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LOOKING FORWARD

There were so many little hardships
That might have been full sweet
and gently kind.
If I—oh, in the New Year, Lord,
Grant that I be not blind.
There were so many kindly things to
say
In formal silences that warp or
numb;
My lips—oh, touch them in the New
Year, Lord,
Grant that I be not dumb.
The little failures to be helpful, kind
The many hardships that coldly
rear
A wall around me. In the New Year,
Lord,
Grant that I see and hear.
—Adah Fairbanks Battelle

JANUARY

Janus am I; oldest of potentates!
Forward I look and backward and be-
low
I count—as god of avenues and gates—
The years that through the portals
come and go.
I block the roads and drift the fields
with snow.
I chase the wild-flower from the
frozen fen.
My frosts congeal the rivers in their
flow.
My fires light up the hearts and
hearths of men.
—Longfellow

RAILWAY OCTOPUS

Sir Edward Beatty states that he is no longer advocating railway unification but is contenting himself with the statement of fact that his outcome is inevitable in order to avert a financial crash in Canada from continued deficits of the Canadian National Railways.

There is not the slightest doubt that some major action must be taken to solve this great national problem. The chief trouble lies in the fact that it is inextricably bound up with party politics. Sir R. B. Beatty, while Prime Minister of Canada, came to realize the grave nature of the railway situation and did not hesitate to speak out, with the result that he lost the railway employees' vote in the next election. Premier King and his Cabinet Ministers are remaining discreetly silent on the subject, let a similar fate overtake them.

Meanwhile the C.N.R. deficits continue to pile up at a rate variously estimated between fifty and one hundred million dollars yearly. In his very able presentation of the case for unification, Sir Edward Beatty has repeatedly stated that such a step would mean a saving of \$75,000,000 a year. The example of pool trains between Toronto and Montreal has demonstrated what can be accomplished in this direction. It is true that some railway employees would lose their jobs, but the majority of them could be gradually retired and a reduction made in the number of new employees taken on. They will lose their jobs eventually in any case if the present trend continues. Branch lines in all parts of the country are losing money and the highway transport companies, with their greater mobility and lower wage costs, are making severe inroads into railroad revenue.

If unification be inevitable, the sooner it comes the better. In another ten years it may be late to mend the terrific damage wrought to the country's credit and financial standing by reason of the railway octopus. —Simcoe Reformer.

PREPARING FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE

International Lutheran Sunday School
Lewisa, January 3, 1938

GOLDEN TEXT: "Make ye ready the way of the Lord." Mark 1: 3
LESSON PASSAGE: Mark 1: 1-13

Learn the truth, live the truth.
Esteeem the truth, teach the truth.
Grasp the truth, teach the truth.
And truth will free you.

The Prophecy, 1-3

The more we read the Old Testament the more convinced will we be that the New Testament is not new. It grew out of the old. The synagogue was the precursor of the church, the passover of the sacrament, the prophets of the Saviour. It is difficult to say when the gospel began; it roots back to Abraham as least. Much of the teaching of the Hebrew prophets has historical kinship with the mind of Christ. The prophets built up hope of a Messiah and Christ fulfilled that expectation in a larger way than even the prophets dreamed. Whether the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah was written concerning the nation or the Messiah, it finds its supreme illustration in the life and death of Christ. John the Baptist may have been the actual forerunner of Jesus but his standards of right and wrong inherited from the prophets. We know that within our own lifetime we are to face a new world, yet we can only prepare for the future by understanding and covering the best in the past. Jesus made his appeal chiefly to those whose hearts had been prepared by the God-inspired devotion of the Psalmists and prophets.

John the Baptist, 4-6

John the Baptist, Jesus, Paul—what a succession of personalities! Great as John was in himself, a forceful, fearless man, his place in history was won by the preparatory work he did for the ministry of Christ. Out in the wilderness and in the Jordan Valley he called the people to repentance and started them confessing their sins. John was a rough wilderness prophet, ready to live simply and to deal vigorously with sin. It is possible for the modern church to become so cultivated and aesthetic that moral distinctions are glossed over. Many people are too sensitive either to confess their own sins or to listen to the confession of others, yet any widespread revival in the church has been accompanied by conviction and confession of sin. This was true of the revival under Nehemiah, John the Baptist, John Wesley and others. Today in many areas, revival means public confession of sin in the minds

of a large number of people. A missionary said that if people want a revival in their church they can have it if they will frankly confess their sins in public. Confession of sin is a vital factor in bringing about a revival of spiritual life in the churches.

Two Baptisms, 7-8

John the Baptist who preceded Jesus and Paul who followed Jesus had this in common; they were ready to decrease if only Christ might increase. They gladly subordinated themselves to one whom they recognized as far above and beyond them. Without any mock humility John said that he was unworthy to unloose the shoe latchet of Jesus. John was the forerunner, Jesus was the Saviour. John baptized with water but Jesus bestowed the gift of the Holy Spirit. John was baptizing in condemnation but Jesus loved people into fellowship with God. John used the motive of fear; Jesus led people to trust. John could only point ahead but Jesus was to men a present reality. To go apart from the common pursuits, to those among whom we do our daily work? One test is unfulfilling as we choose our life work and determine our spiritual attitudes. It is this: Are we living for self or for service? 1. When would you date the beginning of the Christian gospel? 2. Is the John the Baptist type an ideal for modern Christian ministers? 3. Water cleanses, fire spreads. Which does more? 4. Was the voice that Jesus heard inward or outward? 5. What were some positive convictions won through Christ's temptation?

