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On June 6th a highly respected resident of Chantry passed away in the person of Frank Preston. Deceased was ill about ten days of pneumonia. He was a son of Austin Preston and was forty years of age.

## ONE WOMAN WHO DARED

The International Sunday School Lesson for June 17th is: "Esther, the Patriot Queen."—Esther 4:13-5:3.

By William F. Ellis.

In the grave crisis of life, when fear chills the heart of man, it is usually woman who plays the heroine. The same dainty creature that ordinarily shelters beneath man's protection, will stand forth dauntless, serene and even smiling before the heaviest bolts of misfortune. The miracle of marriage is that a delicate, sequestered girl, used only to ease and irresponsibility becomes the strong noble woman, keen visioned and fearless, to sustain, counsel and inspire the heart of man in life's sorest battles. As Joquan Miller sings:

"The bravest battle that ever was fought,  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the maps of the world you will find it not;  
'Twas fought by the mothers of men."

Most heroic, as well as most fully drawn, of all the women of the Old Testament, is Esther, the beautiful queen, whose loyalty to her people in a dark hour is the theme of Sunday School study next Sunday all over the world. Not in all respects was she a model for girlhood, but her virtues deserve emulation. In its outstanding features her life is worthy to serve as an example. And aside from all its teachings, the story is one of the most romantic in Holy Writ.

In a choice of queens by the Persian King Ahasuerus, Esther, the beautiful cousin of Mordecai, one of the exile Jews, was chosen. But the Haman, a enemy of Mordecai, to whom he had refused to do honor was elevated to the post next the King. In spite, Haman persuaded the King to sign an edict for the extermination of all the Jews—such as now impends in Russia and eastern Europe. His malignity would not be satisfied with encompassing the death of Mordecai; he must have his kindred also. All the exile Jews scattered throughout the wide domain of Ahasuerus put on sack cloth and ashes. So garbed, Mordecai appeared outside the palace gate. His royal cousin, disturbed, sent him finer raiment. But his grief lay too deep for apparel to remedy, and he returned to the sheltered Queen the news of the calamity that had fallen their people and pleaded with her to intercede with the King in behalf of the condemned Jews.

**Little Troubles and Big.**  
Like most persons who are hindered from doing great service by petty cares, Esther had troubles of her own which loomed larger on her little horizon than any national disaster. She had not been summoned to the King's presence for thirty days, and apparently he was growing cold toward her. This, to her woman's eyes, looked like woe great enough to blot out all others. Besides, it was death for one to enter uninvited into the King's presence, unless the scepter of clemency should be extended.

This man Mordecai was very much of a man; he had evidently trained Esther well, for he now spoke plainly to her. Did she but know it, the girl queen had reason to be grateful for at least one blunt friend. Truthfulness is always better than politeness. The listless wife of the listless slave of appetite who sat on the throne needed to be roused from her engrossment in her own trouble, and her brooding over the king's neglect. These were the sharp words that did it: "If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then will relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house will perish."

Some one has said that the best cure for most of our worries is some big, real trouble. Thus Esther's worry was cured. She was losing her soul and spoiling her beauty by frittering them away in petty and anxious thoughts. More lives are stunted than are broken down. Little things is the big sin of most hearts. Lack of great ideals, noble purposes, heavenly visions, is what atrophies the finest powers of men and women. Happy is the man or woman who can merge himself or herself into a great cause, forgetting the vexations of the moment in devotion to a glorious goal.

**Why One Woman Reached a Throne.**  
This was the striking of the hour of opportunity for Esther—and she heard it. Happy woman! The saddest fate in life is to have been deaf to the summons of opportunity. The story is told of a poet who did not sing the songs he heard, and after the voices had grown silent he tried to summon them back, but in vain. Therefore life was the bitterness of regret to him. The ears of Esther's spirit were keen; she caught the divine note in Mordecai's stern words: "Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

The phrase arrested the young Jewess' attention, and stirred the religious depths of her spirit. She had been nurtured on the national story of Divine leadings; perhaps even for her Jehovah had a mission. Doubtless this was the hour when there dawned upon her soul—most spirits know the experience—the conception of life as something else than a plaything.

There was a great purpose in her existence, a great work for her to do. Then she perceived that the only success in life—the only prize really worth striving for, the thing beside which all the gorgeousness of the court became as mere tinsel—was to do the work that she was called upon to do. In a flash, Esther understood that her own royal lot

was of account merely as it might be made a pathway to safety for her people. And Esther followed her vision.

As a Heroine Met Her Hour.  
Moving in a golden haze of spiritual exaltation, her soul fired with that glow of patriotism which has given history its most shining pages, the young woman made reply. She would go to the King. But in this crisis she needed the support of the sympathy of all her people. So she entreated Mordecai that for three days all the Jews in the capital should join with her and her maidens in fasting and spiritual preparation for her great task.

