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The rumpus kicked up by Oakville Legion last Thursday coincided with the malevolent policies all hockey clubs from the port town appear to pursue. At least since we've known them. During the last period there was more confusion from the insistent arguing with whistle twister Walsh than there was from resultant penalties. Evidently the majority of their players have a "chip on the shoulder" complex which if exploited can erupt into a donnybrook on a moment's notice. On Thursday tempers were frayed from the poor condition of the ice and when the first shineline groped for a resting place, they flared up dangerously. The two match misconducts handed out by Walsh hardly sufficed to lay down the law. Everyone on both clubs were anxious to avenge the unceremonious dumping of their playmates into the sin-bin. This was averted only by the urge to score something which had been forgotten in the first frames.

Chris Speyer, Oakville's dynamic half-helmman, steered the Legionnaires from the box as if he still wore his chart and had no temptation to change his line-up. He deliberated slowly on each decision. He argued insinuously, an penalty procedure, especially with the Oakville players who

seemed only too anxious to find an excuse to erupt like some Vesuvius at anybody.

Candidly, with the exception of a Georgetown-Acton skirmish in an incident spot two years ago, it was the worst exhibition of hockey and sportsmanship we have viewed in the post-war program.

Weston, with four wins are holding the top rung of the loop ladder. Georgetown with three are next in line. Both these aggregates have little effect on the point total. The Papertown are reclassified as Int. A account of importations from Brampton. They readily say that their ballyhooed "home brews" had to judgment their ranks to maintain even, keep with the Int. B entry.

#### Blue Line Banter

Clad in their new and gold regalia, the Tanners, playing fast and scintillating hockey, added a touch of luscious combination oomph which they are famous to their second triumph in three starts on Tuesday last. Orangeville were swamped by Tammerdon's pattern play, which were breaking into bud before they could be nipped by the spunky Greenshirts. We were particularly impressed with Johnny Guy's (Joy-Boy) effort. Woods played a hang-up not minding game, making two or three split-second saves that Orangeville fans ingloriously labelled "lucky". Kevin McPhail sniped his first marker in an Intermediate sweater and is showing promise in the backfield. The Marzo Bros. standing climbing into form, each potted a goal. Greenshirt's Gillespies, the other family act, were most effective for Orangeville.

Acton Juveniles made an auspicious debut in their first performance on the local battlefield by thwacking Milton's entry 11-5. Tutored by irrepressible others and only "Dude" Lindsay, the triple A sextette sported their mentors' "New Look". We'll hear more from them later.

#### League Standing

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Weston	4	4	0	30	19	8
Georgetown	3	3	0	12	6	6
Acton	3	2	1	14	12	3
Oakville Legion	3	2	1	26	10	4
Fergus	4	2	2	19	19	4
Milton	4	1	3	10	15	2
Orangeville	3	0	4	19	32	0
Oakville Army	3	0	3	5	21	0

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## The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

### MAN'S NEED OF GOD

Golden Text. "For we are children of God, bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God." Rom. 8: 16. Lesson Text. Rom. 8: 12-17, 31-39.

Exposition. I. The Holy Spirit bearing witness with the Spirit of the Believer to his being a child of God. 12-17.

"Sons of God"; these are wonderful words, but we are so familiar with them that we do not stop to weigh their meaning. If we did they would fill our hearts "with joy unspeakable and full of glory." And who are sons of God? "As many as are led by the spirit of God." Are you thus led? Have you surrendered your whole life to the Holy Spirit's control? Such as have are "sons of God." Not merely "children of God." A son is a child who has come to maturity. As long as we are under law, under ordinances and prescriptions, the judgments of this world, we are "children" (Gal. 4: 3, R.V.), but when we enter into the larger life and liberty of those who are led by the living Spirit we are "sons" (Gal. 5: 18, R.V.). Law keeping is "bondage" and is full of "fear"; but when the believer receives not a spirit of bondage with fear, but he receives "a spirit of adoption" (placing as a son).

Having received such a spirit, we do not cry "My tyrant, but, Alas, my Father." Many to-day who call themselves Christians bring before God in terror. Their whole heart does not go out in the restful, glad, fearless trust of a child toward its father. There are two witnesses to our oneness, our own spirit and the Holy Spirit who "beareth witness together with that is the force of the originally our spirit that we are children of God" (Gal. 4: 6). We are also "heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." These are stupendous words. What they say is this, that I am an heir of all God has and I am he, just as Christ is he, and that, of course, is to the fullest extent. The only difference is this, that Christ is heir by His own eternal right and I am heir because of my union with Him. My union with Christ makes it sure that I shall suffer with Him in this present life (2 Tim. 3: 12), but it also makes it sure that I shall be glorified with Him hereafter.

