

THESE ARE SUCH TIMES AS PRECEDED THE FLOOD

The World is Growing Worse, but Truth will yet Prevail Over Error, Says Miss Baker.

Sir—Concerning the truth, some have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure. Every man's work shall be made manifest. For the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. All flesh is as grass, and the glory of man fades as the flower of the grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof fadeeth away, but the Word of the Lord endureth forever.

Truth can have but one source. Error can have but one source. Neither can come from the same source. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. This is a truth that cannot be altered.

Men to-day dare make assertions with no foundation at all. Accusations against God and His Word are becoming more and more assertive and professed Christians take it many times as a matter of fact, not realizing that to us is entrusted the keeping of God's Truth. Are we as stewards of the manifold grace of God, making wise use of our stewardship? Paul prophesied that in the last days perilous times would come. Are we not in perilous times? Are we not men to-day thinking to change the truth into error and make God a liar? Are not many turning their ears away from the truth and listening to fables? From the simple fact that men are to-day rising up in arms against the bible shows conclusively that piety and devotion on the part of God's stewards are lacking. Men are becoming bold in their assertions against God. Just before the flood the condition of the world was that of great wickedness when every imagination of the thoughts of the heart was only evil continually. As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

During the revolution in 1792 in France, the bibles were given to the flames and the Goddess of Reason set up instead of the men's guide. Never since the days before the flood did men indulge in such unlawful deeds as at this time. History records as it is a true saying. Paul preaches itself. As a true saying, Paul prophesied of just such another time, and as we see men and women to-day turning from the scriptures to other sources for knowledge, taking reason as their guide, just so sure reason as they come to supreme lawlessness in every act now. As we take the prophetic view of the future we cannot help seeing that the bible is on the verge of another revolution as it experienced during the dark ages. Truth must win. Who but those who truly have the love of God burning within them could quench the violence of fire, escape the edge of the sword, endure torture, not accepting deliverance, and endure trials of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of stripes and imprisonments; were stoned, and in mountains, and in dens, and in caves of the earth. These all received a good report through faith. These thought it not strange concerning the fiery trials which were to try them.

At this time, as before the world's first destruction, men are absorbed in the pleasures and pursuits of sense. Engrossed they have lost sight of the unseen and eternal. From the rise and fall of nations, as in the plain in the pages of the scriptures they need to learn how worthless is mere outward and worldly glory. Babylon, with all its power and magnificence the like of which the world has never since beheld, how worthless has it passed away, as completely as the grass that hath perished. So perisheth all that has not God for its foundation. Only that which is bound up with his purpose and expresses his character, can endure. His principles are the only steadfast things our world knows. We need to study the working out of God's purpose in the history of nations, to come that we may estimate at their true value things unseen that we may learn what is the true aim of life, that, viewing the things of time in the light of eternal things, we may put them to their true and noblest use. All knowledge which doesn't give us true conception of God, is false, in other words it is not truth but error. There is a knowledge which is not truth. The knowledge which Eve received through disobedience led her away from God, and resulted in unhappiness to her. Life eternal is to know God. Forgetting those things which were behind, Paul pressed toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us therefore submit ourselves to God and with the scriptures as our guide, we may attain unto that which is highest and noblest in life, to know God and Him only.

SAIDIE A. BAKER. Lindsay July 11th, '04.

CHEAP BARN PAINT. An exchange syas: A good and cheap paint for use on barns and other outbuildings is made by stirring into a gallon of milk three pounds of Portland cement and enough pigment to give the proper color. This mixture, if spread on wood, makes a coating that after six hours becomes as good and lasting as oil paint. It makes the best possible paint for trees where the limbs have been pruned or sawed off.

STORM IN WEST ONTARIO

The Crops were Badly Injured by Rain and Hail on Friday

A storm, which will undoubtedly do a great deal of damage to the crops in the vicinity of Guelph, occurred on Friday. At Marden and along the road to Fergus and Elora, a terrific rain storm raged from 9 to 10 o'clock, followed by hail. The hail was large and on some parts of the road swirled up, while the roads were rivers of water. Shortly after 10 o'clock a black cloud enveloped the city. The darkness was such that men could not see to work in the factories, and the lights had to be turned on. When the cloud burst rain poured down in torrents for half an hour. The hay crop, which is heavy, will suffer severely. What is uncut is now rotting at the bottom, and what is cut will be damaged.

CATTLE KILLED.

