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**EDITORIAL**

**Renewal Time**

At this time of year we get many renewals from subscribers out of town and we do enjoy the ones that have a short note enclosed, sometimes telling about the weather or conditions in their part of the world. Sometimes they tell us how they enjoy the paper or that delivery is slow in the mails. Sometimes the notes are critical and sometimes congratulatory. But what ever they are we do enjoy getting them.

Perhaps the reason is that every week we feel we are writing to you—the subscribers, giving the news of Acton and district. We look on our work in that light each week whether our writings convey that impression or not. So when we get these notes with renewals, to us it's just like getting your answer to our letter writing. Of course, when the renewal is enclosed we know that you want us to keep on writing the news for you next year and that's encouraging and helpful in our problem of meeting expenses.

A lot of folks assist an editor in this weekly home town letter and we know you subscribers appreciate their work too. So on their behalf we thank you for these notes at renewal time also.

**Recipe for a Happy New Year**

Take 12 fine, full-grown olives—see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate, and jealousy. Gleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness—in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of time.

Cut these months into 30 or 31 equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to bake up the whole batch at one time (so many people spoil the entire lot this way). But prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day put 12 parts of faith, 11 of patience, 10 of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient, and spoil the flavor of the rest) eight parts of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it), three parts of prayer, two of meditation, and one well-selected resolution.

Then put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a tigger of laughter, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat, garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy, then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness, and a Happy Year is a certainty.

(Enid Day, in Magazine Digest)

**The Common Cold—Winter's Bane**

It is a fairly safe prediction that the greatest bane to the average citizen in winter time is the common cold. Strangely, science has not yet been able to understand this common disease although its causes and cure must be obvious.

We are informed that statistics reveal Canadians on the average have three colds a year. Very few escape this common menace to our health. Unfortunately, science has not yet been able to pin down the cold virus; it cannot be seen under a microscope and not much is known about it.

With literally millions of colds to study the best guide to preventing them seems to be in fairly simple common-sense precautions. The principal thing is to keep the body's resistance high by observing a sound diet and other hygienic rules. Chilling, wet feet, drafts, damp clothing, exposure to bad weather—these lower resistance and permit the cold virus, which is always present in the nose, throat and mouth, to invade the body tissues. A cold results.

All of us are fairly familiar with these precautions—yet we get colds. Certainly, it will be a wonderful step forward when this common malady is understood and measures made possible whereby this disease may be controlled.

We are fully in accord with those who would have our Dominion Government embark on a much more extensive program of health research. It is only in this way that we shall have the answer to such problems as cancer and certain types of heart disease.

**Editor Half a Century**

Until sometime after the occasion, we were not aware that our neighbouring editor, Elgin A. Harris, of the Burlington Gazette had reached the half century mark as editor and publisher of that fine weekly at the south end of the county. To be perfectly frank, it was not until we read in our trade magazines of the occasion were we aware of our slackness in extending congratulations on such an event. The citizens of Burlington were, however, appreciative of Mr. Harris in their Community and at a complimentary dinner presented to him a silver tray.

It seems difficult to us to realize that Elgin Harris has been so long at the helm of the Burlington Gazette. We recall that our predecessor the late H. P. Moore, guided the Acton Free Press for fifty years. But to meet Mr. Harris at conventions or in other circles we did not associate him in this exclusive half century club.

But the years do roll along. We have known the Burlington editor for many of these years. With him we can recall when all the towns of Halton were much smaller and with him we have enjoyed seeing them progress. Mr. Harris has done well his task for Burlington and in the county. He merits the community honor bestowed upon him and the many fine comments of the press and trade on his years of service and achievement. Belatedly we add ours and the hope that he will enjoy many more years in the community of which in this period he has really become a vital part.

**Business Outlook for 1949**

The New Year can be good says the Financial Post after a close examination of the outlook in various fields and securing opinions of many top ranking executives. Continuing the last week's issue of the financial journal says: "An Ottawa authority gives it as his considered view that Canada's gross national product for next year will be higher, perhaps \$10½ billions compared with an estimated \$15½ billions for 1948. It was \$5.2 billions in 1938's more valuable dollars.

In terms of 1939 constant dollars that would mean about \$10.2 billions for 1948 and \$10.0 billions for 1949.

"Another forecast from an impressive source is for a 2 per cent decline in total physical volume of production which, with some price declines, may give a 1949 gross national product about half a billion lower.

"That most fundamental of all clues as to the year ahead, the volume of new investment, continues strong. Industrial building will be down, but indications are that this will be more than offset by a rise in spending by utilities, provincial and municipal governments, institutions, etc., to keep the over-all figure at or near the record \$3 billions of 1948.

"But if 1949 looks good, everybody is going to have to work harder and better than in the year now closing. Slackness in executive and sales offices, as well as elsewhere, will be much more serious and more costly than at any time since 1939."

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Democracy must be successfully lived before it can be successfully proclaimed.

