

all impress them with the notion of the transience of man. Gone—and that forever. Something permanent was necessary to give occasion to the thought of the abiding, and the life beyond. So we see in the Bible the pilgrim, the wanderer, the passer-by, is the figure of this fleeting life, while that which is to come is a city, not built with hands, eternal in the heavens.

In these lectures it is taken for granted the Hebrews are Semitic, though the point has been disputed. Without entering into the evidences, some illustrations of this point may be given. The national tribes of Israel point to the nomadic tribes of the desert. Judah was recruited often from the neighboring peoples. Witness again in this behalf the imprecatory psalms, which are truly Semitic in their character, and show up those paradoxes which to us seem so strange. Again, though spiritually Israel were Abram's seed; they were truly Jacob's children, partaking of all the strange paradoxical nature of that man, so deceitful yet so reverent, the man who cheated his uncle, and yet loved his uncle's daughter. And still again, Israel met their God in the desert. A desert bush received him, no grand Egyptian monument or tomb. In the desert they received their law; to the desert, too, they owe many a trait which marked them as a peculiar and characteristic people.

#### The Evil of Procrastination.

"The man who neglects or fails to secure life insurance puts a dent in his head where the bump of hope should be."

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The attention of our readers is drawn to the change of time table of the steamer "Greyhound," running to Oakville, the "strawberry town." A trip in addition to the 10 a.m., is now being made leaving Yonge street wharf east side, every day at 2.15 p.m., returning will leave Oakville at 6.15 p.m., arriving in Toronto about 8 o'clock.

Ladies, and those wishing to avoid the crush on the Saturday afternoon trip should avail themselves of this change in the time table.

Chin-Nung, a celebrated scholar and philosopher, who existed long before Confucius, wrote of tea: "Tea is better than wine, for it leadeth not to intoxication; it is better than water, for it doth not carry disease, neither doth it act as a poison when the wells contain impure water." "Salada Ceylon Tea."

#### WORTH KNOWING.

When you are about to purchase a solid gold or silver watch, see that the case is stamped with a "Maltese Cross," thus . If you are buying a "gold-filled" watch, make sure that the case bears the stamp of a "Winged Wheel," thus .

If you purchase a case which bears either of the above trade-marks, you will have something you can depend upon as being of the quality stamped upon it, because every case bearing one of these trade-marks is fully guaranteed by The American Watch Case Co. of Toronto, one of the largest and most reliable watch companies in America. These goods are equal in quality to any made in the world, and you can save the entire duty by buying them.

## THE NIAGARA BIBLE CONFERENCE

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY WILL BE HELD, THE LORD WILLING, AT NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONTARIO, CANADA, FOR SEVEN DAYS, FROM JULY EIGHT TO JULY FOURTEEN, 1896.

The Programme of the daily Studies will include as heretofore, topics and portions of Scripture pertaining to the Word of God itself and to the Holy Spirit; to the great doctrines of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints;" to the holy life and service of believers in Christ, to the Offices of Christ, and to the divine purpose concerning the Jews, the Gentiles and the Church of God.

There will also be included portions of the Pentateuch, certain Messianic Psalms, the Book of Joel and sundry parts of Isaiah; and in the New Testament an analysis of Matthew, the prayer in Ephesians, the Pastoral Epistles, Jude, and sections of the Apocalypse. It has been supposed by some that this Conference is designed for the study of prophecy exclusively; but the endeavor has always been to observe the due proportion of time and study in regard to "things to come."

A devotional Meeting followed by a study on the Holy Spirit always begins each day of teaching. A number of hours will be given to the study of certain Scriptures by the Conference, organized as a Bible Class.

For the conducting of all these different exercises and studies, the Committee, has invited as usual a number of brethren, including pastors, evangelists, and theological teachers.

As to entertainment and accommodation, attention is called to this request, that all, if possible, remain the full seven days, the Conference not closing until the night of the last day. The request is made in view of many considerations due to those who entertain the guests.

In addition to the Board and lodging furnished by the citizens in private houses and hotels, the proprietors of the Queen's Royal Hotel have provided near at hand, a building containing fifty rooms. It is of two stories. For these rooms and board at the Queen's the charge will be \$1.50 per day to each person when occupied by two persons. To those persons remaining less than seven days the rate will be \$2 a day. Rooms in this new building cannot be reserved after July 8th and must be paid for from that date.

This offer of board is limited to persons occupying these rooms, and is not intended for persons having rooms in town.

The rates in the hotels and private houses of the village will be from \$1. to \$1.50 per day.

The rates of the Queen's Royal Hotel are higher and vary according to the location of the rooms; but the proprietors again offer the following terms: The largest rooms, and rooms fronting the Lake, when occupied by one person, \$3.50 per day; by two persons, \$2.50; the other rooms, when occupied by one person, \$2.50 a day; by two persons, \$2. These terms are not offered transient visitors, but to persons intending to remain through the meeting, or at least for five days.

An elevator has been placed in the Hotel, which will add greatly to the comfort and convenience of the guests.

All applications for entertainment, including that to be furnished by the citizens, should be made before July 8th in order to secure satisfactory accommodations, and addressed to McGaw & Winnett, Queen's Royal Hotel, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada.

Fine sites for tents and camping will be freely given to young men on application to the proprietors above named.

As to railroad routes and fares, persons from distant parts of the United States and Canada can avail themselves of excursion tickets which may be issued by the different railroads to Niagara Falls. The distance from the Falls to Niagara-on-the-Lake is 14 miles. Trains on the Michigan Central run on the Canadian side of the river from Buffalo to this village and can be taken at the Falls and at the Bridge.

On the American side trains of the N. Y. C. R. R. run to Lewiston, N.Y., seven miles from the Lake, and in connection with the boats which ply daily, morning, noon and evening, between Lewiston, Niagara and Toronto.

Baggage can be checked on both these roads to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Attendants coming via Toronto should also purchase at Willard Tract Depository, 140-142 Yonge Street, the tickets for the round trip on the Steamers to and from Niagara.

Earnest prayer is requested for the Conference, that the gathering this year may be memorable for the presence of the Spirit of God in greater light and power than ever before.

By request of the Committee.

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