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EDITORIAL

No Improvement

Perhaps the most regrettable part of the celebration just ended here was the demonstration that there has already developed a good-sized crop of young people who are convinced that it is the smart thing to become intoxicated. Many of them could scarcely be called drunk, but just foolish. There have been celebrations in the past when liquor was not so readily procured and undoubtedly they left a better feeling than the one held under the present privileges. Most anyone can readily recall these occasions, when the sight of a drunken individual was the subject of curiosity—an oddity. It was quite common during the past celebration to see individuals in this condition. We are not critical of any condition due to local handling of the situation. Our criticism and that of many citizens is of the new plan of dispensing intoxicating liquor more freely. A splendid crop of new youngsters are having the appetite created for booze. And girls were to be seen staggering as well as young men. The youth of to-day is having a greater task to go straight than those of a few years ago, with the temptations put before them. Mixed with the number of automobiles in use to-day, it's a problem that is the worry of many a mother and father of the community and province. Those youths who come through will be the young men and women sought after for the good positions in the future.

Summering

This week we took writing material to the beach and, owing to the busy holiday time in the days spent in Acton planned to write editorial matter there. It didn't work. Some way or other when everyone else is holiday bent the idea of doing routine work just can't seem to develop enthusiasm. Not that there is any lack of subject material on the average beach about which to write. Perhaps next week we can indulge in writing an editorial away from the usual desk and the usual surroundings. The environment will certainly be different. Folks are so different when away from home and of course there are very few who are at home on the beach. There are the picnic parties who come for a day; the campers who are there for a couple of days; and the cottagers, who spend from a few weeks to months. Most of the inhabitants with only the idea of amusing themselves, and quite a considerable population it is that lives thus at different periods of the summer. And what a variety of ideas of amusement. But the most popular fad seems to be for the white folks to become Indians again, copper skinned ones. The high cheek bones can't however, be secured in the vacation period. But those coats of tan seem to be the only requisite of summering. The burn is incidental to securing the tan, of course, and develops the need for the sale of various preparations. If we keep on we'll be writing a beach editorial. We stop and stick to our first plan.

At least those who didn't attend the re-union have yet another very important occasion on which they can re-visit the old home town and renew acquaintanceships. The Fall Fair is just a month and a few days away.

Success of Community Effort

Acton has just completed another highly successful three-day re-union and celebration. It was sponsored and carried to conclusion by two very wide-awake organizations, the Acton Citizens' Band and the Acton Baseball Club. But the efforts of these organizations, was ably supplemented by the community at large. Some parts played may have seemed small, but all were contributory to the final culmination of success. The evidence of this fine community spirit to make for success was to be seen everywhere and has come to be looked for in Acton. It is after all this community spirit that is the biggest asset. Success will continue to attend if the same co-operative thought is maintained in the carrying on of the work and pleasure of community.

The Summer is Waning

We are warned by the preparations and the advance announcements of the Canadian National Exhibition of the approach of the fall. Coming first and opening the season for the series of local fairs, the Canadian National Exhibition each year sets a high standard and offers many worth-while suggestions which never can be duplicated in the smaller fairs, but are very helpful. It would appear that this great Canadian institution has lost none of the vigor that has made it continue to grow and expand each year. The advance announcements foretell of new attractions for this year and indications point that as the years roll behind the Exhibition each one finds greater accomplishments achieved and marked growth and interest shown. It is small wonder that those who live nearby each year look forward to the "Ex." and rarely tire of making the visit to view its wonders. The summer has its many attractions—but, likewise, has the fall, with its fair time and the display of the bounty provided.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The weatherman was particularly kind in the brand of weather handed out over the holiday week-end—in fact extraordinarily kind.

The clean-up the next morning, following the celebration, was commendable. Decorations are not nearly so pretty unless they are in place.

A local chap says the biggest family at Wasaga Beach this summer is the Spooners. He says that up there at night you see some of them wherever you go.—Shelburne Economist.

Perhaps it would be better if the editorial page had been deleted this week. It is difficult to concentrate on little save the events of the past week. No doubt it would have been easier.

The publicity being given "Red" Ryan since his release will hardly be helpful to him in his effort to go straight. His attendance at a garden party is even played up in newspaper headlines.

The Liberal party has now outlined its platform. Now that all parties have given their platform there seems little reason for deferring the naming of the election date and getting the thing over with.

It was a glorious time, with plenty of fun for all. It is to be hoped that the decorations appropriated during the fun will be returned to their owners. It will be nice to have them again at another celebration time.

