

AN OLD TIME PREACHER PREACHES NEW TRUTHS

Tremendous Sensation in His Early Life By the Finding of a Book—Denounces Sin of the People—Vindicates Ways of God.

The Quince Summer School is studying the character, early training and life work of one of the old-time preachers in the person of Ezekiel.

Should Doctrines Change? We hear much about changing creeds; but should the great doctrines of the past be discarded?

The Man

To understand the Book of Ezekiel, we need to understand the man. He was likely born in the reign of Josiah.

An Ancient Beligion

In 597 the Babylonians ruined the Holy City and led into captivity the children of Israel.

A Striking Figure

Ezekiel was a striking and dramatic figure; uncompromising, bold in declaring convictions, and fearless.

The People Warned

The people had come to believe that, as the chosen people of God, He would take care of them.

A Thought for Today

In the destruction of the nation, exalted in point of privilege, God had vindicated His glory and holiness.

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the vision of the valley of dry bones. Picture of An Old Battlefield. It is a picture of an old battlefield thickly strewn with skeletons of those slain in the far distant past.

Resurrection

This figure of the quickening of a nation to new life became the preliminary step to the doctrine of individual resurrection.

The Other Nations Exult

But when Israel is again dwelling in peace and prosperity, God will give a fresh revelation of His power and nature, and of the principles on which He rules His peoples.

Suffering and Sin

The great problem of suffering was then acute as it is today. People complained they suffered for the sins of others.

Individual Responsibility

This led to Ezekiel's doctrine of individual responsibility, but the circumstances of the exile gave it a particular form.

Ezekiel's Answer

His answer is found in the celebrated 18th chapter. The individual will not be helplessly involved either in the ruin of a nation or guilt of ancestors.

Holiness of God

For Ezekiel this was the summing up of physical, moral and religious worth. To him "for my name's sake" meant for the sake of all that is worth having or being.

God's Name Compromised

God's Holy Name had been compromised before the world by (1) sin of Israel. This had cast its polluting shadow on the God who dwelt in her midst.

A Great Passage

The prophetic teaching on cleansing, forgiveness and regeneration by the spirit is summed up in chapter 26, verses 24-29.

The Kingdom of the Future

Ezekiel conceives of restored Israel, not as a nation, but as a church in the pastor's task. He does not stand alone, but every officer of the restored nation is to share in this duty.

Purpose of All History

Thus by His judgement of His people for their sins, and His regeneration and restoration of them for His name's sake, the purpose of all history will be attained.

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other nations in far-off lands which have never heard of Jehovah's fame or seen His glory. Hence in chapter 38 and 39 Ezekiel tells in graphic language of the mighty hordes in a final attack on Israel.

Ceremonies and Ritual

He pictures a restored temple and ritual. But outward forms could not keep a people clean, so we have God's promise: "I will give you a new heart and will put a new spirit within you."

School Notes

Sunday School work is emphasized in Teacher Training. The class on "The Teacher" is conducted by Miss Stella Hetherington.

Prof. Greaves

Is a teacher who really teaches. He was born in Minnesota, graduated from Carleton College and from Boston University School of Theology.

No Passenger or Freight Service

Between Kingston and Cape Vincent. As a result of there being scarcely any passenger or freight traffic between Kingston and Cape Vincent.

Proprietor Becomes Pastor

He thus got a new conception of his ministry. Realized his mission now is to be the watchman of individual souls, and the salvation of individual souls is his special care.

DIED SUDDENLY IN THURLOW

John Hoskins, a well known agriculturist who has been living a retired life died suddenly this morning at an early hour at his home in the seventh concession of Thurlow.

POLICE NEWS

John Thompson, a Scotchman, 55 years of age, who came from Trenton today was brought to the police station this afternoon and cared for as he is in a very poor condition of health.

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THREE BOYS ACCUSED OF OPENING SWITCHES

Detectives and Police After Investigation Cause Arrest of Frank Wilson, Ray Sanford, and a Lad of Fourteen—Two Former Held on Two Charges—Bail Not Considered—Eight Days' Remand.

Through the efforts of detectives of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ontario Railways, and the Belleville Police Department during the past few days, the authorities have caused the arrest of three boys in connection with the cases of interference with switches in the past sixteen days.

Mr. Herbert J. Page of Grimsby, special detective of the C. N. O. R. As the result of interviews, yesterday, two boys were taken into custody by the Belleville police. Roy Sanford, aged 17 years, and a lad, aged 14 years, whose name, on account of his tender age, cannot be published.

