

WHEN DAYS ARE SHORT

When days are short and winter winds blow hard and harsh and shrill...

Twenty Years Ago

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Mr. Nichol, Knox Avenue, brought the Park Parsnips to which weighed 15 pounds and measured 18 inches in circumference.

A party of about forty members of Walker Lodge A. F. & A. M. and their ladies motored to Winona Park yesterday and enjoyed a picnic there.

Dunham Campbell of Moffat, ex-Warden of this county has purchased the herd of shorthorns gathered together by the late Sir Frank Bullie of Oakville.

It is rumored that Sir Adam Beck has purchased a large farm on Dundas street in Trafalgar township where he will keep his hunting horses.

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The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

THE WRITER OF HEBREWS EXPLAINS THE NEW COVENANT

Golden Text Having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation. Heb. 5:9.

Lesson Text Heb. 8:1-10:18. Print Heb 9:11-22. Exposition "The cleansing blood of Christ." 11:14.

We know that Jesus Christ has entered into heaven (Ac. 1:10). In this lesson we see Him there as a High Priest of whom Aaron and his successors were but types and shadows.

The high priesthood has to do with "good things to come." The tabernacle or place of God's manifested presence, in which He ministers is the real one, of which the O. T. tabernacle and temple were only types made after the pattern God had shown Moses in the Mount (Ex. 25:30; Ex. 25:40).

This true tabernacle God Himself made, not man. As there was a better sacrifice, there was also a better sacrifice. The blood of goats and calves in the O. T. time, were only types or pictures or fore-shadowings of the blood of Jesus Christ.

The blood of "goats" and calves and bulls had no real cleansing power, except typically on a pretense, but Christ's blood had and has. So Christ entered into the holy place through His own blood.

The Aaronic high priest went in once a year, Jesus went in "once for all." The yearly repetition of the high priest's entrance showed the incompleteness and merely typical character of it (Heb. 10:1-4, 10).

Before entering the true Holy of Holies, heaven, Christ has by His "toning death" obtained "eternal redemption" for His people. The redemption obtained typically by the sacrifices on the day of atonement was only for a year; the redemption obtained by the blood of Christ, is "eternal." The blood of the O. T. sacrifices served to "sanctify unto the cleanness of the flesh" (v. 13, R. V.). They had to do with external, ceremonial defilements (Num. 19:2-20; Luke 16:14, 16) and merely made the one who had been ceremonially defiled ceremonially clean. They were types of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, by the sprinkling of whose blood those who have been morally defiled are made morally clean.

The O. T. systems of sacrifices and ceremonies were a setting forth in wondrous pictures the profoundest truths of God about atonement and cleansing, but they were only pictures, not the reality. Christ and His atoning blood are the reality. "The blood of Christ" cleanses not merely the flesh, but the conscience. It cleanses the conscience from "dead works," i.e., it relieves the conscience of the believer not merely from the burden of guilt, but also from the burden of his self-efforts to atone for sin and please God. These self-efforts are dead works because they can never attain that at which they aim, peace with God.

But in the blood of Christ, His perfect sacrifice with which God is fully satisfied, the believer sees sin entirely and forever settled, and so, with a conscience entirely free from guilt and from the burden of his doing something (dead works) to atone for sin, he enters into the service of the living God in the liberty and power of established sonship. It is this living God we serve. We are cleansed-into-service-and-not-by-our-service. There is first a conscience cleansed by the blood of Christ, then service acceptable to God. Jesus Christ offered Himself. He was both priest and sacrifice. No one took His life from Him, He voluntarily offered it (John 10:17-18; Heb. 10:7-10). He offered Himself "without blemish" (R. V.). The physical perfection of the O. T. sacrifices (Lev. 22:29; Num. 19:2; 28:3, 9, 11; Deut. 15:21, 17:1) was a type of the moral perfection of Jesus (1 Pet. 1:19; 2 Cor. 5:21). He offered Himself "unto God." It was by the Spirit's power that He offered Himself "without blemish" and it is by the Spirit's power that we also shall be made and kept without blemish.

In The New Testament, the writer to the Hebrews in these verses wishes to explain that the Gospel is the new and last testament of Christ. The blood of Christ offered on the cross makes this covenant valid and effectual. God has made known several solemn transactions with man which sometimes are called covenants or are univalent as in this case, a Testament (Gen. 1:28; 9:1; 15:10; 17:1; 22:1; Ex. 19:2; Lev. 26; Deut. 28; 1 Sam. 12:1; 1 Chron. 17:7; Ps. 89:12). It is established by a voluntary act and deed of a single party, duly executed and witnessed, bestowing legacies on such legatees as are described and characterized by the testator, and which can only take effect upon his death.

