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United Kingdom manufacturers are hustling over North American orders. On January 20th a letter was received by a firm of motor manufacturers from Canada asking about delivery dates for a popular type of transport vehicle. The export manager cabled a reply offering a delivery in 10 days. An answer giving a firm order was received from Canada on February 1st and the vehicle left Britain February 10th.

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With the advance mail order sale already indicating great interest far beyond the Toronto area, the one-week engagement of the San Carlo Opera Company at the luxurious Odeon-Toronto Theatre promises to be one of the most colorful, social and cultural events of the season. The visit of this internationally-known grand opera organization, commencing March 23, marks not only the only appearance in Canada this season of the San Carlo Opera Company but the first stage attraction ever to be presented at the deluxe Odeon-Toronto Theatre.

The performance and dates are Verdi's "La Traviata", Thursday evening, March 23; Bizet's "Carmen"



Soprano STAR with the San Carlo Opera Co.

Friday evening, March 24, Puccini's "Madame Butterfly"; Saturday matinee, March 25, Verdi's "Aida"; Saturday evening, March 25, Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" and Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci"; Monday evening, March 27, Gounod's "Faust"; Tuesday evening, March 28, Rossini's "Barber of Seville"; Wednesday matinee, March 29, Verdi's "Il Trovatore"; Wednesday evening, March 29. And it is suggested that newspaper readers file this paragraph for forthcoming reference.

The San Carlo Company is the oldest permanent grand opera organization in the world, having been founded 39 years ago by Francesco Gallo, famous impresario. In addition to trans-continental tours of the largest cities of North America during that period, the San Carlo Opera Company has also created grand op in history in New York year after year with the annual appearances at the huge Grand Theatre in Rockefeller Radio City where, this season, more than 75,000 lovers of the combined spectacle of grand opera, ballet and symphony attended this famous Manhattan theatre. The week engagement at the Odeon-Toronto Theatre, with this the only commitment in Canada this season of the internationally-famous San Carlo Opera Company, has already shown that theatre-goers in Toronto and out-of-town points are already looking forward to these musical plays with considerable anticipation.

MUFFLING NOISY NEIGHBOURS

Two out of every three families who live in flats apartment houses, in Britain are annoyed by noise made by their neighbours, according to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research which now announces suggestions for abating this nuisance. One of the most important of these is that the flats of the future should incorporate a "floating floor", made with about two inches of concrete over a layer of glass wool which rests on a concrete sub-floor. It is cheaper than loose carpeting and will reduce most irritating noises such as the radio and the crying of babies to bearable limits.



"JUNIOR'S IN CHARGE OF HALF PINTS."

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 1950

EPHESUS, A CENTRE OF CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

Golden Text: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Eph. 6: 10

Lesson Text: Ac 19: 1, 8-10, 18-20; Eph. 4: 25-27

Exposition: I. Paul at Ephesus. Ac 19: 1-10

For three months Paul had a hearing in the Jewish synagogue at Ephesus. It was a rare opportunity and he made the best of it. "He spoke boldly," he used reason and persuasion. He did not give ethical or sociological lectures, but held fast to the things concerning the kingdom of God. Though he got so good a hearing, not by any means, were converted. The truth, when it does not command obedience, hardens. Having rejected the truth for themselves they began to speak evil of the way before others. The time for separation had come (v. 9). For 1888 full year, Paul held daily meetings. Ephesus was a centre and the Word of God as taught by Paul there was heard through out the country.

