

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1931

DEPRESSION

Everyone's scenting a panic. Everyone's singing the blues. Still, whenever you go to a picture show, you stand—till they're through with the news.

The country's going to perdition. We'll have bread lines before we have snow. But try to buy seats for a baseball game. And see what you get for your dough.

We're all going to starve. That's decided. A job simply cannot be bought. But when Schmelling fights Cavera, just try to get in.

And you'll see what "hard times" we've got. The government's got to do something. Or we'll fall in our tracks and we'll lay—

Yet the lady, by gosh, who does up our wash brings it back in a nice new cape. So I think all this talk of a panic, of the country about to go "blatney," between you and me, and the old apple tree, is a lot of plain old-fashioned "hokey."

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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Glorious rains during the past week. The lawns are growing again. Churchill had quite a hail storm last Friday. No serious damage done.

Mr. E. P. Nixon, Esq., had three cows and a calf killed by lightning last week. A football match will be played in the park on Saturday between Ballinafad and Acton.

A number of our citizens attended the Drummers' Snack at Georgetown last Friday and Saturday. The travellers provided a "hot time" for all.

W. E. Moore has disposed of his premises to Messrs. T. T. Custer and Co., of Grand Valley. General regret will be felt at the removal of Mr. Moore. He expects to leave shortly for the north-west.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church held a member garden party in the park on Tuesday evening. The weather was most enjoyable, the attendance gratifying and the programme suitable for an outdoor entertainment.

The grandstand, platform and refreshment booth were lighted with electricity, decorated with flags, bunting and evergreens and looked very pretty. Acton Citizens' Band played during the evening with much satisfaction.

The programme was given by the Sherlock Male Quartette of Toronto, and every member proved himself a specialist. Messrs. J. M. Sherlock, first tenor; W. H. Norris, first and second bass; Mrs. Elsie McDonald, soloist; of Toronto, delighted the audience. Rev. Chas. D. Draper, the pastor was chairman. The proceeds were \$183.35.

The law regarding automobiles on the public highway states that "everyone in charge of an automobile must take every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of horses and shall not approach nearer than one hundred yards, at a greater speed than seven miles per hour, and if signal is given, must stop the motor, until the horse is past. If horse is frightened party in charge of automobile must assist in getting horse past."

The Acton Football Club were the guests of Darbyville last Saturday. The score was 1 all. After the match the players were invited to an excellent supper. The team was as follows: Goal—J. Nicola; Backs—J. Jennings and G. Williamson; Halves—R. Gooderson, H. Holmes, R. Wetherhead; Forwards—H. Rigby, T. Smith, C. Holmes, J. Williamson and C. Claridge. Referee—E. G. Nell.

Mrs. Wm. Johnstone and family, and Mrs. R. P. Johnston and babe, left on Monday to spend a few weeks at Wacarra Beach. Miss Nellie Jardine, of Milton, has been engaged as teacher of Lorne School, to succeed Mr. Ralston Brown, who intends resuming his University course.

Mr. George Taylor, who had a couple of fingers of his left hand crushed in a rolling machine at the Beardmore tannery a couple of weeks ago has almost recovered. The report of the census men gives Acton's population as 1720.

A Household Medicine.—They that are acquainted with the sterling properties of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the treatment of many ailments would not be without it in the house. It is truly a household medicine and as it is effective in dealing with many ordinary complaints it is an inexpensive medicine. So, keep it at hand, as the oil for it may come most unexpectedly.

SO WHY WORRY?

A boy was about to purchase a seat for a cinema in the afternoon. The box office man asked: "Why aren't you at school?" "Oh, it's all right, sir," said the youngster, earnestly. "I've got measles."

FAST WORKERS

Head of Business College.—In teaching shorthand and typewriting, we are strong for accuracy. "Inquirer"—How are you on speed? Head of Business College.—"Well, of last year's class, six married their employers within six months."

WHISKERS ON IT

Comic Artist.—"This joke ought to be good. I've had it in my head for ten years." Heartless Editor.—"Sort of" used in the wood, as it were."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 19

SOCIAL SERVICE IN THE EARLY CHURCH

Golden Text.—He himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Ac. 20: 35.

Lesson Text.—Ac. 4: 32-35; 6: 1-4; 2 Cor. 9: 1-7.

Time.—A. D. 30-32. Places.—Jerusalem and Corinth.

Exposition.—I. A Spirit-Filled Church, 4: 32-35.

Some time has passed since Pentecost, a year or more, but still the unity and love of the early Church abide. Its source is found in v. 31, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost."

Unity and love are seen in genuine Christianity in every age, but the forms of their expression may differ, even as they did in the early Church, for we find no community of goods outside Jerusalem, but no true Christian regards ought of the things which he possesses as his own (v. 32, cf. 1 Jno. 3: 14, 17, 18). The Greek word translated "gave" in v. 35 is a peculiar word, it occurs 47 times in the New Testament and always has in it the thought of giving something due—"they gave" was something the apostles owed to the world, and it is something every one who knows Jesus Christ owes to the world. When one is "filled with the Holy Spirit," it is of Jesus Christ, and especially of His resurrection, that He gives of Himself. Another result of their being filled with the Holy Spirit was that "great grace was upon all." Grace means "favor," we are not told whether it was God's favor or man's favor that was upon them; it seems therefore translated "gave" in v. 35 is a peculiar word to imply both (cf. Lu. 2: 52).

