

CHRISTMAS AFTERMATH

My little folk
Their wise prayers said,
To me each spoke,
They were too bad,
And I (so wise),
When church bells chime
You will arise
The Christmas time."

The doorway eyelids closed in slumber,
And Santa dreams were theirs in
numinous lands.
Of the realms where fairies are;
To them they seemed not very far;
And so strange whispers came that
night.

That told of Christmas-tree alight,
Of merry cheer and mirth;—
And reindeer flying over snow;
They wakened from their dreams of
bliss,

Such wonder-things they would
not miss!

And while we slept at three am.,
Their busy minds were working; then
They tip-toed downstairs and behold!
Saint Nicholas, as good as gold;

Had been there; heroes of parent's land
On tree and tubule; never afraid
Of early hours or parents' scorn;

They soon proceeded to adorn
The house to the eyes of people bright
Most certainly have laughed that
night.

The curious, then satisfied,
Into my bed crept, and hove de
Me cuddled close, and soon were borne
On wings of sleep to Christmas morn.

Next morning, when we elders saw
Our festive house, no looks of awe
Or surprise; each smiling, happy face
That smiled upon the upturned
place.

There lay each present, opened wide,
With never a greeting card inside,
And ribbons red and papers white,
With cards were heaped as deep in
sight.

We scolded? No! Why cause a tear
When Christmas comes but once a
year?

Aileen Ward

CHRISTMAS TIME

Within our hearts at Christmastide
May joy and love and peace abide
Ahead of all the winter snow
Of tinsel and of candle-glow.

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1948

BELIEFS THAT MATTER
Golden Text. Every one who believes that Jesus Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. Jno. 5:1; Lesson Text. Jno. 20: 30-31; Acts 16: 11-15; 1 Tim. 4: 16; 1 Jno. 5: 1-5.

Exposition. 1. The Deity of Christ, Jno. 20: 30-31.

Jesus wrought many works of divine power, "signs" of His being sent by God as the Messiah; which are not recorded in this gospel nor in the other gospels. In selecting from all the "signs" that Jesus performed John recorded he had just one purpose in mind: convincing men that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God! in order that by "believing" this from the heart, "they might have life in his name." The best way to get that faith in Jesus that brings life is to read this gospel in the right way (Jno. 7: 17).

The Deity of Christ is the substance of the gospel. On it all other doctrines of our faith depend. The attack on Christ's Deity has been a constant one and continues to this day. But our Lord is the wonderful Saviour described in the Gospels.

II. Regeneration and Salvation, Acts 16: 11-15.

In this chapter we have two typical cases of conversion, this one and the one recorded in vs. 19-34. They illustrate how different are the emotional experiences of two persons in two equally clear and duly noted certified cases of conversion. The work of European evangelization began with a handful of praying women. Nevertheless, that was one of the most notable gatherings of all history. The word spoken resulted in the conversion of a prominent and pious woman, Lydia, "whose heart the Lord opened." That was the turning point. There is no hope for any woman, or man either, unless the Lord opens their heart (Jno. 6: 44, 45; Eph. 1: 17, 18; Luke 24: 45). But this He is more than willing to do. The steps in Lydia's conversion are very plainly marked and typical: (1) She went out to pray (v. 13); (2) She heard the Word (vs. 13, 14; cf. Jno. 5: 24); (3) The Lord opened her heart; (4) She gave heed unto the things which were spoken (v. 14; R. V.). (5) She was baptized (v. 15; cf. ch. 2: 41; Mk. 16: 16).

God demands on the part of those who accept Jesus as their Saviour and surrender to Him as their Lord an open confession of Him before the world, and the divinely appointed way of such confession is baptism (Ac. 2: 38). Lydia carried her whole household with her (vs. 31, 32; 1 Cor. 1: 16). Lydia's heart went out in gratitude toward those whom God had used as instruments in her conversion, and she constrained them to come into her house and abide there. Though it was the Lord who opened Lydia's heart, her conversion was by human instrumentality, as was every conversion recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. That is very solemn, and it ought to lead some of us to ask, "Am I so completely at the Lord's disposal that He can use me for the conversion of those I can reach and no one else can?"

