

### THE GUIDING STAR

Across the Eastern firmament  
A Star shone forth that night,  
And they who came to find their King  
Were guided by its light.  
The Star moved until it stood  
Above a village shed,  
And there they found The Babe they sought,  
Calm in His manger bed.

In loneliness The Prince of Peace  
Into the world was born,  
In humble guise He healed the sick  
And counselled the forlorn,  
And throughout all ensuing years,  
That arch the span of Time,  
The Star that guided men of old,  
Has guided things sublime.

Rekindle, then, the lambent spark  
That still lies deep within,  
A Tyrant's power failed before  
To find the lowly Inn;  
And though a self-made Jupiter  
Strides Olympus now,  
Soon men shall not before him cower  
And none before him bow.

Christmas still brothers with joy and love,  
As on that Holy Night,  
When Wise Men saw His guiding Star,  
That glowed so strong and bright,  
And wise men now still see the Star,  
Men of good will on earth,  
And children glad, expectant, learn  
The story of His birth.

Henry Aynesworth Britton

### Garage Operators Return Officers For Another Year

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Garage Operators Association, Halton Branch, was held at the Estaminon in Burlington on Monday evening, December 2nd. The meeting was chaired by the president, Mr. Neil Waumale. Seventy-five members from Halton, Westwood and Toronto Branches sat down to dinner.

After an excellent chicken dinner, the secretary read the minutes. The treasurer's report showed the Branch to be sound financially. Mr. Pat Patterson introduced the guest speaker, Mr. A. R. Haskell, of the Toronto Better Business Bureau, who gave a very interesting talk on Rackets and fighting fraud in business. He centred his talk around information and complaints that his office receives in connection with the automotive industry. He was ably thanked by Mr. Ike Lynn.

A few words were heard from Mr. Len Walker, president of Westwood branch and Mr. G. Bilton, president of Toronto branch. Mr. Ed Wadham of Head Office spoke for a few minutes on matters pertaining to Unions. He emphasized the necessity of every member lending their support to the activities of the Branch, stating that there still were many, many things to be done and that the only way to get anywhere was for everyone to pitch in and do some of the work.

Mr. Jim Robertson, provincial treasurer, conducted the election of officers. Mr. Len McKindley, chairman of the Nominating Committee, recommended that the entire slate of 1946 officers be returned for another year. As there were no nominations from the floor, the entire slate was returned by acclamation. Mr. Fred Sinclair was nominated to serve on the Provincial Board of Directors for 1947. He will replace Len McKindley, who is retiring after years of service to the Branch. Mr. Pat Patterson and Mr. Jack Cain were elected as auditors.

The president reported that he was strictly opposed to the Branch having any surplus funds at the end of the year and for this reason had recommended that a free ticket be given to each member to this meeting.

His secretary reported that despite all his efforts the attendance at meetings was very poor and that it was particularly difficult to get any of the members to do any work. His chief complaint was that the members would not fill in questionnaires and answer correspondence.

Mr. Len McKindley recommended that more work should be placed on committees leaving the secretary free to do his work.

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### The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

A MESSAGE OF LOVE  
(Christmas Lesson)

**Golden Text:** Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. 2 Cor. 9: 15.

**Lesson Text:** Jno. 3: 16; Eph. 3: 14-21.

**Exposition:** I. The Gospel Perfectly Defined, Jno. 3: 16.  
This verse has probably been used to the salvation of more persons than any other verse in the Bible. It contains the Gospel in a nutshell: (1) The need of salvation, "should not perish." (2) The origin of salvation, God's love. (3) The ground of salvation, the death of Christ, "Gave His only begotten Son." (4) The condition of salvation, "believeth in Him." (5) The recipients of salvation, "whosoever." (6) The results of salvation, (a) "should not perish," (b) "should have eternal life."

II. Christian Aspirations, Eph. 3: 14-21.  
Paul graphically pictures himself in the attitude of prayer with knees bowed unto the Father (Luke 22: 41; Ac. 2: 40; 9: 40; 23: 36; 25: 15; Rom. 14: 11; Phil. 2: 10). Paul speaks of God, to whom he presents his petition for the saints in Ephesus as "the Father from out of whom the whole family (the word for family is derived from the word for father in heaven and on earth is named)." Paul here represents all holy beings in heaven and on earth belonging to one great family, having its source in God and named for God. The thought of the unity of believers runs through the book, but here we have a larger unity still (ch. 1: 10). The measure according to which Paul asks God to grant to the Ephesians is a great one indeed, "according to the riches of his glory" (Eph. 4: 19). What he asks is that they "may be strengthened with power." The tense indicates something to be done, at a definite point of time, but it is also an operation to be off repeated at different definite points of time.