At Paris a bull and six thoroughbred Jersey cows were killed by lightning on Mr. Horace Hudson's farm, adjoining the town. All the cattle were found together under a tree. At Burford lightning struck the barn of Mr. Allen D. Muir, Manager of the Crown Bank. The barn and contents were burned. Insurance on the barn, \$1,000; loss \$3,000. Contents owned by William Daniel; loss about \$500, covered by insurance. Burford cheese factory was also struck. Damage about \$100. Two men at work in the factory were knocked down by the severe shock and lay insensible for some time. One was badly bruised on the side.

MANILLA

Manilla is still keeping abreast of the times in music. Miss V. Coone has the satisfaction of knowing that another of her pupils, Miss Emma Thorne, has passed the Toronto Conservatory of Music. We are pleased to note that her pupils are brought up to the conservatory standard, which should be encouraged and taught to all students of music. Congratulations to both teacher and pupil.

LAXTON

School report for S. S. No. 2 Laxton, senior 4th class—Mary Parkin, Lily Thompson. Junior 4th class—Whitefield Parkin, Mabel Hoskin, 3rd Class—Bertram Staples, Kirbell Stecphens. Senior 2nd—Minnie Boyce, Fred Murdoch, Austin Gunn, Roy Stephens, Jr. 2nd—John Thompson, Stella Newman, Sadie Wick. Part A class 2nd—Ruth Stephens. Part A class 2nd—Norman Newman, Bert Perry Willie Jewell. B. Class—Mary Hoskin, Josie Cooper, Leslie Stephens, Violet Boyce. C. Class—Everett Gertie Newman. D. Class—Mabel Hoskin, Lily Thompson, Minnie Boyce, Mabel Cooper, Violet Boyce.

CAMERON

Farmers are all busy with their hay now, but they are greatly retarded by the wet weather. Mr. Jas. Braden, who has been ill for the past four weeks, is now on the way to recovery. Mrs. William Downer, who has been ailing for a long time, continues to grow weaker and very little hopes of her recovery are entertained. Mr. F. Cundiff who had his leg injured in Cain's mill near Haliburton, and who was laid up for the past three weeks, is now able to be around again. Quite a number of the boys attended camp at Kingston and arrived home again on Saturday last, one of them having a fractured arm which is still very painful. John Cook Jr., teacher, is home for the holidays, as is also Miss Martha Langford.

FENELON FALLS

Mrs. Campbell and daughter of Cameron, are visiting friends at the Falls. Mrs. R. Graham and her young daughter returned to Kinnmount last Wednesday after a visit of a number of weeks to her mother, Mrs. John Austin. Miss May Heard left last Thursday for a visit of some weeks with her aunt Mrs. Snyder at Brighton. Messrs. McVity and John D. Smith of Port Hope spent Saturday at the Falls. The Misses Morden of Deseronto came to the Falls last Thursday to spend a couple of months as the guests of their brother, Mr. H. W. Morden, teller of the Bank of British North America, here. Mrs. L. Wakely with her two children, and her brother Mr. D. Twomey went up to Toronto for a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. D. McDougall and family of Lindsay have been visiting Mrs. McDougall's mother, Mrs. Sharpe, sr., for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. A. Robe of Texas are visiting friends at the Falls. Mrs. D. Gould spent Monday in

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Lindsay. Mr. A. Gillis of Verulam and his daughter Mrs. Wm. Walsh, jr., returned from a two weeks' visit to the St. Louis Fair last week. Miss A. Gillis came home at the same time from St. Louis, where she is engaged in professional nursing. She will remain for some months, the guest of her parents. Mrs. Dickson and Miss A. Dickson B.A., came down from Rosedale last Tuesday to receive the children who came out from Toronto on Wednesday, in connection with the Open Air Fund. The children came as far as Lindsay in charge of Mr. Gordon, secretary of the fund, and were taken to their homes in the country during the afternoon. Two went to Mrs. John Daniels, two to Mrs. Jos. Moynes, and one to Mrs. Robert Evers. Another will come out in August and be sent to Mrs. English in Fenelon.

The volunteers came back from the camp on Saturday and are all back at their old places again. We are pleased to state that Mr. H. Graham Jr., of Kinnmount, who was injured by a team of run-away horses a week ago, is very much better and hopes soon to be around again. The Kenosha came up on Saturday with a small party, among them being the two children of Capt. Parkin who went up to Cobocook to visit friends there. The members of St. James' church who presented the drama of "Breezy Point" in Fenelon and afterwards in Kinnmount, repeated the performance in Lamb's schoolhouse on last Friday evening, by special request. The play is a good one and is splendidly put on by these amateurs, who show very good stage talent.

