

Patsy Parr Crawls Under Piano to Fix Pedals at Carnegie Concert



Ten-year-old Patsy Parr, of Toronto, well known pianist, was the Carnegie Hall pop

concert soloist recently, as she made her debut at the big New York concert stage. The capac-

ity audience was amused when she crawled under the piano to test risers placed on pedals

because of her short legs, then gave a "skillful and self-assured" performance. Well known to concert-goers all over

Canada, Patsy, surrounded by some of her dolls and teddy bears, is seen with a favorite story book.

BEAR, DEER AND WILD CAT SEEN IN SCOTT TOWNSHIP

If the Indians ever take back this country, the first township they will possess will probably be Scott Township, as the game seems to be coming back fast. Last week Mr. John Tindall reported a black bear being seen crossing the Nendick farm over into Bert Collins and down to the swamp. On Saturday a deer came down across the same way. Sunday morning a wild cat came in the Luke lane and down into the swamp and up over the hill were tracks of a couple more.—Uxbridge Times.

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Mrs. Geo. Biden of Regina, Sask., and her daughter, Miss Rita Biden, are visiting Mrs. Biden's niece, Mrs. Geo. Leary.

Rev. and Mrs. Barley and girls had Monday evening supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kennedy (nee Hazel Steckley) on the birth of their son last Thursday in Grace Hospital.

We are pleased that Mr. Delbert Baker is making favourable progress following his recent operation at St. Michael's Hospital.

Mr. Paul Jones spent the holiday weekend with his mother, Mrs. E. Jones.

Miss Irene Douglas of Toronto spent the weekend with Miss Margaret Pelling.

Sorry that Mr. Bond is not improving very fast. We hope this nice warm weather will help him improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cobb, Johnny and Bruce of Lakeview, Quebec spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. C. Pelling.

Mr. Jas. Stevens spent a couple of days in Toronto last week. He is quite a smart man for his age and takes great pride in his flower beds and gardens.

Mrs. W. Wilson spent Monday evening visiting in the Wilcox home.

Glad to see Mr. Don Doner around again after his illness with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harvey moved on May 24th into the former parsonage. Rev. and Mrs. Barley moved several weeks ago into the new parsonage purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harvey. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey are living in their new garage awaiting the completion of their new house down the fourth concession.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baker, LeRoy and Jean had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Doner.

whole disposing thereof is of the Lord" (Prov. 18:33).

Verse 27.—"The Jews ordained... that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year." Thus this annual celebration is a reminder of God's un-failing care for His people, even when they were scattered among the nations.

The Heart of the Lesson
We may not always be able to understand God's dealing with us, but we may be certain that an over-riding Providence is ever watching over us and that, whether we realize it or not, He who has taken us into covenant-relationship with Himself always stands between us and our foes. He can be depended upon to make all work out for our blessing if we but trust and serve Him. And when disobedience has destroyed our communion, He cares for us still and is working all things for our good. This is the outstanding lesson of the Book of Esther.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for June 13

Golden Text.—Who knoweth wether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

—Esther 4:14

The Lesson as a Whole

The Book of Esther is the book of divine providence. The name of God "Where do we find Esther in the law?" And the answer given was, "I will hide-my face" (Deut. 32:20). So in this remarkable record of God's care for His people in the lands of their captivity we can see how He wrought for them even though He did not connect His name with them. They were in the

is not found in it, nor is there any pronoun for God. Neither do we read anything about prayer to Him on the part of His people in the hour of their great danger and perplexity. But the hand of God is seen throughout the entire ten stirring chapters. He was behind the scenes, but moving all the scenes behind which He wrought. The ancient rabbis asked the question,

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path of their own choosing. God had opened the way for all who desired it, to return to the place where He had set His name. Only a remnant availed themselves of this privilege. The great majority preferred to remain in the lands of their enemies. Hence they were exposed in a special way to the malice of Haman, the Agagite, who was a royal Amalekite, one of the hereditary enemies of Israel. But when he thought he had perfected a plan to destroy all the Jews (as Adolph Hitler in our own day), the Lord under took on behalf of His people and delivered them through the faithfulness of Mordecai and the devotion of Queen Esther. He chastens His people because of disobedience and self-will, but He never forsakes or forgets them.

Verse by Verse
Esther 4:10.—"Again Esther spake... and gave him commandment unto Mordecai." The previous chapter tells how chinning Haman, the Jews' enemy, contrived to have King Ahasuerus sign an edict condemning all the Jews in his dominions to be put to death on a specified date. When Mordecai, who had brought Esther up as his own daughter, heard of this, he put on sackcloth as a sign of mourning, and attempted to contact the young Jewish queen to acquaint her with the plot against all her people and to urge her to intercede with the king on their behalf. Not understanding, she at first sent new clothing to Mordecai to replace the sackcloth. This he refused to accept. Through Hatach, one of the palace chamberlains, she sent a second time to explain why she did not feel free to go into the royal presence uncalled for.

Verse 11.—"Whosoever... shall come... into the inner court, who

is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death. Doubtless, this stringent rule was intended to protect the king from assassination, but it debarred Esther as well as others, unless, indeed, "the king shall hold out the golden sceptre." Esther herself had not been called for a full month and so feared to go in unsolicited.

Verse 12.—"They told to Mordecai Esther's words," which, however, only revealed the fact that she had, as yet, no realization of the peril in which she herself stood as belonging to the hated nation that Haman (moved by Satan) was determined to destroy. Had the plot succeeded, the prophecies concerning the Son of Abraham and Son of David, who was to come to bless the whole world, could never have been fulfilled.

Verse 13.—"Think not... that thou shalt escape." Even the king's house could not protect a Jewess from Haman's vengeance if his plot was allowed to be carried out. Verse 14.—"Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Mordecai was confident that Israel would be delivered. If Esther failed to accept responsibility, another would be raised up to thwart Haman's plan, but might she herself have been placed in her position of nearness to the king in order that she might be the chosen instrument for the deliverance of her people?

Verse 15, 16.—"Fast ye for me, and so will I go unto the king... and if I perish, I perish." We have here no word concerning prayer nor any mention of God, yet it is evident that both were in Esther's mind. She called upon the people to fast, as an evidence of their deep sense of the need of divine help; that her own confi-

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