

Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band

Variety Concert

Thursday, June 26th



8.30 p.m. in the
GREGORY THEATRE, GEORGETOWN
 MARTY DALES, accordionist—FREDDY WARNES, and others
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GEORGETOWN

Sunday School Lesson

ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NATION

by Rev. R. C. Todd

LESSON: Psalm 119; 106-112; Isa. 2: 1-5; Micah Chap. 6

This week we complete the course of lessons entitled "The Rise and Fall of a Nation". First there was the formation of the Hebrew Kingdom under Saul, an important step beyond the unorganized life of the Hebrews in the preceding period. Then the Kingdom reached the height of its power and vigour under David, who becomes the type of ideal King in Hebrew thought and writing. After that decadence set in and the Kingdom was split in two — North and South, (Israel and Judah). We saw false religion attacked by Elijah and Elisha; social injustices assailed by Amos, and the extinction of Israel by Assyria. In the South Judah enjoys a longer life, and even enjoys a brief period of reformation under Josiah, when corrupt religion is purged. But a general state of decay exists, and Judah is unable to stand before the power of Babylon. The Exile of the Jews to Babylon marks the end of any real Hebrew Kingdom for all time.

As we noted last week, the inspired prophets and writers of the Old Testament stress the fact that the fall of the Hebrew nation and Kingdom was an expression of God's judgment — God closing in upon the Hebrew people of their infidelity. The Hebrew people had been chosen of God to know his will and to witness to him before the world; therefore their infidelity is given an especially severe punishment. Yet even this judgment and punishment serves as a witness to God. He is revealed as a God of righteousness: not as a tribal God who advances his chosen people at the expense of justice, but as the God who demands that his chosen be special examples of doing justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with their God. (Micah 6:8) It made no great difference to God whether the Hebrew Kingdom was enduring or short-lived; what mattered to Him was that righteousness should be known and practised. From this we ought to learn that it matters little to God whether any nation or empire, our own included, endures or is short-lived. We do not enjoy any immunity from God's judgment or His righteousness. For with all nations it is righteousness that matters with God. There is no room for complacency as we stand confronted by the living God, into whose hands it is a terrible thing to fall.

We also noted last week that even in judgment, God's mercy is revealed. Jeremiah looked ahead to foresee and proclaim a restoration — not the kind of political power the Hebrew people had in the time of David, but the spiritual power of a righteous people in whose hearts the law of God would be written. Not destruction, but redemption is God's purpose towards mankind. God does not cease to love them even in his punishment of them. Even in judgment his promises still held good and would eventually be fulfilled. God's mercy and judgment and grace belong to the heritage of Israel. This heritage is ours in and through Jesus Christ. The love which God bore towards Israel was, in Christ, thrown open to all the world. When the King of Truth came to His throne, then Jerusalem became the spiritual capital of the world. This is the meaning of the passage in the lesson from Isaiah 2: The Jewish Messiah is the world's Saviour. It is impossible not to see that Old Testament history and prophecy point ahead to Christ. All that went before him was a preparation.

The history of the Hebrew people, it should be said and noted, is told, as it were from the inside. It is told from God's point of view. In Old Testament history we have a key to all history, and a clue to the understanding of God's righteous and just dealings with all mankind. In history, the relationship between man and God is set forth, and thus indicates certain laws of righteousness, peace and national health. However, not merely laws are indicated, but the living God who reigns supreme over human affairs, and to which all individuals and nations are answerable. The prophets and historians show what this living God requires of men by way of true worship and righteous conduct. Having this understanding and having heard the witness of the Scriptures, we are in a position to perceive the application of what the Scriptures teach to all human affairs, and to hear the Living Word of God speaking to us. The Scriptures of the Old Testament record the fact of God's activity in human affairs. And in our time God confronts us where we are just as He did in the Hebrew nation. We must awaken to the fact of the living God who crosses our path both in judgment and in mercy. In view of God's judgment, Christians cannot be complacent. Faith in God does not bring complacency, for it must awaken the sense of sin and judgment. Complacency fails to take God and his judgments seriously. But in view of God's mercy Christians cannot be pessimistic. Pessimists are not those who brood over God's judgments but those who cannot see how

M. Savings is D.D.G.M of District 33 Oddfellows

Harry Savings, of Georgetown, was installed as District Deputy Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, District No. 33, with jurisdiction over lodges at Orangeville, Milton, Brampton, Georgetown and Alton at Hamilton on Friday of last week. Mr. Savings took the office immediately following the installation of J. W. McCarthy, of St. Catharines, as Grand Master for Ontario.

