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EDITORIAL

The Premier's Event

Acton's great annual Fair will be held next week. Ever since the fair of last year the Directors have been planning for the event on Tuesday and Wednesday next. The results of their work will be seen when the competitors enter their animals or articles in the various classes and the other attractions are presented. For twenty-one years Acton Fair has been pleasing the public and attestation to its success is seen in the ever-increasing crowds that attend each year. Judging from the advance literature sent out, the Fair of 1934 will be just a little better than its predecessors. Last year unfavorable weather was the lot of the Acton Fair, which is considerable of a handicap to any outdoor attraction. The local fairs fill a place in the life of the country that is valuable. Acton Fair in its work is well to the forefront among the rural fairs. Its grounds and equipment make it one that is hard to surpass. The event next week is eagerly anticipated by the entire district and by friends of Acton from far and near.

Untimely

The other day the Mail and Empire carried quite a lengthy article headed "Degradation of Public Life in Ontario," which went on to complain in column length of the dismissals of the present Government and the changes that were being brought about which have included the discharge of a number of Tory appointees. We are not upholding the party system of patronage and have always believed that ruthlessly practised it did not make for efficiency. Ontario has just ousted a regime that worked it past the limit. Hundreds of the persons now being discharged secured their positions for none but political reasons. Let us cite an example, and so that we can know whereof we speak we will take THE FREE PRESS for the example. For several years the Department of Highways carried on an educational advertising campaign. In spite of all efforts THE FREE PRESS could not secure this advertising, and the same can be said of another paper in Halton County. In one town in which there were two papers, the advertising was given to both papers. There was no reason for refusal but just refusal. When the election was announced, two advertisements from the Department of Highways were scheduled to appear in THE FREE PRESS and likewise the other paper in the County previously omitted. Although other advertisements appeared in the selected papers following the election, we were informed, upon inquiry, that only the two advertisements just prior to election were scheduled for THE FREE PRESS. Political patronage was rife during the regime of the past government. Nearly every other line of activity could give similar experiences to those of our own. The clean-up will assume just as extensive proportions as the extent to which patronage was practised. We in Halton have seen the appointment of those of Conservative leanings under Liberal regime, but have yet to recall the appointment of Liberals under the Conservative rule. In this County the son of a former Conservative candidate in the Provincial House received an appointment at Oakville from the Liberal Government in power at Ottawa. It ill behooves the Conservative press to make any outcry at the present time, such as that of the Mail and Empire the other morning.

Explanation Has Been Necessary

Editors in the course of their work and expression of opinion on matters of general interest are often called by other titles than those which rightly or wrongly belong to them. The intimation in a Toronto paper on Monday evening that "Rev. G. A. Dills had been recommended for appointment as a justice of the peace in Ontario" was, however, a circumstance which we have never before been called upon to face, and which our friends have seemingly considered as big a joke as we have ourselves. We have maintained on occasions possibly that the power of the press was equal, or maybe surpassed that of the pulpit. Perhaps in our enthusiastic advertising material we have pointed to the large congregations which the press reaches each week. But never have we hinted or hoped for ordination or shown any reason why the prefix "Rev." should be placed before our name. The dispatch with the item came from Oakville. Such a mistake would have never come from the northern section of the County, where we are better known. We acknowledge the southern compliment and forgive the newspaper for the error, but make an especial request "please do not repeat it." Our verbal explanations locally are exhausted.

Getting Acquainted at Home

A visit about Acton and to its manufacturing establishments, which was undertaken as a sight-seeing tour for visitors from the Southern States, impressed us also of the home town. Quite often the places about us are too little known to those who live closest. As we said, this tour of the town we live in was undertaken to show visitors. We wondered, after our trip about Acton, just how many Actonians actually know of the community enterprises and manufacturing that goes on about them, other than the line in which they are working. We are in the Acton factories quite often, and yet there were parts of these plants that we haven't visited in years. The changes in the process of manufacture have been remarkable. Enlargements have been made and output increased, the products have been improved and new methods of manufacture have been adopted. We do not know whether the manufacturing establishments could give to all visitors the same attention that was accorded the party we accompanied if the practice became general, but we venture that a visit occasionally to Acton's manufacturing establishments and a trip through would impress most Actonians with a keener appreciation of the importance of these institutions to the community and greater pride in the place they fulfil in the Dominion and elsewhere.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is one consolation in being in very moderate circumstances these days. There is absolutely no danger of being kidnapped and held for a large ransom.

