

THE LAST BOWL ON THE GREEN

It may be only sentiment When near autumn spreads its wings, And you feel the chilling air is getting keen...

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th

PETER ENCOURAGES SUFFERING CHRISTIANS

Golden Text.—If a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name.

1 PET. 4:16

LESSON TEXT. 1 Pet. 4:12-19; 5: 6-11.

EXPOSITION. I. Comfort and Admonition Amid Trial, 4:12-19.

This Epistle of Peter was written shortly before the second terrible persecution of the Christians under Nero, a time of calamity foretold by our Lord (Matt. 24:9, 19). It was addressed to Jewish Christians everywhere, to encourage them to endure patiently their sufferings, for the sake of Christ. Christ had specially commissioned Peter to strengthen his brethren (Luke 22:32). Persecuted alike by Gentiles and by their unbelieving fellow-Jews, the trials of these Christian Jews were indeed "fiery." Peter does not minimize the challenge to their faith and constancy, but he points out that Christ once suffered as they are suffering, and they should be proud that they are counted worthy to suffer likewise for His sake.

They should actually "rejoice," for Christ's glory will be revealed and they will receive a crown that will never pass away.

At the same time he cautions them that there is no merit in suffering that one brings on himself by wrong doing. Such suffering is simply the price of our own folly which all men must pay, whether they will or not. This distinction needs to be made today as truly as in the day of Peter. Too often the Christian, when called on to suffer for his own wrong doing, charges his suffering to "Providence," he assumes the role of a martyr of righteousness. Such suffering has no merit in the eyes of God. Peter cautions especially against the sin of "meddling in other men's matters," putting it in the same category with theft and murder. Each one of us has enough to do to see that our own life is right before God. Even those who truly endeavor to walk uprightly before God are "sincerely saved."

This does not mean that the purpose and performance of God are certain, but that the difficulties and temptations in the way are enormous. Only in the strength of Christ can we win the victory. If the way of the believer is so hard, how hard will be the end of the unaved who walk in their sin with delight and think the righteousness man a fool for his pains! All must pass under the judgment of God.

What a solemn warning is expressed in the words "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the sinner appear?" Of course, the reference to the "righteous" means those who have received the imputed righteousness which comes to believers through Christ. Many declared "righteousness" people do not live "worthily of the vocation wherewith they have been called." Their works will be tried as by fire (1 Cor. 3:15), having to pass through chastisements as did David when he sinned. Now if the saved are to know such discipline then what must be the fate of those who forget God in their persistence toward sin? Their end is the most terrible fall (Jude 15; Matt. 18:8, 9).

If the Christians Walk with God, 5:6-11.

Humbling one's self under the mighty hand of God is not easy. It often means the acceptance of better circumstances. If "God resisteth the proud" (v. 5) He will never do anything that may feed our pride. If He "giveth grace to the humble" He will not hesitate to increase our humility. But the Christian has this advantage. He sees in all his circumstances "the mighty hand of God." If Job could say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him," a Christian has far more reason for a like faith. The Christian knows that God has "respect unto the lowly; but the proud he knoweth afar off" (Ps. 138:6). If we have faith that God will exalt us "in due time," we can afford to labor on and wait. God is never forgetful, nor late (Ps. 121:4; 75:10; Isa. 41:10).

The Apostle knows that these Christians were under hard circumstances. They had "care," as referred to in v. 7, but they can become in a sense carefree by casting their burdens on the Lord (Ps. 55:22), in the confidence that God will take them under His wings (Ps. 91:1, 2). We do not give God His chance until we cease to worry and begin to trust. Many a trial is prolonged by lack of faith. Learn to live in Christ's way of life and then trust Him fully. To this end we are to be sober, vigilant, because we have an adversary in the devil who ravenously seeks his prey (v. 8). Here is the explanation of the source of many of our troubles. They are the works of the devil. Sometimes he lures his victims as moths drawn to their flame. If Christians allow themselves to be caught by these wiles, need they cry out if they get singed? Sometimes he sets his temptations as traps to catch the irresponsible and foolish. If Christians are thus ensnared, it is not their fault. Satan does not set his traps and lures where Christ is present. The wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11) can only be overcome by opposition. To "resist" (v. 9) is a Christian duty.