Delegates from 400 subordinate lodges throughout Ontario numbering approximately 1500, met in Hamilton at the Royal Connaught Hotel for the 128th annual 4-day sessions of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. More than 1,000 of them, headed by the Patriarchs Militant under Major General Dell Cole, of Ridgeway, took part in a church parade and memorial service in St. John's Presbyterian Church last Sunday. On Wednesday the delegates were tendered a civic reception, when they were welcomed by Mayor Sam Lawrence at the annual banquet. W. J. McCullough, secretary of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce was the principal speaker. Grand Master W. R. Dean, of Thornhill also addressed the gathering.

Committees of the various branches of the order, comprising the Grand Lodge of Ontario, the Grand Encampment, the Rebekah Assembly, the Patriarchs Militant, and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Patriarchs Militant met all last week to consider the extension of the present campaign sponsored by the order to raise funds for the prevention and control of cancer, poliomyelitis, and tuberculosis. Arrangements were made by the Ontario Minister of Health Russell T. Kelly to have all the delegates x-rayed in the new mobile clinic used for the detection of tuberculosis. This was done to familiarize the Hamilton public with plans for a mass x-ray of all citizens planned for the early part of next year, to be conducted by the Hamilton Health Association.

Reflecting an increased awareness on the part of the public to the service being rendered by the IOOF is the great increase in membership of all branches. The IOOF maintains a 55 room home for the aged and orphaned at Barrie, Ontario, established more than 7 years ago. At present it is caring for approximately 50 old people and two orphaned boys, all of whom are connected in some way with the IOOF. A staff of 11 keep things running smoothly, and includes three registered nurses and one doctor who minister to the medical needs of the residents. The educational foundation maintained by the order, has helped more than 500 sons and daughters of Odd Fellows to get a higher education and reap the better things of life. All branches of the order sponsored many worthy projects during the war, and are carrying on many other benefactions seldom heard of by the general public. One of these is a plan to make hospital beds available to the sick who are in needy circumstances, and who could not otherwise enjoy this facility to aid in their recovery.

WINS \$50 ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP AT HALTON CHOIR EXHIBITION

One of three successful young musicians who won \$50 scholarship awards at the Halton Male Choir Exhibition of Music was Kenneth M. Harrison, well-known young Georgetown musician. He will use his scholarship for further organ study at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, where he is a pupil of David Outchlerky. The exhibition had Rex Batcher, concert pianist, as adjudicator, who chose Dorothy Greer, Burlington, and Bobby Thomas, Campbellville, as the other two scholarship winners. Mr. Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harrison, is a student at Georgetown High School and is one of the town's most energetic musicians. In addition to his work with the school Glee Club, he is organist at Knox Presbyterian Church and teaches his own class in piano. At the Exhibition he played Bach's "Prelude and Fugue" and Wotlock's "Polk Time" to win the award.

The world is going to straighten out its own affairs. Our natural feelings are formed without reference to God, and thus the Word of God always contradicts. When we feel ourselves falling into complacency then it is time to place ourselves under God's judgment and to remember that God is not mocked. When we find that we tend to pessimism, then it is time to remember that God gives this world, that he rules in mercy and in love, and that his promises of redemption fulfilled in Christ, are available to all who believe.

Lessons for next Quarter year are under the General Title "Ancient Writings and Modern Problems." Our typewriter is taking a vacation during July and August, however, so we shall be publishing only the lessons for September. Many thanks to the Editor for the use of this valuable space week by week for comments on the Sunday School lessons, and to many readers for the encouragement they have given.

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