

UNIVERSITY AND BIBLE.

Hon. Mr. Blake Issues Pamphlet on Question.

Department of Orientals and the Higher Criticism.

Rev. Elmore Harris Interested on the Subject.

Toronto, March 6.—Rev. Elmore Harris and Hon. S. H. Blake have issued a pamphlet entitled, "The Teaching of Religious Knowledge in University College Ultra Vires." It consists of a foreword by Rev. Elmore Harris, who is head of the Bible Training School, and an open letter to Rev. Nathaniel Burwash, Chancellor of Victoria College, from the pen of Mr. Blake. It will be borne in mind that Toronto University is a federated institution embracing colleges of all denominations. The main points of Mr. Blake's attack are directed against the department of Oriental literature, organized by Prof. McCurdy, who, in religion, is a Friend, or "Quaker." In this department the Bible is the greatest achievement that ever came out of Asia; it is studied as a literary work in conjunction with the great Oriental books of the Hinduos, the Vedas, and the Persian.

RANERUL HIGHER CRITICISM.
Rev. Elmore Harris declares that the students of the university are becoming indoctrinated by the "Higher Criticism" through this department, and says that three months ago he, in company with Dr. N. W. Hoyle, K. C., of Wycliffe College, Principal MacLaren, of Knox College, and Dr. C. M. MacLaren, of Knox College, went to see Mr. Blake, who was then in the city, to protest. They were courteously received, but obtained no satisfaction.

Hon. Mr. Blake's letter is largely an argument on legal grounds, that under the Act incorporating the university, the department of Oriental languages is "ultra vires," or illegal.

THE CASE AS STATED.
Mr. Blake sums up his case as follows: (a) There is no provision in the statutes governing the university or University College for instruction in or giving certificates in theological subjects or religious knowledge by either of these bodies.

(b) Instruction in both of these subjects is being given.

(c) This work was allotted to the federated universities and colleges.

(d) These latter bodies have therefore ground for complaint and the right to demand that this illegal interference with their rights shall cease.

Having challenged the legality of the teaching, Mr. Blake next deals with the matter taught. He says that the teaching of the Bible is leading to many young men and women to take up Bible study, which he hopes may continue, "notwithstanding persistent efforts of theological and other institutions to frustrate such study by seeking to make the Word of God of non-effect by the ever-changing notions of a noisy class of men, who take for their motto, Quantum est, quod semus (How great is our knowledge), instead of the more laudable motto of the truly learned, as he picks up a pebble in the vast ocean of learning—Quantum est, quod nescimus (how great is our ignorance). It will be an evil day for our ministers, missionaries and teachers, should they permit that what appears to be about the only sure standing ground left us in the world to be shaken to the centre; that the statement, 'The Word of God which liveth and abideth forever' is proclaimed as an hallucination, and that living word is incommunicable by the Word of God is an old-fashioned delusion, to be rejected with as little communion as it is a heathen fable. If we pursue this process of disintegration so that the wonderful cohesive power of this book shall cease, the authors may well write over this work, 'They have seen the winds, they shall see the whirlwind.'

STANDS BY HOLY WRIT.

"I have never been in the least shaken in the simple creed as to the Bible given to me as a child over sixty-five years ago.

Mr. Blake states his creed as a belief that it is a divine revelation, that the Bible is this revelation, that God could undoubtedly give with accuracy such a revelation, and could preserve it for the purposes intended without error—no other book has ever been found which could answer its purposes. That Christ continually referred to the Book then existing and endorsed it.

"I thankfully acknowledge the immense debt I am under to this simple presentation concerning our Bible, from which standpoint I have never been in the slightest degree moved by the ever-changing and never-to-be-relied-upon attacks of those who, not looking or asking for spiritual discernment, merely kiss the Book that they may endeavor to persuade people that their hostile attacks are made in a reverent spirit of investigation.

He reviews the contradictions and inconsistencies of the scientists and says:

"I abhor the thought that our Toronto University should aid in the work of shaking men's confidence in the Bible. Will you use your best endeavors, Chancellor of Victoria College, to place Toronto University and University College in their incorporating acts, by preventing in either of them, through a 'back door' or by any other mode of entrance, teaching and examination in 'Religious Knowledge' or 'Theological Subjects'?"

A FEW POSERS.

"If the theological institutions in affiliation with the university insist on instruction in these subjects and on the lines above referred to, then in common fairness let the laymen, whose money is demanded to support such instruction, know exactly what is the teaching that is insisted upon. Let there be a meeting of these new lights, and insist upon a positive statement showing clearly:

(a) What books of the Bible, in addition to Jonah, do they think should be eliminated as not being the inspired Word of God, to be accepted as such by their students.

(b) What chapters in the other books of the Bible they consider should be treated in the same manner; what portions of the books are:

(c) Merely myths.

(d) What allegories.

