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EDITORIAL

Winter Boarders

These winter tourists who visit the countryside with a one-night stop in each town, and are termed the result of unemployment, present a variety of the characteristics of humans, and a problem for study. A year ago, when this municipality was supplying meals regularly the visitors came in ever increasing numbers until the meals ceased and, within a month, we had no tourists, when the word had passed around. While we have heard of numerous incidents of good food being thrown away by chaps who claimed to be hungry, we have yet to meet up with one who did not put away with a vigor the meal placed before him. The policy of giving money is one that we have found very unsatisfactory. On two occasions we have had quite an argument handed back when we refused to donate money for "smokes," and it would seem that some young chaps look upon this pastime as one of the necessities of life. Then, intermingled with these chaps whose chief desire seems to be to maintain a racket on the public, comes along the fellow who is downright hungry and in need of a meal. Perhaps he will have to suffer for the chap who treated your charity lightly. There seems to be only one rule that can be followed with any sense of fairness to all, and that is to witness the actual manner in which a meal is eaten—and who has time or the inclination to remain while a meal is being partaken of to satisfy the curiosity of whether the individual was actually hungry. The question that presents itself over and over again in our mind is, where do the transients feed in the summer time?

A Limited Warning

The Department of Highways has been running a 30-inch advertisement in the form of an open letter addressed "to every motorist in Ontario." It is signed by Hon. Leopold Macculey as Minister of Highways, and quite properly stresses the need of extra caution while driving cars during the slippery-road season that prevails around Christmas. But paradoxically, while the letter is addressed to "every motorist in Ontario," it is only inserted (with a few exceptions) in Conservative weeklies. Even this could be overlooked if the Conservative papers had the larger circulation, but in many instances the leading weekly in the field is overlooked, simply, it appears, because it has failed to support the Conservative party in past elections. So it is a reasonable deduction that the Department of Highways is not so much concerned with the safety of the children as in making hand-outs to its newspaper supporters. Or possibly it considers that the lives of children of Liberal parents do not matter, and the sooner these peaky Griffs are killed off the better. However, there is a glimmer of light amid the gloom. Election time must come soon, unless Premier Henry contemplates making himself dictator of the province, and it is time when Premier Bennett would stand for that. It may come when the children of both Liberal and Conservative parents will be advised to vote Liberal. Meanwhile, we suggest that Premier Henry's little Conservative children to wear their seat belts. Conservative motorists may know that every (Conservative) motorist in Ontario is a member of the Acton Free Press.

Quote But True

While it is quite easy to criticize and find fault, the practice of saying "Thank you" is not as freely indulged. The man in charge of the Dominion Relief Department told a newspaperman that among thousands of letters received during three years he remembers getting only one letter of thanks and appreciation. The private secretary of a cabinet minister said: "A letter of thanks or gratitude is such an event that we remember it for a long time." The others outnumber them by one hundred to one." In Acton the Welfare Board, during the three years of operation, has on file one letter of appreciation for the help accorded; although we believe all the help was appreciated. It seems rather strange that such should be the case and yet it appears to be a general experience.

A Winner Always Wanted

Evidence is never lacking that the winner, either in individual or team play, always draws the big following. Last Thursday night saw the biggest crowd of last year or this season to date at Acton Arena, and it would appear that it is but the forerunner of larger gatherings. Why? The home team are presenting the strongest organization of years and at present heading the group. Two real exhibition games of hockey were played before the group schedule opened. The combined gate receipts of both of them did not come near the figure realized on Thursday night last. Proving also that the fans like a game when there is something at stake. Often when a fellow needs a friend or a team needs the encouragement of the home town fans the backing is sadly lacking. We're apparently all alike in this respect and crave always to be backing a winner. We often wonder if the fans are as genuine sports as the boys who play the game?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Opillia is another town that doesn't want a liquor store. The by-law providing for one was turned down by a majority of 419. Bracebridge also refused to have this business (?) acquisition by a vote of the electors.

