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EPWORTH LEAGUE LECTURE. Professor Watson of Mount Allison University

Speaks on "The Bible."

The first lecture of the present season under the auspices of the Epworth League came off as announced on Friday evening last. Notwithstanding the many attractions in other quarters well over one hundred persons were present to hear Professor Watson discuss the question "How Shall we Think of the Bible?" The lecturer is professor of Old Testament Exegesis and Systematic Theology in Mount Allison University, and his clear thought, luminous illustrations and lucid style made his address one well worth listening to. We give space to a report of the substance of this address that it may have a wider hearing.

Professor Watson began his address by calling attention to the fact that thoughtful people today did not think of the Bible or indeed of religion, precisely as their fathers did. There was today a conception of the Bible, its origin, structure, scope and purpose, which, in comparison with the conceptions of the fathers must be characterized as new. Looked at comprehensively the conception of religion also to which the church was rapidly coming must, in comparison with the conceptions of earlier days, be characterized as new. It was different chiefly in its points of emphasis. It had shortened the catalogue of the "essentials" in religion and had changed somewhat the forms in which Christian doctrines are stated. Neither the Bible or religion had lost by this change but both had gained immeasurably. The speaker distinguished clearly between the Bible and the interpretations of the Bible. The Bible did not change, interpretations of the Bible might and did. He distinguished between religion and the forms in which its truths might be stated. Religion was the permanent and the unchanging factor, the forms of its statement were subject to change.

The reasonableness of expecting such things to change was shown, and some of the factors which accounted for the changed attitude of the church to the interpretation of the Bible and the statement of religious truth were pointed out. The wide difusion of education which our times has seen, particularly the study of the natural sciences with the exceptional opportunities which the last two or three decades had furnished. Men had come to a fuller knowledge of the great universe of which our earth 'is but a small part. A new philosophy had come in. Our earth was no longer looked upon as the centre of the universe. The creation of the world was no longer regarded as having been wrought in six days. It had taken many millions of years to make this world. Theistic doctrine of evolution had come, and was a necessity-Evolution or development being terms used to describe the method by which it appeared God had worked in crea tion. God was no longer conceived as hav ing been sitting apart from His universe ever since the first week of earthly history doing nothing but simply directing the great machine He had constructed. "He worketh hitherto." He was in His world and not without. The doctrine of the immanence or omnipresence of God had been given a larger content and meaning.

These things, the diffusion of education, scientific investigation, the establishment of a new philosophy a part of which was the scientific doctrine of evolution, had had their effect upon the interpretation of the Biblethe Book which the church has ever rightly regarded as a revelation from God. The spirit of investigation which had grown with every new acquisition of knowledge, and especially the inadequacy of the traditional theories about the Bible which became more and more manifest as men read it in the new light, led them to inquire, "In what sense is the Bible true? What is the method by which God has given us a revelation of himself in this book? And they came to the conclusion that the way to find an answer to these questions was not by asking what the fathers, with their inadequate philosophy and comparatively crude scientific know ledge thought, but by reverently interrogating the books of the Bible themselves. This they were surely as well qualified to do as were the scholars of two or three centuries ago, whose doctrines were the basis of that view of the Bible which has until recently

The speaker here entered upon a discussion of the modern criticism of the Bible in which he explained its nature, its purpose and its results. The work of the scholars, who have turned their attention to the investigation of the facts concerning the Bible, was distin guished by two phrases. There was what was called "Higher Criticism," and there

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The Hon. H. A. Connell and The C. P. R.

The matter of the amount of damages to be paid by the C. P. R. to Mr. Connell for their occupation of his land during the time they were reconstructing the pier of their bridge, is now being tried at Woodstock by a board

ex mayor of Woodstock, chosen by Mr. Connell, Mr. Earle of the St. John Street Railway chosen by the C. P. R., and Mr. Joseph R. Stone, Manager of the American Express Company at St. John, chosen by and L. A. Currie appear for Mr. Connell, while the C. P. R. is represented by Messrs H. H. McLean and F. B. Carvell. Miss Mowatt is official stanographer.