Brampton shoe strikers have settled their difficulties and will return to work. This plan will mean more to workers and employer than the lock-out method.

A motor engineer has designed a house, but whether it is to include air flow or knee action or any of the automobile features is not stated. Perhaps it will be low on gas consumption.

Rev. Dr. Shields, of Toronto, after making a front page start in a temperance campaign, has left the church work for a couple of months to go on a honeymoon trip. And the bride is one of the church secretaries.

The Brampton Conservator says that Mr. Hepburn put on a show in connection with the used car sale that exceeded the auction in 1934 of the Drury \$100 coal scuttle. As the small boy would say, "Ain't that somepin'?"

In spite of the handicap of unfavorable weather the great Canadian National Exhibition registered attendance gain and increased business and improvement. Any fair that can combat the weather element and win out is entitled to greatness.

In spite of the dire predictions throughout the year, and the constant menace to crops of the dry weather, farmers about this district who have threshed, are very pleased with the yield. Which all goes to prove again that more than half our worries concern things that never really happen.

The editors of the Montreal Star and the Montreal Gazette recently stated that rural and small-town communities had no agencies so valuable for their support and mainstay as the local newspaper. They expressed regret that many localities had not given undivided support to this potent organization for its well being and permitted papers to pass out of existence, afterwards realizing that a grave mistake had indeed been made.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 16th.

ISAIAH CONTRASTS FALSE AND TRUE WORSHIP

Golden Text.—Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart.—Psalms 24: 3, 4.

Lesson Text.—Is. 1: 1-31. (Verses printed, 10-20.) Study, also, John 4: 20-34.

Time.—740 B. C. Place.—Jerusalem. Exposition.—I. Judah and Jerusalem's Sin and Jehovah's Consequent Spurning of Their Offerings, Festivals, Fast and Prayers.

The first verse of this chapter is the title of the entire book: the entire sixty-six chapters of the Book of Isaiah constitute "The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah."—Isaiah, the actual historic vision, and it is not "scientific" and "unscientific," but utterly unscientifically and "unscientifically" but utterly unscientifically and "unscientifically" but utterly unscientifically.

Isaiah did not write his own speculations but what "he saw," the things which God presented to his central vision (cf. Num. 12: 6; 24: 4, 16; 2 Peter 1: 21). Isaiah's day was remarkably rich. In prophets (cf. Hos. 1: 1; Amos 1: 1; Micah 1: 1). When Jehovah speaks both heaven and earth should listen (v. 2). God had dealt with peculiar love and tenderness with Judah, as a father with his own children; but Judah, instead of exhibiting filial gratitude and love, had rebelled against their father (vs. 3, 4).