Reason why great grace was upon them all was because love and self-sacrifice abounded. No man looked upon his own interests, "but every man on the things of others" (cf. 2 Cor. 9: 7, 8; Phil. 4: 15, 19). The principle upon which they made distribution was a Christian principle, "unto each according as any one had need," not according to distinctions of abilities or notable service, but according to "need."

II. Preaching and Serving, 1-4. "There is no doubt but that there was imperfection in the early Church, and there may have been ground for the suspicion and complaint. There was certainly fault on one side, if not on both. But so soon did the difficulty come to light that the apostles sought to set it right (v. 2), a new set of officers was appointed to look after this matter. The fact that God did not intend this work to be done by the Twelve should sink into the hearts of us all to-day. It is not reason (literally "pleasing," that is to God) that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables." That is precisely what the Church in many places wishes a minister of the Gospel to do, "to leave the Word of God and serve tables." It wishes him to raise finances, run charity societies, grace social functions with his presence and with his speeches, etc. If the minister to-day consents to do all the world and even the Church desires and expects him to do, he will have no time left for his own proper work "prayer and the ministry of the word," (v. 4). "It is not pleasing" to God; he is called to a higher choice in the community. If this work must be done, choose somebody else to do it. Note carefully the kind of men that the apostles considered necessary to look after the temporal affairs of the Church: (1) They should be "men of good report." No man of doubtful reputation should be chosen merely because they were rich or shrewd business men (2) They should be "full of the Spirit." How careless some churches are in choosing their officers, especially officers that look after the financial matters in the Church, never asking, "Are these men full of the Spirit?" (3) "Men of wisdom." There are many men who are deemed spiritual, but who certainly haven't much sense in some directions. However good they may be, they ought not to be chosen for deacons. If a man really is "full of the Spirit," he will be full of wisdom. "The body of the Church was to choose three deacons; the apostles were simply to install them in office after the Church had selected them.

III. A Helping Hand, 1-7. The church at Corinth had already shown their readiness in this matter, and Paul was aware of it. Their zeal had stirred up the greater part of those in Macedonia (v. 3, R. V. Marg.). But there was the possibility that they might not be actually prepared when the messengers from Macedonia arrived on the ground. Paul's glorying on their behalf would "be made void in this respect" (v. 3, R. V.). There is a delicate compliment in the way Paul puts even this unfortunate possibility. His words imply that, if his glorying in their behalf were made void it would only be "in this respect." Paul was a wise manager and took steps that would prevent their being unprepared, and thus his (and much more their) being put to shame in this confidence. This was why he thought it necessary to "exhort" (not "entreat," as in R. V.) the brethren ("Plus and the two others) to precede "him" and the Macedonian messengers to Corinth and actually make up the bounty which they had promised beforehand (v. 5, R. V.), and thus make sure that it might be actually ready as a matter of bounty (literally, blessing a free beneficent gift), and not a matter of covetous greed that was concerned about getting more for self and not about blessing others. He states a great principle about giving, viz.,

SLATS' DIARY BY ROSS PARQUHAR

Friday—Mr. and Mrs. Kimber have been having a great time getting married and they've devoured a good many of them. After they had been married a few months he left her on a nest he had her cooking, was giving him cronch indigestion. Last week she sent him word she had learnt to cook, and they went and got married again. But yesterday he left her again so I guess she's diddnt learn so much after all. Was sad on dome.

Saturday—Pa is orly hard to please. The other day I herd him say the garage needed painting badly so today I got half of same paint and heigh to paint it. Then he come home and gives me a hanning for doing such a bad job. I painted it badly but still he wasent suited.

Sunday—The Sunday school teacher as Jake to-day who was it felt so bad when Abraham got cut by the hair when he was riding horse back and late was is mark of ten Abraham he gets. Any how he had Ab diddnt feel so good, he expect.

Monday—I seen Jane to-day and she give me back the pin I had gave her last Easter and I sed who is the other fella & she sed it was Silppery Huff so I went to see Silppery & sed him the pin.

Tuesday—Ant Emmy got a telegram from her brother the to-day but she sed she was sure she was a trying to fool her and put I over on her becus she new he never had a tpe writer and cudent use I if he had it emy ways.

Wednesday—Ant Emmy got a letter from her niece witch graduated this month and she sed she got a job all redly teaching Shakespeare next year. Ant Emmy infred and sed. Well that's I on expect.

"He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully (literally, "upon blessings," in the spirit of pouring forth blessings upon others) shall reap also bountifully." Give, sprains, strains, swellings, contraction of curds, stiffness of joints, and sore muscles.

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"I died, in the United States alone, over five billion dollars each year. "I spare no one, and I find my victims among the rich and poor alike, the young and old, the strong and weak. Widows and orphans know me. "I loan up to such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of labor, from the turning of the grindstone to the moving of every railroad-train. "I massacre thousands upon thousands of wage-earners a year. "I lurk in unseen places, and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed not. "I am everywhere in the house, on the street, in the factory, at railroad crossings, and on the sea. "I bring sickness, degradation, and death, and get few seek to avoid me. "I destroy, crush, or maim. I give nothing, but take all. "I am your worst enemy. "I am carelessness."

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PUBLIC NUISANCE

A man went to see his physician for advice as to how to be cured of the habit of snoring. "Drop your snoring disturb your wife," asked the M. D. "Doc—It disturb my wife," echoed the patient. "Why, it disturbs the whole congregation."

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