## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* The Rainbow—A Beautiful Token

First of a Series of Interesting Articles for Sunday Reading.—The Significance of Recent Rains and Summer Sunshines.

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The following papers were written Noah's presenting a representative of the time of the Indian famine each of the animals appointed for sac during the time of the Indian famine three years ago. They are now, offered again for publication because God has been recently teaching as that famine could happen in Canada, even Canada, as well as in India or Australia. The argument of this paper is, that if the people of Canada would understand and claim, as descendants of Noah, the treaty rights made over to them in the Treaty of Ararat, then famine could not touch Canada.

"Whose readeth, let him understand."

THE TREATY OF ARARAT A FOR-GOTTEN WEAPON AGAINST FAMINE.

Famine in East Africa! Famine in China! Famine in Central India! It makes one afraid to think. What must be the prolonged complication of miseries when it can be said that hundreds, thousands, even millions of parents and little children have died of starvation, and the ulcers and fevers which it breeds? War is terrible. but famine is worse.

What weapons have we to wield against this monster misery? Money may do much. Wise legislation may do more. But unless some more pow erful weapon than either of these is found, famine will yet many times over slay his tens of thousands.

Is there a more effective weapon than these?

For the last three years the writer has been deeply impressed by the thought that there lies an article - a long forgotten article-in the Treaty of Ararat, which, if called to remembrance, and honestly claimed in terms of the Treaty, would effectually protect from famine, any part of this earth inhabited by the descendants of

Before passing this over as a delusion or a joke, will the reader first carefully consider the Scripture account of that Treaty of Ararat, or God's covenant with Noah.

As Noah stepped out of the ark upon the smiling, but depopulated earth, he gathered his family about him for a most remarkable act of worship.

His heart, as the father of all the human tribes that should ever re-inhabit the earth, was loaded with fears that could find no relief but in a sacrifice, and that the completest sacrifice that it was in the power of man to present. Every clean beast and every clean bird was represented upon that altar. What could he do more to secure a sacrifice worthy of the occasion? In that judiciously elaborate macrifice it is easy to see the intelligent worshipper reaching out toward a sacrifice that should be adequate indeed-the heart awakened to the sinfulness and danger of sin in himself and in his household through all their coming generations, reaching out, perhaps blindly, to the perfect and all-

sufficient sacrifice of Christ. God's own arrangements for the great
Day of Atonement. A bullock, a ram,
and a slain and a living goat — all
these enter into the expiratory ordinances of the day, each doing its own The same principle is to be seen in

The same principle appears in the variety of animals whose shed blood lies at the foundation of the covenant made with Abraham—a heifer, a she-

lies at the foundation of the overlaint made with Abraham—a heifer, a shegoat, a ram, a turtle dove, and a young pigeon. (Gen. 15, 9.)

As the offerer was thus reaching out toward the blood of Christ in the out toward the blood of Christ in the offering, God smelled a sweet savor in it, and gave a most marvellous covenant on account of it. The blood of the sacrifice is the 'blood of the covenant'; that is, it is the ground on which it was given, and upon which it stands, and upon which it can be claimed. The rainbow in the cloud is its token.

its token.

With such a foundation for this covenant, no surprise need be felt if covenant, no surprise need to left it the blessings contained in it for the descendants of Noah should be surpassing great. With such a seal set to it as the many colored arc of the circle of glory surrounding the very throne of God (Rev. 4, 3; Ezek. 1, 28). we are meant to understand that these blessings are secured to us with a certainty for which that very throne a certainty for which that very throne itself is given us as surety. When God says to Noah and his sons, "I will look upon the bow that I may re-member the everlasting covenant." He indicates that there is continuous blessing in it for all generations of blessing in it for all generations of men, that He wants them to remem-ber this, and is continually summon-ing them to remember it every time He sets His bow in the clouds. The general impression seems to be that the only benefit deeded to the race by this rainbow-sealed covenant

race by this rainbow-sealed covenant is protection from another universal deluge. Man has forgotten that there is vasily more in it than this. Here is one of the promises it contains: "While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease."

If this is a covenant promise to Noah and his seed, then the fulfilling of it is, a treaty right, and can be claimed and obtained by the descendants of Noah in any part of the earth. But this claim must be grounded upon the sacrificial blood, on account of which at first the covenant was given, and through which alone it can be en, and through which alone it can validly claimed.

