

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MARCH 14th

THE DIGNITY OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Golden Text.—I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3: 14.

Lesson Text.—Eph. 5: 6-21.

Place.—Rome.

Exposition.—I. No Fellowship with the "Unfruitful Works of Darkness, 6-14.

The believer in Christ is a child of light (v. 8), there can be no fellowship between light and darkness, the believer must therefore refuse all fellowship with the works of darkness (2 Cor. 6: 17). This settles our duties about worldly pleasures. These works of darkness bring forth no fruit for God (Rom. 6: 21). So far from having fellowship with them, we should "even reprove them," i.e. expose and rebuke their badness. "Darkness" does much of its work in secret, light does its work in the open. The things done by those who are "of the darkness" in secret it is disgraceful even to mention. Many sins are better un-described. The light makes everything manifest and that which is thus made manifest by turning the light on to it becomes light itself (v. 13). The believer who has any fellowship with darkness, to awake from his sleep and arise out from among the dead, i.e. from the sinners with whom he is fellowshiping, as a live man among corpses (Rom. 13: 12).

When the sleeping believer does awake and arise out from the dead, then Christ shall shine upon him (v. 14; 2 Cor. 3: 18; 4: 4-6; 6: 17, 18).

II. Understanding What the Will of the Lord Is, 15-17.

It will not do to carelessly take it for granted that our work is all right unless we have looked very minutely into it. There are two kinds of walk, the walk of the unwise and the walk of the wise. In order to walk wisely we must "buy up the opportunity" (v. 16). As the far-sighted merchant buys up all he sees to be of large and constantly increasing value, so we must lay hold of every passing opportunity of doing good and of growth in the knowledge of and likeness to God.

The fact that the days are evil is not a reason for discouragement but for more earnest improvement of every opportunity that offers. This is a reason for not being "foolish" (v. 17, a very strong word, literally "without reason," senseless). The only way to avoid being foolish is by understanding what the will of the Lord is. The Lord here is Jesus (v. 18 and 20). How to understand what the will of the Lord is, is made plain in many passages of Scripture (Jno 7: 17; 1 Cor 2: 14; Rom 12: 2; Jno 5: 39; 1 Thos. 2: 13; 2 Tim 3: 13-17).

III. Filled with the Spirit, 18-21. Paul here takes up one special form of folly, a fruit of darkness that has cursed every age since the days of Noah, drunkenness (Gen 9: 20-25). Perhaps Paul warns against this form of folly because it is the most of almost every other kind. But by God's wondrous grace one who has been a drunkard may be washed, sanctified, justified and may then inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor 6: 11). In drunkenness there is excess or riot (indecency, abandoned profligacy). Anyone who has any experience of life knows, how true, that is. The drunkard becomes lost to every noble ambition and holy desire. Note that it is drunkenness, not merely with strong drinks, but drunkenness with wine that Paul warns against and proposes as the cure for drunkenness the only sure cure, being "filled with the Spirit".

To be "filled with the Spirit" means to have the Holy Spirit take possession of the whole being (Luke 1: 41, 42, 67; Ac 2: 4, 4: 8; 13: 9, 10). It is nearly synonymous with being "baptized with the Holy Ghost", excepting that the expression being baptized with the Spirit is never used of a second experience, while being filled is (Ac 1: 5, 2: 14, 10, 44-46; 11: 15, 16). When one is "drunk with wine" wine takes possession of every faculty and when one is "filled with the Spirit" the Spirit takes possession of every faculty. Intoxication is the devil's counterfeit of being filled with the Spirit. The effects of being filled with the Spirit is that one is lifted on to a supernatural plane of life and activity (1 Cor 12: 4, 8, 11, 13; Gal 5: 22, 23). The effects of being filled with the Spirit and being drunk with wine are sometimes confounded by the un-discerning (Ac 2: 13-18). But they are in reality in the most absolute contrast and opposition (Luke 1: 15).

The best way to keep a man from having recourse to the devil's stimulation is to have him filled with God's. He that knows the wine of heaven (Isa. 55: 1) will not want the wine of hell. The literal form of the words translated "be filled with the Spirit" is "be getting filled with or in the Spirit" i.e. be getting constantly filled. One filling is not enough, there must be a constant in-pouring. As to how to be filled with the Spirit study Acts 2: 38; 5: 32; Luke 11: 13; Acts 4: 31; 8: 15-17. When one is filled with the Spirit he will be full of joy and song as well as will be in his heart as well (Isa. 65: 14). But the songs will not be songs of this world, but "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." The Spirit-filled man is taken up with God and Christ (Ac 2: 4, 11; 4: 31, 33) and his songs will be about Christ. The Spirit-filled man will also be filled with thanksgiving (v. 20). He will be returning thanks all the time (Ps. 34: 1) and "for all things".