(e) What poetical effusions, to be merely admired.

(f) In what way do they replace the story of the creation?

(g) Was there any Garden of Eden?
(h) Was there any Adam and Eve?
(i) Was there any Satan?
(j) Was there any sin?
(k) Was there any punishment for sin?
(l) Was there any promise of a Saviour?

(m) Was there any deluge?
(n) Was there any Abraham?

(o) By what means is the ordinary reader to know what portions (if any) of this Book are to be taken as the absolute Word of God, to be accepted and acted upon at the peril of the reader, and when does the apparent Word of God pass into scientific subjects, unreliable history, poetical effusions, myths, allegories, parables, etc., which are withdrawn from the region of inspiration and are merely human utterances, to be dealt with as the reader pleases?

UNFAIR TO THOSE WHO PAY.

"Do you not think, my dear Chancellor, that it is but fair to those who are asked to pay for this teaching, that they should be presented with the unenclosed and mutilated Book which proceeds on the consensus of thought of the representatives of the higher critics?"

"It would be a matter of very great relief to a large number of Christian men if the result of these investigations to which you refer were put into the concrete shape of a real Bible, showing what portions (if any) are the inspired Word of God, to be accepted as such, and putting as an appendix the errant human portion, including 'Mistakes of Moses.'

GUILTY OF MURDER.

Two Italians Who Shot Edward Green, Peddler.

Perth, N. B., March 5.—Leon Seppel and Tony Arosia, Italians, were convicted of the murder of Edward Green, a Montreal peddler, by a jury to-night. They will be sentenced to death. The murder for which they were convicted took place on December 20, at Beaver Brook, on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Green and another peddler were walking from one camp to another in pursuit of their trade, when they were fired on from behind a pile of logs, Green being instantly killed. Panarsky escaped, although the bullet pierced his clothing across the breast. The murderers were tracked through the light snow all day Sunday, and on Monday were found in a shack badly frozen.

The contents of Green's valise, consisting of many watches and other jewelry, were found along the trail at different hiding places, but \$3,000 in cash he was known to have had has not yet been recovered. Panarsky identified Seppel in court as the man who aimed at him.

The prisoners took the stand in their own defense, but their stories were very contradictory. Judge Landry charged strongly against the prisoners.

ACUTE INDIGESTION

Cured Through the Timely Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

There is no medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for stomach troubles. These Pills are not an artificial appetizer nor a stimulant. They act in nature's own way by making rich, red blood. This new blood gives vigor through the tiny veins in the stomach. It stimulates them and creates that craving which people call "appetite." Then when the appetite is satisfied with food the blood gives the stomach strength to digest it. The nourishment is absorbed by the blood, and carried to every organ in the body. This is how Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure stomach troubles and all blood diseases. That is how they give health and strength to weak, worn-out people.

Mr. H. Thomas Curry, Port Maitland, N. S., says: "About three years ago I was attacked with what the doctors termed acute indigestion. The first indication was a bad taste in my mouth in the morning, and a salivary complaint. My tongue was heavily coated, especially in the morning, and I felt particularly dull. My appetite began to dwindle, and even a light meal left me with a sense of having eaten too much.

I grew worse I ate barely enough to keep my body, but still experienced the most acute pains. A wretched languor came over me which I could not throw off. It seemed as if I were always tired, with little strength and frequent violent headaches. The remedy given me by my doctor, as well as many others failed to restore me, or even to relieve me. I was in this very unhappy state for almost a year when I read in a newspaper one day of the cure in a case similar to mine through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This decided me to give these Pills a trial. It was not long before I felt some relief from the distress after meals, and as I continued the use of the Pills all languor and drowsiness and headache left me and I began to enjoy increased energy and new strength. To-day I am a well man, enjoying the best of health, with never a twinge of the old trouble, and I attribute my cure entirely to the fair use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all medicine dealers or you can get them by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

THE EARLY BIRD.

Suffragettes Will Address New York Newspapers at 2.30 a. m.

New York, March 5.—The New York suffragettes have organized a crusade for the furthering of their propaganda among the newspaper men who work on morning newspapers. The opening meeting, which promises to be a long campaign is to be held on Park Row, near the Brooklyn Bridge, on Tuesday at 2.30 o'clock in the morning. The suffragettes will gather in automobiles and a half-dozen speakers will make an appeal for "votes for women."

DAYLIGHT-SAVING BILL.

The Second Reading Passed in British Commons.

London, March 5.—The daylight saving bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons to-day. The bill provides that the clocks of the United Kingdom shall be advanced an hour in April and kept an hour fast until September. The object is to induce people to rise earlier in the summer and make better use of the daylight. They can get an hour's more recreation, it is contended, while the saving in lighting bills will be enormous.

DEEPENING THE WELLAND.

Hon. G. P. Graham Announces That as One of First Projects.