When the showers are withheld, When the showers are withheld, and there is no seed-time, as has been the case in both India and China, it is time for those, who believe in the God of Noah to gather together to remind Him of His promise, and claim, as a blessed covenant right, the fulfilling of it. Then He will look upon the bow (He need wait for no showers or clouds for that look, for the rainbow is the one ornament round about His throne continually,) and remember His covenant, and this special term of it.— Seed-time and harmember His covenant, and this spe-cial term of it,— Seed-time and har-vest shall not cease."

The sinfulness or holiness of the people to be benefitted does not, it seems to me, enter into the question. The covenant is made out to the descendants of the man who offered that complete sacrifice on Mount Ararat. It can be claimed by or for any of Noa's seed. The righteousness of Noah or his seed was not the ground on which the covenant was given. The blood of that Christ-foreshadowing sacrifice was God's ground for giving it. and that must be the simple and all-sufficient ground for claiming it and the fulfillment of any one of its

If these things are so, then, when It these things are so, then, when rain is needed for a proper seed-time, it is not mere prayer that is wanted, in the ordinary meaning of that word, it is the bold putting in of a covenant claim to a precious covenant right. part in foreshadowing the complete sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This is not Solomon's plan of ostentatiously multiplying the number of victims. It is

sides that, the Bible shall take its place in simplicity as the Word of God

in the earth.

If these things are so, is it not true that the Treaty of Ararat should be exhumed from the archives of the be exhumed from the archives of the past? Is it not time that its terms should be made a matter of study and of honest experiment? May it not be that God, who yearns over the human race with a pity that is Divine and infinite, has found it necessary to send famine after famine upon the infinite. has found it necessary to send famine after famine upon the world, that His people, long lead to the gentle reminders of the ever-recurring rainbow, may at last be waked up by these thundering calls, to His covenant, lain in the Bible a dead letter for so many generations? "Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful

garments, O Jerusalem."

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<u>.....</u> HAVE YOU MET THEM?

> Snap Shots of Citizens Secured By Passing Enquiry.

Something About People You Ought to Know.

John M. Pike, lawyer first, actor econd, or vice versa, as pleases Mr. Pike. Politician always. Big man in the city, about six feet tall, and two feet wide. Occupies a lot of space in the atmosphere; member of legal firm of Wilson, Pike & Gundy. Recognized as one of the lawyers that have come Holds record for youngest man ever graduated in law in Ontario. Only 21 when admitted to the bar. Age

SHANTUNY SILK COSTUME.

er. Youngest member of the old Dodger lacrosse team. Called the baby because of his youth and size, but was the best player on the old team. Ask Billy Baxter, of New team. Ask Billy Baxter, of New York, George Perrin or Grandad Ar-thur Richardson, the man who "might

Ed. lived in Chatham, liked the Ed. lived in thatnam, liked the place, grew up, went away, got married and came back. With his brother has started a wholesale business, fruits and grocers' supplies, has worked up good trade in short time, because everybody likes Ed and his brother Harry, the two members of the firm.

the firm.

E. B. is a musician, too. Always used to come home Christmas eve. Then with rest of boys would organize a little party of musics and make music all night long, or nearly so. Likes music almost as well as he likes Chatham. Settled down now and does not take as much active interest in sports and music as of yore, but is still in evidence.



AN OLD TIME ALMANAC.

Within Its Faded Pages Are Found Many Quaint Observations.

A rare possession in the line of publications is a torn and faded volume owned by Mrs. P. W. Williams of this city. It is described on the title page as "The New England Almanack and Gentleman's and Lady's Diary For the Year of Our Lord Christ 1778-Circulated For the Meridian of New London, In Lat. 41 Deg. 25 Min. North." The key to the forecast of the days of each month is furnished from a crude drawing of "The Anatomy of Man's Body, as Govern'd by the Twelve Constellations." The various months are preceded by a timely verse of poetry, and scattered through the weather tables are notes indicating the anniversa ries of important events, poetic quotations and aphorisms. Timely warnings

<del>\*</del> The Days of Auld Lang Syne

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century

1854, to Jan. 10th, 1855.

Van Allen and Williams start up in

Wheat brings 10 shillings, oats 3 corn 4s. 6d., and hay 18s.

The English are losing an average of 80 men per day in the Crimean

The Great Western Railway issues book of sixty pages instructing em-

Rev. A. Campbell married William Smith and Miss Ann A. Dolsen, both of this town.

Robbers get busy in town stores and secure much booty, also some boots and shoes and jewellry.

The first number of the Stratford Beacon was received, and The Planet wishes the new publication success

Winter set in on Dec. 6th in carnest. There was good sleighing and the coldest weather experienced in many

The County of Kent return of convictions made by the justices of the County of Kent for the quarter ending November, 1834, is published. Geo. Duck is Clerk of the Peace.