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Canadian Appeal for Children

The Canadian Appeal for Children is the name under which the United Nations' Appeal for Children is being run in this country. In Ontario it is headed up by a joint committee representing nearly all Agricultural and Co-operative organizations. The campaign began on February 9th and was originally announced to end on February 29th, but the closing date has been extended until March 31st. The confusion in dates prevented the Halton Federation of Agriculture organizing and conducting a farm to farm canvass. All agricultural organizations, commodity groups, public schools, etc. have been contacted and many of them have undertaken a canvass of their respective communities. The response has been most gratifying where good leadership has been given. In the Campbellville district, under the leadership of St. David's Presbyterian Church, \$455. has been raised to date; the Limestone Farm Forum has also raised \$308.24; the Ashgrove Women's Institute \$141.00; the Halton Junior Farmers, \$100.00; Palermo Junior Farmers \$75.00; Bronte School \$46.00; and a canvass is now under way on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th lines of the New Survey of Trafalgar. Individual donations of from \$5.00 to \$25.00 are being coming in, which indicates that the general public appreciate the urgent need existing in Europe and Asia. Those who have not been contacted may leave their donation with their local banker, who will give them an interim receipt.

Inter-Township Bacon Hog Show

Township committees representing the Halton Hog Producers have selected their entries for the inter-township Export Bacon Show to be held in the Milton Town Hall, on March 13th. As indicated the hogs have been selected, marketed, made into Wiltsires, and are now in cure. Halton producers from whose swine herd a hog was selected are as follows: Esqueping Township: F. Humphrey and Guy Wilson, Norval; Geo. Fisher and Sons, Vernon Archer, and Thos. E. Appleyard, of Georgetown.

Nassagaweya Township: W. L. Ferguson and John W. Wilson, Rockwood; R. A. Hurren and Mrs. Hattie Price, Campbellville and Chas. Thomson, Acton.

Trafalgar Township: J. Allan Dixon, Ernest Price, Roy Colton, Milton and Keith Merry and Percy W. Merry of Hornby.

Nelson Township: Robt. Wheelband, Jack Powell, Roy E. Ellenton, Thos. Ramshaw, Milton, and Harvey Hunt, Freeman.

It's Warble Fly Control Time

Our readers will recall that back in 1935, 1936, and 1937 the Halton Live Stock Improvement Association with the co-operation of the Halton County Council sponsored a campaign for the eradication of warble flies. For three years powder was distributed annually to all Halton cattle owners. In most sections of the County an excellent job was done and gadding of cattle was pretty well a thing of the past. Unfortunately there are always a few who refuse to co-operate and as a result warble flies are again prevalent over the County. The financial loss from damaged hides, reduced gains, loss in milk, etc. annually reaches a tremendous sum. Practically all of this could be prevented with very little effort. One pound of derris or warble powder

is sufficient to take care of all the warbles on the cattle in any Halton herd. The first application should be made about the middle of March on all cattle where warble lumps can be found. The herd should be checked for further warble lumps which may have developed in mid April and again before the cattle are turned out to grass. True, a few warble grubs may emerge in late June or early July but if the three treatments are done thoroughly, there will be comparatively little gadding next summer. Don't forget, a single grub is capable of developing into a fly that can lay or produce 300 or more eggs. Every grub that escapes alive is a potential source of worry to the cattle and loss to the owner. Normally it is the young cattle which are the greatest source of infestation, so check them at once and then on the next trip to town get some warble powder. It is carried by most feed dealers, hardware merchants or druggists. Enabling legislation has been passed which permits township councils to pass a by-law making it compulsory to treat cattle for warbles. Surely it should not be necessary to take such action in Halton. It has always been demonstrated that the control measures are effective, easy to apply, and relatively cheap. If the by-laws are passed, it may be necessary to either purchase or rent spray machines along with the necessary labor and travel from farm to farm in order to enforce the by-law. The spray treatment was tried in Peel in 1947 and the cost to the cattle owner was 50 cents per head for three treatments. On the basis of 30 head of cattle in a herd that means \$15.00 whereas \$1.00 or thereabout would do the job if one is really interested in his cattle and wishes to economize. Which method do you prefer, Compulsory or Voluntary? The action taken by Halton cattle owners in 1948 may well tell the tale for future years.

The Ontario Department of Highways warns bike riders that the rules for safe winter driving of automobiles apply to bicycle riding too. Avoid sudden stops and short turns on slippery pavement. Don't crowd up on other vehicles. Allow extra space for stopping. Be especially watchful for pedestrians. And remember, to take it easy when it's frosty.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

OF DAIRY COWS, HORSES, FARM IMPLEMENTS, HAY, GRAIN, FOWL & FURNITURE

The undersigned auctioneers have received instructions from

THOMAS RYD

To sell by public auction at his farm, Lot 11, Concession 5, Township of Trafalgar, four miles east of Milton on County Road no.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th

At 1 o'clock the following:

HORSES AND HARNESS—1 Bay Mare, 6 years old, 1400 lbs.; good workers; 1 set heavy Breeding Harness; odd Collars; odd Saddles.