The Klondike district, Yukon Territory, once Canada's leading producer of gold, has many years of active production ahead. There are reserves of placer gravel of 268,000,000 cubic yards, containing a total value of \$54,500,000 in gold.

For the first 45 weeks of 1933 a total of 48,831 sheep were shipped from Western to Eastern Canada as compared with 35,783 for the same period in 1932. Cattle shipments numbered 76,702 as against 72,679 for the corresponding 45 weeks of 1932.

Collingwood has again chosen its editor to be Mayor of that town for another term. Editor David Williams has served his community in a multitude of ways and is apparently serving well in the seat of the Chief Magistrate. Congratulations to both Collingwood and Mayor Williams.

The Bowmanville Statesman has entered upon its eightieth year of publication and the Barrie Examiner has just passed the seventieth milestone. Both are outstanding journals in the weekly newspaper field and give able representation to their communities. May they continue to grow with the years.

A city paper gave an article the other day, headed, "What Our Farmers Must Do to Prosper." No editor of a weekly newspaper who meets the farmers daily would attempt any such article. The average farmer has tried most every method known to exist, and is in rather a poor frame of mind for city advice on running his business.

R. W. Breadner has been appointed as Tariff Adviser, with the same rank as Deputy Minister, at a salary of \$12,000. He had reached the age limit for retiring in his former post as Commissioner of Customs. The salary is the same in the new post. The Government can even find ways and means of evading its own regulations.

Premier Henry has announced the opening of the next session of the Ontario Legislature for January 31. He is quoted as remarking: "Whether the session will be tempestuous or mild is more or less in the lap of the gods." With the McCaughrin revelations now on file and the Hydro allegations still brewing, there seems little doubt of a lively session.—Hanover Post.

A rather pertinent comment is made by the Listowel Banner when it points out that some farmers in that district are wondering if the Provincial Government is just as interested in the farmer as it makes out to be. "The grants to agricultural societies throughout the Province have been considerably reduced, also the grants to rural schools, yet, as soon as the Government finds it has a surplus of \$500,000, the civil servants of the Province have their pay increased to make up for their cut last April."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Golden Text.—It behooved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren.—Heb. 2: 17.

Lesson Text.—Matt. 3: 1-4; 11. (Verses printed; 3: 15-4: 11). Study, also, Luke 3: 1-22.

Time.—A. D. 27. Place.—Bethany, beyond Jordan and the Wilderness.

Exposition.—I. Jesus Baptized with Water and with the Spirit; 3: 13-17.

Jesus, Himself, the Baptist "with the Holy Spirit and fire" comes to John to be baptized with water. Could anything make more plain the great importance of water baptism? Jesus was baptized with water to "fulfill all righteousness." God commands water baptism as the form by which remission of sin shall be obtained. Jesus was not a sinner, but He took the sinner's place, was made sin for us (Romans 8: 3; 2 Cor. 5: 21) at Jordan ("the water") and Calvary ("the blood"). (Comp. 1 John 5: 6, R. V.) The two occasions on which God bore testimony to the Sonship of Jesus were here, when He humbled Himself to take the sinner's place in baptism; and when, on the Mount of Transfiguration, He humbled Himself by turning His back on the glory that was then becoming His, to come back and take the sinner's place on the Cross (cf. Luke 9: 31, 35; Phil. 2: 6-8, 9). That God thus spoke is settled by competent testimony, and is conclusive proof of the divinity of Jesus. Jesus was baptized, not only with water, but with the Holy Ghost (cf. John 1: 33, 34).