The Sault Ste. Marie canal will be completed this month. The commis-sioners appointed by the Governor of the State of Michigan, were notified to be present and inspect the work on the 20th.

At a meeting of the stockholders in he Camden and Chatham plank road, McKellar, Joseph Northwood, Samuel Arnold, James Smith and nel Arnold, James Smith and Le La Payne were elected directors. At a meeting of the new Board Samuel Ar-nold was elected president and John F. Delmage secretary-treasurer.

The municipal election was very quiet. Messrs. Vosburgh, Ireland and Smith were elected as councillors in Eberts' Ward; McKellar, McLean and

From Planet Fyles from Nov. 29th, Winters in Chrysler Ward, and in the Northwood Ward, which includes North Chatham and north of Mc-Gregor's Creek, Northwood, Woods



HER FATAL OMISSION.

Mother's Instructions to Her Loving Daughter.

The mother's suspicions were aroused, and that night when the young man left the house and the daughter came upstairs she interviewed her.

"Elizabeth," she said sternly, "didn't hear Mr. Simpley kissing you in the crawing room as I came along the

"No, mamma; you didn't," responded: the dear girl emphatically.
"Well, didn't he try to kiss you?"

persisted the mother. "Yes, mamma," demurely. The mother spoke triumphantly.
"I knew it," she said. "Did you per-

mit him to do so?" "No. mamma; I did not. I told him

you had always impressed upon me that I should not permit any young man to kiss me." "That was right—that was right, my, dear." said the mother encouragingly.

"And what did he say to that?" The girl blushed, but was undaunted. "He asked me if you had ever told me I was not to kiss a young man."

The mother began to realize that possibly she had omitted a vital link in the chain of her instructions. "What did you tell him?" she asked

"I said I didn't remember if you had." The girl stopped, and the mother broke out urgently:

"Well, go on—go on!"
"I guess that's what you heard, mother." And the daughter waited for the storm to burst.-Cincinnati Enquirer.



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## KIDNEY -TROUBLES

Are exceedingly prevalent. As a people we are not careful enough as to what we eat and drink. Weak kidneys lead to chronic blood-poisoning in many cases if not attended to promptly.

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limit not so high for other bars.

Made his name as a lawyer in the Sullivan alimony case. Mr. Pike has not forgotten that case, and neither have his friends.

As an actor, he's a whirlwind. Got his first taste for the dramatic art as president of the Macaulay Cluib. He's a good one at the acting business. Played part of Duke in Trial Scene from the Merchant of Venice, with great celat. Made a large hit. Didn't think that all the applause was meant specially for him. Was willing to give the rest of the actors the benefit of the doubt and share up the applause. Finest Duke ever seen in Chatham. Figure, manner, voice, attire just suited the role of a Venetian Magnificoe. Every time andience applauded he might well know they applauded but one. Strong in political too. Been known to speak in six different places on six different nights, without stopping. On political speeches he's strong. His remarks always give the opposition lots to talk about, which is proof enough for anybody.

John M. is all right, and he always upholds his end, politically or Social-ly.

E. B. Northwood, good looking, young, married with a family, black moustache, good business and lots of friends. Ought to be the happiest man in Chatham, perhaps he is. Lived in Chatham when a boy, liked the place. Those days great lacrosse play-

as to probable weather conditions are given at various periods. For instance, between the 6th and the 9th of August the farmer is advised to "make money while you may, for a mighty storm is coming." In the space devoted to this month is this admonition: "Would you keep well this month beware of cold, raw fruit and evening air." In the November table it is stated, "Many things are frozen, all things are cold, the young ladies excepted." This uncharitable observation is set down in the December page:
"The dame that's old now feels the cold, which makes her scold." In the February chronicle is found this warning: "Monopolizers, take care, lest you are dragged to the bar."

This tan linen tailor-made costume has the new cuffs, new collar and the new d bottom skirt. This suit is made of pongee silk, which is so fashionable in the

Included in the interesting contents Included in the interesting contents are a poetic narrative entitled "The Neglected Maid's Lamentation," a number of precepts, a list of the "Friends' Yearly Meetings In New England," a treatise on "How to Get Riches," "Distance of the Principal "The New England From England From New England Fr Riches," "Distance of the Principal Towns In New England From New London, With the Most Noted Houses of Entertainment on Road," "A Table of Interest at 6 Per Cent," "A Poem on That Worthy Commander In Chief of the Army of the United States, by a Friend to His Country," and "A Receipt For Pickling Beef and Pork."—Topeka State Journal.

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