Motor vehicle licenses and driving permits were on the counters on Monday morning. Like most everything a little higher in price this year.

1948 was a year of growth in Acton and many of the industries. Indications are that 1949 will see continued growth industrially and expansion of the community.

One of the things that deters us from making New Year resolutions is the annual clean-up of our desk when we find so many of the uncompleted things of the past year.

Drought alone cannot be blamed for Ontario's power shortage, maintains the Kingston Whig Standard. "Other factors may or may not exist in the questions to which answers cannot be found. But to say that drought alone is responsible for the power shortage is to withhold the whole truth from the people of Ontario. Mr. Saunders himself should realize that it is absurd to tell people this with one breath, and with the next warn them that they must continue to save power as much as possible because the recent heavy rains have by no means eliminated the shortage."

**The Sunday School Lesson**  
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1949

**SOURCES OF OUR KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS**

Golden Text: These are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20: 31)

Lesson Text: Luke 1: 1-4; John 20: 30, 31; 21: 25-1 Cor 15: 3-5; 1 John 1: 1-4.

Exposition: Luke's Unfolding Luke 1: 1-4.

That the writer of this gospel, and the writer of Acts, is the same person, is shown by comparing these verses with Acts 1: 1. That the writer of the Acts was the companion of Paul upon his last journey to Jerusalem, and remained in touch with him, during his two years' imprisonment at Caesarea, and went with him to Rome is evident from a careful reading of the Book of Acts, especially Acts 20: 3-6, 13-15; 27: 1, 2, 28; 18, 19. The early Fathers of the Church agree that this writer and companion of Paul was Luke, who nowhere mentions his own name; but Paul three times in his epistles speaks of him (Col. 4: 14; 2 Tim. 4: 11; Phile. 24). The Fathers also record that Paul was Luke's instructor in the preparation of his gospel, and gave it his approval when finished. Some have conjectured that Luke was one of the 2 disciples to whom Christ appeared on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35). Luke's gospel is written for the Greek (Gentile) world and in the purest diction of all the four gospels. His aim was to show Jesus to the world as the Son of man, the Friend of sinners, the universal Saviour.

11 John's Testimony, John 20: 30, 31; 21: 25.

Jesus wrought many works of Divine power, "signs" of His being sent of God as the Messiah, which are not recorded in this gospel nor in the other gospels. In selecting from all "the signs" 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 faith in Jesus that brings life is to read this gospel in the right way (John 7: 17).

III Gospel of Christ, 1 Cor 15: 1-5.

These verses give us a remarkably clear and full statement of the Gospel which Paul preached and the Gospel by which believers are saved (vs. 1, 2; Rom 1: 16). Gospel means "Good Tidings" or "Good News". There were three parts to the Good News. (1) "That Christ died for our sins," and thus made perfect atonement (v. 3); (2) "That He rose again," (v. 4); (3) "That He shall come again," (v. 5). On the ground of the perfect atonement thus made, anyone who believes in and receives the One-who-made-atonement, at once receives forgiveness for all his sins and is justified from all things and obtains eternal life (Ac. 10: 43; 13: 38; R. V.; John 3: 15, 36).

(2) "That He was buried." He was buried as our representative, and we were buried with Him. In His burial our sins are buried, our old self is buried, and the way is open for us to be raised to an entirely new life (Rom 6: 4; Col 2: 11, 12; 3: 3). The burial of Christ is not merely incidental to His death, but an essential and deeply significant part of the Gospel. (3) "He hath been raised" (v. 4; R. V.). That is a fact, and it is a fact full of meaning. It proves His deity (Rom 1: 4); that God has accepted the atonement which He made (Rom 4: 25); that we shall rise also; and have no longer a speculative hope of immortality, but a certain hope resting upon a solid fact (2 Cor 5: 14; 2 Thes 4: 14); it prevents us as a Saviour who not only saves from the guilt of sin by His atoning death, but from the power of sin also by His resurrection life (Rom 6: 4, 11-13, 7-8; 8: 10; Heb 7: 25). All believers are identified with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection (2 Cor 5: 14; R. V.; Rom 6: 1, 2, 4; R. V.; Eph 2: 5, 6). IV "Heard I in Hand, Shared." 1 John 1: 1-4.

The Christian life is an experience of conscious fellowship with God. Fellowship implies (1) knowledge, intimacy; we can have no fellowship only with someone we know. Knowledge of God's true nature was brought in the world by Christ, the manifestation of God's life in a human form. This life was manifested in a way that could be verified by our physical senses. Our faith does not rest on tradition or hearsay; it is not a matter of conjecture, speculation or reasoning. He whom from all eternity was with the Father, life and moved among men as a man, in the Person of Jesus of Nazareth. "He got down where we could get at Him, that He might get at us and lift us up to Himself." John's witness was authoritative. He had lived with Jesus in closest intimacy for three years. His own eyes had seen Him, he knew the sound of His voice, the clasp of His hand. He writes that we, as Christians, may know the reality of fellowship with the Master.

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