How black sin appears when we see it as rebellion against a father's love (cf. Deut. 9: 22-24; Jer. 2: 5-13; Mal. 1: 6). This description of sin applies just as truly to our sins as to Judah's. Israel had shown less sense and less gratitude than an ox or an ass. The same may be said of all sinners to-day. It took four meaningful phrases to describe the full extent of Israel's devotion to evil (v. 4, R. V.). Three more phrases of awful import describe their conduct. To go after sin is to forsake God, and that is the supreme folly of which man can be guilty (Jer. 2: 13; 17, 19). To sin is also to despise the Holy One of Israel (v. 4, R. V.). The name "Holy One of Israel" is one of the characteristic expressions of the entire book. Perhaps its origin is to be found in ch. 6. It sets forth the foundation truth of the Bible, the truth that God is holy (cf. 1 John 1: 5). Sin is also estrangement from God (R. V.; cf. Col. 1: 21; Romans 8: 7). Judah was obdurate in his rebellion against God; no matter how they were stricken for their sins they did not repent, but revolted "more and more." This describes many a present day sinner. Their corruption pervaded their whole being, head and heart. Verse 6 is a vivid picture of men out of Christ. Verses 7-9 show Jehovah's judgment on their sin. God never lets sin go unpunished, whether it be the sin of an individual or of a nation. This picture was historically true, and according to what God Himself had foretold long before (2 Chron. 28: 5, 16-21; Ps. 107: 34, 39; Lev. 26: 34; Deut. 28: 33, 34, 43, 48-52). But Jehovah showed mercy even in a time of judgment, and left them a remnant, though a very small one (cf. Lam. 3: 22). In all God's dealings with men it is always the remnant that is saved (Romans 9: 27; R. V.; 11: 4-6; Is. 10: 22, 23; 24: 13, 14; Matt. 7: 14). In every generation men as a whole will not yield to God, but the few do and are saved (1 John 5: 19). It was not "sacrifices," "burnt offerings," "incense," "feasts," "sabbaths" and "prayers" (vs. 10-15) as such with which God was "wary" and which were an "abomination to Him," but these things when offered by those who turned a deaf ear to His words and were sinful in their lives (cf. Prov. 28: 9; Ps. 66: 18). Some strange alleged "scholars" draw utterly unwarranted conclusions from vs. 10-15 by tearing them out of and ignoring their context.

II. A Call to Repentance and Promise of Abundant Pardon, 16-20. Though Israel had sinned beyond measure, still there was abundant pardon for them. The one condition was true, thorough-going repentance. "Sin is moral filth; it defiles hands and heart. God demanded that they wash hands and heart by putting away sin. This is God's unvarying demand of sinners in all ages (Jer. 4: 14; Jas. 4: 8; 2 Cor. 7: 1). There is no salvation for sinners as long as they continue in sin. There is salvation for any sinner if he will only forsake sin (Le. 5: 27). All the evil we do is before the eyes of God. He hates it and demands that we put it away from before His eyes. Repentance has two sides; cease to do evil, learn to do well. A mere negative repentance, ceasing to do wrong, will not satisfy God (cf. Matt. 3: 10; Psalms 34: 14; 37: 2; Amos 5: 15; Romans 12: 9; Eph. 4: 29; 1 Peter 3: 11; Heb. 1: 9). Bible ethics always lay great stress upon justice in treatment of fellow-men, relief of the poor and oppressed, righteousness and kindness toward the unprotected, the