Municipalities this fall will receive twenty per cent. of the fees paid by beverage room owners to the Provincial Government. Coming just before election time we suppose the plan is to assist in balancing the budget of the municipalities.

The cost of education looks to be larger but when we consider that about \$50,000,000 is spent in liquor, or about \$5,000,000 spent in automobiles to one spent on education, we should not do much kicking. It all depends on our view of things.—Winchester Press.

At the Weekly Newspapers convention last week the Orillia Packet and Times issued a neatly printed souvenir entitled "A Peek Behind the Scenes." It had a brief and most interesting historical sketch of the early newspapers of York, Simcoe Muskoka and Toronto and the settlement of these districts.

The firm stands taken by Premier Hepburn and Prime Minister Bennett in dealing with those who seek to agitate rather than work commends itself to all. Every man should have the opportunity to make a livelihood by gainful employment. But the role of the agitator can scarcely be termed gainful employment.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th

DANIEL (TEMPERANCE AND HEALTH)

Golden Text.—Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God?—1 Cor. 6: 19.

Time.—606 B. C. Place.—Babylon. Exposition.—I. Daniel's Loyal Purpose, 8-13.

This is given as a "Temperance" lesson. It has very little to do with "temperance" as that word is ordinarily used to-day. Total abstinence from the use of all alcoholic drinks is every Christian's duty, but it is not taught in this passage. "DANIEL PURSUED IN HIS HEART THAT HE WOULD NOT DEFILE HIMSELF." This is the key to Daniel's life and the secret of his power and success. Daniel had a sound heart, and so his whole life was sound (Prov. 4: 23). The real purpose of a man's heart tells what the man is. It is this that God looks at (2 Cor. 9: 7; 8: 12; Luke 16: 15). There can be no steadiness of life and action without steadiness of purpose (Acts 11: 23). Steadiness of purpose leads to unshakable. Carrying it out involved great daily sacrifice and great peril, but there Daniel stood, and God, of course, stood by him. The king's meat and wine were very agreeable to the palate, much more agreeable than pulse, but they had been offered as a sacrifice and libation to false gods, and Daniel would keep himself free from all compromise with devil-worship (Deut. 32: 38; Ps. 106: 28; 141: 4; 1 Cor. 10: 18-21, 28-31). He would be absolutely clean from any partnership with the whole miserable business. What a lesson! Daniel gives us in this day of easy-going, worldly conformity. He was in Babylon, but he would not do as the Babylonians did. He lost nothing by his unwavering fidelity to God. No one ever loses anything by such fidelity (Ps. 84: 11). But Daniel was not arrogant and self-assertive in his fidelity. There was no parade of his conscientiousness; he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. "Many men who are unbending in their loyalty to God and His Word spoil it all by their physical parade of their fidelity to conscience. How seldom it is that a spotless puritanism and sweet reasonableness go hand in hand. But they did in Daniel. If we are careful to please God we may safely leave in His hands the matter of our pleasing men (v. 6, R. V.). It was illustrated in Joseph (Gen. 39: 21; Acts 7: 10), Ezra (Ezra 7: 27, 28), Nehemiah (Neh. 1: 11; 2: 4), and it is being illustrated every day. "If we are in God's line, God will bring things into line with us." All we need see to is that we please God. "PROVE THY CHASTITY, I BISHOP THY TEMPER, THY DAYS." His suggestion is born of faith. He knew God would not leave one of His children to suffer because of his loyalty to Him. Daniel had enough confidence in his religion to have it put to a practical test. His wisdom was indeed the wisdom that cometh from above (Jas. 3: 17). Beside such wisdom, all earthly knowledge is as a child's alphabet. No matter how learned a man may be, if he have not this wisdom, he is as a mariner without a compass, or a traveller that has lost his way. In relation to EVERYTHING, both temporal and spiritual, "the statutes of the Lord are RIGHT."

