

Poet's Corner
This bit of poetry from a Los Angeles newspaper was sent in by one of our regular correspondents. While the poetic value might not be great, we second the sentiment. SEND IT IN!

If you have a bit of news, Send it in. Or a report that will enthuse. Send it in. A story that is true. An incident that is new. We want to hear from you. Send it in. Never mind about the style. If the news is worth the while, We'll accept it with a smile. Send it in.

Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1951
WORSHIP AND WORK
Golden Text—This is my beloved Son; listen to Him. Mk. 9:7.
Lesson Text—Mk. 9:2-4, 14-17, 25-29

EXPOSITION—I. The Transfiguration. 2-4.
The account of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus given in Mark's Gospel should be carefully compared with the accounts given in Matthew and Luke. The incident is one of the most important and meaningful in the whole earthly life of our Lord. The stories bear unmistakable marks of truthfulness and Mark's account is from an eye witness. Peter, taken merely as an historical incident, it proves the existence of a personal God, that the God and Father of Jesus Christ is the true God, that Jesus is the Son of God in an entirely unique sense, and that all His claims are true. Faith in Christ-Jesus as the only Son of God is built not upon theological or philosophical speculation, but upon indisputably attested historical facts. The recorded facts about Moses prove that when Christians die they do not cease to be and that they are not unconscious.

Note carefully the exact force of the word "transfigured". The latter part of the Greek word in this passage translated "transfigured" is the same in root as the word translated "form" in Philippians 2:6. There also we see a transfiguration, Jesus putting off the "form" or "figure" of God and taking on the

form" or "figure" of a servant. Here we have the reverse of what took place in the incarnation—the "figure" of a servant being changed into the glorious appearance of the Son of God. If things had been allowed to take their course, Jesus would have been glorified right then and there with the glory which He had with the Father before the world was (cf. Jno. 17:5). But things were not allowed to take their course. The work of redemption was not yet accomplished (Heb. 9:22; Eph. 1:7); so He, who had already turned His back up on that divine glory, and with wondrous love ascends from that mountain to die (Mk. 9:12).

Not until upon the cross He can utter the triumphant cry, "It is finished" (Jno. 19:30), will He consent to resume the glory that He laid aside to redeem us (2 Cor. 8:9). And having finished that atoning work, He will not be transfigured alone, but we in due time shall be transfigured together with Him (Phil. 3:21. R.V.; cf. Col. 3:4. R.V.). Indeed, there is an anticipatory transfiguration possible for us in this life that now is (Rom. 12:2). The Greek for "transformed" in this passage is the same as that translated "transfigured" in our lesson.

II. The Failure of the Disciples. 14-17.
Jesus is always likely to appear upon the scene—in the moment of His disciples' failure, perplexity and despair. The disciples would have been better meditating on the Word of God and engaged in prayer in their trouble than in engaging in controversy with the scribes (cf. Ps. 1:1, and v. 20. R.V.). All were greatly amazed when they beheld Jesus. Why? Was the glory still shining in His face (see vs. 2, 3; cf. Ex. 34:30)? If we wish our questionings settled, the best place to take them is to Jesus Himself. The distressed father was the first to reply to our Lord. His sense of need was deepest. The devil was the author of all this misery and it gives us an insight into the malignity of Satan, and it also gives us a glimpse of what the condition of affairs in this world will be when the Church is withdrawn and the devil has undisputed sway. It was because of lack of prayer that the disciples were unable to cast the demon out (vs. 28, 29; cf. Matt. 17:19, 20).

III. The Victory of the Son of God. 25-29.
Jesus, seeing the crowds hurrying together, did not prolong the conversation (v. 25). No wise Christian worker will carry on a conversation in dealing with men if the crowd gathers. He sternly commanded the evil spirit to come out. Note how different was His treatment of demons to His treatment of sinful men. The evil spirits made one last assault on the poor boy. The Devil and his servants never give up until they have to. The boy appeared dead, but Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up. Before He can give a sinner life, the sinner needs to become conscious that he is dead (Rom. 7:11; Gal. 3:24).

The disciples did well to inquire the cause of their failure, and when we have met with some great failure it is well to go to Jesus and ask Him the cause of it. If we wish to win victories for Christ in our conflicts with Satan in the most extreme forms of his manifestations, we must take time for prayer. If we have already suffered defeat, we may turn defeat into victory by praying through (cf. 2 Ki. 4:31, 33-35). There are no cases so desperate but that the Lord can save. All the most helpless and hopeless victims of Satan need to get this salvation to come right to the Lord.