This strengthening was not to be merely outward, but in the inner depths of their being, "in the inward man," literally "into" the inward man, representing the Spirit as sinking His mighty power deeper and deeper into the innermost recesses of our being. The strengthening was to be through the only agency that can impart real strength, "His Spirit" (Ac. 1: 8). It is evident from this passage that it is right to pray for the Spirit (Luke 11: 13; Ac. 4: 31, 8: 15). It is also evident that even after one has definitely received the Holy Spirit, he is sealed by Him, as those in Ephesus had (ch. 1: 13, 14). It is still right to pray for a larger measure of the Spirit's manifested presence and power. He has come to every believer and is ever coming more fully, always in connection with prayer.

Many glorious results would flow from this strengthening with power through the Spirit. (1) Christ would dwell in their hearts. The word for dwell is a very strong one, it means to dwell down, or dwell deep, to take up His permanent abode. The tense of the verb "may dwell" indicates a definite act in a definite point of time, may come to dwell. There is a point of time when Christ comes to dwell in our hearts, but He is ever coming more and more fully. The heart, the whole inner being, mind, feelings and will, was to be the abode of the Christ, the anointed of God. The indwelling is "through faith." He is ever ready to come in and dwell, but faith opens the door, lays hold of Him and brings Him in. (2) They would be "rooted and grounded in love." Paul uses a double figure, first, of a tree sending down its roots into love; second, of a building with its foundations laid in love. The "in love" is very emphatic in the Greek. (3) They would be made strong to apprehend "what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." All the language here points to the incomparable vastness in every direction of the love of the Christ. But though it "passeth knowledge" at Hill by the Spirit's power we may know it. It is "with all the saints," in fellowship and not in separation by ourselves; that we apprehend this love. No one of us can apprehend it by ourselves.

(4) They would be "filled unto all the fullness of God" (R. V.). The A. V. reads "filled with all the fullness of God." But that is not what Paul said, and it is not nearly as vast a thought as his. To fill a thimble with all the fullness of the ocean is easy; it can be done in a moment. But to fill a thimble unto all the fullness of the ocean, until all the ocean's fullness is in the thimble, is impossible. But that is what God proposes. (5) Through His Spirit with us, fill us unto all His own fullness, fill us until all His infinite fullness has been poured into us (cf. 1 Cor. 13: 12; R. V.; Col. 2: 9; cf. Rom. 8: 17; Jno. 17: 22; R. V.).  
But when will all this be. The tense of the verb indicates something done at a definite point of time. Time and time again there will be a definite filling, more and more toward the final goal at the coming of our Lord, when in a definite point of time the process shall be complete and we shall be like Him (cf. 1 Jno. 3: 2). The doxology begins with a phrase of frequent occurrence in Bible doxologies, "to him that is able" (cf. Rom. 16: 25; R. V.; Jude 24). Faith always has its eyes upon God's power (St. Matt.

### COMMUNITY UNITY

A Synopsis of Various Sport and Athletic Activities  
By JOHNNY GRAY  
(intended for Last Week)

The junior badminton club at the "Y" is creating lots of interest for many of the teen agers in town. This group uses the gym floor every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:30. Then the senior club takes over from there on. The junior club feels that within another two or three months, they should be ready to take on some other junior club in competition.

Thursday, December 12th is the Y's Men's big Christmas supper meeting, and that reminds us that the Y's Men's big turkey draw is not very far off.

The next couple weeks will be busy ones in the "Y" with a number of Christmas parties besides the regular class periods. The Nursery class will have its regular Christmas party on December 20th, and Santa Claus, as usual, will visit all these little children in the morning during their class period.

It is rather more than interesting to note the result of careful organization combined with competent coaching. Soon after the opening of the Y.M.C.A. this fall the Acton Badminton Club met to elect its executive and to discuss the possibilities of making a better showing in tournament play than was evident last year. To facilitate this motive, it was decided that Johnny Gray should coach all players so that a specific system of play and teamwork might be evolved. This idea was carried out and has proved so successful that the Acton Club has literally walked away with both of the tournaments scheduled to date.

The first tournament was played with Brampton and was held at the Acton Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening, December 3rd. The opposition was strong and despite a series of really close games the Brampton team was overwhelmed by the strategic play of the home club's well-balanced partners by a score of 10-6.

After the final game of the evening the social convener of the Acton Badminton Club, Rita McNabb, took charge of the program and produced from the inner sanctum of the kitchen a really magnificent luncheon. This was and always will be the high spot of any evening.

