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EDUCATIONAL

Gradually Disappearing

Evidence is not lacking that in a short time County Councils will cease to exist. The Old Age Pensions are now having the attention of the Municipal Clerks...

A Championship Year?

Once again Acton captured the group honors in hockey this year, which makes four group championships in the six seasons of Intermediate hockey. It seems to be a very fair record for the community in this sport...

Make the Highways Safe

The announcement by Hon. T. B. McQueston, Minister of Highways for Ontario, that more strict enforcement of the rules of the road would be the rule, will meet with general approval. There are plenty of laws now on the statute books to make the highways safe for all motorists and pedestrians...

Learn Something Every Day

Some one has said that the only educated man is the one who learns something every day. That statement deserves to be remembered both by those who have had educational advantages, and those who have lacked them. The boy who has had to leave school early should find it encouraging, for according to this statement, the educated man is not the one who has spent a certain number of years in school and college, but the one who is continually learning...

Printing Trades Production Lower

According to the 1933 report on the printing trades issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the printing trades of the Dominion have suffered quite a loss in production in comparison with the previous year. Total production in the printing trades in Canada during 1933 reached a value of \$92,715,339, a decrease of over eight million dollars from the output of \$101,492,333 reported in 1932. The 2,075 establishments engaged in this line of manufacture represented a capital investment of \$120,003,518, and gave employment to an average of 32,031 employees...

EDITORIAL NOTES

Production of sugar beets in Canada during 1934 for use in sugar refineries amounted to 533,000 tons, compared with 457,000 tons in 1933.

Canada's total domestic exports in January, 1935, totalled \$43,002,000 of which \$17,529,000 went to the United States, and \$16,611,000 to the United Kingdom.

The Mail and Empire states the cost of the state dinner, cancelled by Premier Hepburn, is between \$50,000 and \$80,000. Quite a tidy sum to save, too, even in a lifetime.

Exports of Canadian bacon in 1934 were valued at about \$10,000,000, and Canadian farmers derived an income from the hog industry estimated at between ninety and one hundred million dollars.

Brampton is to erect new signs designating the speed limit as twenty miles per hour. Just try to get through that town at over twenty miles per hour, and five to ten miles on the business section, where parking at any angle is the rule.

Want your home town to go ahead? Then take hold and do a little pulling yourself. Want your home town business to keep your home people well employed? Then give that business your full support—by buying your supplies at home. Want your business to grow? Then better demonstrate to the public, through advertising, that its good service deserves such growth.

On Woodsworth's motion in the House of Commons to scrap the system of Capitalism, which has taken the place of Feudalism for the past 400 years, E. J. Garland, an Alberta U. F. A. member, said: "An insurance company had figured out what happens to an average group of 100 men at the age of 65. One would be wealthy, four would be well-to-do, five would be still working, with no prospect of relief from drudgery, 54 would be dependent on friends or charity, and 36 would be dead."

Have you ever noticed—When the other fellow is set in his way, he's obstinate; when you are, it is just firmness? When the other fellow doesn't like you, he's prejudiced; when you don't like him, you're simply showing that you are a good judge of human nature? When the other fellow tries to treat someone especially well, he is toadying; when you try the same game you are using tact? When the other fellow picks flaws in things he's cranky; when you do you are discriminating? When the other fellow says what he thinks, he's spiteful; when you do, you are frank?—Bowmanville Statesman.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1935

PETER UNMAKES FALSEHOOD AND HYPOCRISY

Golden Text.—Wherefore, put away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Eph. 4: 25.

Lesson Text.—Acts 5: 1-6; 8: 18-24. Study, also, Matt. 23: 23-28; 1 Kings 13: 11-22; Eph. 4: 25-32.

Time.—A. D. 30, OF LATER. Place.—Jerusalem and Samaria.

Exposition.—1. The Sin of Ananias and His Punishment.

