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in many countries. . . .

Pastor Russell, . . . a name as sincerely loved
and as bitterly hated as almost any in Ameri-
can history.

Around that name for years raged some of
the bitterest controversies which ever divided
the Christian world, and the controversies still
rage, although his name is not so much heard
in the discussions. . . .

All through his life, he had told his follow-
ers not to revere him as more than just a fel-
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them this so well that his work passed into the
hands of others with hardly a moment's halt
and the publishing house which he founded has
never published a biography of Pastor Russell.¹

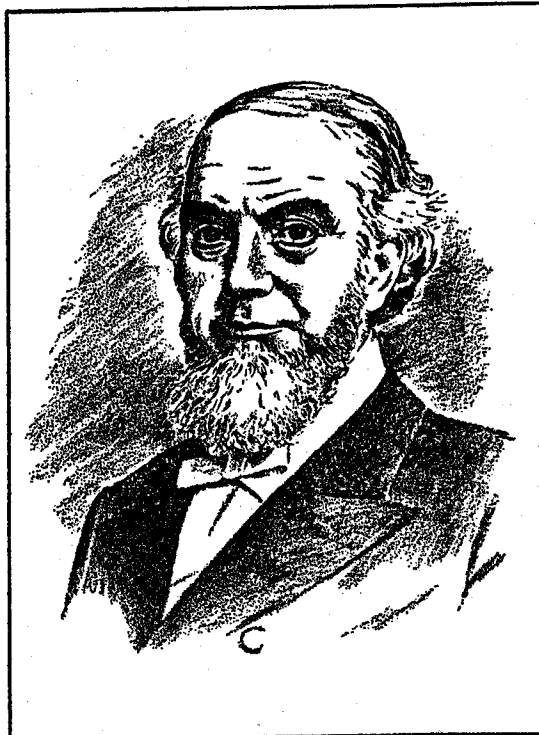
LOIS: Perhaps the fact that his name has
been ignored by the world is in his favor.
It would seem that all of God's servants
in times past were considered of little im-
portance in the eyes of the world, yet their
works continue. That pattern certainly

seems to have been the same in Pastor
Russell's life, doesn't it? But, is it true you
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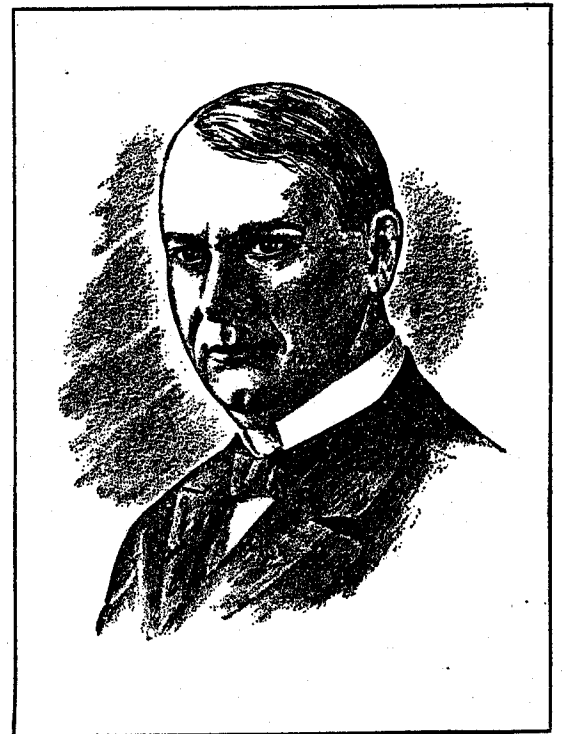
JOHN: That's right. Jehovah's witnesses
admire the qualities he possessed as a man,
but were we to give the honor and credit
to Pastor Russell, we would be saying that
the works and success were his; but Jeho-
vah's witnesses believe it is God's spirit
that guides and directs his people.

Some have stumbled over that point;
and these qualities that he possessed and
that were so admired by many in the or-
ganization at that time were to provide a
real test that caused them to fail in their
endurance and seek an occasion against
Russell's successor as president of the
Watch Tower Society, J. F. Rutherford,
and against the Society itself.

¹ *Where Else but Pittsburgh!* by George Swetnam (Pittsburgh, Pa., 1958: Davis & Warde, Inc.), pp. 110, 116.



CHARLES T. RUSSELL IN 1906



JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD IN 1915