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LETTERS To The Editor

The Witness of the Stars. Kingston, Oct. 29.—(To the Editor): As modern theologians are closing almost every door and window against the admission of evangelical truth and are tearing the Bible to shreds, will you permit me through your paper to draw the attention of your readers to the fact that they still have the impossible task of extinguishing the light shed upon the fundamentals from the heavens, of destroying God's illustrated edition of the gospel as outlined in the stars.

They may scoff at "the allegory," so called, of the serpent and the fall of man, at judgment, at the virgin birth, at sacrificial atonement for sin, at God's classification of humanity, at the second coming of the Lord to wrest the whole world-system out of the hands of "the god of this age," but across the starry heavens God has written in letters of gold, with all rights reserved if one may judge from His intolerance of "sooth sayers and astrologers," truth for which, until recently, the church has ever stood.

There are, as every one knows, groups of stars which form the outlines of gigantic pictures in the heavens known as constellations. The Encyclopaedia Britannica states that they were recognized before Semitic times.

Among these constellations is Scorpio, the Serpent. Job, in speaking of the Creator, said, "By His Spirit He garnished the heavens His hand hath formed the crooked serpent." God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven—and let them be for signs." A sign is that by which anything is represented. Of what is the Serpent a sign? Surely of "that old serpent called the Devil and Satan," who comes like that one creature which exerts a fascinating influence on its victims, fastening them with its glittering eye, stealing upon them by its low, noiseless, unseen approach, perplexing them by its wide-circling folds, coming upon them from all sides at once, capable of crushing its victim with every part of its sinuous length. It does not need to hunt down its victims by long continued pursuit: its victims put themselves within its reach. Unseen, Satan lies in our path and before we have time to think we are fascinated and bewildered, his coils rapidly gather round us and his stroke ashes poison through our spirits. The very powers with which we would resist are pinned useless to our side; to attempt to extricate one part is to become entangled in another. Deny his existence we may blot it out of the written word, but there in the heavens is "the crooked serpent" which "His hand hath formed," reminding us of his devices and of our need of a Saviour.

Again there is the constellation Libra, the Scales which point to God's judgment against sin first at "a place called Calvary," then in a day of reckoning which is surely coming when "He shall judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained" and whose verdict in many cases will be "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting."

Then there is the Virgo constellation—a picture outlined in stars of a young woman with a branch in her right hand and a sheaf of wheat in her left. All traditions emphasize her virginity. The Greeks called her Parthenos; the Arabs, Adarah; the Hebrews, Bethulah. Seeds and branches represent reproduction or motherhood. In condemning Satan for introducing sin into the world God said—"I will put enmity between thy seed and her seed (an unusual expression biologically indicating no human father) and he shall bruise thy head." None but a superman, a God-man, could crush the head of the Serpent. "The Lord Himself shall give a sign," said Isaiah, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel (God with us.)"

The first magnitude star, Spica, in the seed of the virgin's left hand, outshines all others in the constellation.

The constellation Taurus (the Bull), Aries (the Ram), Capricornus (the Goat) speak of sacrifice. One of the laws of Moses reads as follows—"If a soul sin—he shall confess that he hath sinned and he shall bring a trespass offering unto the Lord." "He shall offer a male without blemish of the heaves (Taurus), of the sheep (Aries), or of the goats (Capricornus)." The purpose and meaning of the sacrificial offerings of Judaism and their solution is that which is represented by the Southern Cross. God is absolutely holy. He cannot tolerate sin. He cannot excuse it. His holiness and man's sinfulness can never coalesce. God's love and His antipathy to sin find expression in the intensity of His sufferings upon the Cross where deliverance from the sphere and control of the Serpent was effected, for all who believe and receive Him.

God divides humanity into but two classes those who are dead to Him and those who are alive in Christ, or into those who follow Cain whose offering to God, the result of his own good works, is still seen in college and church where flowers and fruit are transformed into philosophy and poetic rhythm (the bloodless theology of modernism) and those who follow Abel, the fundamentalist who believed in a substitutionary sacrifice for sin.

As the constellation Sagittarius, (the Bowman) and the lesser constellation Centaurus, (the Horseman with a drawn bow) come into sight, one's thought goes out to the revelation of Jesus Christ where He is seen emerging from the opened

heavens on a white horse to judge the earth in righteousness and to place

"Wrong forever on the scaffold Right forever on the throne." The Leo speaks of the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah," Who is surely coming with omnipotent power to bring the answer to the prayer—"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven."

