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EDITORIAL

Something Lacking

The rumors of war that have been hovering over Europe threaten to develop into a real conflict. Reading the news dispatches and the writings from Ethiopia; sympathy naturally goes with this smaller nation. But the regrettable part of the whole affair seems to be that no matter what treaties or pacts are drawn up by the so-called civilized nations, they seem only capable of holding until one of the nations feels a test of military strength necessary. The day of respect of agreements seems to have gone. And with this example among leaders is it any wonder that the same contempt is often held by individuals for other agreements of perhaps smaller consequence. One may rightly ask, if no lasting peace agreement can be made following war, what is the sense of waging or winning a war? The last war was often characterized as a war to end wars. As such it may have had some justification, but in view of the present attitude of nations on these peace treaties, what can be said to justify another slaughter? There seems to be something decidedly lacking in our so-called civilization. Perhaps it is just tolerance, a little of the give and take spirit, a little view of the other fellow's side of the question. There are chips on the shoulders of the nations just now. Do we still hold to the idea of knocking them off, regardless of consequences.

Anything May Happen

With the election date now definitely settled, the electorate can, during the next two months, settle or unsettle who they will have to guide the destinies of the Dominion. This question of government is perhaps one of the most serious and yet possibly the most lightly taken by the voters in general.

Judging from present indications, the Halton electorate will have the choice of at least three candidates. Two of them have already been chosen, but the newer parties have not yet named their County standard bearer. History in this County has shown that while a division may be made occasionally from the Liberal or Conservative parties, the return has always been to either of these parties. For years regarded as a strong Conservative constituency, Halton has during the last two Provincial elections returned a Liberal member. During the height of the U. F. O. movement, a member of that party represented Halton and it was considered a safe enough seat to offer the leader, Hon. E. C. Drury, when one was required.

In the last Provincial election the Liberal majority in the County was 1,360, and the total vote polled by the C. C. F. candidate was 1,287. In the Dominion election in 1930 the Conservative majority in a straight two-party contest was 1,167. It is also to be noted that in 1930 the Conservative majority in Acton was 110 while last year the Liberal majority was 161. Judging from past performances it would seem that we have had all sorts of things happen in elections in Halton and there is no absolute certainty of saying which one will be the repeater.

A Great Loss

The death of Will Rogers the past week has been more than a tragedy. Rogers had the capacity, ability or whatever it might be termed, of saying and doing things that required saying, and doing it in a way to cause laughter. In his radio and screen activity he had become internationally known and liked by all. The neighboring-republic that had the benefit of his droll wit to the greatest extent is a heavy loser by his untimely death. And everyone joins with them in condoling his loss.

Just a Thought

The tax notices are out and it is remarkable how few complaints one hears. Of course it is only reasonable to assume that a reduction of two mills and a consequent lower bill would be very agreeable on these notices. But one often wonders if those who complain most strenuously when a tax rate is raised and deride those in office for reckless extravagance are just as consistent when the rate is lowered and take the trouble to give a word of commendation to those in office. The word of appreciation is surely easier to give than the derision that so often comes at increased rates. We've received our tax notice, and right now we want to publicly acknowledge our appreciation of the efforts of all those in public office who have, by their concerted efforts made it lower than last year. We pass the thought on to our readers and you can do as you see fit. The word of appreciation doesn't cost half as much as it helps.

Helping the Police

We noticed an unusual coincidence in looking over a Toronto morning paper the other day. On one page of the paper appeared three stories of store and house-breaking, and in each of them the burglars were arrested. They were arrested because people living adjacent to the places entered had noticed suspicious characters at work and had telephoned the police. As a result of this co-operation, the criminals were caught and put where they could no longer carry on their acts of banditry. It is pleasing to note this attitude of co-operation with the police on the part of private citizens. If it were carried out to a greater extent, it is quite likely that more house-breakers and burglars would be caught. People need to realize that they have responsibilities to themselves and to society generally in assisting the police whenever they can, and the three instances in which this assistance resulted in the capture of law-breakers form a splendid object lesson on the value of such co-operation. May there be more of it.—Cobourg Sentinel-Star.

Just Next Door

On Friday (to-morrow) the great Canadian National Exhibition opens its door to a sight-seeing public. Practically all our life we have lived next door to this annual attraction and there seems to be a freshness about it that continues to lure one to attending. In spite of its years this great annual fair has never been allowed to grow stale. Always something new seems to have been its slogan, and so we anticipate a trip or two again this year, with almost the same pleasurable anticipation of other days when the means of reaching it were not so convenient. It seems to fill a considerable place in the Canadian life. It attracts visitors from a wide area, who one and all acclaim it as the biggest value to be had. We are not advertising the Canadian National Exhibition in our editorial columns, but an event like this that plays such an important part in the life of so many people is worthy of some comment. These exhibitions and fairs, locally as well as nationally, are of an importance hard to calculate in terms of finance. Their growth attests to their worth. The days of summer are on the wane, but now enters the days of fall and exhibitions and fairs and the greatest of them all opens to-morrow just next door—in Toronto.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Holiday times are about over. With its changing seasons Canadian life can scarcely ever become monotonous.