II. The Great Revival, 18-20

Everyone, both Jews and Greeks heard, with great awe that the name of Jesus could not be trifled with (ch. 2: 13, 15, 11, 13; Ps. 64: 9). "The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified"; it was regarded with that reverence and awe with which it should be held. The time is coming when that name will be hallowed through out the entire universe (Phil. 2: 9-11). A great effect was also produced upon those who had already believed the Gospel, but had not altogether broken away from their sins (v. 18). There was genuine repentance. True repentance led to conversion, as it always does. The confession was frank, open and full. Where there is such confession there is always full and free forgiveness (Lev. 26: 40; Job 33: 27, 28; Ps. 32: 5; Prov. 28: 13; Jer. 3: 13; 1 Jno. 1: 9). By "curious arts" is meant various forms of jugglery, using of charms, incantations and similar occult practices. The Jews had receipts for incantations and exorcisms. Some of them, it was claimed, dated back to the days of Solomon. Ephesus was the centre for this sort of thing. "Ephesian letters" was the common and famous designation for charms composed of magic words used as amulets preserving the wearer from all harm. All magical and kindred practices are in direct opposition to the will of God, as clearly revealed in His Word (Deut. 18: 10-12; 1 Chron. 10: 13; 2 Chron. 33: 6); but up to this time some of those who had accepted the teaching of Paul in some measure had continued the practice of magic. (Just as some to-day who believe in the Bible in some measure, nevertheless experiment in palmistry, clairvoyance, spiritism and similar arts of heathenism).

Their break with the old life was now thorough (2 Cor. 6: 17, 18). They brought together the books in which the secret charms and incantations were received and made a public bonfire of them. This separation from the old life was a costly act. The price of the books alone was about ten thousand dollars. Besides this was the sacrifice of the hope of gain from the practice of the arts revealed in the books. Some of them may have been tempted to think that, although as Christians they could no longer use them, they might sell the books to someone who had no such scruples. Their break with Satan was very complete and uncompromising. The power of that testimony is felt unto this day. The judgment that befell the Jewish exorcists was the immediate occasion of this awakening and reformation in Ephesus, but the

real cause of it was "the word of the Lord" (1 Pet. 1: 23, Jas. 1: 18). The word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed in Ephesus. The book of acts abounds in such statements (ch. 2: 47; 5: 11, 6: 7, 12-24). The gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon the first twelve Christians in the city (vs. 17) had much to do with the revival. We have here an illustration of the mighty drawing power of the "Word of God." (The ministers who draw and hold and transform men are those who preach the Word.)

111. The New Life, Eph. 4: 25-32

The Ephesian converts were won over from paganism. It was essential that they learn what the Christian life means in morals, disposition and example. Christ being their Saviour, He is also their Lord (Ac. 2: 36; Rom. 10: 12). Their lives must be reformed after Christ (v. 1). They were to be truthful people (v. 25). Ephesians were notorious for their deceptive speech. Christians are to be truthful (Prov. 6: 16-19; Ac. 5: 3, 4; Jno. 8: 44, 14: 6). They were to be good tempered people (v. 26). An evil tempered person could not reveal God's love (1 Cor. 13: 4, 5; Matt. 5: 22; Jas. 1: 13-15). Satan or any of his works (v. 27). Many are deceived by Satan's devices (2 Cor. 2: 11; Eph. 2: 2, 6: 11). Christians deal honestly with their neighbours (1 Thes. 4: 11, 12). (5) They were to be pure in speech; foul or obscene language being unworthy of a Christian (v. 29). (Matt. 5: 16, 45) They were not to offend the Holy Spirit (v. 30) (Rom. 8: 11, 23). (7) Their relationships to one another were to be kind and forgiving (vs. 31, 32) (Jas. 5: 11; Matt. 6: 12)

LATE WINTER SUN

The early part of February contains some features of winter that are well regarded. The main one is that it is unnecessary to get up early in order to see the sun rise. The glory of its rising is available not only to the worker who has to be abroad by sunrise, but to the loafer who sleeps late. In summer, people boast that they were up with the sun, but at this time of the year, anyone with a good appetite finds it hard to lie abed that long.

The sunset may still be seen in the afternoon. It is much harder to have the sun set during the day, without having to make a job of sitting up for it late into the evening. Another good feature of the season is that neither sunrise nor sunset, casually seen during a day like this, stir up much excitement. It is mainly in autumn when these great glories of the sky bring forth exclamations of joy. Few things set back a lovely scene so thoroughly as the overly articulate pleasure of those who would not notice it if the sight were common.

