

MAKES DEFENCE OF VIRGIN BIRTH

Local Evangelist Says Modernists Repudiate Messianic Prophecy

The Virgin Birth was the subject of the sermon at Paradise Hall Sunday afternoon by Evangelist F. W. Stray, of this city, who said in part:

"In the works of St. Paul without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness, God manifest in the flesh. 'The incarnation is the basis of the apostolic faith upon which is reared the whole superstructure of Christianity. Underneath this base, and the whole church goes down to it.

"The whole deposit of Messianic prophecy in the Old Testament synchronizes in the life and times of Jesus. 'Jacob on his dying bed predicted the continuance of the sceptre and lawgiver in Judah till Shiloh came.' Herod was King of Judah when Jesus was born, dying shortly after and succeeded by his son who reigned less than a year, the last king on Judah's throne from that day to this.

"Daniel wrote his seventy years time prophecy unto the Messiah, Dan. 9, and turned his book over to the wise men of Babylon, over whom he had been appointed governor. Five centuries after, wise men of the east came to Jerusalem, when Jesus was born, crying 'Where is He?' Many arrived at Bethlehem the night of the nativity, just in time to fulfill the prophecy of Micah, who cried 'Bethlehem—Out of thee shall he come.'—Micah 5.

"Mary gave birth to a Son, not a daughter. Luke writes down her own words to the angel of the annunciation. 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?'

"Matthew writes, now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a Virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

"Thus, according to the Apostle the Virgin birth prophecy of Isaiah more than seven centuries old was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.

"The whole revelation of Jesus as the Son of God, both in Old Testament prophecy and New Testament history, must either stand or fall together. Jesus said the Scripture cannot be broken. The Modernist attack upon the Virgin birth in the last half century, nothing more nor less than a repudiation of Messianic prophecy, upon which the whole structure of the apostolic church stands.

"Christian faith is not a blind superstition, but is faith based upon reasonable evidence of the occurrence of events foretold by the prophets of God. Human reason may be unable to comprehend the processes of God bringing these events to pass, in the manner and at the time foretold. Inability to understand the fulfilment of the prophecy, however, shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father, Which is in Heaven."

REV. F. S. PORTER WILL GO TO U. S.

Rev. Frederick S. Porter, who is retiring from the office of District Secretary of the Bible Society, has accepted a call to the pulpit of Trinity Baptist church, Oklahoma City, Okla. He will take up his new charge in February, removing to the American west with his family.

Rev. Mr. Porter is a Fredericton man. After attending the public school and High School and being in commercial life for some time in Fredericton, he attended Acadia University and entered the Baptist ministry. After holding the pastorate in various places, he was called to the pulpit of the German Street Baptist church in St. John. During the war he was chaplain of the Canadian Expeditionary Force with the rank of major and served overseas for some time.

About five years ago Rev. Mr. Porter was appointed District Secretary of the Bible Society, his district embracing the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador, with headquarters at St. John.

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LINCOLN'S RELATIVE ADMITS A MURDER

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 13.—Warren J. Lincoln, lawyer-horticulturist and distant relative of Abraham Lincoln, whose disappearance from his home here last April caused the police to believe he had been murdered, today confessed killing his wife after she had shot and killed her brother, Byron Shoup, according to Detroit police.

According to Lincoln's confession, his wife shot her brother three times during a violent quarrel and he, fearing she would turn on him struck her down with a stove poker and then hacked her bodies to pieces, burning them in the greenhouse furnace nearby.

SENT TO HOSPITAL WHEN SHIP ARRIVES

Little Girl Suffering From Bronchitis When Empress of Britain Docks

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain arrived in port about 7 o'clock Saturday night from Liverpool with mails, passengers and general cargo. The passenger list showed 16 first, 46 second and 289 third class.

The cabin passengers were examined on board the ship, while the third class were cared for in the immigration building. All passengers were en route westward on special trains by 10 o'clock Saturday night, with the exception of a six-year-old girl, passenger, who was sent to the General Public Hospital suffering from acute bronchitis, and her mother.

The child is accompanied by her mother, who is being looked after at Sand Point, until such time as her daughter is discharged from hospital, and they proceed to the far west for the purpose of joining the husband and father. It is understood that the little girl is not seriously ill.

Among the first class passengers was Herbert A. Northrup, who has returned after a buying trip for Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd. F. Merrieth, K. C. of Montreal, was another passenger on the ship.

The Empress of Britain left Liverpool on Jan. 4 and had a usual winter voyage. The steamer brought 822 bags of letters, 1,977 bags of mail, and 980 packages of parcels post, the carried about 2,800 tons of general cargo.

The Empress of Britain is expected to sail tomorrow for New York from which port she will sail on Jan. 22 for a trip to the West Indies with the passenger list of tourists. The Empress is also scheduled to sail from New York on Feb. 23 for a trip to New America.

EASTERN LINES LAUNCH VESSEL

New York to Run on Route Between Boston and Metropolis

Again the Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc., enters the limelight of public affairs and demonstrates the undiminished vitality and progress of its officials by launching another beautiful ship to go on the All-water route between Boston and New York with the beginning of next summer's season.

On Saturday the fine new passenger steamship New York was launched from the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation plant at Sparrows Point, Md. The New York is a sister ship of the Boston whose successful launching occurred at the same yard on October 27 last.

Mrs. Huntington R. Hardwick, daughter of Allen L. Stone, chairman of the board, had the honor to christen the new steamship and received the congratulations of admiring friends for the successful manner in which she gave the New York its initiation to the fleet of the Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.

Officials of the company and invited guests left Boston in special cars attached to the Federal Express and went to Baltimore where they joined others from New York, all of whom were delighted with the opportunity to view the spectacle of launching a great steamship and the smoothness and perfection with which the arrangements were carried out.