The impotence of the disciples only made Jesus stand out more. Our failures do not lessen His power. They merely show up our human limitation. Jesus insisted that prayer and self-denial were necessary to the same use of power as He Himself manifested. He indicated that we could not use the power of the King until we are definitely and deeply in His Kingdom (Matt. 6:33).

The employment of prayer and fasting as a means of more effectively serving God is not popular, even among "good" Christians. That is the weakness of the churches. To be used of God requires sincere devotion and sacrifice, even if it means going without a meal or two (James 4:2, 3; 5:16).

NO MORE BANGED THUMBS
No more nasty holes in the wall to annoy new tenants and landlords; no more hitting your thumb on the head instead of the nail; no more arguments about crooked pictures. According to maker new designed picture hook cancels confusion. The Financial Post describes it this way: "The hook is mounted on an adhesive-backed tape which sticks to any type of wall surface—glass, tile, wood, metal, etc. Said to be able to hold pictures weighing up to 10 pounds, the hanger has swivel action, so that the picture is automatically level when hung."

Canadian private banks are no longer allowed to issue bills. The government bank, alone has the right.



United Nations
Many countries were united temporarily at least when the World Day of Prayer was observed. The other weekly papers in Halton county all carry reports of different groups meeting in churches and homes in the annual observance.

Startled Starlings
The Hamilton Spectator has been following a controversy on the pros and cons of shooting starlings. Final word from a top authority is produced this week by a writer who quotes the late naturalist, Jack Miner as saying that his investigations showed that the starlings were driving out song birds and insect-killing birds, and are "the worst weed-seed distributors America has ever known". In Hamilton the pro and anti starlingists have been in disagreement for some time.

Dog in Sheep's Clothing
How to beat the cold was demonstrated in a newspaper picture last week by youthful model Patty, who dons a fleecy-skin jacket and fur lined snow boots—four of them. Patty's most stylish dog in Kitchener when a cold spell comes along, and the envy of all the other Bull pups. She might be even warmer with a bandana tied under her chin, an obviously receding feature which rather mars her future as a professional model.

Roaming at 12 Below
A group of Rover Scouts arrived at their recent Meet at Lake Belwood a day before the others, according to the Fergus News-Record. Since no buildings were open, they scouted about in the 12 below atmosphere, found a cosy snowbank and settled down to their sleeping bags for a good sleep. To prove their ruggedness some of the Rovers even slept out a second night. Well, it might be a healthy practice too, if you don't catch pneumonia first.

WHOSE BUSINESS FIRST?
Whose business will be hit first by the new defense boom, asks the way: Construction, because of manpower and materials requirements; Financial Post. It answers it this will be one of the first, although there will be plenty of defense work for the industry, too. Those manufacturing industries using large quantities of key defense materials for peace time goods will probably have to revise plans.

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WATCH INCUBATION
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Anti-Kust Theory
From Burgessville, nine miles from Woodstock, comes advice on how to stay in shape. The telephone operator there is 80 year old George Colston, who works 10 hours a day at the switchboard. "You can't wear a man out," he says. "But a man can rust out. That's why I'm not quilting." He makes even more certain that he's a rustproof by taking care of eight acres of his own and doing all his own housekeeping and cooking.

Gripped by Grippe
Flu didn't dim the sense of humour of the editor of the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal last week. Prominently displayed on one of the inside pages is a cartoon of a completely miserable, emaciated man, with ice pack on head, mustard bath, aspirin, and his right hand, weary from writing, soothed in a basin of lotion. Presumably, it's the editor. Beside him a grumpy little puppy sits in his mustard bath with a thermometer at a sorrowful angle in his mouth. Beneath the cartoon it reads, "We're sorry, but... If this issue isn't quite a pip, it's because the flu bug has us in its grip." Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

Renew, Please...
We wonder how many people make renewals from this special department of the Oakville Public Library... their new field of service is the establishment of a film section. The average number of films on hand is about thirty, and others on a great variety of subjects can easily be ordered. The latest acquisition is two children's films. The rental fee is either 25 or 50 cents. Oakvillites will be up to one or two o'clock with a thrilling documentary they just couldn't turn off until they'd seen the end, and will be giving film reviews at club meetings. For pictures that require a good deal of thought the library member might come back and say, "I'd like to renew this please." It's visual education for the whole family.

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Estimates for the Town of Acton, 1951

Table with columns: Item, 1950 Actual, 1951 Estimated. Includes sections for RECEIPTS (Taxes, Debenture Debt Receivable, Grants and Subsidies, Licenses and Permits, Interest on Tax Penalties, All Other Revenue) and DISBURSEMENTS (General Government, Protection to Persons and Property, Public Works, Sanitation, Conservation of Health, Education, Recreational and Community Services, Debenture Debt, Miscellaneous).