Some tone-deaf folk secretly like this season because there are few birds to wake one in the morning. There still is plenty of time for sleep, as in the deep dark of winter; but the great fact of early February is the return of the sun. This process has been going on since shortly before Christmas, but people did not pay much attention to the sun during the year-end holidays and they despaired of it in January. But now the sun comes out of the earth more and more each day. It is something to dwell upon with hope while resting half-way through snow shovelling, or while having a few frozen fingers thawed out. The sun returns fresh and wonderful out of the earth, as though it were a new thing—as it is. The return of the sun is always a new thing. May the sun always return to shine upon the world, and may there always be people here to welcome it.—The Printed Word.

Canadian blueberries will be planted on peat land in Ayreshire, the Robbie Burns country in Scotland.

MILTON

One of the outstanding lectures of the season to date sponsored by the Women's Canadian Club was that of February 9th, when Mrs. Helen Gordon McPherson addressed the members on the theme "As Others See Us". Milton friends learned with regret of the death of Matthew Brush on Friday last at the home of his daughter, 2 Alco Ave., Mt. Dennis. Mr. Brush lived in Milton for many years and was prominent in sports and was well-known in earlier years as a lacrosse player. Charles Stephen McCready died very suddenly at his residence, Wattedown, early Sunday morning Feb. 12, 1950. He was in his 67th year and passed away five days after his sister Annie (Mrs. Jacob Luynes) Canadian Champion.

ERIN

A Burns Co. truck and a car driven by Wilfred Major, of Hillsburgh, were in collision at the corner of South Main Street and No. 21 highway on Monday morning. The Wellington County Crop Improvement Association is laying special emphasis on Junior work this year with two sections devoted to this type of work at the seed fair in Mt. Forest on March 23 and 24th.

During a game of hockey at Hillsburgh arena, on Monday evening when the entries Hillsburgh and North-Scarville of the Junior Farmers League were in keen competition, Donald Overland was quite severely injured and not until X-rays were taken was it certain whether his neck was broken.

Fortunately it was nothing more than a bad shaking up. Advocate

BURLINGTON

Mrs. Hannah Blair, widow of Mr. Geo. Blair, celebrated her 90th birthday at her home, Brant St. on Monday.

At the meeting of the Hilda Electric Commission of Burlington, held on Monday evening, permission was received from the Ontario Board for the local Commission to build garages and stores on the right-of-way between John and Elizabeth streets. It was stated that the Commission did not plan immediate erection of the buildings which will face on John street, but the permission was secured so that the buildings could be proceeded with when the Commission desired.

Donald Graham, of Vancouver B.C., an old Burlington boy, has been appointed a director of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Gazette.

MOIST PRICELESS FIND IN BIBLICAL HISTORY

A portion of the earliest known text of the Old Testament is now to be seen for a short period at London's British Museum. It forms part of one among several scrolls recently found by chance on the shore of the Dead Sea in Palestine, by a goatherd. They include an almost complete text of the book of Isaiah.

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS
by *Doug Graham*

The old advice to "keep your fences mended" should be applied to your relationships with others. Suppose, for instance, that someone opposes you in some matter. Probably you will resent his attitude. You may even ridicule his views or "fly off the handle" — even though you realize that in doing so you are only making matters worse.

Whenever this happens, don't just let matters rest. Try to make amends. Admit that perhaps you were a little hasty in what you said. Admit, too, that the other fellow may have had a case.

If you win a dispute or an attempt to get your own way with someone, don't rub it in. Try to regain his goodwill and do what you can to help him "save face".

But if you should be the loser, don't hold a grudge. Similarly "fence mending" is equally necessary when we wrong others or they wrong us. In such cases we should try, by expressing our regrets — or "letting bygones be bygones", to keep all contacts friendly.

Actually, few matters are important enough to warrant letting them impair your relationships with others in any way.

Your life insurance plans, too, may need mending from time to time. Additions to the family, the needs of growing children, increased living costs — these and other changes suggest bringing your life insurance plans up-to-date with today's needs.



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