Board of Trade.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade on Friday evening the question of Freight rates was discussed. The meeting might have been called an indignation meeting. It was the consensus of opinion that the C. P. R. bleeds our town on freight rates, and so far from showing any intention of reducing them the company has recently increased them. The desirability of making better use of the St. John river as an avenue of transportation | was put forward, and the possibility of the Grand Trunk Pacific coming down the valley was discussed.

One of the most glaring offenses of the C. P. R. brought to the attention of the meeting was such an increase in the rates on empty barrels and firkins as to compel the Imperial Packing Company to close down their cooperage plant.

A committee composed of Messrs R. E. Holyoke President, T. C. L. Ketchum Secretary, I. E. Sheasgreen, A. W. Hay, J. T. A. Dibblee, G. E. Balmain and J. S. McManus was appointed to draft a set of resolutions in condemnation of the treatment meted out to Woodstock by the C. P. R.

There will be a meeting of the Board on Friday evening at which all members are requested to be present.

Wednesday afternoon the 23rd instant at the residence of Alexander Ives, Northampton, Ella May, the latter's younger sister, and daughter of the late William and Mrs. Jane Ives was married to Silas Edgar Heughins, of Houlton, Maine, by the Rev. G. D. Ireland pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church of Woodstock. The weather was decidedly fine and a large number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties was present from far and near to witness the nuptials, to partake of the good things so bounteously provided and to give the happy couple a rousing send off when they took the train for their home in Houlton. Promptly at 3 30 p. m. the groom supported by his brother, Mr. Samuel Heughins, the senior member of the firm, made his appearance closely followed by the bride to be, accompanied by her sister, Miss Fannie Ives. The bride was charmingly attired in pearl grey voile over pale blue trimmed with chiffon and applique. After the ceremony supper was served in the dining room shortly after which the happy couple left for town to take the train for their future home in Houlton. The bride was attired in ing. a travelling suit of navy blue broadcloth and large hat of pan velvet with ostrich plumes. Mr. Heughins is the junior member of the well known firm of Heughins Bros., Boot and Shoe makers, conducting as well their

The presents were numerous, appropriate, and in many cases costly. Only a few were to be seen many of them of course being left in Houlton. The following is a partial list

which happened to catch the reporter's eye. Five dollars in gold and a pair of pillows, Mi and Mrs William Arbuckle; five dollars in gold Miss Fannie Ives; fancy Rattan rocking chair, J Jarvis, Harry P, Misses Florence A and Maria Bull; silver berry spoon, Everett McElroy; fancy lamp, Miss Bertha McFarlane and Blanche Clowes; set bread and butter plates, Donald and Miss Annie Dibblee; berry set, Chas Bulmer; fancy vase, Miss Jennie Hemphill; porridge set, Misses Edna and Etta Fraser; silver berry spoon, Robert J Rosborough, St Stephen; glass set, Thomas Rolston; fancy cups and saucers, Norman Sharp; glass butter dish, Horace Bull; silver nut set, Robert Gill; glass cake dish, Alice Rolston; china cake dish, Clara Kidney; souvenir pin tray, Mrs C P Bull; china berry set, Miss Jennie Monteith; silver meat fork, Miss Hattie Shea; two one dollar notes, Mr and Mrs R Scott; two one dollar notes, James Rosborough; two one dollar notes, Mr and Mrs James Duncan; two one dollar notes, Mr and Mis John Rosborough; silver meat fork, Mr and Mrs T L Fraser; china sickle dish, Mrs Judson Shea; half dozen engraved silver spoons, Mr and Mrs John Atherton; china fruit dish, Miss Bessie Porter; pair linen towels, Miss Millie Bulmer; fancy dining room picture, Stanley Patterson; half dozen silver spoons, James and Miss Sarah Rolston; porridge set, Miss Alice Bull, silver pickle fork, Mrs Anna S Rosborough.

Hospital Supper in Opera House, Thursday, Decem ber 8th. Tickets for sale on the street tomorrow.

Death of E. Byron Winslow, K. C.