Increased water rates and taxes are faced by Burlington as a result of the extension to the waterworks plant there. It was always thus. Somebody must pay.

When one reads that a northern town had a relief expenditure for July of \$9,000, it is only natural that thanks are given that industrial conditions in Acton have absorbed practically all of the physically fit unemployed.

It is said that the new plan of printing the Dominion voters' lists all at Ottawa did not work as successfully as expected and it will cost the country more which seems quite characteristic of public ownership schemes.

With factory building expansion being made in Acton, and all the industries running full time, Acton can be still said to be in splendid industrial condition, in spite of the fact that one factory building is unoccupied temporarily.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th

BARNABAS. (A CONSECRATED MAN OF MEANS)

Golden Text.—He was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit, and of faith.—Acts 11: 24.

Lesson Text.—Acts 4: 36, 37; 11: 10-30. Study, also, ch.—12: 25; 13: 1-15; Gal. 2: 13.

Time.—A. D. 42, 43. Places.—Jerusalem and Antioch.

Exposition.—I. Barnabas Gives of His Substance, 36, 37.

Some time has passed since Pentecost, a year or more, but still the unity and love of the early Church abides. It was deep-seated, and permanent. Its source is found in v. 31, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Unity and love are seen in genuine Christianity in every age, but the forms of their expression may differ, even as they did in the early Church, for we find no community of goods outside Jerusalem, but no true Christian regards ought of the things which he possesses as his own (4: 32; 1 John 3: 14, 17, 18). The reason why great grace was upon them all was because love and self-sacrifice abounded, "but every man on the things of others" (2 Cor. 9: 7, 8; Phil. 4: 15, 16). This principle upon which they made distribution was a Christian principle, "unto each according as any one had need," not according to distinguished abilities or notable service, but according to "need." Every true Christian will consider his property, not as his own, but as belonging to the whole Church and to be used for them.—"Himself"—14: 19-21; John 3: 17-19). The pre-eminent illustration of Christian love in the brotherhood in Jerusalem and Barnabas, "having a field, he sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet." II. Revival in Antioch, 11: 19-21.

The first missionaries to the heathen were just ordinary every-day Christians, who had gotten so full of the truth as it is in Jesus that they could no longer follow the slow lead of the authorities in the Church, but were forced to break the bonds of Jewish prejudice and narrowness and speak out to the perishing Gentiles. The movement was of God and soon carried the whole Church with it. The word for preaching in v. 20 is not the same as in v. 19. It means "telling good tidings." Those good tidings which they told are summed up in three words—"the Lord Jesus;" they did not expend their strength in attacking heathen superstitions and immoral practices, nor in trying to reform politics; they told the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. There is no proof that these men had the hand of bishops, presbytery or even that of the church; they had the hand of the Lord with them." The great secret of success in Christian work is here indicated. The outcome of the hand of the Lord being with them was, "a great number believed and turned unto the Lord." Statements similar to this abound in the Acts (v. 24; 2: 47; 4: 4; 5: 14; 6: 7; 9: 31, 35, 42; 12: 24; etc., etc.). We would do well to ask why the Gospel does not make the same uniform headway to-day. The answer, in part at least, is suggested in Acts 2: 42; 6: 4; 1: 8; 8: 4. The faith of those converts in Antioch proved its genuineness by its effect—they "turned unto the Lord." What is meant by turning unto the Lord is indicated by 1 Thes. 1: 9; Acts 26: 18, 20. We have in these verses a very clear setting forth of God's part, the worker's part, and the convert's part, in repentance and conversion. The workers preached the word, the Lord Jesus (vs. 19, 20); the Lord blessed the word thus preached; His hand was with them (v. 21); those converted believed the message and turned unto the Lord.