In this passage we are led to see what is the secret of victorious Christian living. (1) It is first of all that we are spiritual in life's interests. The flesh is an absorbing, tyrant's slave; it is chiefly concerned with self-satisfaction. A true Christian is one who sees that his body is but the temple of the Holy Spirit. (2 Cor. 6: 19, 20.) (2) There may be a struggle between the flesh and the spirit but we have the Spirit's power to decide. No one is forced to do evil. A Christian has to defy the Spirit to yield to sin (1 Jno. 3: 3-5; 13-15). (3) The Holy Spirit confirms us in our choices when they are right and condemns us when they are wrong (1 Jno. 3: 21; 4: 13). All the resources of Almighty God are on our side when we seek holiness for His glory.

II. God Saving Us through Christ, 31-39.

The Apostle is led to ask "If God be for us, who can be against us?" It is a summation of the wonderful revelation before related in Chapters 3: 21-8: 30. All of it repeatedly assures us that God is "for us." He is for us because we have been regenerated through the power of the Gospel in our believing (Rom. 16). He is for us because we are reborn at His imputed righteousness (Rom. 3: 21, 22). He is for us because we are justified by our faith (Rom. 5: 1). He is for us because we reign in life by Jesus Christ (Rom. 5: 17). He is for us because we have declared ourselves to be dead unto sin and alive unto God (Rom. 6: 11, 12).

Since God is "for us," meaning at or in our side, it matters not who or what is against us. In giving His Son, God has with Him given "all things." What more could be wanted? (2 Cor. 4: 15). There hardly one Christian who has thoroughly comprehended all God means to us. When we have thought of everything, there is still plenty more and we know it. Oh, what quinny lives many Christians live! How they will worry and fret and complain, almost completely forgetting God. Such an attitude is sinful. If we will look at the positive things of God, their hope and eternal worth, we will worry no more.

The challenge in vs. 33, 34 concerns the Christian's standing in grace before God. If God does not condemn us, what matters it that others may attempt to slander us? God is our Judge, not man, and He has declared us justified in His sight. How? Through the death and resurrection of Christ. Our salvation is all the more assured because He is interceding on our behalf at the right hand of God (1 Jno. 2: 1, 2; Heb. 8: 1, 2). Now comes the question "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Seven possibilities are mentioned in v. 35, all evidently

## COMMUNITY "Y" COLUMN

### A Synopsis of Various Sport and Athletic Activities

Swimming in the winter may sound like a cold, grim form of sport, but it isn't as bad as it sounds. By the time you get into the pool, you forget that it's winter outside. The room temperature in the pool compares to a warm summer day and the water is heated to match that of any swimming tank in the summer time. The boys and girls are very anxious to get started on the swimming program the Y's Men's Club have organized for Y members at the Guelph Y.M.C.A. Pool. The boys will go on Tuesday nights and the girls on Thursday nights. The program starts this week and the interest and enthusiasm is running high.

way this week in the Y. On Wednesday, January 18th, the first of these interesting sessions will be held and once again the battle of wits and brains will hold the lime light.

Table tennis, the game played with the little white ball, is very popular at the Y. The demand has made it necessary to supply a second table which we now have, giving more enthusiasts a chance to play more games. The old saying that practice makes perfect is very true in this game. A good many boys and girls played this game for the first time last year and already they have developed to the point where they are ready for some outside competition. It is not commonly known but this game will give you a lot of real exercise, it's fast and requires quick thinking control and lots of speed. Try it some day or just come in and watch some of the sharks.

#### INFLATION IN CHINA A DEADLY REALITY

During the past year the North American press has contained considerable information dealing with the "spectacular depreciation" of China's National Currency. In 1937, 3.33 Chinese dollars would buy one Canadian dollar as of late November 1947, 140,000 Chinese dollars were required to purchase one Canadian dollar, and the end of this dizzy spiral is not yet in sight. The greater portion of this depreciation has occurred since the beginning of this year when the rate was around 5,000 Chinese dollars to one Canadian dollar.

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Perhaps readers would not have noticed the change in column width if we had not drawn attention to the fact. It is in reality only a small fraction of an inch, but it conforms with that in all daily papers and many weeklies and does away with unnecessary waste of white space around national advertising.

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