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Mrs. Elizabeth Jones of the nursing staff of the General Public Hospital is enjoying a vacation and left Friday evening on a trip to Troy, N.Y.

A BIBLE STUDENT LOOKING FOR TRUTH

Japanese Writer Points Out What He Considers Flaws in Story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Letter No. 3. In reviewing the Garden of Eden story a very prominent feature must come to the front. It is this: How long a time has passed since Adam was created. The Bible gives no idea as far as I can see upon which to form an opinion.

If he was the first created human being, and a perfect immortal one, from whom all others were to proceed to people the whole earth, it must have been hundreds of thousands of years ago. There is one thing stands out prominently, and that is, the immense overwhelming mortality of his progeny have deteriorated, gone into savagery and a depth of degradation so far below the original standard, that it is difficult to believe that such a plan could be devised by a wise and benevolent Creator, who had all the power to make it a success yet allowed it to become as theologians make it out to be.

The facts of the degeneracy are certainly beyond dispute, and if all mankind proceeded from Adam, surely there must be some better explanation than orthodox theology gives of such a terrible fallure of what they call a divine plan.

If I have read orthodox theology correctly it starts with a Divine Creator, infinite in knowledge, infinite in power, infinite in wisdom, infinite in all the attributes, with past, present and future ever before Him.

He created man, and gave him a command to obey, disobedience carried with it the most stupendous consequences, misery, crime, suffering beyond description, degradation and death. The Creator knew Adam would disobey the command, and what the consequences would be, yet he gave him the power to prevent (if orthodox is correct) and did not do it. But gave His own son as a sacrificial victim, to atone for his disobedience, and get him back to his original position as immortal being. Surely this is a strange theology.

What would be said of a human being doing such a thing. For example, suppose a person has full absolute power in every respect, should place another person in a position and give him a command to obey the obedience or disobedience he was charged with, and the power to prevent it, and would not do it, how would we judge him from a human standpoint? Surely the theology that places the great benevolent and loving Creator in such a position is open to extensive improvement.

Another point might be briefly alluded to. If Adam was created, and committed the offence he was charged with, and hundreds of thousands of years ago, what was the position of myriads of human beings who lived and died during the centuries ages before the sacrificial victim made his appearance to redeem them? Viewing it along the lines called orthodox theology, it is a tragedy.

If, on the other hand, Adam was a new creation launched into the world as generally represented about 6000 years ago, to form the nucleus of a higher grade of humanity, and he had the Jews, and through whom the sacrificial victim that was to cleanse the world and bring it back to the original Adamic standard of perfection, was to come, it certainly has not provided much improvement on the old stock, and the Jews could not have understood the honor conferred upon them, as they have persistently refused to accept the sacrifice in any form or in any such connection as Christian theology presents it.

It appears to me that if we go into it, the whole things seems to be confusion worse confounded. But if the premises laid down by theologians are correct, the conclusions must follow.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT EXMOUTH ST. CHURCH

Daily Day in Sunday School Attended by 300 Children-- Dr. L. M. Curren Addresses Men on Health.

Sunday was rally day in Exmouth street church Sunday school, Rev. W. W. Brewer, Mrs. W. C. Matthews addressed the school, Over 300 scholars were present.

Dr. L. M. Curren addressed a men's meeting in the body of the church in the afternoon on personal habits, and their relation to health. He said the business of the physician of the future would be to assist in the prevention of disease, and a doctor with a list of sick patients would be classed as a failure.

The kidneys were the sewers of the body and if they refused to perform their functions death would follow in 24 hours. A clean, healthy skin assists in the removal of poisons from the body.

The windows in sleeping rooms should be open except in extreme weather. Bad air was more productive of colds than good air helps in the contracting of colds.

The nervous play an important part on digestion. The meals eaten under excitement of dining worry and mental strain often lead to indigestion.

Worry kills and should be avoided. A placid disposition helps to preserve health.

Canadians should be careful to inculcate sound thoughts on the general supervision of public health. Nothing could be more regrettable than a nation growing weaker and passing into decay, dying because it has not strength to live.

Short addresses were delivered by Rev. W. W. Brewer and J. King Kelly, the chairman of the meeting. It was announced that on next Sunday afternoon, H. A. Powell, K. C., would address men in the church.

Rev. W. W. Brewer preached a most touching sermon at Exmouth Street church last evening on the "Jesus of Yesterday." Mr. Brewer's description of the unfortunate woman falling at the feet of Jesus and wiping His feet with her hair moved every eye in the large congregation.