The signs of the Zodiac are undoubtedly based upon God's revelation to man which antedated not only the outgrowth of heathen myths but the records of Scripture itself.

Night unto night showeth knowledge (even the knowledge of salvation). There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." God from the heavens is speaking to earth through His "signs" as well as through His written Word reminding us that His gospel is still "the power of salvation to every one that believeth."

Among the papers of the poet Moore the following was found and published recently for the first time in the London Times. It was written, Moore said, on seeing an allusion to the Scriptures which Byron made one of his poems: Thou who hast known what all would sadly know, Pleasure's fierce throb, and Fame's exulting glow—

The cheating joys which through our being thrill— Till God retrieve us! Say, if light divine Dawns on thy soul and brightens to the view That holy page whence endless shall shine

The Godhead's glory—If a ray of true intelligence shall win thee to the mine

Of Gospel treasure—All that man e'er knew Of bliss and wisdom, Byron, shall be thine!

Yours truly, —B. GARR-HARRIS.

A LANSDOWNE CLUB HAS RE-ORGANIZED

Borden Dillon, Montreal Bank Clerk, Has Been Sent to Kingston.

Lansdowne, Oct. 29.—A meeting of the Lansdowne Social Club was held on Friday, Oct. 24th, for the purpose of organizing for the coming season. The following officers were elected: President, F. O. McIlveen; sec.-treas., Dr. H. Lochead; directors, Percy Earle, Joseph Hesp, Frank Guinness; patronesses, Mrs. Percy Earle, Mrs. A. K. Shaw, Mrs. Gordon Surplis. At the conclusion of the business meeting dancing and cards were enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. F. O. McIlveen entertained the Bank of Montreal staff at dinner in honor of Borden Dillon, who is leaving shortly for Kingston.

The wide-awake "Y's" of Lansdowne will hold their November meeting at the home of Miss Helen Beckstead on Wednesday evening, Nov. 5th. The topic is "Life of Frances Willard."

The Lansdowne Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, are preparing a bale of clothing and other comforts to be sent away early in November. Those wishing to contribute will please leave their donations at Mrs. William H. Foley's or at the parlour, L.O.L. No. 26 will hold its memorial service on Sunday, Nov. 9th, in Chalmers Presbyterian church, at 3.30 p.m. A. E. Mooney is removing from Ivy Lee this week and will take his family to Kingston for the winter.

Frank McDonald is visiting relatives in Toledo and Brockville. Mrs. Murphy, Kingston, and Mrs. Mahoney and little son, spent the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pappan. The sale on Tuesday afternoon at Donald Jack's was well attended and a success in every way.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Flood and Mr. and Mrs. Shortell, Gananoque, were callers on Tuesday. Mrs. Judge, Toledo, is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McDonald's. Miss Shannon, superintendent of the Brockville General Hospital, sent a letter of thanks for the generous donations sent to the hospital recently.

Rev. I. N. Beckstead spent part of the week in Kingston in attendance at Queen's Alumni Conference, the Presbyterian congregation of Fairfax is planning a supper and social.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus King and daughter, returned home on Thursday from Ivy Lee. Borden Dillon has been promoted to the Kingston branch of the Bank of Montreal and will leave this week. Miss Sarah Stevens, Bellamy's, is visiting relatives. Mr. Curran, Napanee, arrived on Monday as teller in the Bank of Montreal. Mr. Thibodeau, Markdale, succeeds Mr. McCarthy as teller in the Bank of Toronto. Mr. Mc-

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Carthy has been removed to Toronto.

Relatives from here attended the funeral of the late Claude Root, held in Gananoque, on Monday afternoon. A rare-wild party for Borden Dillon was held at the Masse on Tuesday evening. Mr. Dillon leaves on Monday for his new position in Kingston. Mrs. S. Donevan, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. John Collins, Mallorytown, has returned home.

Moonshiner Convicted. Brockville, Oct. 30.—Duncan Mc-

Tavish, Kitley, was fined \$200 and costs, or six months, by Magistrate Page, for having a quantity of wash used in the manufacturing of liquor, in his possession. McTavish paid the amount of the fine and costs, but in addition thereto must serve one month in the county jail. Frank White, South Crosby, who completed a sentence of a month in the county jail for having a portion of a still in his possession, paid \$200 and costs and regained his liberty.

Motorists Are Injured. Brockville, Oct. 30.—Swerving on

the road, a short distance from Portland, an automobile owned by James Marshall, Seely's Bay, who was en route to Perth, overturned into a ditch, severely injuring the driver, his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Henderson of this town, and the latter's son, who were all more or less cut and bruised.

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