

THE QUARRELSOME TRIO

When you hark to the voice of the knocker... As you list to his hammer fall... Remember the fact that the knocking act requires no brains at all.

ANNUAL TAG DAY FOR BLIND TO BE HELD IN ACTON

On Saturday, May 3rd, the annual tag day on behalf of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind will be held in Acton under the sponsorship of Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire.

This will be the only appeal made on behalf of sightless people during the year. It will be the one occasion upon which the citizens will be given the opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the precious gift of sight.

The Canadian National Institute is the Agency which lights the lamp for those who will be in the world of darkness caused by loss of vision. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is the only agency in Canada that is equipped to render the following constructive services to sightless people.

The value of the service program outlined above may not be valued in dollars and cents, but dollars and cents are vital to its maintenance and the citizens of Acton may share in its maintenance by contributing to the tag day or by forwarding a donation to the tag convener, Mrs. C. Matthews.

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SPRING CLEAN UP TIME

This is the time of year when citizens will be thinking of cleaning up their yards, gardens, cellars, attics, etc. of the winter's accumulation of rubbish. Extreme care should be taken in disposal of this material, especially by the bonfire method.

FARM HOUSE PLANS

Five thousand blue prints and about 30,000 offset printed sheets of building plans and details were mailed direct to 1,000 applicants by the Architect's Office, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, during the financial year ending March 31st, 1946.

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MAY 4th

SOURCES OF NATIONAL CONFLICT

Golden Text: A man's pride shall bring him low; but he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor. Prov. 29: 23.

Lesson Text: 1 Kings 12: 1-5, 12-15, 19-20. Time: 9:45 B. C. Place: Shechem.

Exposition: I. Rehoboam's Folly, 12-14.

The kingdom of Israel had reached the zenith of its glory under Solomon. But there were internal elements of decay at work. With increase of wealth and power had come, as always, luxury, laxness, oppression of the poor, lust and decay of regard for God and liberality in religion.

Another thing often neglected at this time of year is an examination of smoke pipes and chimneys after winter's use. There is a tendency to make them last night-it is time to let the fires out.

The fact that the people were headed by Jeroboam (vs. 2, 3) when they came to Rehoboam shows that they were, unfavourably disposed toward him from the outset (cf. 11: 26-40, Israel's complaint (vs. 4) was not altogether just (cf. 4: 7, 20, 22, 23, 24; 15: 22, 23). In so far as it was true, Israel was only getting what it had sown (1 Sam. 8: 7, 11-18; 19). The year of most human monarchs is "grivous"; there is, but one King whose yoke is truly light (Matt. 11: 29, 30). It is not likely that Israel's offer (vs. 4) was made in the deepest sincerity. Rehoboam was wise in "taking counsel with the old men" (vs. 6). The counsel of the old men was good (vs. 7). The road to real greatness is service (Mk. 10: 43-45). If we serve others they will in their turn serve us. It is never a wise plan to seek counsel only of those of like position and prejudices with ourselves.

There is a significant difference in the wording of Rehoboam's question as he put it to the young men and as he put it to the old men (vs. 6, 9). Neither Rehoboam nor the people had any thought of God's plan or purpose in their plottings. It was pure selfishness on both sides from start to finish.

Rehoboam's Punishment, 15-20. Back of all Rehoboam's folly lay the purpose and word of Jehovah (vs. 15). But that did not in the least lessen his folly or his guilt (vs. 2, 23). What he did, he did freely and of his own choice. God's purpose in it all was that He might establish His Word. Every word of God is sure and God brings it to pass to the letter through the free acts of men. God's reason for His purpose to turn away the kingdom from the house of Solomon was because Solomon had turned away his heart from Him (cf. 11: 9, 11, 31, 33). Notice how many things had worked together to fulfill God's Word. When a true prophet speaks, it is God who speaks, it is His word (vs. 15). The outcome was in exact accordance with what God had spoken by the prophet Ahijah (cf. 11: 31, 32). God always fulfils prophecy literally. There are a great many in our day who are saying "You must not interpret prophecy literally" but the only way in which we can judge how the unfulfilled prophecies are to be fulfilled is to look at how the fulfilled prophecies have been fulfilled, with most exact and minute literalness, and so it is certain that the unfulfilled prophecies in due time will be fulfilled with the most exact and minute literalness. The outcome of Rehoboam's proud and foolish words illustrates the truth of many proverbs which his father had taught him but which he had not laid to heart (e.g. Prov. 18: 7; 28: 25; 29: 23; 15: 1). Rehoboam's history should be read in the light of his father's words in Proverbs; his ruin was brought upon by his pride (Prov. 16: 18). If his father's example had been as good as his teaching, doubtless Rehoboam's history would have been different. Solomon's own sin was the prime cause of the decision of Israel (cf. 11: 9, 13).