The "Cataracts" of this village defeated the Bobcaygeon baseball team on last Friday afternoon. The score was 9:3, and our team have reason to feel proud of their playing for the first season. The game was a very good one, and it is a pity that more of our business men were not out to see it. We should all encourage the boys in healthy sport.

The regular literary evening of the E. L. of C. E. of the Methodist church was held on Monday evening of this week instead of Tuesday, as the latter day was the 12th. The meeting was a most interesting one and the attendance was good. Fred Campo was blown from the carriage in Sandford's mill, during the strong wind of last Monday, and landed on a spike, which tore a big hole in his leg and grazed the bone. He is doing well, but Dr. Gould, who is his nurse, says he will not be able to walk for about three weeks.

The band played on the street on Monday evening, and played very well indeed, considering the little practice they've had. The Lord's Day Alliance, of which a branch exists in Fenelon Falls, will be addressed in St. Andrew's church this (Thursday) evening, by Rev. Mr. Potter of Peterboro. The meeting is for all churches and will likely be largely attended as the movement is one which should command the attention of all well-thinking people.

Mr. Northey came home on Friday with his bible class, having had a pleasant two days on the lake shore. The party of over a dozen took the trip up and down in the Kawartha. The members of the C.O.O.F. will observe the last Sunday in July as Decoration Day.

The members of the True Blue and Orange lodges of this village attended church in a body last Sunday evening at the Baptist church, and listened to a first-class sermon from Rev. Mr. Hannah. It has been the practice for several years for these lodges to attend service the Sunday previous to the 12th. The village band accompanied the lodges on the march, and played some first-class sacred music.

Nearly everyone in the village is looking forward to the circus in the county town to-morrow (Friday).

THREE CENTURIES.

Annapolis Royal's Celebration During the Week Ending June 25—Some Canadian History Restated.

Seven years ago the City of St. John's celebrated with appropriate ceremonies and festivities the 400th anniversary of John Cabot's landing on the coast of Newfoundland. During the week ending June 25, Annapolis Royal, in Nova Scotia, and St. John, in New Brunswick, rendered similar honors to the memory of De Monts and Champlain, who 300 years ago explored the shores of the Bay of Fundy, and gave the history of Acadia a beginning. During most of the century intervening between the events thus commemorated, North America had been neglected. Distracted by the Reformation and religious wars, the enterprising nations of Europe had not much thought for colonization, especially in the latitudes north of Mexico. It is true, adventurous mariners who had friends at court were enabled to make voyages to the Atlantic Coast of this continent. From England came Sebastian Cabot, John Cabot's son. Several years later came Verazzano from France. In 1534 Jacques Cartier began his voyage from St. Malo. Fishermen and fur traders kept up some connection with this side of the Atlantic, but the era of colonization did not begin till the opening of the 17th century. Chauvin had made three unsuccessful attempts to establish the fur trade at Tadoussac, where the Saguenay empties into the Lower St. Lawrence. The Winters proved too severe for him. When he died Aymar de Chastes, who had fought against the League and won the friendship of Henri IV., obtained from that King a monopoly of the North American fur trade. He formed a company, to which were associated with Chauvin, or had engaged in the fur trade on their own account, Samuel de Champlain had just returned from the West In-

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shore of Nova Scotia was rounded, and the exploration of the Bay of Fundy was begun. Poutinricourt was captivated by the beauty of Annapolis Basin, with its narrow entrance and wide land-locked expanse. He asked and obtained a grant of it from De Monts. Poutinricourt called his possession Port Royal. It held that name till the place was captured by a British expedition from Massachusetts in 1710, after which it was called Annapolis—the City of Anne—in honor of the Queen then reigning over the United Kingdom. In the present name, "Annapolis Royal," a part of the old one survives. It is not known on what day De Monts entered the basin, but the people of Annapolis adopted June 21 as a very close approximation to the date, and their tercentenary celebration was accordingly begun on Tuesday.

It is known, however, that the River St. John was entered by De Monts on St. John's Day, and named by Champlain accordingly. Dating its beginning from 1605 Annapolis Royal can claim to be the oldest settlement in Canada, and the second oldest in North America, St. Augustine, in Florida, alone exceeding it in age. It is three years

older than Jamestown, the first permanent settlement in Virginia, and it is sixteen years older than Plymouth, the colony founded by the Pilgrim Fathers in Massachusetts. Not till three years after he had helped to establish the Port Royal colony did Champlain found the old City of Quebec.

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