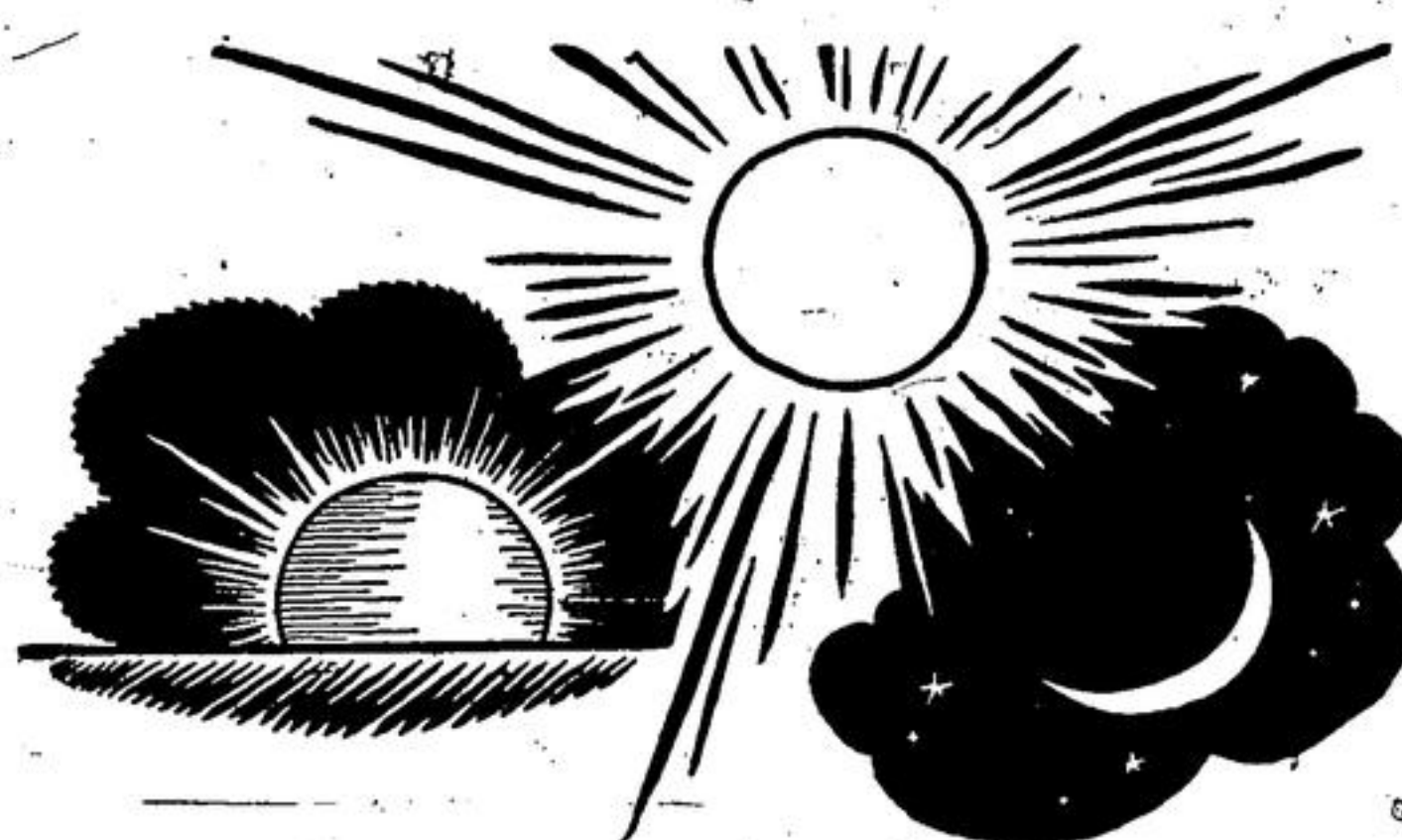
fatherless and widows (Ps. 82: 3, 4; Prov. 31: 9; Jer. 22: 3, 15, 16; Dan. 4: 27; Micah 6: 8; Zech. 7: 9, 10). The pardon Jehovah offered was from the deepest sin (scarlet, or crimson) to the most complete justification (white as snow) (cf. ch. 44: 22; Ps. 51: 7; Micah 7: 18, 19; 1 John 1: 7, 9; Rev. 7: 14; Romans 8: 1). The whole secret of blessedness is found in verse 19, a surrendered will and obedience in our daily life to the will of God as revealed in His word (cf. Heb. 5: 9; John 14: 21, 23). The whole secret of ruin in the life that now is and of eternal ruin in the life which is to come, is found in verse 20. To refuse God's invitation and to rebel against His will is damnation. Judah did it and were literally "devoured with the sword" (cf. 2 Chron. 36: 14-16). This had been foretold to them from the beginning (1 Sam. 12: 25). They thought it too severe to be literally true; but "the mouth of the Lord had spoken it," and what God speaks always comes true to the letter, no matter what smooth hopes false prophets may hold out. What "the mouth of the Lord hath spoken" about the future, eternal punishment of those who reject Christ and His Gospel, will come true to the letter in spite of all the attempts of eloquent preachers to construct another gospel in place of that Jesus and the apostles taught.

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