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AVERAGE CANADIAN CATCHES COLD THREE TIMES YEARLY

Statistics reveal that Canadians on the average have three colds a year. Very few escape this common menace to health. Unfortunately so far science has not been able to pin down the cold virus. It cannot be seen under a microscope and not much is known about it.

With literally millions of colds to study the best guide to preventing them seems to be in fairly simple common sense precautions. The principal thing is to keep the body's resistance high by observing a sound diet and other hygienic rules. Chilling, wet feet, drafts, damp clothing, exposure to bad weather, these lower resistance and permit the cold virus which is always present in the nose, throat and mouth to invade the body tissues. A cold results.

Recommended steps in getting rid of a cold are as follows:

1. Start treatment at first sign.
2. Go to bed. If you have a fever, body aches and weakness, call a doctor.
3. Eat lightly, drink plenty of water, broth or citrus juices.
4. "Sweat out" the cold. Take hot lemonade and a hot bath before going to bed. Put extra covers on the bed.
5. Keep away from other people. Cough or sneeze into a paper handkerchief that can be burned.

Former Georgetown Girl Marries Here

A former resident of Georgetown, Miss Doris Roberts of Acton was married in St. George's Church of England here on Saturday, December 18th at three o'clock to Mr. Harold Townsley, also of Acton, Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson was the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Spiers of Acton attended the couple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. James Roberts of Acton and the late Mrs. Roberts. About ten years ago they left Georgetown and moved to Hamilton, where Mrs. Roberts died, and later the family moved back to Georgetown and then to Acton.

Surgery has yet to discover how to graft a new idea to a closed mind.

Comments on the Lesson

by the Rev. John M. Smith

SUNDAY, DEC. 26th

"Apocalyptic Literature in the Bible"

We conclude our series of lessons on the literature of the Bible by taking a hasty glance at the apocalyptic literature of the scriptures. The word apocalyptic simply means that pertaining to that which has been unveiled, uncovered, or revealed. The apocalyptic literature of the Bible then would be any portion of the scriptures which discloses or reveals that which formerly had been hidden or veiled. The two principal apocalyptic writings found in our Bible are The Book of Daniel and The Book of Revelation. Many other such writings were prepared in the same period, but were not included in the canon of our Old and New Testament. It is notable that this type of literature was born of persecution and affliction and proved to be encouraging and strengthening to the folk who saw their religious institutions and privileges abused, denied, and defied. It challenged them to stand firm, to face tortures and martyrdoms if need be for their faith and to continually hope in the unfailing power of God who would ultimately deliver them. By the use of imagery, visions and symbols the writers clothed their ideas and predictions in a way which bewilders us but would be more easily understood by the people of their day who were acquainted with the situations and conditions of writing and, who were accustomed to this type of presentation. This use of imagery and symbolism was also a useful device in presenting the message in a way which could not easily be discerned by enemies of the faith. A careful study of this type of literature will give an understanding of the symbolism which at free and easy reading is misunderstood. The main theme of apocalyptic literature in the Bible is this, come what may, slavery, persecution, trials and tribulations there is this great belief and hope "the kingdoms of the world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever" Rev. 11:15.

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Don't let a Cold mar your Holiday Season

DECEMBER is here and with it lurks the "common cold"! Ontario citizens are reminded now of a few simple helpful rules to safeguard their health, and that of others.

Prevention of the common cold is the responsibility of all, and if everyone plays his part much unnecessary illness, expense and discomfort may be avoided.

With the holiday season looming ahead, when so much happiness depends on everyone feeling fit, why run the risk of "catching cold"—or letting members of your family face that danger?

In the interest of parents and families, the Ontario Department of Health recommends every Ontario citizen to study the common-sense precautions suggested below and act upon them.

Five Simple Precautions

1. Take plenty of rest. Avoid becoming unduly tired. Endeavour to follow a well-balanced diet.
2. Avoid becoming wet, chilled or overheated. If clothing becomes wet, it should be changed as quickly as possible.
3. If a cold overtakes you, go to bed until it improves. If it does not clear up rapidly, do not hesitate to seek medical advice.
4. Be thoughtful of others. If suffering from a cold, do not spread germs by coughing or sneezing openly.
5. Avoid crowds as far as possible.

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The Biblical Basis:

Rev. 21:1-7; 22:1-5, 17

In the first of these passages we have John's description of his vision of the coming of God's new state for His people. The old world with all its imperfections, wailing and crying and cancerous evil is to pass away. Death is to be no more, the throes of pain is to be stilled, everything that pertains to the world now gripped in the clutches of sin is to pass away.

But it is not only the absence of grief and pain and death that John sketches the blessings of the reign of God: the absence of the accursed things is matched by a glorious fulfillment of everything that is good in human life, a positive bliss symbolized in the appearance of the "holy city — the new Jerusalem". God is to dwell among men. No longer is He to be afar off separated by man's sinful evil but "with them". If we wish to truly understand this symbolism of the Holy city we must see a community of men centred in God; we must think in terms of men, not buildings, the soul of a city, not its shell. Let us as we read this passage see "The ideal of perfect community, unrealizable on earth, because of the curse of sin which vitiated the first creation is now embodied in the redeemed from all nations." God has promised the faithful fellowship within the community.

The second passage deals with John's vision regarding immortality and speaks of the Tree of Life. In this new life there is to be perfect freedom from everything that is evil, and the glory of the Lord is eternally evident.

The Application:

We do not live in an era of tortures and martyrdoms for the faith but we do live in an age of materialism and indifference, a time when we as Christians are challenged to strengthen our faith and to hold fast to the eternal realities of God. We would do well to take a new interest in the apocalyptic literature reading it with an effort to understand its imagery, vision and symbolism and catching something of the challenge and spirit of the writers. Perhaps such a reading would help us to stand loyal to Christian standards in uncompromising devotion, and help us to conquer self and the world through the knowledge that God is still in His Heaven and that in spite of evil and its consequences He will triumph.

Helpful Quotations:

"The appeal to be true and faithful to one's religious belief is surely greatly needed today."

"It is fitting that our New Testament should end with this note of triumph."

"The enthusiasm and hopefulness in the midst of seemingly hopeless conditions should inspire us."

"Although this book has often been neglected because of its mysterious character, yet there are many viewpoints from which it may be profitably studied without any attempt at dogmatic or arbitrary interpretation."

Now that the town elections are over, the main attention is being centred on the coming nominations of Esqueping Township. The choice for nomination day in this area is December 27, declared a public holiday as Boxing Day in Georgetown.

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