How hearts hunger for the help of other hearts! This was an early instance of the plaintive plea and confession of helplessness that is heard thousands of times every week in gatherings of Christians today—"Pray for me!" When it is really most courageous, the spirit feels humblest and most helpless. "If I perish, I perish," was the truly royal resolution of the Queen, who in this day of testing was learning that there are better things than mere life. It was Satan who said: "All that a man hath will be give for his life," and, like everything else that Satan says, it is a lie. All history disproves it; there has never been an age too dark to furnish instances of men and women who have prized honor and country and friendship and faith and service above life itself. As these words are being read there are myriads of men and women who are freely pouring out their lives upon love's altar. Better far to perish nobly than to live cravenly.

**The Way of a Woman.**  
God made woman fair, which was his way of giving her power. To woman beauty, to man strength. But strength does not mean the will of beauty. The Puritan notion which frowns upon woman's making the most of her God-given charms has its foundation somewhere else than in the laws of nature of God. He who made woman the fairest flower in all His beautiful garden of creation, endowed her with these rich gifts of person and of spirit that she might be able to lead the world to its highest and best estate. Most persons find Heaven by following the gentle leading of a woman—mother, sweetheart, wife or child. This is woman's highest right and duty.

There was a sanity as well as heroism in Esther's manner of pleading the cause of her people. She arrayed herself in her best. All that woman wit could devise and the resources of the court command she utilized to help her make a favorable impression upon the King. She might have gone wan and white, with tear-stained face and heedless of dress; but vain sacrifices are tragedies in a two-fold sense.

Of course the King extended to her the scepter, which signified favor, and thus the Jews were saved from a terrible fate, an escape which is celebrated every year in the Feast of Purim. Because one woman dared, all Jews of her time were saved; and her people were given a perpetual memorial of happiness.

### YARKER TIDINGS

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ing sprained his ankle in a recent game at Newburgh. Mrs. J. Down and Mrs. A. D. Leonard have returned from attending the W. M. S. convention of the Quinte district Methodist church at Cobourg. They report a very large attendance and splendid meetings. By the looks of things hard times have gone forever, a number of Yarkerites are sporting new cars. Stan Hart has purchased a new sedan, Geo. Woodhouse, Gerald Warner and Geo. Curle new touring cars.  
The many friends of Mrs. Gerald Warner are pleased to note she has recovered from her recent illness and is once more able to resume her duties as principal of the school.  
Messrs. Gerard and Gerald Dunn have returned home for the holidays from Kingston, having been successful in passing their examinations at Regiopolis College. A number of boys took in the moonlight excursion to Clayton, N. Y., on Monday evening, also the ball game at Kingston, between Kingston and Cobourg. Mr. Trotter, our general accountant in the Bank of Montreal, is on the sick list. We hope for a speedy recovery. The camp meeting is at its height just east of Yarker and they are having a wonderful attendance. Clinton Richardson has returned home after an extensive tour in the southern States. Theodore Down has accepted a position with the Canadian National Railway. We wish him success.  
Wallace Babcock had the misfortune, on Monday, while working on the railway, to have a rail fall on his foot which bruised it considerably, making it very painful. He was attended by Dr. Oldham. Painters have been busy on the railway painting switches, standpipes, etc., making a very noted improvement.  
J. T. Mains' store and residence is now completed and he is doing business. Dr. Thomas Warner, our new and popular dentist, has started practice at his residence, Deer street.  
J. C. Connolly has put a new iron roof on his office, also a coat of paint, which adds to the appearance of the main street. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Switzer and family to our village; they are occupying a house on Colebrook street. Some of the motorists forget that the speed limit of this town is twelve miles per hour. What might have been a very serious accident was narrowly averted at the bank corner, on Monday evening, when two autos almost collided. The executive of the baseball club are planning a large tournament in the near future. Many of the citizens are preparing for the camping season at Varty Lake and new cottages will meet the eyes of the visitors.  
Yarker, June 13.—The rain of last week has made the grass and gardens look fine. Mrs. Roy Skinner and MacLane returned to Toronto after a month's vacation at her home here. Mrs. Charles Otis and son, James, Rochester, N. Y., are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. William Smith.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Stewart and Stewart Wilson spent Tuesday in Stanapee. Mr. Clinton Richardson has returned home from Detroit. Earle Benna is giving his house a coat of paint.  
William Brown is fixing Wallace Babcock's verandah. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Levaque, Moscow, Sunday callers at Patrick Tuohy's. Some of the Rebekah Lodge Ladies attended a jodge at Harrowsmith on Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. George Curle and Pansy spent Sunday at her home in Morven. Mr. and Mrs. William Doyle, Bath, spent Sunday at D. A. Stewart's.  
Mrs. Ward, Moscow, and Miss Dupuis, Kingston, recent visitors with Miss Lizzie Babcock. Mr. and Mrs. Renton, Kingston, spent the holiday at A. A. Connolly's.  
Mrs. Terry, Deseronto, spent a day recently at Ricard Wilson's. A large number here intend taking in the circus in Kingston on Friday.  
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