Minister of Railways Also Supports Georgian Bay Canal.

Sunday Closing of Canals—The Building of Quebec Bridge.

Ottawa, March 5.—The House spent the greater part of to-day's session in Committee of Supply on the railway and canal estimates, and the efficiency of the department so ably administered by Hon. Mr. Graham was reflected in the absence of serious criticism on the part of the Opposition. Several phases of the transportation problem were touched upon, however, in the course of the discussion. Once more the Minister of Railways made it plain that though retrenchment has been rendered desirable at present by the prevailing conditions, the Government's policy with respect to canals will as soon as circumstances permit assume a more aggressive character.

Replying to Hon. Mr. Haggart, who sought to make it appear that the Minister of railways had not expressed himself so favorably towards the Georgian Bay Canal project as the Prime Minister, Mr. Graham reiterated his belief that by the deepening of the Welland Canal to 22 or 25 feet Canada could provide ample transportation facilities, not only for her own trade, but for a considerable portion of the trade of the United States. He had never expressed any opinion adverse to the Georgian Bay Canal scheme. On the contrary, he believed that the geographical conditions were such that in time to come the great carrying trade from the west would find an outlet through the Georgian Bay. The deepening of the Welland Canal would of course be a cheaper proposition, and he was confident that if carried out it would give such an impetus to Canada's carrying trade that in the not distant future would keep both the Welland Canal and the Georgian Bay Canal busy.

Mr. Graham admitted that the present policy of the Government was not to undertake any work involving large expenditures, but as soon as conditions changed he would be prepared to take a more aggressive stand with respect to the water routes of Canada.

HARDIE HOOTED.

Oxford Men Would Not Let Socialist M. P. Speak.

Oxford, England, March 5.—At a meeting of the University Fabian Society in the Town Hall here to-night James Keir Hardie, the Socialist member of Parliament, who was to have been the principal speaker, was unable to gain a hearing owing to the hostile demonstrations of the undergraduates.

Amidst scenes of the greatest disorder firecrackers were exploded, automobile horns were blown, there were shouts and bursts of song by the students, eggs and oranges were thrown and the platform was stormed. Many forceful attempts were made to silence the demonstrators.

The Professor of the university vainly appealed to the undergraduates to give Mr. Hardie a hearing, but they refused to do so, and the meeting eventually was broken up.

It Is No Trouble To Work Now

So Says Miss Elsie J. Allen After Using Dodd's Kidney Pills.

She Suffered From Weakness and Kidney Trouble, but the Old Reliable Kidney Remedy Cured Her Completely.

St. Croix, N. B., March 5.—(Special.)—That the pains and weakness which make life almost unbearable to so many women are easily and completely cured by using Dodd's Kidney Pills, is once more shown in the case of Miss Elsie J. Allen, of this place.

"I suffered greatly from kidney trouble and weakness before I began taking Dodd's Kidney Pills," Miss Allen says. "I was so weak I could hardly get round, and work was almost impossible. Life was a struggle till I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I began taking them and soon felt better. I took seven boxes in all and they cured me."

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The root of women's troubles is in the kidneys. There is not a weak, suffering woman in Canada that Dodd's Kidney Pills will not help, and in nearly every case Dodd's Kidney Pills will work a complete cure.

REVOLT OF HUSBANDS.

Thousands of Russians Become Mohammedans to Divorce Wives.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—The Holy Synod is preparing a petition to the Czar urging him to issue a ukase abolishing liberty of conscience in religious matters, which was granted to all Russians some time ago.

The cause of the Holy Synod's action is extremely curious. Many thousands of Russian peasants have taken advantage of the Czar's decree to promptly leave the orthodox church and become Mohammedans, the reason being that under Mohammedan law any true believer is entitled to put away his wife if he is not satisfied with her.

Many thousands of Russian husbands have changed their religion for the sole purpose of obtaining divorce from their wives, in many cases marrying another woman.

Sixteen Men Drowned.

Liverpool, March 5.—Sixteen men were drowned early this morning in the flooding of a coffer dam used in the construction of a new dock at Birkenhead. Three men rescued from the wreckage were badly injured.

Nine Months for H. M. Hill.

Kenora, March 5.—H. M. Hill, who stole the letters of a man of the same name and played a cruel joke on the latter's wife by writing her to the effect that her husband had been killed in a construction camp, was sent to the Central Prison for nine months to-day.

Monument to Irish Immigrants.

Cornwall, March 5.—Fallon Bros., of Cornwall, have been awarded the contract of building the \$10,000 monument which the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America are placing at Grosse Isle, Que., to the memory of the Irish emigrants who died of fever there some fifty years ago.

LANCASTER, ONT. CARRIED BY "FRUIT-A-TIVES"

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THE LEGISLATORS

HOLD A SHORT SESSION AND DO VERY LITTLE BUSINESS.

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