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EDITORIAL Past and Present

Back in the days when we were younger caravans of gypsies were quite a common thing throughout the countryside. Rarely a season passed but a few of them visited the neighborhood. They brought their families and usually several horses to trade and lived in the summertime, at least in the outdoors. Where they went in the winter we never knew. Only the gypsies lived that way. Most other folks going on a holiday took the train and visited with relatives and friends.

Seems as if nowadays a holiday is different. More folks travel as the gypsies. They don't travel by horses and caravan, but by motor car, with the caravan on behind. Others don't carry the caravan but have a place at some beautiful or otherwise place in the outdoors. They become copper hued or tanned as the gypsies did in other days. The clothes—what there are of them—are of bright colors, such as delighted the gypsies. There seems to be only one difference. The gypsies in other days weren't considered very highly in the community. To-day it seems to be quite the reverse and it's quite the thing to be the gypsies. It's impossible really to predict the future, when one looks at the past and present. As we told you last week, we're writing this editorial at a beach—in fact, all of these articles.

Canada Much Over Governed

In its campaign for the reduction of government in Canada, Maclean's Magazine points out that there are 96 senators and 245 members of the House of Commons, with a sessional indemnity of \$4,000 each. Membership in the provincial legislatures is as follows: Alberta, 63; British Columbia, 47; Manitoba, 55; New Brunswick, 48; Nova Scotia, 30; Ontario, 90; Prince Edward Island (which has a population about equal to that of some counties) 30; Quebec, 24 members in the legislative council and 90 in the legislative assembly. Indemnities run from \$400 in Prince Edward Island, to \$2,500 in Quebec. There are 41,000 civil servants in federal employ, thousands engaged in the provincial service and also the staffs in 4,000 municipal governments, about one person in fifteen of the population being on the payroll of some of these governments. "But," says Maclean's, "it is not so much the cost of the indemnities paid our 881 legislators. It is the unceasing effort of most of them to get into the estimates provision for expenditures to be made in their own constituencies. They want expensive post offices, buildings, wharves, docks, roads and goodness knows what, not because such things are justified by actual need, but so that they can say to the voters, "Look what I got you. Look at the money that has been spent here by my efforts on your behalf." They never add "and at your expense." As for the size of our governmental set-up, it could be reduced by fifty per cent. at least and more efficiency secured by elimination of duplication, co-ordination of effort and reduction of the number of constituencies."

Daylight saving time continues to be somewhat of a nuisance when visiting very far from Toronto. We're writing on standard time, but have to be at the office to-morrow on daylight saving time.

Neighborhood

A spirit of neighborly helpfulness was to be seen during the celebration last week, when the bands from the surrounding territories assembled to assist Acton Band in their effort. It could have been seen in another instance at the same time. On Monday the Chief of Police from both Georgetown and Milton were in Acton to assist Chief McPherson in his onerous duties, as well as provincial officers. On days in which crowds are in these communities Chief McPherson will be found reciprocating in these other centres. Acton Band will also be found playing often in other centres adjoining and assisting neighboring bands. The spirit is splendid and helpful to all the communities.

A Newspaper Nuisance

The Bowmanville Statesman recently called attention to the pest that bothers every newspaper office—those who seek free publicity. Just now the political parties are adding a goodly volume to the wastepaper baskets of the newspaper offices. Manufacturers of many commodities, by a variety of means will send reams of the stuff that is purely advertising of their product, and have the nerve to suggest that it is of great interest to our readers—news. Certainly advertising is news to our readers, but it should not be disguised. The public is just as good at reading through the disguise as the editor, and just as indignant at having anything put over them as a newspaper man. The Bowmanville editor sums it up thus: "We don't like to be mean or just plain crabby about this, but Job himself would have plenty of trouble to control his emotions had he to put up with this racket of free publicity. Just imagine walking into a store where you've never spent a dime in your life, picking up a nice hat, book or pair of boots and walking out. Of course normal minded people don't do those things, which suggests that in the business world there are a lot of people who are not normal minded or who think the editor is not."

