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EDITORIAL

Generally Approved

Notice has been received by officials of the Mothers' Pensions Board that hereafter mothers with one child will be entitled to receive the pension allowance. This is another promised reform that has been fulfilled and will be greeted with general approval. Many times in the past mothers have had to sacrifice the care that was necessary to the youngest child when the other children reached the age of sixteen and were not yet earning or of any assistance in maintaining the home. Yet with the one child it was just as necessary to maintain the home and give the attention. The new rule is generally approved.

Care and More Care

A campaign for safety on Ontario's highways should find favor with every citizen. During the month of March there were thirty-one deaths resulting from motor accidents. During an eleven month period 522 persons were fatally injured, as compared with 362 for the previous eleven months. The greatest number of accidents are reported from towns and on county and township roads, as the number of accidents in cities and on the King's Highway showed only a slight increase. One might suppose that accidents would be more numerous where traffic is heaviest, yet the fact that more accidents are reported from towns and rural districts is possibly a reflection of the mentality which seems to guide most motorists. When a man is driving, say, from Toronto to Cookville, traffic is heavy and the need for alertness is practically forced upon him. But when he gets on a road where there is little traffic he not only "steps on it" but is liable to relax mentally and thus become less vigilant. Second-hand cars of the "rattle-trap" classification are also often in poor mechanical condition. The Toronto Star tells of a man who bought a 1910 car for seven dollars (he could only make a down payment of two dollars), operated it on a learner's permit after taking a glass of wine, and a five-year-old girl was injured as a result. As might be expected, the car was found to have defective brakes. The incident leads the Star to remark that "the time must soon come when no car transfer will be permitted without a thorough examination of brakes and steering gear, and a certificate from some competent person that it is fit for the road."

Reckless driving and excessive speeds are due to draw heavier penalties from the courts. Those who operate cars while under the influence of liquor are due for some time to meditate on their folly, but always the meditation period comes after the accident. Some one has been killed or maimed. Ontario citizens need to give highway safety and an improvement of its record careful consideration. The Department of Highways is now publishing a series of advertisements calling these facts to the attention of the public and the need for consideration was never greater.

May, this year, seems to be a month of numerous holidays and days to observe. But June will provide opportunity to catch up.

Making Your Town Better

"What's your view on improving our city?" a feature which has been running in the North Bay Nugget for some time, has brought out some very interesting and helpful suggestions. One of the most practical answers was that of T. J. Patton, who recommended the adoption and practice of the Fort Worth Creed for building up a splendid community spirit. In support of his recommendation, Mr. Patton said, "The creed is now being adopted as a policy of personal conduct by progressive citizens of many progressive cities. Citizens who refuse to take part in progressive movements but content themselves with destructive criticism, hamper civic progress. All civic movements have weak spots subject to criticism but the criticism should come from within instead of from without. The citizen who follows the Fort Worth Creed as his rule of conduct in civic life and service, and lives up to it faithfully, is well on the way toward 100 per cent citizenship, and will not only benefit himself but the entire community in which he resides. Consider, particularly, the potentialities for good in the citizen who, refrains from disparaging remarks about his city, its institutions and his fellow citizens; casts his vote on all public questions, civic, provincial or Dominion; seeks not to evade jury duty; patronizes home merchants; lets no day pass without doing to the best of his ability some little bit looking to the betterment of his community." That creed sounds as if it would be of real help if practised in any community.

Chain Letters and the Dark Ages

Up to the present time no chain letters have been received by the editor, but the mail did bring a letter telling of a scheme, from schemers in Waynesboro, Tennessee, suggesting that THE FREE PRESS circulate and sell printed copies of their chain letter. It also enclosed copies of this famous document, "Prosperity Club—In God We Trust." We are just holding it long enough to write this editorial before consigning it to the waste-paper basket. The heading alone is enough to turn anyone against such a letter. But the letter tells us we can make thousands of dollars from its use if "we get in on the ground floor" and start working the plan in this community.

