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PAUL PLEADS FOR A RUN-AWAY SLAVE

LESSON TEXT—Philemon 4:21.
GOLDEN TEXT—Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you—Ephesians 4:32.

Brotherhood is one of those fine qualities or impulses of the soul of which men like to speak when all is fair and prosperous, and promptly forget in times of distress and struggle. That is just where Christianity shows forth at its best, for it is in the hour of need, sorrow, or affliction that real Christian brotherhood shows its depth and durability.

Paul was in prison when he wrote to Philemon. The one of whom he wrote, Onesimus, was a slave who had deserted his master and probably defrauded him (v. 18). He had been converted, and now was being sent back to his master. So we have three Christian men dealing with a very delicate matter, and providing us a picture of brotherhood in action. We learn that it is—

I. Courteous (vv. 4-8)

After a fine spiritual salutation, Paul enters upon an appeal to Philemon which is a model of tact and courtesy. One could wish that those who think that being faithful to the Lord and true to His Word means being blunt and unkind, would learn of Paul.

First he lets Philemon know of his prayerful interest in him. Paul had been praying for him, that's why he could say such a helpful word. Praying for our fellow man prepares us for genuine brotherly love.

Then he recognizes Philemon's goodness, and his effective testimony for Christ. This is an excellent approach to the making of a request, but be sure that it was not empty or hypocritical flattery. We do well to recognize the fine qualities of our Christian brother, and we could profitably speak of them more than we do.

Then Paul was ready to make his request. See how nicely he does it. He skillfully reminds Philemon that he might make some demands, and especially in view of his age and his imprisonment. But he will not do so, rather he says, "I beseech thee." There is fine Christian courtesy.

II. Considerate (vv. 10-16)

Paul, the aged prisoner, had found in his new convert, Onesimus, a real helper. He would have liked to keep him. In fact, says he to Philemon, Onesimus could do for me the things you would want to do if you were here (v. 13).

Undoubtedly Paul could have been sure of the willingness of Philemon. He could have assumed that the request would be granted. And in any case, Philemon did not even know where Onesimus was, so why not keep him?

True Christian consideration respects the personal rights and the property rights of another. We must not assume, or demand, or put pressure on anyone (v. 14) to get what they have or to draw out their service.

Another expression of consideration is found in verses 15 and 16. Philemon had lost a heathen slave, now he is receiving back a Christian brother. No worker will give less in service, and no master will demand more, because the two are both Christians. We need to recognize that fact, for all too often men presume on their relationship as brethren. But the fact that they are Christians should make a great difference in their attitude toward one another.

III. Cooperative (vv. 17-21)

Partners share the benefits and the burdens of their joint enterprise. Partners in the gospel, like Paul and Philemon, shared not only spiritual blessings, but also the responsibilities. Paul was presenting such a firm to Philemon in the return of Onesimus. Something had to be done about the debt of Onesimus, his failure as a servant. Paul says, "Charge it to me, your partner."

It has been pointed out that there is here a blessed example of the important doctrine of imputation, which is the "act of God whereby He accounts righteousness to the believer in Christ," because He "has borne the believer's sins in vindication of the law." So we note that verses 17 and 18 perfectly illustrate imputation.

Paul's promise "I will repay it" (v. 19) was the legal phraseology of a promissory note in his day. It was a bona fide partnership transaction, yet it was coupled with a reminder of indebtedness. Everything Philemon had and was he owed to Paul; but, says the latter, "I will not speak of that now." Consideration again, but opening the door to the Philemon's cooperation.

So the thinking person is content to be on the receiving hand, but he is not content to be a recipient of favor or benefit, but he seeks the love of his partner to respond. The love of God is the love that will respond, but will not be satisfied with the way we are doing, but will seek the way to the love of God.



The Ontario-Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association met in the General Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, May 29th and 31st, for their annual Convention, and we have

pictured here groups of the weekly editors, their wives, and in some cases, children, taken in the gardens of that beauty spot of Ontario. It is not possible to name everyone pictured, but in

the centre group, on the left hand side, we have Mr. R. A. Giles, of the LaChute-Watchman, LaChute, Quebec, Mrs. Giles, and Mrs. C. B. Smith of the Creemore Star. Mr. Smith is the newly-

elected President of the Ontario Quebec Division. In the centre a small group were taken in front of one of the beautiful magnolia trees. On the far right, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Charters of the Brampton Conservator are pictured. Mrs. Charters is holding a bouquet presented to her in honour of her birthday.

'As We See It'
(By J. A. Strang)

AS WE SEE IT
READING OF THOSE Zoot-suits down in Montreal that were doing the fighting with sailors and soldiers recently makes one wonder if they do not know that there is a war on. It seems too bad to have those fancy dressed gents fighting at home when they might be away fighting where their fighting ability would really be appreciated. Of course the army uniform may not be so outstanding as is this modern Zoot-suit yet it is a rather nice uniform that commands respect as well and that is more than can be stated for the Zoot-suit.

THERE MUST BE something down in the Eastern Province that affects the fighting ability surely. Maybe it is in the air. Snorily after the war started one of the CBC announcers wrote home saying that he expected to be in uniform in a week's time. However the CBC shifted him to Montreal and he is still announcing down there. He is young and healthy and just the type that one would expect to see in uniform but he is still telling the same old story about the many different items that his sponsors have for sale. A High School girl with a strong voice could do his work just as well as he can and she could also announce the next number just as easily as he does it. It does seem strange to hear a strong voiced man that one knows quite well announce that the next number is entitled "A Kiss in the Dark" or some other such title especially in war time. We often wonder what he thinks of himself when he hears of other boys from his home town being listed as missing or of being wounded or coming home minus a leg and him still enjoying life in Canada. Most of those lads that have been wounded or are missing didn't have as good a chance as he has had but when their country needed them they stepped up like men and measured up full size at that. Perhaps we shouldn't be too proud of our volunteer army. Maybe it would be better if we had conscription.