Will Nail Down What We Obtain In Bacon Markets

Ottawa Experts Study Methods to Hold Trade of Export Pork Products After War

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OTTAWA, (CP)—Disruption of production in Europe because of the war is bringing Canada more British orders for bacon than she ever received before but federal authorities are not forgetting that sometime they will face the serious problem of maintaining that expanded market under peacetime conditions.

Before the German invasion of the Low countries last year, one spokesman said, Danish bacon had a preference in the United Kingdom built up over a long period.

"Canada had quite a business in Britain during the First Great War but in the early post-war years some had begun to go to the British market and we've had memories of that to contend with ever since," he said. "Now we're really back in the United Kingdom market. We must make certain that nothing happens to jeopardize our post-war position—this time."

Before the present war Denmark supplied about 52 per cent of Britain's bacon import requirements, more than twice Canada's share which in 1939 amounted to around 17,000,000 pounds. But Denmark, an enemy-occupied country, no longer is a supplier.

High Standard

At Pictou, N. S., Agriculture Minister Gardiner said he expected an agreement with Britain for shipment of 600,000,000 pounds of pork products, mainly bacon, during the third year of war would be reached within two weeks.

"To keep anything like that market after the war we've just got to hold up the standard of our product," one expert said. "Constant experimentation was going on, even in wartime, with this aim in view."

Early this summer, as a result of accumulative research, the bacon board established a standard cure which now is being used by all plants supplying bacon for overseas export to insure that "all bacon is treated overseas in the best possible condition."

This the bacon board has moved to overcome one detrimental factor to increased overseas sales reported after a recent comparison of Canadian and Danish bacon by W. Harold White and W. H. Cook, federal laboratory chemists making food storage and transport investigations, and A. Winkler, their former associate who now is assistant chemistry professor at McGill University.

In most instances the bacon of Canadian manufacture was more variable in nature than that originating from Denmark, they said in a report prepared before the uniform cure was adopted and published in the Canadian Journal of Research.

"For Canadian bacon the most important source of the observed variations was between sides originating from different factories. The major source in the Danish product lay between the individual sides."

"This suggests that considerable uniformity in factory and curing practices exist in Denmark, whereas in Canada, although each factory prepares a relatively uniform product, undesirable variability exists between the various companies exporting Wiltshire bacon."

The research experts said that extensive investigations on the relative flavor excellence of Wiltshire bacons showed "a superiority of the Danish over the Canadian product." To find out why, they made physical and chemical examinations of sample sides.

"Canadian bacon generally contained more curing salts and was slightly drier and tougher than the Danish product," their report said. "Although fat was present in approximately the same proportions in the bacons of both countries, that of Canadian bacon was slightly softer."

"Improvement in the flavor quality of Canadian Wiltshire bacon could be achieved by use of milder cures, and the general adoption of improved handling and curing practices," they said, however, that "with the exception of the content of curing salts, Canadian bacon compares favorably with a Danish for the properties studied."

Bacon board experts said that institution of a milder cure will be a more difficult matter than establishing uniformity of cure throughout the country, but they indicated research along that line is continuing.

Seven Orphans Wouldn't Quit

Bereaved Children Stuck Together On Farm and Are Making Good

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., (CP)—Last February Mr. and Mrs. Camiel Taeta, their 18-year-old son, Albert, and Mr. Taeta's parents were killed in an automobile accident. Thus the seven other children of the Camiel Taeta, 10 to 21 years old, were orphaned.

Now, six months later, the seven children, five boys and two girls, Rita, 14, and Alice, 10, are successfully "cranking on." No one thought they could do it, but they are farming 600 acres of good but tough farmland near here in such a way as to win the approval of neighbors and landowner.

After the accident, relatives and friends made proposals about what would be done with the children. One

Canada's Trade To Costa Rica

Coffee and Bananas Come This Way from Central American Republic

PANAMA CITY, (CP)—Costa Rica's trade with Canada during 1940 was valued at 1,771,000 colones (about \$315,000 Canadian), an increase of \$21,000 colones (about \$3,200) over the preceding year, A. K. Dault, acting Canadian trade commissioner in Panama City, reported to Ottawa.

