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Give Thanks

Monday is the day set apart for Thanksgiving for the Dominion of Canada. In a country so well blessed there is surely just cause for thanksgiving and a loyal observance of this day. True, there is more that all of us may desire and in many instances it may seem that which the present time afford may not compare very well with other years. But the country with which we are surrounded, free from wars and pestilence and all our actual needs supplied, Canadians have just cause for thankfulness, not only on Monday, but on every day of the year. Providence has seen fit to favor us well. Let us not be remiss in giving thanks for all that we enjoy.

"Drunker Than H—"

That is not editorial or language suitable for any other section of a paper. Neither was the incident we witnessed last Thursday evening, on Mill Street. Two young men, possibly twenty years of age, and a young girl in her teens. One of the young men was drunk, helplessly drunk, and sick. He could not be supported by his companion, and he rolled in the gutter, vomiting continually. We inquired what was going to be done with him, and his companion said he would get him into the car later and take him home. It is said that a drunken mouth utters the truth, and this young fellow repeated several times: "I'm drunker than h—." We don't know that he secured his intoxicants at a beverage room. He was from out of town, and he may have imbibed in liquors elsewhere! We do know, however, that it has been some time since we witnessed such a scene on Acton streets. We have heard of other scenes just as revolting since the introduction of the new law. It's time for improvement, and some discipline. Where is the Moderation League? What under the new law constitutes restricting measures?

Centralization No Cure

The agitation for centralization of small Fall Fairs into County Fairs seems to be a favorite topic in some quarters. Strangely enough in nearly every instance the activity usually comes from the point at which centralization would take place. The small fairs are, in most instances, quite content with the present arrangements and seemingly quite capable of financing the local shows. A suggestion we read of last week was for a four-day show at one of these centralization points where the fair was none too successful an event this year, and set up no new records. The plan seems to be to squeeze out the smaller exhibitions in that particular county. Big head and lack of real effort has put many of these "big" events just where they are to-day. They have outgrown the community feature and community effort and instead of getting back where they belong, are trying by the squeeze method to reach the top. The County Fair will never have the same community interest that characterizes the smaller event, and lacking community interest and unpaid community effort, none of these events can succeed.

Fire Prevention Week

The week of October 7th to 13th has by proclamation been set aside as Fire Prevention Week throughout the Dominion. During that week, lessons on fire prevention subjects should be given in every Public School, and the owners and occupants of property everywhere throughout Canada should be counselled to give special attention to the removal of fire hazards from their premises. Fire waste is one of the serious economic problems confronting Canada at the present time. The public in general is vitally affected by the tremendous losses annually incurred by fire and the enormous expenditures rendered necessary to adequately protect life and property from its ravages. Seeing that at least seventy-five per cent. of all fires are caused by carelessness and can therefore be prevented, it is the obvious duty of municipal authorities, fire department officials, Boards of trade and other representative citizen bodies to bring the matter to the attention of the people. It is likewise the duty of all citizens to co-operate in curtailing this needless waste.

Canadian Copper Production

Production of new copper in Canada during 1933 totalled 299,982,448 pounds, valued at \$21,634,853, compared with 247,679,070 pounds at \$15,294,058 in 1932, according to finally released figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The 1933 output of copper represents an increase of 21.1 per cent. over the preceding year and is the largest production recorded since the peak year of 1930. The average price for the year, based on the London market and transposed into Canadian funds, was 7.4548 cents per pound, an increase of 1.0746 cents per pound over the corresponding price of 1932. The high quality of Canadian electrolytic copper is finding ever-growing recognition in world markets, a fact that is reflected in the important exports of this commodity since the commencement of electrolytic copper refining in Canada during 1930 and 1931. During 1933 Canada supplied almost 13 per cent. of the world's production of copper, and indications are that the 1934 copper output will establish a new high record, production being estimated at from 175,000 to 185,000 tons. Canada's 1933 copper output was contributed by five of the provinces, namely, Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan.