But to narrate only of the finer things, on Friday evening, December 6th, the Acton Club travelled to Guelph, where they played the Faculty Badminton Club of the Ontario Agricultural College. Once again the superb coaching of Johnny Gray and the uncanny tactics of the team captains, Helen Otterbein and Monty Route, bore fruit and the professors were whacked 8-3. Nevertheless, a club showing more sportmanship has yet to be encountered. It is only fair to say, however, that the two clubs which Acton has played so far have had comparatively little practice this year. We can only hope that as they become more proficient, we too shall wax more adept with time.

The Acton Badminton Club hereby declares an Open Season on any and all other such clubs in this district. May the better club win!

### AIR EXPRESS

Passengers between Britain and America can now fly the Atlantic at an average speed of 300 m.p.h., but next year even faster aircraft will be put into service. The air passenger of 1947 will have the option of crossing the ocean asleep in a comfortable bed in a luxuriously equipped aircraft at a speed of 300 miles per hour or of having less comfort and no sleeping berth but travelling at 430 miles per hour. As recently explained by Mr. J. J. Trippe, the President of the Airways Association, in an address to the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, this speed will later be increased still further.

19: 26; Rom. 4: 21; 14: 4; 2 Cor. 9: 8; Phil. 5: 21; 2 Tim. 1: 12; Heb. 7: 25). And what is God able to do? All that we ask or think? Yes, above all that we ask and think; yes, abundantly above all that we may ask or think; yes, exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think. The word translated "think" does not mean imagine, but to perceive "or understand" (cf. Matt. 13: 17; A. V. and R. V.; Eph. 3: 4; R. V. and A. V.). All our petitions to God, and all our thought of what He can do will fall far short of the reality. But the power by which God is able to do these unthinkable things is already at work in us, viz., the power of the Holy Spirit (v. 20; cf. v. 16; Rom. 8: 11; Col. 1: 29). To this mighty God Paul ascribes all the glory; for to Him it all belongs. His glory is manifested "in the church" that in its ultimate form will reveal His attributes and glory "and in Christ Jesus" (R. V.), in whom all ready dwell. All the fullness of the Godhead in a bodily form (Col. 2: 9). This glory to God "in the church and in Christ Jesus" will be "unto all generations of the age of the ages" (R. V.; Marg.)

## POWER SHORTAGE CRITICAL! SAVE ELECTRICITY!

**SOUTHERN ONTARIO** faces a severe power shortage right now. Every home, farm, store and industry in the southern part of the province must save electricity in every practical way if essential services are to be maintained during the present winter period, and rationing restrictions avoided. Hydro, therefore, asks your sincere co-operation to relieve an urgent situation.

**THE DAILY PERIOD DURING WHICH SAVINGS SHOULD BE EFFECTED IS BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 8 P.M., AND CONDITIONS ARE PARTICULARLY ACUTE BETWEEN 4 P.M. AND 7 P.M.**

### HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

**IN THE HOME** Eliminate all Christmas decorative lighting until Saturday, December 21st, and again after January 1st, 1947.  
Turn off lights when not required.  
Use a minimum number of lights in the living-room, consistent with good vision.  
Use electrically heated water sparingly and check leaking hot water taps.  
Do not use range elements on "high" when a lower heat will serve, and turn off all elements as soon as possible.  
Cook even meals as often as possible and avoid the unnecessary use of surface elements.  
Turn off veranda and other outside lights.  
Turn off all small appliances as soon as possible.  
Do not use electric air heaters and grates.

**IN STORES AND OFFICES** Eliminate all Christmas decorative lighting before December 21st, 1946, and again after January 1st, 1947.  
Eliminate the use of electricity for signs and store windows from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Turn off all lights when not required.  
Use electrically heated water sparingly and check leaking hot water taps.  
Do not use electric air heaters.

**IN INDUSTRIES** Switch from day to night operations wherever practicable.  
Turn off factory and office lights when not needed.  
Turn off motor-driven machines when not required and effect other savings wherever possible.  
Avoid the use of all non-essential outdoor lighting.  
Do not use electric space heaters.

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### Busy Beavers



Back on the seas again, the growing Canadian Pacific Beaver fleet of fast cargo ships carried some 200,000 tons of foodstuffs and other Canadian products to Britain during the Montreal shipping season. Above, the heavily laden Beaverlakes passes under the Jacques Cartier Bridge bound for London on one of the C.P.S.S. sailings during the summer. Inset at top shows the family of George Nicholls, formerly of London England, arriving on the Beaverlakes, settle in Canada at Niagara Falls. Bottom left shows part of a large shipment of eggs being loaded on the Beaverlakes. Picture at bottom right shows some small English cars arriving in Canada on the Beaverlakes when she reached Montreal on her maiden trip.

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