III. Induction, 1 Tim. 4: 16.

We see how important it is to study the doctrine of God revealed in the Bible. Timothy was a preacher taught by Paul. He was informed that doctrine was essential (1) to his salvation and (2) to that of his hearers. Doctrine therefore must lead to consecration and service. Discuss the reality and effect of conversion, justification, sanctification, redemption, and prophecy, and these lead to doxology and spiritual service.

IV. Signs of Conversion, 1 Jno. 5: 1-5.

What is this "believing" cited in this passage? It is that which our Lord exhorted His disciples to exercise, and which they, in turn, enjoined upon all who professed to name the name of the common Lord and Master. It is that to which salvation is everywhere repeated in the Word of God. It is, moreover, the duty of all men Jesus Christ is worthy of the confidence of all believers, and it is therefore their bounden duty to confide in Him. At the same time, this faith wherever it exists, is in every case, without exception, the gift of God and the work of the Holy Spirit. He has wrought all our works in us, and our faith, too. One might ask: must not a man repent as well as believe? The reply is: no man ever believed in Jesus but what he repented at the same time. Faith and repentance go together. If I trust Christ to save me from sin, I am at the same time repenting of sin and my mind is changed in relation to sin, and everything else that has to do with it. All fruits meet for repentance are contained in faith itself—faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of mankind. What flows out of this? Love. We MUST love, if we are begotten of God, all those who also are born of God. First a man loves God, and then he loves all those whom God has begotten.

FRUSTRATION

"Frustrated cows give less milk" says Dr. W. E. Peterson, of the University of Minnesota. "After a hard day in the clover Suse is in no mood to be pushed around by some man, possibly trying to offset some inferiority complex of his own."



By IL COLES

Just Chattering

The Tamers are practising for opening night at the local ice palace with a zinger plus. After adding younger aspirants to the sessions, exhibitor has lubricated the aging joints profusely. The veterans have to fight to retain their positions on the roster and fight hard. Several of the better jumblers from last term's club are angling for positions and some of them maintain their pace in position for the push to Int. ranks. Norm Morton the veteran pivot has been giving the hopefuls a skating lesson coupled with stick jostling to let them understand he improves with age. The dasher boys with mouths agape watched "Wheezy" incredulously. One quoted that he had never seen the blonde in better shape. And neither had we on the night in question.

Yes, Oakville Army are scheduled for next Tuesday night. They are a "B" team and no-one knows much about them. All their home games will be played on the visitors' ice (which means they play here). Milton and Fergies drew the opening curtain on Monday last in the County Town. Milton in a pre-season bout at their cusion last Friday were defeated by Oakville's junior "C" club much to their dismay. It may be their highly touted importation is not such a great shake as imagined.

Acton Junior Farmers, last year's Halton rural champs are starting the 1948 season right. On Monday night in the Hillsburg circus ring they staged a nine goal bid for the night's honors. Hillsburg failed to notch a marker on Gib Jordan, the plough boys' blonde twin tender. Back at the helm this annum with the A.J.F.'s again, is "Cookie" who was directing "ops" from his usual stand in the players' box. Tall, shy and you know who, claims that his marvels will sweep the Halton series clean. It's also reported that Cookie is educating some of the players with urban tendencies in bush fare.

Doctor Sirs' juveniles club looks good on paper. He has the makings of a fast sixteen if the lads live up to expectant ones.

We'll be back next week with the New Year.

ERIN

Councillor Ernie Teeter's many friends were pleased to see him able to drive his car to the business section of the village last Friday, when he was away from his home for the first time in a month, following a heart attack.

