

Young People's Column

The following article was written by Miss Isa Macfarlane, of Fredericton, N. B. We hope that others among our young people will do likewise; we will appreciate very much your cooperation in making the King's Highway interesting to all our people.—The Editor.

GOD IN NATURE

By Isa Macfarlane

(This paper was read before the Reformed Baptist Bearean Band at Fredericton, N. B., on Friday evening, June 17, 1932.)

"The Earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. For He hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods." Ps. 24:1.

The first verse in Genesis begins, "In the beginning God". I wonder if we realize just what that means. In the beginning God—God, the Eternal, the Uncreated, the Creator of the universe and all that exists therein. He existed before anything else existed.

Let us note the order of the creative process. First of all, God. Then the matter of the universe came into existence, although it was "without form and void, and darkness brooded over the face of the waters." The next creative act of God was the production of light and the dividing of the light from the darkness, the first Day and Night. Then the firmament was made. The waters were gathered together to form seas and the dry land appeared. Out of the earth, in due time, grass sprang up, trees bearing fruit appeared, and herbs yielding seeds came into existence. Next we find the account of the creation of the sun and moon and stars. Verses 20 to 25 tell of the emergence of teeming life upon the land and in the sea and in the air. Living things took possession of the earth, multiplying in the waters, swarming out over the surface of the land, establishing dominion in the air. The crowning work of God was the creation of man. Of all that God had made, there was no creature with which He could have communion. He therefore said, "Let us make man in our image".

We are told in the Bible that all these things were created in six days. It matters not whether these six days were days of twenty-four hours each or not. The important point is whether we believe this creative work to have been carried out by God, or whether we think of it as a mere chance,—something that just happened. There need be no doubt in our minds as to how the universe and all it contains came into existence. If we pause a moment and think of this wonderful world of ours, we realize at once that "The hand that made it was Divine".

Man has accomplished great things in the world of invention, but none of man's creations are to be compared with the meanest creation of God's. Then, too, man is dependent upon God for the materials he uses for his inventions. Man can produce electricity, but God is behind the mighty torrent which man utilizes for this purpose.

Not only did God make the universe with its countless worlds and suns and moons, but it is He who holds these in His hand and governs their courses through space. Thus we can say, not only "In the beginning, God", but also, "God is,—now, at this present time." The God Who made the universe is living still, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

When we think how great and wonderful

God is, and how insignificant man is, we must bow before Him in worship and praise. All Nature praises God. The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork. The birds and the brooks sing His praises. Even the flowers seem to praise their Creator. In fact, everything in Nature speaks of God. We see God in the sunrise and sunset, in the silvery moon and twinkling stars, in the clouds, in the rainbow, in the lightning, in the beautiful snowflakes, in the mighty rivers, in the peaceful lakes, in the lordly forests, and in countless other things. We near Him in the rushing torrent, in the peal of thunder, in the roaring wind, as well as in the songs of the birds and brooks.

Of all God's creations, Man seems to praise Him the least, although God gave Man dominion over His other creations, over the beasts of the field, the fowls of the air, and the fish of the sea. This should not be so, for, of all God's creations, Man is the one who owes most to God. He has given us this beautiful world to live in, food and clothing for our bodies, and other blessings which we could not number. Then, above all, He has given us the privilege of becoming His own children, through Jesus, the Savior of mankind. John, in his first epistle, third chapter, says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." Is this not something to praise God for? But how can we praise Him? Some one might say. We can praise Him with music and singing and by worshipping in His House, but the best way we can praise Him is by living for Him as the days go by, through faith and grace which He can and will supply.

CORRESPONDENCE

Killam's Mills, N. B.

June 22, 1932.

Dear Brother Trafton:

Just a line to say the Lord is richly blessing.

Brother Cosman was with us last week and carried on the services while I was up in York County. God owned and blessed our brother's messages and efforts.

Sunday was a full day. Brother Norman Cochrane was with us in the morning and afternoon. He brought two able messages which were enjoyed by all.

Seven were baptized just before the afternoon services, June 19th, and in the evening nine united with the church. We expect to have another baptism again Sunday, June 26th.

In a wonderful and marvelous manner the presence of the Lord was felt at the baptism. There must have been upwards of 500 people there. And there was scarcely a dry eye, while the candidates waved their hands and sang and shouted as they were being baptized.

We are continuing the meetings this week and we are having the best victory of any week yet. So we are encouraged and press on. Pray for us.

Yours for souls,

S. A. MULLEN

Everett, Mass.

Dear Brother Trafton:

I am sending you my renewal for the Highway for another year. How I would love to be with you all at Beulah. Have already had seasons of prayer for the Alliance and Camp meeting and I am feeling in my soul our Heavenly Father will visit you in power. He certainly is calling people everywhere to repent. Oh there should be a heart cry going up and holding on to God for an answer. I am believing Him for

Beulah and Redding. If we just lay hold of the promises and not let go, He has promised to do for us the things we are needing. The Word gives us so many lessons on prayer, such as the mother who said, "Yes, Lord but the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the Master's table". "Then if a son ask bread would he give him a stone". "For everyone that asketh receiveth, etc." Then again Elijah prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not etc, then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain.

My faith has been strengthened of late reading up those lessons, Jesus has tried to get in our hearts. I love Him more and more, bless His sweet name. How He would bless His people if they would let Him. I would rather have His blessing than riches or the whole world. God bless you and your work.

Sincerely,

MRS. J. H. SABEAN

Black's Harbour, June 23, 1932.

Dear Brother Trafton:

The Lord has been blessing us here from time to time, but we feel that Sunday, June 12th was a special day of victory and blessing. At the close of the morning service nine people were at the altar seeking the experience of entire sanctification. In the afternoon Brother F. A. Dunlop, was with us, and held a baptismal service in which seven young girls followed the Lord in the ordinance of baptism, and six of these were given a welcome into the membership of the church in the evening service. Brother Dunlop preached in the evening, bringing a soul stirring message from St. John 10:10. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This truly was a great sermon showing the high value Christ placed on salvation.

The young girls of the church have started a young peoples' meeting which the Lord surely has honoured with His spirit. At the last meeting they held one girl prayed through to victory, but the devil stirred up some of his old fashioned pharisees that are quite plentiful in these parts, and it is reported, succeeded in persuading her away by showing her the Great Sacrifice Holiness people have to make. Beloved, Paul's copper-smiths are not all dead yet.

Let all of God's people pray for the work here.

Yours in Christ, for Holiness,

F. A. ANDERSON

OBITUARY

J. Allen Whitehead

Mr. J. Allen Whitehead departed this life June 13th at his home in Springfield, N. B. Death came at the end of a long illness. The deceased was born eighty-seven years ago at Keswick Ridge. He was the last of a large family.

The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. H. S. Mullen, at the home Wednesday afternoon, June 15th. The writer spoke from James 4:14. Three selections were sung: "Rock of Ages," "Gathering Home," and "Going Down the Valley," also at the cemetery was sung "We'll Never Say Good-bye in Heaven."

Interment was made in Staples Settlement cemetery. Mr. Whitehead leaves to mourn, his wife and a host of nephews and nieces. One nephew is Mr. George Whitehead, formerly of Crystal, Me.

To the bereaved we extend our sympathy and prayers.

S. G. HILYARD