Christ is the mediator of a new testament. Its purpose is to redeem the people from their transgressions, committed against the laws of the Old Testament, which made them debtors, slaves and guilty offenders who need to be redeemed. It also aims to qualify a those who accept

its provisions so that they may inherit an eternal inheritance (Jno. 10:28-30).

To make the New Testament effective Christ Jesus had to die (vs. 16, 17). Though man through sin has forfeited his life, God has established this covenant "of grace" whereby Christ not only "dies for him" (Rom. 5:6), but bestows him the legacy of eternal salvation (Heb. 5:9). This process is illustrated in the ceremonial acts of Moses-dedicating the tabernacle. In all the Old Testament ritual of sacrifice, the teaching set forth is that the blood of a substitutionary sacrifice is the means of effective cleansing. So it is with the blood of Christ. There is no remission of our sins apart from the blood sacrifice on the cross (1 Pet. 1:2; Heb. 10:19; 10:29; 19:13).

Farmers Demand Chance to Make All-Out Effort

Fair Balance Between Agriculture, Labor and Industry Essential, says Federation President at Quebec

By The Canadian Press

H. H. Hannam, president of The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in an address at the 22nd Annual Convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers of Canada held at Ottawa, urged that the Government should give farmers a voice, and that their power to resist a voice, lusty and persistent, which would prevent an agricultural tragedy befalling Canada, "land of great promise" and "destiny."

"Tell the people of Canada," he urged, "attract their attention, arouse their interest, explain, importune, persuade, not to take an overflowing dinner pail for granted without giving more thought to those on whom we must depend to create the food which fills the dinner pail."

Mr. Hannam made reference to the acute situation in regard to farm labor. The need for men in the forces and preferred conditions provided for labor and industry had drawn farmers' sons and farm labor away from the farm. While farmers would appreciate every hour of contributed labor the farm situation could not be solved on the basis of a casual labor supply.

"The only satisfactory answer to the farm labor situation is to establish a proper relation between farm prices on the one hand and industrial prices and labor costs on the other," he said.

Pointing out Canada had so far fulfilled all wartime contracts for food for Britain, Mr. Hannam continued: To date farm people have made a magnificent war contribution and it has been done without profitable returns. To produce their utmost at or below costs, under great handicaps, is a demonstration of loyalty of the first order. If criticism of our national war program is rather general amongst farm people, one reason is they are impatient because they have not yet been given a chance for an all-out effort in maximum food production.

Mr. Hannam said the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has been urging the adoption of a national agricultural policy, one which would: 1. Recognize the fundamental nature of food and land and farm people, and the importances of agriculture in national economy; 2. Establish a fair balance between agriculture, labor and industry; 3. Provide a systematic marketing program—designed to fend our markets both at home and abroad in an orderly and efficient manner; 4. Develop a production program shaped according to the needs of the marketing program; 5. Recognize the principle of a two-price policy, that prices of farm commodities in the domestic market must bear a proper relationship to cost of production and cost of living in Canada, even though it may be necessary for our exportable farm products to go to the world market at a lower price.

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ZINC SALVAGE

According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics there are 2,400 local salvage committees throughout Canada collecting metal scrap which will aid the Dominion's war effort.

The essential war metals, zinc occupies a place of special importance and although Canada is the largest producer of this metal in the world, the increased demand created by war needs makes every pound of it precious.

That is why the people of Canada are urged to make available for war use any surplus zinc lying loose around the house, farm or workshop. Zinc scrap may help to make a brass plate for Hitler's coffin.

HONORS TO HONORS

LONDON, (CP) Squadron Leader James Brian Tall has been awarded a bar to the Distinguished Service Order for lending a daylight bombing raid on Kiel. He also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Made Long Trek With Broken Leg

Fire Ranger Rode 46 Miles On Horseback with Leg in Splints

HIGH PRAIRIE, Alta., (CP) Story of a 46-mile trip through dense, mountainous country was brought to this Peace River district town recently by Zack Ingram, townman of St. Paul, made the trip with a broken leg.

His leg fitted with splinters, inflated by a fellow forest ranger, Ingram made a 46-mile trip by horseback during which it was necessary to cross the East Prairie River 18 times, he related. A lumber wagon took the injured man another 40 miles to the Peace River highway, where Ingram was met by a truck which carried him to hospital here.



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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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