in the countries of Great Britain, Germany, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, France, South Africa,

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Australia, and in many other parts of the world. His publications have been translated into thirty-four different languages, and millions of copies have been supplied free to the people by means of money joyfully contributed by those with him who love the Lord and his cause of righteousness and who are looking with joy to the establishment of Messiah's kingdom.

Pastor Russell traveled and preached to the people throughout the world. He was elected pastor of the congregation at this Temple, and of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, of the London Tabernacle, of the Temple Congregation at Washington, D. C., the Congregation at Pittsburgh, the Auditorium Congregation at Chicago, the Congregation at St. Louis, Los Angeles, and those in many other parts of the world. These he visited at regular intervals, to encourage and comfort and help them. During the past few years his sermons have been heard not only from the platform, but have been published in approximately four thousand papers; and in practically every home of the United States and Canada Pastor Russell is known. He did a greater work for the cause of Messiah's kingdom than did any other man that ever lived on the earth.

#### HIS DYING HOURS

A few weeks ago he started on a trip to the Pacific Coast, preaching every evening, and traveling throughout the remainder of the night and of the day. His last sermon he preached to the congregation at Los Angeles; and being too weak to stand, he sat throughout the discourse. He left Los Angeles Sunday evening to return to Brooklyn, and rapidly grew weaker. Seven hours before his death, addressing his traveling companion, Brother Menta Sturgeon, he said: "Make me a Roman toga." Using the bed sheets, Brother Sturgeon made a toga, which Brother Russell put on himself. He stood erect for a moment, and then lying down on the couch in his Pullman drawing room, closed his eyes, thus in symbolic language speaking of death. A great deal of the Bible is written in symbolic language, and it was quite appropriate that he should speak his last message in symbols. It is interesting here to know what a