Then and Now

Fifteen years ago Canada was engaged in floating one of the most successful of its war loans. National enthusiasm was at its highest pitch. Business was booming and money was plentiful. Results exceeded the fondest hopes, nearly 800,000 citizens subscribing for the 1919 Victory Loan Bonds. True, the income yield of 5 1/2% was very attractive, but opinion then was, that people subscribed more from their wholehearted desire to assist national reconstruction rather than because of the attractive rate of interest. Holders of these 1919 Victory Bonds, which will mature November 1st, are now being asked to convert them into bonds of the 1934 Refunding Loan. That the majority of holders of 1919 Victory Bonds will avail themselves of this privilege there can be no doubt. They know what a safe and profitable investment they have had and will surely wish to continue it. The record of Dominion of Canada Bonds during the past few years when investors have suffered loss of capital and distress of mind, demonstrates conclusively that there is no safer investment than Dominion of Canada Bonds. Security of principal is paramount in any investment. Consequently, when the unassailable security of Dominion of Canada Bonds is coupled with so desirable an income yield as is offered by the new Bonds, the response from those having bonds to convert as well as applications from new investors should be both prompt and enthusiastic.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There will be ample cause for thanksgiving on the part of every citizen of Canada on Monday next. It is a favored land.

The Drew-Reobuck exchange of compliments has provided the headlines for the past week, lacking kidnapping or other sensational features.

Now the weather prophets are busy predicting the kind of winter we are to experience. The variety and kinds foretold leave assurance at least that we will in all probability have a winter this year.

When the new Y. M. C. A. building is completed and in operation, Acton will be the smallest centre in the Dominion of Canada to have a Y. M. C. A. Just another item in which this community leads.

Peddling of stocks from door to door or solicitation by telephone is now illegal since the coming into force of a new Dominion act. More and more one gets an opportunity of devoting time to business.

The new Government at Queen's Park is having a splendid time trying to satisfy all the Conservatives who want to retain their jobs and the new-found Liberals who want these same jobs. The question is to find all the folks who voted in favor of economy and curtailment of public expenditure.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th

FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST

Golden Text.—Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. John 15: 4.

Lesson Text.—Jno. 15: 1-10. Study, also, Jno. 15: 12-27; Gal. 5: 16-25.

Time.—Tuesday night, April 4, A. D. 29. Place.—Near Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I. The Fruit, More Fruit Much Fruit, 1-5.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman": this is the central truth of this lesson. All its wonderful teaching circles about, or is a development of, this great thought. Christ is the vine, we are the branches, all our life and power and fruitage result from our union with Him; and God the Father is the vine cultivator who by His wise care brings each branch to its highest possibilities, or if it has no real union with the vine, removes it. It would be difficult to find in the Word of God a passage that on the one hand, has more comfort and encouragement in it for those who really are in Christ, and on the other hand, has more solemn warning in it for those who have a more outward, formal connection with Christ, and into whose lives there is no real flow of the life of Christ showing itself in fruitage. Our life, our power to bear fruit, is from Christ, our training into highest fruitfulness, is from the Father. Union with Christ brings life and power to bear fruit, glad submission to the Father's pruning and training brings larger measure of fruitfulness. How glad we ought to be that it is the Father who is the husbandman. He will make no mistakes; for He is perfect in wisdom and He is wonderfully tender and kind. If any true disciple of Jesus will meditate long and deeply on the words of Jesus, "My Father is the husbandman," he will find them filling his heart with rest and joy. The distinguishing characteristic of a true branch, of a branch that is inwardly and really in the vine, and not merely outwardly, and only apparently in the vine, is that it bears fruit. This is also the distinguishing characteristic of a true disciple (v. 9). What fruit is we learn from Gal. 5: 22; Phil. 1: 11; 1 Jno. 2: 6; 2o. 1: 13; Gal. 5: 10 and verses 8 and 16 of this chapter. God alone is the final judge as to whether we are bearing fruit or not (Ro. 14: 4). If one has not that real vital union with Christ that results in fruit bearing he is removed from his outward and seeming union, he is "taken away." It will therefore stand each one of us in stead to ask ourselves very earnestly and prayerfully, "Am I bearing fruit?" A very large number of professing Christians are not.