Just a Change

We were talking yesterday to one of the business men on the beach, and asked if it wasn't a pretty good crowd for a Sunday. We were informed it was not nearly as large as the Sunday previous, when the crowd was estimated at about 20,000—a small city. A lot of these folks come from Toronto and other large centres. There was a feeling at one time that folks needed a holiday away from the crowd—a restful place. Folks here have dance halls, bowling alleys, riding horses and bicycles. They seem to require to be amused every hour of the day. The motor car traffic is on week-ends similar to city traffic. The conveniences of the city or town life are as readily obtained as at home. The morning and evening papers have just as regular and punctual delivery as can be had elsewhere and no fewer than three papers are circulated containing news of the beach—one daily and two weeklies published in nearby towns. It is little different than town or city life—only the sole industry is catering to the demands of those holidaying and doing differently than at home. After all, that seems to be the summing up of a holiday—something different. If our back were as sore from working as it is now from a sunburn, we would think we were overworked and badly treated, but we grin with the rest and think we have had a change.

Public Enemies

A very interesting phase of our connection with police court work is the feeling expressed by so many of those who are summoned for offences against the Highway Traffic Act that they are being fined merely to secure revenue for the municipality or the government. They seem to lose sight of the fact that the fine imposed is intended for a reprimand and a punishment administered in the hope that they will not again commit the offence and thus make the highways safer and prevent the accidents that are becoming altogether too frequent these days. We believe officers today are not desirous of making any more charges than are necessary to keep the roads free from accidents. We don't believe the traffic laws provide any more provisions or restrictions than are necessary for the safety of the public. A fine should be a warning not to repeat the offence. An individual who is driving a motor vehicle and is continually appearing in police court is a menace to all others using the highways, and pedestrians. His fine is a warning and we would suggest that the highways would be safer if the individual who is constantly appearing in police court would be considered so undesirable on the highways as to have his permit cancelled. First for a limited period, and if he or she continues to appear in court, to eventually have the permit cancelled permanently.

Queer how the annual struggle for baseball supremacy has to be fought out by Acton and Georgetown every year.

Here is a sample of letters frequently received in the offices of weekly newspapers: "Please send a few copies of the paper containing the obituary of my aunt; also publish the enclosed clipping of my niece. And I wish you would mention in your local column if it doesn't cost anything, that I have two bull calves for sale. As my subscription is out, please stop the paper, as times are too hard to waste money on newspapers."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th

MARTHA (A HOME-MAKER)

Golden Text.—Jesus loved Martha and her sister, and Lazarus.—John 11: 3. Lesson Text.—Luke 10: 38-42; John 11: 17-28. Study, also, Psalm 116: 1-8; John 11: 1-44; Luke 2: 34, 35. Time.—A. D. 29. Place.—Bethany. Exposition.—I. Martha and Mary and Their Attitude Toward Jesus, 38-42. Not everyone in those days was so ready to receive Jesus into their home as was Martha. She was richly repaid then, and more richly repaid afterwards. Mary took her place at Jesus' feet as a learner. There is no other place so good as Jesus' feet. It matters little at the feet of what great theologians we have studied, if we have not also been at the feet of Jesus we have not learned much. In the eleventh chapter of John we shall again see Mary at Jesus' feet in supplication (John 11: 32). It is not likely that she would ever have found her way to Jesus' feet in the time of her deep sorrow had she not before that hour found her way to Jesus' feet for teaching. Then in John 12 we shall find her once again at Jesus' feet for adoration. Martha did not hear the word as Mary did, for she was too much taken up with their working and worrying for Jesus that they miss the privilege of hearing Jesus. Martha was occupied FOR JESUS. Mary was occupied WITH JESUS. Martha was occupied with many THINGS; Mary was occupied with only ONE PERSON. Martha was consequently "distracted" (v. 40, R. V. Mary), but Mary was at rest. Many today are "distracted" about much, yet they are "at rest"—instead of being at rest in the Lord Himself. Love prompted the service, but there was pride in it, too. The much service was unnecessary. Jesus did not desire the great dinner Martha was bustling about to prepare. What Jesus desired just then was communion. But we are not to understand that Mary never served, though Martha hints that in her vexation. Indeed, at that very minute Mary was ministering more to Jesus' real joy than was Martha. Martha's words display irritation at Jesus as well as "Thy Mary. "Does she not care?" she heatedly asked. We, too, sometimes get cross with our Lord when distracted with our much serving. Martha accused Mary of selfishness, and revealed her own. Jesus did not rebuke Martha, but, oh how tenderly. Martha was "anxious and troubled about many things," and our Lord would have us anxious about nothing (Phil. 4: 6, R. V.). There was "but one thing needful" that is, to know the Lord Himself (John 17: 3; cf. Ps. 27: 4; 73: 35; 1 Cor. 3: 3). Mary had chosen the one needful thing, as "the good part" she had chosen should not be taken from her, no matter how much Martha might desire it. If we choose Jesus Himself we shall never lose what we choose (John 8: 29; Romans 8: 35-39; 1 Peter 1: 4-5). Martha had opened her door to Jesus, but Mary had opened her heart to Jesus. Jesus loved them both (John 11: 5). Martha remembered the cravings of her Lord's hunger, but forgot the cravings of His love. Yet the memory of this woman who opened her door to Jesus at a time when almost every other door was closed against Him remains fragrant in the memory of believers. She had her shortcomings, truly, but her name will live as long as the beautiful incidents that relate to the home at Bethany are recounted.