Coffee and bananas are practically the only commodities exported to Canada from Costa Rica, the former accounting for about 80 per cent of total exports, he said.

COMMENDED BY KING

FOURSMOULLE, (CP)—Barbara Heller, 17-year-old Girl Guide, has been officially commended by the King for services as an A.R.P. messenger.

Mule Takes Hold Of Sheep Flocks

OWENSBORO, Ky., (CP)—Sure you've heard of many a sheep-herding dog. But did you ever hear of a sheep-herding mule?

John Holger has one. A four-year-old mule whose dam was ridden to herd sheep.

When just a gangly-legged mule of a mule, Jenny used to go along while Ma did the sheep-herding. After she grew up she voluntarily took over the job.

Most of the day she spends afield with the flock. In the late afternoon when she decides it's time to go home, she herds the sheep ahead of her and guides them into their stockade. Next morning she takes them out again.

Canada Big-Hut

Only about 86 per cent of Canada's land area is considered to be of value for agriculture.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press Thursday August 18, 1921

The painters have completed the exterior of Knox Church and are now engaged on the interior.

Another reduction of two cents per gallon in gasoline is announced. Motor owners have no objection whatever.

Mr. John Craff of Churchill brought The Free Press a couple of stalks of emerald corn which measured twelve feet in length.

Rev. I. M. Moyer has arranged with Rev. G. W. Barker, pastor of Welland Avenue Methodist Church, St. Catharines, to exchange charges with him for the next two weeks. Rev. and Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Muriel have taken charge of the parsonage here and are finding a cordial welcome in their former parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller of Crossens, Corners, had a narrow escape when driving into Acton on Saturday night at the Main Street T. R. crossing. As he was turning his buggy to allow a team to pass, his buggy was struck from behind by a motor car driven by Mr. A. J. Murray. The collision frightened the horse and it ran away throwing Mrs. Miller from the buggy. Mr. Miller was badly bruised and cut when the rig overturned.

Acton's tax rate may be 47 mills and it may be 41. The finance committee wrestled with the matter until a late hour and fixed it at 47, but further investigation has led to the discovery of receipts not previously included and so the rate may be reduced.

DIED. SMALL. In Fern, on Thursday, August 4, 1921, James Small, in his 56th year.

Trust To Save Country Homes

British Old Families May Continue to Live in Them as Tenants

LONDON, (CP)—A National Trust Plan to ensure the maintenance of historic country homes may see their owners living in them as tenants.

Lord Escher explained at the annual meeting of the Trust that many homes are being sold by old families having to pay heavy income tax and death duties. He said the Trust does not pay either of the imposts and suggested that if country home owners were prepared to turn them over to the Trust they might live in them under simple tenancy agreements. "The great majority of families cannot maintain these great homes and parks; nor can others afford to buy and maintain them."

Redmen's Hope Is Vegetables

Wheat and Oats Not Much, Says Chief, but Gardens a Fine Sight

SASKATOON, (CP)—Chief Littlecrow came down with the Indians from Dandern for the 60th exhibition fair and brought along a report on crop conditions in the Moose Woods reserve. It was "The wheat crop is about gone. The oats aren't much better. But you should see our gardens. He assured white men that the reserve residents will be well supplied with vegetables for the winter."

GRATEFUL FOR ESCAPE

LONDON, (CP)—A Royal Air Force pilot officer sent the Lord Mayor of London's National Air Raid Distress Fund a cheque for £1,000 (\$4,500) in gratitude for "the miraculous escape of his bomber-crew in a recent raid on Hamburg."

Hitting the Mark!

Suppose you threw a stone at a mark and missed it, what would you say? Would you say that there was no mark to hit, or that it couldn't be hit, or that the stone was so misshaped that it would not carry true to aim? Or would you be candid and say that the failure was due to your own lack of skill? And if you really wanted to hit the mark, would you make but a single throw? Would you not keep on trying until you hit the mark—probably as a consequence of improved skill in throwing stones?

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