E. Byron Winslow, K. C., died last Friday afternoon at his residence, Church street, Fredericton, after a long illness.

Mr. Winslow had been quite ill with brain trouble since early last summer, and in September his condition became so serious that The arbitrators are, Mr. W. S. Saunders, he was taken to Boston to consult a specialist. The specialists had but little hope, however, saying it was simply a matter of time before death would ensue.

Mr. Winslow returned to Fredericton and since has been conscious only a small part Chief Justice Tuck. Messrs J. C. Hartley of the time. He was born in Woodstock in April, 1824, being the youngest son of John Francis Woodworth Winslow, High Sheriff of Carleton Co., and Jane Caroline (Rainsford) Winslow. He was a direct descendant of Edward Winslow, who came to America in 1620 as one of the Pilgrims, and was the third governor of the Plymouth colony. He had in his possession a silver tankard bearing the Winscrest beautifully engraved, which his progenitors brought in the Mayflower.

> He obtained his education in the common schools at Woodstock, the Fredericton High School and the High school at St. John's (Que.) Soon after he began the study of law in the office of the lace Hon. J. J. Fraser afterward judge of the supreme court, and lieutenant governor of New Brunswick.

> In 1865 he was admitted an attorney and very soon became a partner with Mr. Fraser the association continuing until Mr. Fraser was elevated to the supreme court bench.

> Some years after entering into partnership with Mr. Fraser, E. L. Wetmore, now a judge in the northwest, was taken into the firm, which was thereafter known as Fraser, Wetmore & Winslow. A few years ago, Geo. W. Allen, K. C., became associated with Mr. Winslow in the partnership, under the firm name of Winslow & Allen.

> Mr. Winslow had been a Conservative and had frequently taken an active part in advancing the interest of friends, although never seeking office himself. He was a member of the Church of England.

> In 1871 he married Emma B. Orr, who survives him, with eight children .- Wentworth B., of New York; Jasper A., J. J. Fraser, Edward, Robert Napier and Rainsford, sons, and the Misses Carrie and Daisy Winslow, all at home. Two brothers, Frank E. Winslow, formerly manager of the Bank of Montreal at Chatham, and Bradford Winslow, secretary of the provincial board of works, also survive.

> The late John C. Winslow, post master at Woodstock and the late Wentworth Winslow of Upper Woodstock were brothers.

> The funeral which was held on Sunday afternoon was one of the largest ever seen in Fredericton for years. The body was taken to Christ Church Cathedral where service was conducted. Among the pall bearers were Chief Justice Tuck, Justice Barker, Justice McLeod, Mr. A. C. Fairweather St. John and Collector Street and Mr. J. S. Neil of Fredericton. The members of the Barristers Society attended the funeral in a

Death of Mr. G. E. R. Burpee.

Mr. George Egerson Ryerson Burpee, C. E., died at his home in Bangor Friday morn-

Mr. Burpee was about seventy-one years of age. He was a son of Mr. Isaac Burpee, and was born at Sheffield, Sunbury county. The Burpees are of Huguenot decent, coming to America from England in 1622. In 1763 before the war of the revolution, Jonathan Burpee removed from Bowley Mass., to Maugerville, N. B., and Mr. George E R. Burpee was his great grandson. Deceased was educated at the county Grammer school, and at the University of New Brunswick, winning Douglas gold medal in 1856 He took up civil enginering, and in 1858 9 was on the enginering staff of the E. and N. A. railway between St. John and "The Bead." He was aftewards employed on the Woodstock Branch railway. He had charge of the surveys for the "Western Extension" railway-St. John to Vanceboro-and he subsequently had charge of the building of the road, and was chief engineer of the E. and N. A. railway to Mattawamkeag. He was also connected with the building of the Carleton Branch railway and the Fredericton branch. With Mr. C. Schrieber he built by contract the government road in Prince Edward Island. He also built the Springhill Parrsboro road, and had much to do with the construction of the New Brunswick railway -now the C. P. R. In recent years he was not engaged in railway work.

Mr. Burpee was a very able and capable man, and although not in robust health for for a long time was active and energetic. He married Miss Louisa Thissell, of Bangor, and lived in the Maine city. His wife and one daughter-Mrs. Sawtelle, of Boston-survive him. All his brothers and sisters preceded

him in death.