II. How Jehovah Rewarded the Fidelity of Daniel and His Friends, 14-20. Daniel's faith was not disappointed. "At the end of the ten days their countenance appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat" (v. 15). Some would see in this an argument for a vegetable diet. What strange vision some have. It is an argument for obeying God and seeking to please Him in everything (comp. Ex. 23: 35; Deut. 28: 1-14; Ps. 37: 14). "GOD GAVE THEM KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN ALL LEARNING AND WISDOM." True wisdom is God's gift (ch. 2: 20-23; 1 Kings 3: 12, 28; 4: 20-31; 1 Chron. 1: 10-12; Job. 32: 8; Prov. 2: 6). This is true of wisdom in all its forms, but it is pre-eminently true of the wisdom that is of perennial worth. The conditions upon which God bestows wisdom are, first, as illustrated here, unwavering obedience to His will (comp. John 14: 15, 16, 26, 31, V.); second, prayer (Jas. 1: 5-7; Col. 1: 9); third, the study of the Word (Ps. 119: 98-100, 130). It is through His Spirit that wisdom is given (Luke 21: 15; Acts 6: 10). Daniel had wisdom given to him in an especial direction, "in all visions and dreams." This was because Daniel had an especial work to perform in the purposes of God and an especial place to fill in the plan of God. It illustrates the principle that holds in the Church to-day, that where there is one Spirit there are diversities of gifts, ministrations, workings and manifestations, and that the one and the self-same Spirit divideth to each one severally even as He will (see 1 Cor. 12: 4-11, R. V.). There is wisdom through the Spirit for every child of God, but whether there shall be "understanding in all visions and dreams" depends entirely upon the sovereign will of the Holy Spirit and the work to which God, in His wisdom and grace calls us. "THESE THINGS STOOD THEY BEFORE THE KING." Their loyalty to God had paid where did those Israelites who had compromised and when the king's denied meat and drank his denied wine stand? It seemed three years back as if Daniel and his friends had sacrificed everything by their stern conscientious-

REASON FOR TEARS

The teacher was telling his class about the conquests of Alexander the Great. He made the tale a stirring one.

"When Alexander had conquered India," he said, "what do you think he did? Do you think he gave a great feast to celebrate his triumph? No, he sat down and wept."

"The children seemed a little disappointed at this childish exhibition on the part of the hero; so the teacher continued, "Now, why do you think Alexander wept?" he asked.

Up went a little hand. "Well, Tommy?" said the teacher. "Please, sir," said Tommy, hesitatingly, "perhaps he didn't know the way back."

WHAT NEXT

Sympathetic Person—Hello! What's the matter, little boy; are you lost? Little Boy—Yes, I am. I might know better to come out with gramma. She's always losin' somethin'.

For Catarah.—It is one of the chief recommendations of Dr. Thomas' Eucalyptic Oil that it can be used internally with as much success as it can outwardly. Sufferers from catarah will find that the Oil, when used according to directions will give prompt relief. Many sufferers from this ailment have found relief in the Oil and have sent testimonials.

ness, but in reality they had gained everything. It always comes out that way in the long run. But those who are loyal to-day will stand some day before a greater King than Nebuchadnezzar. Earth-born wisdom will never bear comparison with God-given wisdom. Would that we might never forget that there is one more thing that must be noted, "Daniel continued." He had good staying qualities. What was the secret of it? Others came and went, even great kings and dynasties, but Daniel continued (1 John 2: 17).

SLATS' DIARY

BY BOSS PARQUEAR.

Friday—Pa remarked casually today that he was hoping the post office dept. would get rid of there Defiant 1 of these days then maybe they wood by a new pen or maybe 2 at are post Office.

Saturday—Netty Winkle was here at are house today and she was talking with ma and Ant Emmy including me about are next President. Netty seems to think that Rusvelt had done pritty well as president but she was kinda favorably empresseed with Robert Montgomery, and she sed Clark Gable was sent so slow neather.

Sunday—Today was pa's birthday and he got a note from his boss. pa and ma was all Xcited and thot mobby he was getting a raise but the note sed the boss was giving pa the book he had borrowd from the boss 'if 1920. When I begun singing Happy birthday to you pa like to of slapped me to sleep.

Monday—Unkel Hen and Ant Cynthia just got threw hanging paper in there front parlor ad evry thing was just fine. Keep they put the sealing paper on the aldo wall and Visa Versey. The border was left over. But enny ways Unkel Hen says he saved 13 \$ and a few c.

Tuesday—Pa kinda got balled up to-day when he was writing a peace for the noose paper with he wrks on. he rote that Mrs. Gulp whose fat and whose house burnt to the ground a few weeks ago wood be rebilt on the same site, and larger.

Wednesday—Pa was interlaining a professor of fax tonite and ma made me go to bed early. I think its coming to a pritty Pass when yure son has to give way to 1 of these sinifict atom splitters.

Thursday—Mrs. Gillem was here to-nite and she was in fever of having a law vs. otomobiles. she sed they had increased the delti rate and made hard traffic problems and made people live above there income and ect. Ant Emmy always been and sed. Well—they-released-us of the horse fly & that is sam thing.

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