The Baptism, 9-11

The baptism was a stage in the preparation of Jesus for his life of service. It brought him into fellowship with those who had been quickened by the teaching of John. It identified him with the working of the Spirit of God in the expectant hearts of some of his fellow countrymen. It definitely listed him on the side of peace; his emblem was not to be the lion or the eagle, but a dove. And it gave him the assurance of God's favour. He heard a voice saying, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." By his baptism Jesus had irrevocably committed himself to the great movement which John represented. Picture Jesus leaving the carpenter shop in Nazareth and going down to John's baptism, eager for what might happen next. Instead of pleading his own perfection of character and hence no need of baptism (like the Pharisees) he identifies himself with the humble and assumes responsibility for Israel's sins. It is a symbol of social solidarity and of submission to the will of God. His clear-cut step was followed by the divine stamp of approval, but also by the spirit-enforced struggle of the wilderness. The Temptation, 12, 13

OUTLOOK SERVICE AID TO FARMERS

Many persons believe that the acreages seeded to the various crops on Canadian farms, and the output of live stock in any year, are things that just happen. However, individual farmers know that in order to balance their feed supply with the numbers of their live stock, plans must be made in advance. In addition, plans must also be made to provide some definite sources of ready cash to meet taxes, mortgage payments, living costs and profits. In arriving at their decisions, Canadian farmers in the past have been obliged to turn to every available source of written and verbal information in an attempt to outline a program which would give them a satisfactory return for their year's effort and they have had to safeguard themselves as much as possible against unfavourable weather conditions and other crop reducing factors. In the past, such information has been scattered and difficult to bring together and analyze. However, the Dominion Department of Agriculture and of Trade and Commerce believe they have introduced a publication which will assist farmers in studying market possibilities in making their plans. This publication is "The Agricultural Situation and Outlook" now available on request to the Publicity and Extension Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture. The 1938 edition is the fifth annual publication of this bulletin which has been receiving more and more attention from farmers and agricultural workers. In the Outlook, the current features of domestic and international demand are discussed, after which individual reports are made on each of the major agricultural commodities. If a farmer is interested particularly in beef cattle, he will be encouraged to find in the 1938 Outlook that the cycle of beef cattle production is now on the downward trend and total supplies are expected to decline for three or four years. This should mean relatively firm prices for beef. The United States has been importing a fairly large volume of Canadian beef cattle and the United Kingdom market is encouraging. In a similar manner, the important factors concerning other farm enterprises are brought together in a readable and informative manner.

MY LAND OF FANTASY

I love my land of Fantasy, its fields of shredded gold
Its silver trees with aure leaves have limbs that like wings fold.
In my land of Fantasy, live the fay and gnome
Oh! Oft I go to Fantasy with my mental friends to roam
And oft I go to Fantasy to be alone with me
For my dear land of Fantasy no other eyes can see.
—Jess York, Georgetown.

DOWN ON THE FARM

Two farmers were discussing the poverty of the hay crop, owing to the unseasonable weather.
"Mine was so short it was hardly worth cutting," said one.
"Short?" queried the supergumbler, "did you see mine? I had to lather it to mow it!"

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C.N.R. TIME TABLE

(Standard Time)

Going East	
Passenger and Mail	7:10 a.m.
Passenger and Mail	10:08 a.m.
Passenger and Mail	6:40 p.m.
Passengers for Toronto	9:17 p.m.
Passengers, Sundays only	7:31 p.m.
Going West	
Passenger and Mail	8:34 a.m.
Passenger and Mail	2:24 p.m.
Passenger and Mail	6:57 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday	12:25 a.m.
Passenger, Sunday	11:19 p.m.
Going North	
Mail and Passenger	8:45 a.m.
Going South	
Mail and Passenger	6:52 p.m.

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GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE GEORGETOWN

Eastbound	
7:08 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
9:28 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
12:28 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
Westbound	
(To Kitchener)	
x 9:35 a.m.	c 2:55 p.m.
11:30 a.m.	a 4:55 p.m.
x 1:55 p.m.	x 6:55 p.m.
x—Through to London	
a—Except Sun. and Hol.	b—Sun. and Hol.
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stood, puzzled, before a bird.
"It's a heagle," said one.
"It's not," said another. "It's a
bowl."
They appealed to a bystander.
"Both wrong," he said shortly; "it's
an 'awl."

COSTLY EXTRAS

For 62 years doctors have been coming daily to this Hospital to donate their time without charge. During the past year over three score of them donated 40,000 hours of work to the task of giving sick and injured children the very best chance for the recovery of health and happiness.

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The Provincial and Municipal Governments each contribute a fixed amount per day for those who cannot pay. But these grants do not contemplate the cost of medicines, operating rooms, oxygen, X-rays, plaster casts, anaesthetics, special diets and extra nursing—and they do not provide for the cost of many, many other necessary items.

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