The New York is 402 long over all, beam over guards 72 feet. It is constructed of steel throughout, with twin screws, turbine driven and oil burning. The New York will have a speed of over 19 knots per hour; a displacement of \$100 tons and freight capacity of 90,000 cubic feet.

Many years ago a steamer named New York ran on the International Line between St. John and Boston.

Used car sales in the U. S. for the nine months of 1923 averaged 2,700,800 automobiles.

DEBATES MEETING ON CHINESE WORK

Delegate Gives Account of Conference Held in Kingston, Ont.

The two Chinese Sunday schools in the city, the Trinity church and Central Baptist church schools, met in joint session in the vestry of the Central church yesterday afternoon to hear the report of Mrs. Alice Woodman, superintendent of the Trinity school, who was the local delegate to the Chinese conference held in the Sydney Methodist church in Kingston, Ont., in November.

Mrs. R. D. Christie, the superintendent of the Central Chinese school, presided and there was a large attendance of the officers and teachers as well as the pupils of both organizations. Mrs. Woodman announced the conference had decided to provide a Christian Chinese worker for the Maritime Provinces.

Mrs. Woodman gave a comprehensive account of the conference. There had been an address by Dr. MacKay who dwelt upon three great movements of the world. The first was the great spiritual awakening of which he gave instances in the Chinese friends for 140 years. The second was the movement of the Chinese people because they did not know enough and there were not enough teachers, while in Korea there were 24 organized churches, 39 Sunday schools, 52 churches, 13 high schools and Union college at which there were now 200 young men training for the ministry. Dr. MacKay had declared that was a mighty movement and it must be remembered that the heathen needed love and not gifts only. The second movement was temperance reform, he had said, evidenced by prohibition in Canada and the United States, and the third was the League of Nations, in which about 50 nations met together to take counsel for the peace of the world.

Chinese Speakers. Mrs. Woodman spoke of the drive around Kingston provided for the 85 delegates and the banquet prepared by the Chinese friends for 140 guests. J. R. Day, of Ottawa, presided and Sam Lee, on behalf of the delegates, heartily welcomed the school. B. H. Wood, superintendent of the Sydney Chinese school, told of Sam Lee's wonderful work. He had taken his church in his native China and that church was having wonderful results.

At the general meeting after the banquet Miss Huggill, from Montreal, a missionary in Canton, spoke of the 700 Chinese women, mostly in the Maritime Provinces and Toronto. Mrs. Woodman recalled that Miss Watts, a missionary from Homan, had said that when a woman believed and accepted Christ she was a miracle of devotion. H. C. Ellis, of Ottawa, gave a paper on "Service."

On the Sunday of the conference there was a Chinese service. Mr. Noyes interpreted the address of Mr. Wood who expressed appreciation of the Chinese of all that was done for them. "The Chinese appreciate your sympathy. Your homes are always open to us; your churches have provided for us; your children have been brought up in the Christian faith and morality."

"In China are civil war, ambitious political leaders and bandits. Your universities have gained the respect and esteem of the thinking Chinese. Most important of all you have opened many churches. The only panacea for China is the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

R. H. Ward, of Kingston, spoke of linking the Chinese with Canadian life. He said there were 40,000 Chinese in Canada to be linked up to the church and since he realized there were certain antagonism to the Chinese he would say that "we should educate our church."

As very few Chinese women came to Canada the Chinese must be taught good housekeeping. The Sunday school teacher could visit and help the women. "The Chinese children need to be taught Canadian laws and customs. Graded books should be used for T-V in the Sunday schools, he said.

Coming to Maritime. Mrs. Woodman had been a member of the committee on business and had spoken of the need of a Christian worker to work among the 800 Chinese in the Maritime Provinces. This was put as a motion and carried and in time Chinese churches must be made to work in the Maritime Provinces.

The education committee decided to publish text books and hymn books in the two languages.

Rev. M. D. Noyes, field secretary, reported that there were 787 workers in Chinese churches with 1,014 Chinese attending Sunday school, including 241 boys under 16, and 204 new pupils, while 72 had left for China and 85 had become church members. Communion services were held in Chinese in Ottawa and Toronto.

George Mark, a medical student at Queen's University, spoke of the need of a traveling superintendent, and also spoke of Mr. Noyes, who had made the convention possible.

Many of the city churches, as well as some individuals, contributed in order that Mrs. Woodman might attend the conference to represent the St. John Chinese Sunday school.

THE BRITISH MAILS. A British letter mail will close here at 4 p. m. today and tomorrow for the steamship Paria and Mongolia, respectively, via New York. A British newspaper, parcels and specially addressed correspondence mail will close here at 11 a. m. Jan. 16 for the Canadian Pacific steamship Marburn from St. John. A British letter mail will close here at 4 p. m. Jan. 17 for the steamship President Roosevelt, via New York.

LIQUOR CARGO ARRIVES. The steamer Parthenia arrived from Glasgow and docked at the McLeod wharf. The ship brought a large consignment of liquor, which it is understood is to be shipped to Upper Canada and the West. A request has been made for men from the local police force to guard the liquor night and while it is being discharged from the ship.

VETERAN GUIDE IS 83 YEARS OF AGE

Frederton, Jan. 13.—Uncle Henry Brattwhite, who has the distinction of being New Brunswick's oldest hunter and guide, yesterday quietly celebrated his eighty-third birthday at his home in this city. It is not customary for Uncle Henry to be at home at this season of the year, and his only reason for being here now is that the condition of his health makes it necessary. It is a little over a year now since he abandoned the Miramichi trail, and while he has never announced his retirement members of his family make no bones about saying that his old haunts in the wilds of the Miramichi will know him no more if they can prevent it.

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