

Poot's Corner
KEEP SMILING

When the weather suits you not,
Try smiling.
When your coffee isn't hot,
Try smiling.
When your neighbours don't do
right,
Or your relatives all fight,
Sure it's hard, but then you might
Try smiling.
Doesn't change the things of
course,
Just smiling.
But it cannot make them worse—
Just smiling.
And it seems to help your case,
Brightens up a gloomy place,
Then, it sort of rests your face—
Just smiling.

CIVIL DEFENSE COSTS

Under some circumstances should
the Federal Government contribute
more than half the cost of civil
defense, says the Chamber of
Commerce. The major burden
should, it says, be put on the
shoulders of what in this country
would be termed provincial and
municipal authorities.
There are sound arguments back-
ing that contention and they apply
in Canada just as well as in the
United States, argues The Financial
Post.
Unlike military defense, that for
civilians is essentially a community
responsibility. Under the circum-
stances major financing should be
handled more efficiently if it also
is on a community and provincial
basis.
There is always less chance of
waste and extravagance when tax-
payers' money passes through fewer
hands and when the people doing
the spending are also responsible
for the collecting.

Sunday School
Lesson

SUNDAY, MARCH 11th, 1951
JESUS ASSERTS HIS AUTHORITY
Golden Text—My house shall be
called a house of prayer for all
peoples. Isa. 56:7.
Lesson Text—Mk. 11:11, 15-19;
12:28-31.
EXPOSITION—I. Jesus Visits the
Temple, 11:11.
All the city was stirred as Jesus
entered Jerusalem (Matt. 21:10);
no one causes such a commotion as
Jesus in any city which He enters.
Wherever He goes, there is a shak-
ing up and a questioning and a divi-
sion. The excited city asked, "Who
is this?" (Matt. 21:10). It is an im-
portant question, and was asked
again and again (cf. Luke 5:21; 7:
40; 9:9). We do well to ask it, too.
Who is this that so mightily stirs
the hearts of men? Who is this that
speaks as never man spoke? Who
is this that heals the sick and raises
the dead? Who is this that claims
authority on earth to forgive sins?
(Mk. 2:10). Who is this that dares
to stretch out His hands to suf-
fering thousands and says, "Come
unto me, all ye that labour and are
heavy laden, and I will give you
rest"? Who is this that lived more
than nineteen centuries ago and
yet has such transforming power
today? The multitudes replied,
"This is the prophet" (Matt. 21:11),
but we say, "This is indeed the
Son of God, the Saviour of the
world."

II. Second Cleansing of the Tem-
ple, 15-19.
When our Lord looked on the



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of God transformed from a "house
of prayer" into a "den of robbers."
His anger waxed hot. He at once
began to cast out all those that had
turned the house of worship into
a house of merchandise. What
would He do if He were to enter
into some of our churches and into
our evangelistic meetings today? He
"overthrew the tables of the money
changers." These were connected
with the religious service, the men
were there to change the Roman
money in common use into the
sacred money to be used in wor-
ship. But though it was ostensibly
in the name of God, it was really
for the sake of profit and gain, and
He cleansed the whole thing out.
He had cleansed the temple at an
earlier day (cf. Jno. 2:12-17), but
the first cleansing did not prove
permanent. Nor did this, but it ex-
pressed the mind of God and of
Christ, and His mind is just the
same today. He would have a house
of God thoroughly purged from all
traffic, and would not even "suffer
that any man should carry a ves-
sel through the temple." The chief
priests and scribes were sore dis-
pleased when anyone gets any
praise but themselves, and they are
never happy when good is done
unless their own hands do it. They
were so enraged that they sought
some way to put Him out of the
way.

God if he does not love his neigh-
bour. The scribe who asked the
question was a man of spiritual
discernment. He assented to Jesus'
answer. There are many today who
call themselves Christians, who lack
the clear moral and spiritual dis-
cernment of this scribe. Jesus pro-
nounced this man, "not far from
the kingdom of God." To see the
truth clearly shows that one is not
far from the kingdom. When one
submits to the truth, he is in the
kingdom.
But the ability to carry out the
commandment to love is supplied
immediately we take Christ as our
Saviour and we are justified by
our faith in Him (Rom. 5:1-5). The
firstfruit of regeneration is love
(Gal. 5:22, 23).

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III. The First Commandment and the Greatest Sin, 12:28-31.
Jesus had silenced both the Pharisees and Sadducees who had sought to entrap Him and confuse Him. A scribe who had listened was deeply impressed by the reasoning of Jesus. Then he asked a question. Matthew tells us that he did it to tempt, or test Him (Matt. 22:35). The question was an important one, the answer thoroughly convincing. Man's first duty is to God. God is infinite and man is finite and no number of finites equals infinity; so, if a man should do his whole duty toward every member of the human race and fail in his duty toward the One Infinite God, where he failed would be far more important than where he did his duty. Our duty to God can be summed up in one word: Love. What is love? To love another is to have a desire for and delight in his welfare; it is not a mere emotion or affection, but the attitude of the whole man. To love God with all the heart and soul and mind and strength, is to have a supreme desire for and delight in God's glory, so that everything is secondary to that. To do this is to keep the first and great commandment (Matt. 22:37, 32).
To have failed to do this is to have committed the greatest sin a man can possibly commit, and at some time in our life all of us have failed to do this, and have thus broken God's first and great commandment; so there is no difference for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). If at any time in our life we have failed to put God first in everything, then we have truly broken the first and great commandment and there is no hope for us except through the atoning blood of Christ (Heb. 9:22; Rom. 3:22-26).
There is a second law like the first. Its central word too is "love." Its object—our neighbour, our fellow men. This Second Commandment requires that we have the same desire for and delight in the welfare of our neighbour as we have in our own welfare. The Second Commandment is really involved in the first, for if we love God, whom we have not seen, we must love our neighbour whom we have seen (1 Jno. 4:20, 21). It is nonsense for a man to pretend to love



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