II. The Lessons Jesus Sought to Teach, 17-28. A close study of this story of Martha and Mary seems to lead to the conclusion that the lessons, under the surface, that Jesus wanted to teach were (1) a woman with a task and no vision is a drudge; (2) a woman with a vision and no task is a visionary; (3) the vision and the task must be combined to get the best results. The practical woman is needed, and also the woman with a vision. But better yet, let the practical woman take on a vision and the visionary woman take on the practical. Some popular proverbs are wrong. It is said that you "must not count your chickens before they are hatched," but the farmer's wife who does not count—look after the eggs and the setting hens—her chickens before they are hatched will have no chickens. Again, it is said that you "must not build castles in the air," but the woman who does not look ahead and plan what she wants to be and do, will never amount to anything. The architect sees in vision the great building he is going to draw, and to erect, before he touches pencil to paper to make his plans. Edison saw, as in vision, the electric light and then he hunted around until he made it practical. It is related of Michael Angelo, that he wanted a block of marble at one time, to make a statue. He went to the quarries to find it. Half way there he saw a big block of marble which had been rejected because of irregularity and certain defects. He had it sent to his studio, against the protests of the master of the quarries, who said that it was no good. But Angelo saw in it, as in a vision, the splendid statue of the David, one of the art-wonders of the world. Here he had vision and task combined. A conclusion: When Jesus was on earth He was very practical in His teachings of the "Sermon on the Mount" and in His doing of good works, in the healing of the sick, but He also gave a great picture, in vision, of the future of what He expected His kingdom to accomplish. He looked to the far

THE REPLY

A farmer's son emigrated to Australia to make his fortune. Shortly after arrival he wrote home to his father: "Am getting on well with the boss over here. That's a feather in my cap."

"A few months later the farmer received another letter from his son saying: "Am courting the boss's daughter. That's another feather in my cap."

The farmer replied to his son as follows: "Put the feathers under your arms and fly home."

WE AGREE

"They say that radium is always giving off parts of itself and yet it never gets any less."

"It is so? That's the sort of stuff they ought to make money of."

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DOING WELL

Mrs. Smith: "Has your son started at his haircutting job yet, Mrs. Evans?" Mrs. Evans: "Yes, he started yesterday, an' when he'd finished the first gennelman's head, the gennelman said, 'Good Evans!'"

NO DOUBT

Said one golfer to another: "What's that fellow with the broken club making such a fuss about? New member, isn't he?" "Yes. I should imagine he's wearing himself in."

JUST RIGHT from the Farmers' point of view

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