II. Power in Prayer. Fulness of Joy, Likeness to Jesus, Found in Abiding in Jesus, 6-11.

If the branch bears fruit, it is not left alone; it is pruned or cleansed "that it may bear more fruit." If, then, we continue under the ever-wise care of the Heavenly Husbandman we may expect ever increasing fruitfulness. The form of cleansing specified in the context is cleansing "through the word" (v. 9). If then, we desire the fullest measure of that cleansing that brings ever-increasing fruitfulness we should bring our lives into constant contact with the word, which is God's chosen instrument for cleansing us. Neglect of the word is the explanation of the small fruitage of many a life. Do you study the Word as you ought? Is not that why you bear so little fruit? (cf. 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17). But the husbandman has also other methods of cleansing the branch described elsewhere (cf. Heb. 12: 6, 11). God sometimes resorts to the severer method of cleansing of the branch because neglect of the word renders the gentler method of cleansing impossible. The cleansing process is not always pleasant, but if we shrink from it we should remember that it means larger fruitage. Another secret of large fruitfulness is abiding in Christ and Christ-abiding in us. What does it mean to abide—in Christ? Many very mystical and misty explanations have been given of this that leave the average student of the Bible in a great fog. But, if one will note carefully just what Jesus is talking about, it is very simple. To abide in Christ is simply to have the same relation to Jesus as the living and continuously fruit-bearing branch has to its vine. This branch has no independent life of its own; it draws all its sap, its life and fruit-bearing energy, from the vine. It simply lets this life and fruit-bearing power continuously flow in, and its buds and leaves and blossoms and clusters are simply manifestations, not of any independent life of its own, but of the life of the vine. So we abide in Christ when we renounce any independent life or power of our own and just

look over to Christ Jesus for His life and let it flow in unhindered by distrust or disobedience, or the attempt to do anything or be anything as of ourselves. So that our thought and desires and purposes and acts are simply manifestations not of our own life, but of the Christ life in us. So far as we maintain this relation to Christ we shall bear much fruit. The utter failure to maintain this relation to Christ and the consequent attempt to be anything of ourselves means fruitlessness, casting forth, withering and burning. Are you abiding in Him and life in you? "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will and it shall be done unto you" (v. 7, R. V.); one of the greatest secrets of the prayer that is omnipotent is found here. What is it to abide in Him we have already seen. When we thus abide our prayer itself is a manifestation of the Christ life, it is Christ praying through us and the Father hears Him always (Joh. 11: 42). So He will hear all our prayers that are of that sort. But note that there is something else mentioned in this verse beside our abiding in Him—and my words abide in you." It is through the medium of His words that Jesus comes to abide in us (comp. ch. 14:23). It is vain to talk of Christ abiding in us if we are neglecting His words. Meditation upon His word, laying up His word in our hearts, is one of the secrets of mighty praying. Three great things are mentioned in the lesson as resulting from abiding in Jesus Christ—power to bear much fruit, power to get in prayer whatsoever we ask, fullness of joy (v. 11). This joy that we thus get is Christ's own joy ("my joy"). The world has no such joy as that to give. Everything in this lesson is related to Jesus—"my Father" (1. 8, 10), "my words" (v. 7), "my disciples" (v. 8), "my love" (v. 9), "my commandments" (v. 10), "my joy" (v. 11). The secret of loving one another is abiding in Jesus. His love to us is the standard and measure of our love to one another. How much He loved us is defined in verse 13. He laid down His life for us. There is no greater love than that possible, human or divine.

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