II. Jesus Tempted, Like as We Are, Yet Without Sin. 1-11.

The temptation of Jesus followed immediately upon His baptism with the Holy Spirit (comp. ch. 3: 16, 17; Luke 3: 21, 22; 4: 1, 14, 18; Acts 10: 38). It was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus up to be tempted by the devil (cf. Mark 1: 12). The temptation was a necessary preparation for Christ's work—just as necessary as the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Feb. 2: 17, 18; 4: 15, 16). The temptation came from without, not within. The personality, cunning, malignity and defeat of Satan are brought out in this lesson. Jesus met temptation in such a state of physical weakness as would make resistance to it most difficult and failure "most excusable," but He did not fail; and so, no man can now plead adverse circumstances as a justification for wrongdoing. The temptation was most real, because Jesus was most human and most hungry. The devil introduced his temptation, as he did that of Eve in the garden, by suggesting a doubt concerning God's word (cf. ch. 3: 17). Where would have been the harm in Jesus' doing as Satan suggested? (1) It would have been to have doubted God's word and to have sought confirmation of it by a token (namely, His ability to perform this miracle). (2) It would have been to have taken Himself out from under these human conditions, under which He had voluntarily placed Himself for our redemption (Phil. 2: 6-8; Heb. 2: 14). It would have involved the giving up of the redemption of man by a divine Person, who had really become man. Many committed essentially the same sin, to-day, when they take themselves out from the sphere of sacrifice and suffering in which it is necessary that one live, if he is to have saving power with his fellow-men. (3) It would have been to have distrusted God. Jesus would rely upon God to supply His needs, in lawful ways (comp. v. 4). Whenever we resort to unworthy means for the support, either of self or of God's work, we are guilty of the same distrust. Jesus met every attack with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word" (Eph. 6: 17). All of Christ's citations of Scripture are from one book, and that, too, a book that the higher critics have made the most strenuous efforts to discredit (comp. Deut. 8: 3: 6: 16; 10: 20). It is no wonder the devil hates that book, after the way in which he was pierced and defeated by it. If we would meet Satan's temptations as successfully as Jesus did, we must meet him with the same weapon. The devil can quote Scripture on occasion, and he is never more dangerous than when quoting and misapplying Scripture. The devil omitted a very important clause in his quotation (see Ps. 91: 11, 12). One needs to watch the devil's quotations of Scripture very closely. He is likely to quote nearly as it reads, but not just as it reads. Where would have been the wrong in Jesus' doing as Satan suggested? (1) It would have been to doubt God's word, by making an experiment to see if it would come out as God said. It would have been tempting God (v. 7). This form of sin is very common. (2) It would have been an act of spiritual pride, a mere display of trust in God, when no end was to be accomplished by it. The sin into which Satan sought to lead Christ is committed by those who rush into unnecessary peril to show how strong they are, spiritually. The devil appears, at last, in his true colors (v. 9). He would have the Son of God render to him that worship which belongs to God alone. Could the devil give what he promised? (John 14: 30). The antichrist will derive his power from him. Satan offered Jesus the dominion by a road other than that of the cross. The temptation was real, but utterly ineffective. We yield to this temptation when we seek that which God has for us by some other path than the one God appoints—Calvary. The three temptations corresponded to the three-fold temptation in Eden, and appeal to "the lust of the flesh," "the lust of the eyes" (cf. Gen. 3: 6; 1 John 2: 16). Then the angels came and ministered unto Him.

The facts concerned with the Baptism of Jesus emphasize His deity and His taking man's place; the facts connected with His temptation emphasize the reality and completeness of His humanity. The temptation as here recorded, also emphasizes the certainty of there being a personal devil, and of the Divine origin, authority and inerrancy of the Old Testament Scriptures.

MRS. BIMMY VIMMY

Viscountess Byng of Vimy, says the Gardeners' Chronicle, in a lecture to the Horticultural Club, London, England, on "The By-ways of California," told an amusing story. "At Mecca," she said, the hotel was owned by a flamboyant looking landlady and consisted of small, individual bungalows built, it seems to me, of cardboard, as one could push a finger through the walls anywhere. It didn't give one much sense of privacy, and the general arrangements were primitive to say the least. As we left the dining room after a somewhat scratchy meal of sweet corn and eggs, the landlady, who had evidently been studying our signatures in the visitors' book, said to me, 'Sar, I can't make out your name.' So I told her 'Byng of Vimy,' whereupon she said brightly, 'Well, Mrs. Binmy Vimmy, meet Mr. Brown,' a frightened spotty-faced youth who no more wanted to talk to me than I wanted to talk to him."

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