HERBERT BOOTH OPENS MISSION SUCCESSFULLY

Noted Lecturer Made Deep Impression in Addresses in Main Street Baptist Church Yesterday--Public Reception.

Mr. Herbert Booth was a public reception in Main Street Baptist Church on Saturday evening. The attendance was large. After the singing of a few of the new hymns, under the leadership of Howard Holder, Rev. D. Hutchinson in a brief address introduced Mr. Booth.

Mr. Hutchinson for the kindly introduction he proceeded to speak of the purpose of the mission.

His address was full of inspiration and stirred the hearts of all present to attempt greater things. Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. Booth preached his first sermon before a large audience.

Many doubts had come to see and hear him because he was the youngest son of General Booth. All who heard him soon felt that Herbert Booth like his honored father, is a great man.

When the Philistines met Samson the most happy either must kill him, or he would kill them. It is so today. The Christian was in a fight which was sure to result either in death to his enemies or himself.

At 3:45 o'clock Mr. Booth delivered his object lecture on Toys and Their "Fading," before an audience that filled the building.

The lessons he drew from the different toys which he used to illustrate his subject will never be forgotten either by child or adult.

For 40 minutes by his powerful descriptive power he held his audience spellbound, while from dolls, tops, balls, hoops, and other toys he drew lessons which were of intense practical value to the children and older people.

The audience in the evening filled the large auditorium to overflowing. It reminded one of the simultaneous campaigns a few months ago. The singing by the choir was an inspiration.

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FAREWELL SERMON OF REV. M. E. FLETCHER

West End Clergyman Honored by Gift and Address--Gives Appropriate Message at Last Night's Service.

In Charlotte Street Baptist church last evening the pastor, Rev. M. E. Fletcher, preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation and today he will enter on his work as field secretary of the Baptist Mission Board.

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At the close of the sermon the choir sang "Blessed be the tie that binds," and after the pastor had replied to the address of presentation, the choir and congregation united in singing "God be with you till we meet again."

SONS OF TEMPERANCE DISPLAY ACTIVITY

Interesting Addresses at Installation of Officers of Lorneville Division--G. W. P. Hennigar Returns.

On Saturday evening a public temperance meeting was held in the temporary hall, Lorneville, St. John Co., under the auspices of the division meeting in that place. The chair was occupied by John Baird.

Mr. Robinson delivered a very forcible address and was warmly applauded by the large audience present.

A day or two ago the G. W. P. returned from visiting the Sons of Temperance at Harcourt, Grangeville, Millerton, Chatham and Newcastle where meetings were held in each place and the D. G. W. P. also attended the Kent-Northumberland district division which convened in Newcastle. On the 26th inst., the annual meeting of the grand division of the S. of T. will open in the Temperance Hall, West Side and continuing all next day with a public meeting on the local division and a large representation is expected.

Queen's Own Rifles in England--"Nickel." It was with much satisfaction and pride the people of Canada read in the daily press the words of praise and commendation printed in English papers relative to the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, Canada's crack regiment, whilst visiting the mother country.

NO PARADISE FOR LABOR IN CANADA

Speaker at Socialistic Meeting Thinks Workingman is No Better Off in Canada Than in Europe.

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REPORTS CURRENT ON DREDGING SETTLEMENT

Evening Paper Report That the Beaver Will Again be Put in Commission Following Exchequer Court Result

There is much local discussion over the settlement of the G. S. Mayes' case against the government. A large body of people seem to think that the settlement, as told to the public, does not absolutely dispose of the matter.

Since Mr. Mayes finished his contract this dredge has been laid up in Carleton. There were rumors on different occasions that the dredge had been sold and was to be put to work, but nothing ever came of these, and of late the public has been led to believe that some mysterious power operated to prevent the sale of this dredge, prospective buyers fearing that they might not be successful in their undertakings.

HOTELS.

Royal. H. Schube, Toronto; R. J. Hutchinson and wife, Hantsville; R. R. Bond, Toronto; H. Rosenthal, Toronto; R. Vann, Boston; J. J. Smith, Toronto; G. A. Mackenzie, Montreal; R. Graham, Montreal; W. F. Rodgers, Charlottetown; Capt. W. P. Coughlin, Liverpool; G. Butterfield, Ottawa; H. C. Pond, Toronto; Wm. Shedd, Montreal; Mrs. Geo. McNeil, Halifax; W. E. Jardine, H. P. Prince, Fredericton.

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