COWS AND YOUNG CATTLE—1 reg. Holstein Cow, due time of sale; 1 reg. Holstein Cow, fresh 1 week; 1 reg. Holstein Cow, in full milk; 1 grade Holstein Cow, due time of sale; 1 grade Holstein Cow, in full flow, bred Feb. 20; 2 grade Holstein Cows, in full flow, bred; 1 Jersey Cow, due May 9; 1 Jersey Cow, milking, due in July; 1 Jersey Heifer, 6 months old; 1 Jersey Heifer, 6 months old; 1 Jersey Heifer, 1 year old; 2 Holstein Heifer Calves; 1 Holstein Bull, 1 year old.

POULTRY—120 Sussex Hens, 80 Hybrid Hens.

HAY AND GRAIN—100 bus. Fall Wheat; 100 bus. Oats, suitable for seed; 10 tons mixed Hay; baled; a quantity threshed Timothy.

FARM IMPLEMENTS—1 Case Tractor, model C on steel; 1 Int. 2-furrow Tractor; 1 M.H. Grain Binder, 6 ft.; M.H. Mower, 5 ft.; Dump Rake; 11-hoe Grail; 10; Drag Cultivators, 2 sections; Seed Harrows, 3 sections; Smoothing Harrows, 3 sections; single furrow Riding Plow, Quebec Style; single furrow Walking Plow; 1 Farm Wagon and Hay Rack; odd Oil Drums; number Pine Logs; Forks; Hoes; Chains and other small articles.

FURNITURE—Wine Studio Couch, almost new; End Tables; Odd Tables; Extension Table and 6 Chairs to match; Library quarter Bed and Mattress; 4 odd Dressers with good mirrors; full sized box-spring Mattress; Bed Spreads; 1 Axminster Rug, 6x9; 1 Upholstered Chair; 1 Congoleum Rugs, 12x9; 5 yards Tapestry Runner; 6-lid Cook Stove, small size, almost new; 1 Quebec Heater; 1 Coleman Oil Burner; heater; Duo-Therm, large size; number of squares of Masonite; Alarm Clocks; Lawn Chairs; Wicker Chairs; Trays; a number of electric Table Lamps; quantity of empty Fruit Jars; House Plants; odd Dishes and numerous other small household effects.

TERMS: Cash settlement with clerk day of sale. No reserve as the farm is sold and the proprietor is giving up farming.

In case of bad weather, sale will be held under cover.

HINDLEY AND ELLIOTT, Auctioneers, R. Ford, Clerk, B-38-2

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of TWO who came back

by Lotta Dempsey

Of course, quite a few air force personnel got their faces smashed in crack-ups. But a girl—well, girls have a very special feeling about their faces. And when they brought the tall slender WD corporal into hospital—she of the eight of twenty-seven left alive out of a flight that crashed between Vancouver and Prince Rupert—she was about the most unrecognizable Airman—still-breathing in this country.

They flew Helen and Mary, another WD with a badly burned back, to Toronto's Christie Street Military Hospital, for skin grafts and burn treatment. A Red Cross worker told me she'd never forget it. The Red Cross room is in the heart of the wards, next door to the room those girls had.

For weeks workers just tiptoed in and out on their rounds—writing letters, supplying stamps, cigarettes and chocolate bars to the patients.

"No Visitors"

One operation followed another through the weary months in which doctors built a new face for Helen and treated Mary's back. The girls became great friends with the Red Cross workers. But they didn't want to meet people from the "outside", right then. Even when the "No Visitors" sign went down and Air Force boys and other vet. patients wheel-chaired and crutch-tapped in, they were still shy about seeing "just people".

The Red Cross was different. Those women in the deep blue smocks were part of their own submerged world of pain and illness, yet attached to the country outside. They did the little things the girls needed: feminine bits of shopping, letters and messages, planned small celebrations.

New Trades

As the girls progressed, going from one hospital to another for treatment, the Red Cross was always there. Supplying ambulances, at first, later, escorts to hockey games, concerts, plays. Offering quiet practical assistance whenever it was needed.

Today Helen and Mary are learning new trades. Helen can no longer teach physical education or model. Mary can't continue her typing, because of permanently stiffened fingers. But while DVA prepares them for their new lives, the Red Cross still stands by as they do with all our Canadian veterans in hospitals everywhere. In proof that we, the people, have not forgotten.

The work of mercy never ends... Give generously to the CANADIAN RED CROSS