III. Barnabas Follows Up the Work, 22-24.

As soon as tidings of the gentle revival at Antioch reached Jerusalem there was great interest there. They sent one of their best men to investigate and cooperate. "He was a good man." It is far more important that a man be good than that he be brilliant. If he is to edify young converts, he was also "full of the Holy Ghost." He was also "full of faith," and no man that is not, need undertake the work of instructing and developing young converts, especially converts from heathenism so dark as that in Antioch. He was free from the love of gold (ch. 4: 36, 37). He was free from personal ambition and jealousy in his work (vs. 25, 26). He was very sharp-eyed to see the sincerity and promise of a young convert (ch. 9: 37). "WHEN HE WAS COME, AND HAD SEEN THE GRACE OF GOD, WAS GLAD." Barnabas was in sympathy with God and His work. It is sad to say that not a few who see the grace of God wrought, through other hands than their own, are mad, and try to belittle it. Note the character of the working of God's grace in Antioch; it was a grace that could be "seen." We need more of this visible grace in our churches to-day. Barnabas knew just what to do. Exhortation was Barnabas' forte (ch. 4: 36, 12, v.). His exhortation was precisely that which should be given to all young converts. It is not enough to "turn unto the Lord," they must "cleave unto the Lord" or continue in the Lord. This must always be done with full purpose of heart.

IV. Barnabas and Saul at Antioch, 25-30.

Barnabas showed his largeness of spirit in still another way. He said to himself, "This is just the place for Saul. I

EXPERIMENTAL LETTER COMPARISON OF LOCOMOTIVES—OTHER HIGH-SPEED MACHINES

Some interesting comparison of power and speed have recently been worked out with regard to the "Cheltenham Flyer" of the Great Western Railway in England, which recently established a world speed record for trains. Comparing the locomotive on this train with other speed machines it is developed that the locomotive has a rating of 2,070 horse power again from 2,500 h. p. to over 6,000 h. p. for other types, while the minimum weight of the locomotive and train, normally 300 tons, is 120 times that of an aeroplane, 68 times that of an automobile and 37 times that of a speed-boat. The "6100" type locomotive of the Canadian National Railways, which weighs 334 tons, itself, is rated at 2,900 h. p.

will go get him." For a whole year Barnabas and Saul worked together in Antioch, and their work was greatly blessed. Their ministry consisted largely in TEACHING systematic inculcation of revealed truth. The disciples got at this time the name by which they are best known since—Christians. The name was given to them by others (perhaps in contempt, cf. ch. 26: 28; 1 Peter 4: 16). It was a glorious name, and they clung to it. The real prophetic gift was manifested in the Church (vs. 27, 28; cf. ch. 31: 16, 11). The self-sacrificing love of this young but rapidly growing Church in Antioch to their Jewish brethren in Judaea is very touching. No sooner did they hear of the hard times coming than they determined to send relief "unto the brethren that dwell in Judaea." They regarded hard times, not as times for retrenchment, but for expansion in the work of the Kingdom.

Many mothers can testify to the virtue of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator, because they know from experience how useful it is.

ALWAYS READY

Wife—"I don't know why I ever married you! No work, and you lie in bed all day." Lazy Husband—"Well, I'm ready in case they offer me night work."

There is nothing to do with men but to love them; to contemplate their virtues with admiration, their faults with pity and forbearance, and their injuries with forgiveness.—Dewey.

Jesus was full of grace and truth, and it was the combination which gave Him authority, like the authority with which the sun comes to the flower.—T. Rhonda Williams.

SOME CONSOLATION

Poet: "Do you think there is any chance of my getting this poem in your magazine?" Editor: "There may be. I'm not going to live always."

Advertisement for Wrigley's Spearmint Gum, featuring an image of the gum pack and the text: 'THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS FLAVOR', 'WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT GUM', 'THE QUALITY CHEWING GUM'.

Advertisement for J. Cadesky, Optometrist, with a drawing of a person wearing glasses and text: 'J. Cadesky OPTOMETRIST', 'WILL BE IN ACTON ON Monday, Aug. 26th', 'Anyone suffering from Eye strain, Defective Vision or Headache should not miss the opportunity of consulting this specialist.'.

Large advertisement for Carroll's Limited, featuring various food products and their prices. Items include: 'Sho-nuf! BARGAINS', 'Honey No. 5 Pail 39c', 'New Peas No. 2 Tin 11c', 'Wagstaffe's Raspberry or Strawberry JAM Certified (With Pectin) 32-oz. Jar 31c', 'Red or White Jar RUBBERS 3 Dozen 14c', 'Old Dutch Cleanser 3 cakes 27c', 'Hardware CASTILE KIRK'S SOAP 3 cakes 14c', 'Dated Coffee By Chase & Sanborn's 1-lb. Bag 35c', 'Brown Label SALADA TEA 1-lb. Package 31c', 'Crown or Corona FRUIT JARS Dozen 99c, \$1.13, \$1.53', 'Home-grown Cooking Apples 3 lbs. for 10c', 'Lemons 3 for 10c', 'Staked Tomatoes 3 lbs for 9c', 'Ontario Cooking Onions 5 lbs. 10c', 'Medium Oranges 35c Dozen'. The ad concludes with 'Mill Street Phone 158 Acton, Ontario'.