The record of the early Church up to this point in her history is a fair and attractive one. But now the serpent again enters Eden. Up to this juncture the perils menacing the infant Church had, principally, been from without. But now she faces the greater peril of foes within. God, who loves His Church, dealt with this peril with a stern hand, and no wonder that He did. The atmosphere of love and entire consecration in which the deed of Ananias was done, made it the more unpardonable. His action was evidently moved by the noble deed of Barnabas, and the admiration which it undoubtedly awakened (ch. 4: 36, 37). He thought he would imitate this act, but without the sacrifice, and get the blessing without paying the price. The same language is used up to a certain point in describing the action of Ananias and that of Barnabas (cf. vs 2 with ch. 4: 37), but what a difference: the one, the deed of self-forgetting love, the other, the deed of selfish, calculating hypocrisy. Some careless readers of the New Testament, get the impression that the early Church was perfect; but it was far from that. All liars are moved by the Devil (John 8: 44), but the lie of Ananias was more than an ordinary lie. He had seen the whole-hearted love and consecration of Barnabas, who had literally brought all that he had and laid it at the apostle's feet. He had seen the admiration that the fully consecrated Barnabas had awakened in the apostolic company. He decided to gain the same applause for himself, but without paying the full price. He, too, "sold a possession," but secreted part of the price and brought the rest with the intention to deceive the Church into believing that it was all. The Holy Spirit guided the Apostolic Church, and the attempt to deceive the Spirit-guided Church was an attempt to deceive the Holy Spirit Himself. It was a "lie to the Holy Ghost." In lying to the Holy Ghost, Ananias had "not lied unto man, but unto God." Peter here makes plain the Delity of the Holy Spirit. He is "God." Not all lying can be called lying to God, but when something is knowingly held back for self and at the same time there is a pretense of having surrendered all, that is lying to God; for consecration is not unto man, but unto God. Peter's question is very solemn: "Why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?" The question implies that while the plan had originated with Satan, Ananias was none the less responsible in that he had given place to Satan and permitted him to fill his heart. Satan cannot fill our hearts without our consent. The fact that the sin originated with Satan, did not lessen the guilt of Ananias, but aggravated it. He had entered into partnership with the devil, and that is what every liar is doing, every teacher of error instead of the truth of God (1 John 2:22). In chapter four, we see the true disciples Spirit-filled (ch. 4: 31), but here we see Ananias Devil-filled. The heart that is open to the Holy Spirit He will fill; the heart that is open to Satan, he will fill. Any one who pretends to an entire consecration when that entire consecration does not exist is "tempting the Spirit of the Lord." It is a dangerous thing to do. It may not bring swift physical death in every instance as in this case; indeed it will not in many; for it is God's method to give an illustrative example of His feeling toward certain sins (cf. the case of Achan and hero), and his not-again-with-with-immediate judgment, but nevertheless there will be great loss. In the case of Ananias, his presumption brought swift and awful judgment. No sinner had Peter exposed his hypocrisy than Ananias, hearing his words of condemnation, fell down and gave up his spirit. It is an awful warning to all who attempt to deceive God. The effect in this case was most salutary; apparently others were thinking of joining the Church from mercenary motives, but they were held back from so doing by the striking judgment. Would that the spirit were present in such power in the Church to-day, that hypocrites would regard it with terror. The deceptions of Ananias was deliberate and premeditated, he had talked it over with his wife. It imperiled the infant Church, it threatened to choke that fountain of divine love which God had implanted in it. The punishment was richly deserved, and a most gracious act on the part of God. It sifted and saved the Church.

2. Simon Peter and Simon Magus. In this incident we are presented with a striking contrast. Here is present the apostle, a man of complete disinterestedness, who has forsaken all to follow his Master, confronted with Simon the sorcerer, who outwardly had embraced Christianity as a possible means of wealth and power. What a natural reputation must there have been in the minds of both as each gets an inkling of the other! There could be no greater contrast. It was the contrast between

IMPOSSIBLE TO ENJOY

Squire: "Did you enjoy your 'bus ride on Saturday afternoon, George?" George: "No, sir. Every 'bus that reached the village was packed full of these 'ere hikers, ah!"

NO NEED OF REPETITION

"The young man had just proposed. 'No!' she replied. 'A thousand times no!'" "Well, don't rub it in," he retorted. "I asked you only once."

Do what thou dost as if the earth were heaven, and thy last day the day of judgment.—C. Kingsley.

greed and goodness, between the Church and the world. Simon Magus had no desire in his heart to save men by the preaching of the Gospel; his aim was to acquire fame for himself by deeds of supernatural might. With him, in our own day, must be classed all who desire the office but not the grace, who have in view, not the service of Christ, but personal aggrandizement; not holiness or a lofty spiritual experience, but personal prestige. A vain worldly man like Simon Magus may go through the routine of Christian duties, deceiving and deceiving for a time, but some unwitting moving event is sure to occur which will discover the inner man. But Simon Peter, servant of Jesus, sees through the hypocritical pretensions of the sorcerer, and deals with him in characteristic fashion. His reproach was not too strong for the occasion. "Thy money perish with thee," he cries with fine scorn. He discovered to the sorcerer that the great gifts of the Spirit, which he felt would have bought with money, are not purchasable, even with much fine gold. As with all God's great and precious gifts, they are BESTOWED by the Giver of every good and perfect endowment. Peter unmasked a hypocrite, and in doing demonstrated to men and women of all subsequent ages, that none can deceive God, none can receive the bounty of His hands save through sincerity of spirit and coyness of heart.

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