The delegates are enjoying baseball, tennis, croquet and quills in the intervals of study. The motto of the School is "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

There is many a slip—"Brother Rogers will pronounce the Benediction" was hardly in place just before the delegates had sat down to breakfast.

On behalf of Sanford, Mr. Mikel asked bail, but Magistrate Masson said the offence alleged, was the most serious in the calendar, next to murder.

The Crown Attorney said: "At present, bail is absolutely unarguable." The authorities were opposed to it. Magistrate Masson: "I do not feel that it is a case for bail."

VETERANS TO HOLD MUSICAL FESTIVAL

Event of the Season to Musica, and Patriotic Belleville.

In the years to come Belleville selections to the most popular tune, will have many opportunities to show its appreciation of the magnificent work done for the Life and Liberty of our country by her glorious sons who are writing into history the undying story of heroism and self-sacrifice with their life's blood.

Miss Menges, besides being a wonderful artist, is always anxious to do her bit to assist any war work, and in England was always looked to by the different patriotic committees to assist in concerts for all patriotic purposes, and has given many concerts for the "wounded" soldiers in England.

FRENCH SUB SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE.

PARIS, July 7.—The submarine "Ariane" was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-Boat in the Mediterranean on June 19. All the officers and part of the crew perished.

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Social and Personal

Mrs. J. Hinchey, Church St. and Miss Nora Rathbun of the O.B.C., are spending the week-end in Picton.

Miss Mildred and Master Harold Workman are spending a few days with their aunt, Mrs. R. N. Turney, in Colborne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Herity and Master Thomas returned this morning from a trip to Muskoka lakes, Parry Sound and Algonquin Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. DeMarsh, of Minneapolis and Miss Mabel LaBarge of Chapman are spending the week-end with Belleville friends.

Mr. Harry Dempsey, of Prince Edward, was in the city yesterday. Miss Helen Paley, of Toronto, spent the holiday at her home here.

Miss Jean Duff, of Kingston, is the guest of Mrs. George Graham. Chief Newton returned home on Tuesday after a short vacation spent at North Bay.

Miss A. Liddle and Miss A. Gordon are spending their holidays in North Hastings. Miss Marjorie McMahon, of Kingston, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Blakelee, Victoria Ave.

Mr. E. W. Chase, druggist, Picton, has been elected a member of the Ontario College of Pharmacy. Lieut.-Col. A. L. Bonnycastle, of Campbellford, who went overseas as Officer Commanding the 200th (Winnipeg) Battalion, has returned.

Miss Helen Fraser of Montreal is visiting Mrs. Norman W. Phillips, Charles street. Mrs. Ketcheson of Peterboro, wife of City Bailiff, W. D. Ketcheson, is visiting in Belleville and vicinity.

Miss Mary Ponton and Miss Grace Ponton, daughters of Mrs. Douglas Ponton of Rosedale, Toronto, are staying at Sidney Cottage, this week.

Capt. Robertson is home from Bermuda, visiting his parents, Victoria Ave., and will take the services at the Salvation Army on Sunday, July 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moxam and daughters, have returned home after attending the obsequies of the late James Albert Moxam, who was laid at rest, Friday afternoon, at the Oak-Wood Cemetery, Syracuse, N. Y.

Miss C. Geen, who graduated from Halifax Military Hospital before the War and who was one of the first called to duty and went to England with the first contingent, has arrived in Canada and as soon as duty permits, will leave for Belleville.

She has had a varied experience in England, France and Belgium, on more than one occasion being where German shells were falling, and recently, close to Ypres.

Yesterday at the Golf Links, a tea was given by the members of the club as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Sneyd, who leave the city shortly for Preston.

The President, Dr. C. B. Coughlin, spoke voicing the sentiments of all the members, when he said how much he regretted the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Sneyd were leaving our city. Mr. Sneyd, in reply said that to his family and to him Belleville would always be "home". He thanked the members for their kindness and the gathering broke up with the singing of "For they are Jolly Good Fellows", "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

TRENTON MAN WINS SUIT

Action Against Him Was Dismissed With Costs. Toronto, July 6th.—Judge Denton today dismissed with costs the action which the Niagara Grain and Feed Co. brought against R. J. Hodgson, Trenton, Ont., for \$293 damages for an alleged breach of contract in refusing to accept and pay for a carload of wheat.

At the Tabernacle Methodist parlour, on Tuesday evening, July 3, 1917, Miss Elizabeth Hilton and Mr. George W. Brady, both of Hoard's Station, were united in marriage by Rev. S. C. Moore, B.A., B.D.

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