The thousands of dollars to be made would be very welcome to the editor, but if we have to take it from the gullible public and print "In God We Trust" over such methods, we prefer to go without the thousands.

If there is anything that belongs to the dark ages and yet survives in these enlightened times it is the chain letter racket. Just how everyone is going to make the money promised and who is left holding the bag has never been explained to our satisfaction. The ground floor is over crowded with such fakirs and it is one type of nonsense that surely Canadians will show our American friends is not swallowed in Canada.

Believe it or not, this chain letter to which we refer, claims such letters "have done much to help restore prosperity, confidence and happiness in the United States of America." Well, if that is the secret of the recovery of the United States and its confidence, happiness, etc., the recovery is a pure fizzle. Our advice is to send all chain letters to the dead letter office or the waste paper basket. Friends that send them to you have a very doubtful type of friendship. And remember, the ground floor hasn't even standing room left on it now.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Baseball opens locally this week, but the past few weeks have heard the smacks of the baseball bats and seen plenty of activity.

Production of 20 gold mines in Ontario during March had a value of \$5,801,980, including 108,769 ounces of gold and 25,031 ounces of silver.

New Post Offices are being secured liberally in this district. Of course it just so happens that construction is commenced in the same year as an election is due.

The new relic tax on admissions to amusements comes into force on June 1st. Peculiar that garden parties or other functions are not booked for the remaining dates in May.

Construction contracts awarded in Canada during the month of April totalled \$11,370,400 compared with \$8,400,000 in March, according to a review issued by MacLean Building Reports Ltd.

The Crowland jobless finally let better judgment prevail and ceased listening to the agitators. It is necessary in this or any other land to work for a livelihood, and none will starve who are willing to work.

A former professional hockey player was found the other night at the wheel of his car, which was in the ditch. His wife was picked up on the roadway several miles away. He is facing a charge of drunk while in charge of a car. Just another example of the work of intoxicating liquor.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19th

BAPTISM

Golden Text.—Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.—Matt. 28: 19.

Lesson Text.—Matt. 28: 19, 20; Acts 8: 26-30; Study, also, Mark 1: 1-11; Acts 16: 25-34; Romans 6: 1-11.

Times.—May, A. D. 30; 35-37 A. D. Places.—Galilee; The Desert.

Exposition.—I. Our Lord's Commission to the Apostles, 19, 20.

Before commissioning them, Jesus discloses to them the authority that lies back of the commission that they are about to receive, "nothing less than 'all authority in heaven and on earth.'"