Nevertheless the decision was the direct outcome of Rehoboam's own pride and folly. He had one tribe still left to him (vs. 17) and this was due to his grandfather David's faithfulness. We have here a very striking illustration of the advantage of a godly ancestry and the disadvantage of a wicked ancestry. In Rehoboam blessed for his grandfather's faithfulness and cursed for his father's unfaithfulness but grace in this case abounds above judgment. When Rehoboam heard of their treatment of his representative, his haughty pride suddenly left him and we see him in swift and indecorous flight for Jerusalem (vs. 18). This was a sudden comedown from the swelling words of v. 14. But the man who deals in bravado and bluster will always take to his heels sooner or later. The men who rule over others with a rod of iron are rarely, if ever, those who boast that they are going to do so. It was a stupid act on Rehoboam's part to send the collection of tribute to those who had revolted from him; it not only showed either unparliamentary ignorance of what God had fore-

told His prophet Ahijah (cf. 11: 29, 31) or utter contempt for it; it revealed also a lack of ordinary common-sense. God's Word was fulfilled to the very letter (vs. 19, 20; cf. ch. 11: 29-36).

Women Better Drivers Than Men

According to a Professor from the Institute of Public Safety, Pennsylvania State College, who recently visited Toronto, women car drivers fall into two definite classes—good or bad, but men all the way from poor. The said professor is not a prejudiced woman driver but is a member of the male species, and he has all kinds of records to support his claims.

The Professor has ascertained that according to insurance figures the greatest number of severe accidents is caused by male motor vehicle drivers. Women drivers were found responsible for most of the slight accidents such as pushing in fenders, and headlights. He claimed that when a man wrecks a car he really does a smashing good job. No doubt this College official's finding were based on United States motorists— unquestionably the same will apply to Canadian car drivers.

It was discovered that women never have the same chance to become good drivers as men. The Professor was of the opinion that if a woman receives the same training in the handling of a car, she will stack up well against any man, and that goes for the general traffic and road law foundation too. He suggested that if women were timid on the road it is the fault of men, mostly husbands, and claimed that it was quite common to hear a woman say "I'm so nervous when I drive my husband. I could jump out the window, but I notice his driving isn't so good."

Yes, and women drivers give more signals than do the male species. As the Penn. State College director states, at least from a woman one gets a signal to indicate something is going to happen, although when it does it may have little to do with the signal. Still it is a signal, which is more than can be said for the average male driver. Taking up the battle on the side of the women, the Professor paid them this tribute, "when you get a good woman driver, you've really got something."

The Professor made a suggestion that impressed us and one that should be put into effect in Ontario and Canada as a whole. He stated that one way to increase safety on the road is to start teaching boys and girls driving while they are attending Collegiate or High School. This is a splendid idea. There are courses in the United States which provide for eight hours behind the wheel, with a total of 32 hours in the motor vehicle. It has been found that youngsters receiving this training in the United States were involved in fewer accidents.

Motor vehicle accidents are on the increase in Ontario, and unless some concrete action is taken to stimulate greater care and common sense on the part of the person behind the wheel, such accidents are bound to increase. The Ontario Department has been urging greater safety on the highways for some time, but too many motorists have ignored the pleas. Perhaps the findings of the U. S. Professor will shame male motorists into improving their driving qualifications and to practice greater safety when in control of a motor vehicle.

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