IT WAS REPORTED in the City that we wouldn't be getting any more mail from overseas after May the 13th, for quite a while. However we are again getting the blue air mails and they are coming through in fairly good time. The last one that we had mentioned the cold weather over there in May however since that letter was written we notice that they have been having it 100 in the shade so it should be warm enough over there now to suit everybody. The boys are mostly all living in tents now and when it is wet and cold tents can be very uncomfortable. Our lad mentions that a good warm house in Canada still looks good to him and we will expect that many other Canadians would express themselves in a similar manner no doubt.

THE DROWNING SEASON is with us once more. It seems a shame that drowning accidents have to take so many young lives every season. A swimming pool in every town would be a help; we would think and then of course the practice of common sense would often help as well. So often when

anything goes wrong when on the water the persons involved become excited and anything is likely to happen then. The accident last Sunday at Fort Stanley on Lake Erie was a most serious one. The news states that fifteen lost their lives when the small boat they were in capsized. It seems that the motor stalled when about a mile from shore and the passengers all crowded to the one side of the boat, tipping it over. It is a heavy toll of young lives from one small section of the Province.

APPLICATION OF ACT ON HOURS OF WORK IS POSTPONED

Minister of Labour Says Vital War Production Cannot Be Hampered

A statement issued today from the office of the Honourable Charles Daley, Minister of Labour for Ontario, announces the postponement of certain provisions of the "Hours of Work and Vacations with Pay" Act. The Act, which becomes effective July 1st of this year, was designed to establish a maximum 48-hour week in this province for all persons employed in business and industry, so well as providing for one week's vacation with pay, in each year, to everyone so employed for a full year with one firm. In other words, on the anniversary of each year's employment, employees become eligible for a week's vacation with pay. The Industry and Labour Board, under which body the Act will be administered, says that while plans are now being laid for the operation of the Act, it would be unwise at this time to impose arbitrary changes. The need for all-out production on essential war materials might be seriously interfered with if drastic changes in present hour schedules, which might be made necessary in conforming to the terms of this Act, were made. This is particularly true in view of the man-power shortage existing at the present time. The Board, therefore, considers that a postponement of the provisions of the act regulating "work hours" is necessary, and will be necessary, while the present critical production requirements and acute shortage of man-power exists.

"The Board therefore authorizes the continuance of existing working hours in all industries operating on priority war materials in the Province of Ontario," the statement says.

Industries engaged in agriculture, horticulture, fishing and the production of foods and farm products; dairy industries including cheese and butter production; firms engaged in the building and maintenance of roads, construction, transportation, textiles and other undertakings which can be considered essential to the full maintenance of the war effort, shall be considered in the category of war industries in so far as present working hours are concerned.

"Periods of relaxation, both mental and physical, to provide recreation are essential for general health and morale, however," Mr. Daley said. "It is probably of more value in this time of mental stress and physical pressure than at any other time. The provisions of the Act, therefore, applying to at least one week's vacation with pay shall apply to all persons qualifying under the term of employment. This does not necessarily mean that vacation must begin on July 1st, but that vacations with pay shall be provided

for all employees effective July 1st, 1944 under the individual employer's plan of allocating vacation time," Mr. Daley said.

COTTAGE RENTALS GOVERNED BY RENTAL ORDERS

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board draws attention to the fact that rentals charged for summer cottages are distinctly governed by the Wartime Leasehold Regulations.

In the case of accommodations of this type the rental charged for them during 1941 or 1942 becomes the ceiling at which they may be rented this sea-

son. No increase can be made unless authority for such increase has been received from the Local Rentals Committee or the Rentals Administration.

Rental cannot be varied without the approval of a Rentals Appraiser. If, for instance, use of a boat or any other additional facility is now included, the rental cannot be increased without approval being given.

A landlord cannot set his own terms for weekly occupancy if he has always rented on a monthly basis.

These regulations do not apply to housing or lands used exclusively for farm purposes.

HORMONES TO INCREASE HUMAN HEIGHT

The scientific world is hailing another brilliant achievement—the isolation of the "growth hormone". The climax of a laboratory adventure, as thrilling as any detective story, this new wonder-working extract taken from the pituitary gland of cattle adds inches or feet to one's height. For more on this interesting subject, read *The American Weekly* with this Sunday's (June 11) issue of *The Detroit Sunday Times*.

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SALE! Dollars at Half-Price!

Sounds like a sure-thing bargain. But how many of us realize that in Canada we're getting dollars at less than half the price of other years... at a fraction the price in many other countries to day. Here's what we mean. A dollar is worth as much as it will buy. And to day your dollar buys at least twice as much as it did in the last war. For instance, your 5¢ buys a bar of laundry soap that cost 15¢ in those days. To day, you can buy the same quality felt fedora for \$3.00 that set you back \$6.00 then. Truly your dollar is half price since it buys twice as much. Price ceilings and other anti-inflationary measures have kept its value HIGH! And you protect your dollars worth every time you buy a bond... pay off a debt... refuse to hoard goods or frequent black markets. That's how to make dollars count MORE!

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