Those are stupendous words whose meaning we lose because of our familiarity with them and because we do not stop to weigh them and meditate upon them. It was the Father who bestowed His authority upon the Son (Matt. 11: 27; John 3: 35; 1 Cor. 15: 27). This authority is over "all flesh," all the angelic hierarchies and heavenly hosts, over all persons and things in heaven and earth and hell (John 17: 2; Eph. 1: 21, 22; 1 Peter 3: 22; Phil. 2: 10). He is Lord of all (Acts 10: 36). Well may we worship Him (Heb. 1: 6). We had had this authority before the world was (John 17: 5; Col. 1: 16), but gave it up to make statements for our sins (Phil. 2: 6-8; 2 Cor. 8: 9). Jesus' purpose in mentioning His infinite authority was to inspire the disciples with courage for their vast undertaking. Jesus bid them "go." His first word to sinners is "come" (Matt. 11: 28), but His word to disciples is "go." Our modern gospel hasn't enough "go" in it. They were to go "into all the world" (Mark 16: 15). Most Christians interpret "all the world" very narrowly. Everyone of us should go to the ends of the earth by our persons or our prayers or our gifts, or all together. The measure of our responsibilities is "as much as in me is" (Romans 1: 15). Having gone, they were to "make disciples" (E. V.). Many misanthropes seem to think that the commission of Christ is to educate and civilize and refine. It does not so read. They were to make disciples through the agency of the preached Gospel (Mark 16: 15; Luke 24: 47). Having become disciples, they were to be called upon to make an outward profession of their discipleship in baptism (cf. Acts 2: 38, 39; 8: 12-16, 38-39; 9: 18; 10: 47, 48; 16: 15, 33; 19: 3-5; Mark 16: 16). This baptism was to be done "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." To be truly baptized into a person is to put on that person (Gal. 3: 27). The disciple of Jesus who is really baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost has put on the three persons of the Trinity. It is very doubtful if those words are given as a baptismal formula, they rather express the fulness of the fellowship into which we enter by true Christian baptism (cf. Acts 2: 38; 19: 5). The Deity of the Son and the Holy Spirit came out clearly in the way in which their names are coupled with that of the Father. The result of men's believing and being baptized would be that they would be saved; the result of their refusing to believe is that they would be lost (Mark 16: 16). After one had become a disciple and been baptized he was to "teach." A common mistake to-day, is trying to teach men Christian ethics before they have become Christians. The disciple was to be taught not only to understand and believe, but to "observe" or keep the commandments of Jesus (cf. Jas. 1: 22; Matt. 7: 24-27; 1 John 2: 3, 4; John 14: 21, 23), and they were to be taught to keep "all" things whatsoever Jesus had commanded (cf. Deut. 12: 32). The solemn and glorious commission of vs. 19, 20 is binding upon us. The men to whom Jesus first gave it were obscure men and the commission was stupendous, but Jesus gave them an all-sufficient promise. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." We, too, can have this promise if we meet the condition, i. e., "go, etc." But we have no right to claim this most precious promise if we are not going forth to do the work that Jesus lays upon us. When we go His way, then He goes ours. When we go out with Him in soul-winning, making disciples, He goes out with us in glorious personal fellowship and strengthening. And for how long? Until the end of the age. And He will be with us "always," or "all the days."

II. Inquiring, Believing, Baptized, Rejoicing, Acts 8: 26-30.

The church asked a question that went right at the heart of the matter, "of whom speaketh the prophet, this? of himself, or of some other man?" It is always well to know exactly of whom the Scripture speaks. But there is no passage where this question is more vital than in Isaiah 53. If it refers to the Messiah, then beyond the possibility of honest question Jesus of Nazareth was the predicted Messiah. And it does refer to the Messiah and to Jesus. Infidels and rationalists have labored hard to invent some other interpretation. But every attempt has ended in utter failure. The most plausible theory that they have advanced is that it refers to "suffering Israel." But this theory goes all to pieces on the rock that the sufferer is represented as suffering for the sins of others than himself (Is. 53: 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12), and the others for whose sins he is suffering are "my people," i. e.,

FEET ARE WIDER IN NEW ZEALAND

Feet in New Zealand, on the average, are broader than those of the average Canadian. The New Zealander, it is claimed, is athletic from childhood, the children leading outdoor lives throughout the year, and go barefooted a great deal of the time. For this reason wider boots are preferred. New Zealand has frequent rains throughout the year, which tends to make the climate somewhat damp. The people, however, do not wear goloshes or rubbers, but go in for heavier soles on their boots and shoes. English patterns in shoes predominate. It would seem there is a market in New Zealand for Canadian shoes of character, style and good construction, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways.

QUITE DIFFERENT

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Israel (Is. 53: 8). So evidently the sufferer cannot be Israel. One can begin at almost any Scripture and preach Jesus, for Jesus is the central subject of all Scripture. The treasurer promptly accepted the truth and Jesus. If the sufferer had been like many modern

"seekers after truth," he would have thought of a score of things that would hinder his being baptized. But he was not merely in pretence, but in reality all honest inquirer; so, when he found the truth, he threw difficulties to the winds and obeyed it. Philip does not hesitate but immediately baptizes him; Philip's work is done and the Spirit takes him away.



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