At the windup meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Erin, in the Exchange Hotel, in the Village of Hillsburg, the popular rearing Reeve, Mr. Swankhamer was host, to his colleagues on the Council Board, the officials, the telephone commission, reeves and certain special guests for a special occasion, to a bountiful repast put on by the genial, courteous and home-like hostel conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox, of the said village. At the proper time Henry Wheeler, Road Superintendent, presented to our worthy treasurer, Dan Gray, a beautifully engraved gold filled pen and pencil set; also at the proper time Richard Bryan presented to Mr. Gray for Mrs. Gray, a beautiful, large, full-blown house plant.

IV. Signs of Conversion, 1 Jno. 5: 1-5.

Washington's tariff concession of one cent a pound on aluminum may open up a \$30 million market, reports The Financial Post. This would be nearly six times the size of the present one for Canada, representing a considerable increase in U.S. dollar earnings from this source.

In the first 10 months of 1947, Aluminum Co. of Canada exported 31 million pounds of aluminum to the United States, at the competitive price of 15¢ lb. for ingots, 16¢ for pig, total of between \$4 million and 25 millions.

Now it is rumored that the United States may possibly be in the market for 200 million lb. yearly, if power and production facilities make that quantity available here. Reduction of the U.S. tariff by 33½% from 26 to 18 lb. should put Alcan in a definitely favorable position to meet U.S. competition.

ATOMIC ENERGY FILM

Britain has just issued a film on atomic physics which constitutes probably the first authoritative work on the subject for the information of non-scientific minds. It has been produced by Gaumont British Industrial Films with the advice of experts from the Imperial College of Science. It is divided into five sections treating different aspects of nuclear fission and its applications in peace and war.

Professor Einstein is among the scientists who elucidate the various steps in the long and painstaking search which culminated in the atom bomb.

GEORGETOWN

The Grey Coach busses were marooned for four hours last Thursday between Norval and Georgetown when heavy winds filled the highway with snow.

Bill Armstrong who is studying engineering at the University of Oklahoma is home from Tulsa for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Collins of Angus are spending two weeks in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Collins. Mr. Collins is on furlough from Camp Borden, where he is stationed with the Canadian army.

Wilfred Hurten, Victoria Street, holding ticket number 5663 won the well dressed in ten one dollar bill, offered as the major prize in the Lions Club Christmas draw on Main Street Saturday afternoon. Herald

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Date	Visiting Team	Score	Home Team	Score
Monday, Dec. 29	Fergus		Milton	
Friday, Jan. 2	Orangerville		Weston	
Monday, Jan. 5	Georgetown		Milton	
Tuesday, Jan. 6	Fergus		Oakville Army	
Tuesday, Jan. 6	Weston		Orangerville	
Thursday, Jan. 8	Oakville Legion		Oakville Legion	
Friday, Jan. 9	Oakville Legion		Acton	
Friday, Jan. 9	Fergus		Milton	
Friday, Jan. 9	Georgetown		Weston	
Monday, Jan. 12	Georgetown		Fergus	
Monday, Jan. 12	Oakville Legion		Oakville Army	
Monday, Jan. 12	Weston		Milton	
Tuesday, Jan. 13	Weston		Orangerville	
Thursday, Jan. 15	Weston		Acton	
Friday, Jan. 16	Orangerville		Georgetown	
Friday, Jan. 16	Milton		Fergus	
Monday, Jan. 19	Oakville Army		Oakville Legion	
Monday, Jan. 19	Weston		Fergus	
Tuesday, Jan. 20	Acton		Georgetown	
Tuesday, Jan. 20	Milton		Orangerville	
Thursday, Jan. 22	Fergus		Oakville Legion	
Thursday, Jan. 22	Oakville Legion		Acton	
Friday, Jan. 23	Georgetown		Milton	
Monday, Jan. 26	Georgetown		Oakville Legion	
Tuesday, Jan. 27	Milton		Acton	
Wednesday, Jan. 28	Oakville Army		Milton	
Thursday, Jan. 29	Oakville Legion		Oakville Legion	
Friday, Jan. 30	Acton		Milton	
Monday, Feb. 2				