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EDITORIAL

Like It or Not—It Is

Once a year to every housewife in the nation comes the urge for spring housecleaning. Winter has its handicaps, in cold and snow. Summer has its days when the heat is oppressive. Autumn has its cold, wet rainy season that is disagreeable. Spring would almost be perfect if it weren't for the annual urge to upset the home that comes to every housewife at this time of year. It may be required and it undoubtedly is an improvement after completion, but the course it usually runs is of much longer duration than the unpleasant ones of the other seasons of the year. Like it or not, it seems as much a part of spring as the crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils. Habit does a lot for humans. Down through generations this spring cleaning and re-novating has grown until really it seems the major operation in the home life. By the man of the house it's usually accepted. There was a time when the fishing season coincided with these plans. It has even been suggested that it was made to coincide. But the housecleaning season has been advanced. There's an argument to put before the legislature for the opening of the trout fishing season in mid-April. But then we doubt if the legislature could keep pace with the requirements of the advancing season necessary. It's rather a hopeless situation, but even as the measles it is completed in due course. Housecleaning seems a necessary part of spring.

What is the Substitution?

In our rather rambling sketch of a visit to Ottawa last week and a visit at the Parliament Buildings and with members we mentioned Dr. Blair's movement to substitute some other method for putting murderers out of the way than by hanging. We think this proposal of the member deserves just a little more than the casual comment accorded it last week. We have no doubt that many will maintain that hanging is quite suitable for a murderer. We believe, however, that it is not the purpose of the law to torture or torment one who has been condemned to death, but rather to rid society and the earth of such a person. Example is, of course, also to be made of such an individual. But it seems that hanging has been the accepted means of punishment by tradition. Much less gruesome ways have been devised in these later years and are taken advantage of by suicides. For instance, a very popular method seems to be inhalation of the fumes from a motor car. It also seems as effective and much less gruesome than hanging. We weren't told just what Dr. Blair's plans as a substitute of the approved hanging method and we imagine that here is possibly where the stumbling block will come in that will probably stop action on the proposal. Surely science has provided a more humane way of disposing of lives that have made themselves unwanted and dangerous to others. All will await with interest Dr. Blair's announcement of the substitution he would propose to take the place of hanging.

Canada's export of nickel in February had a value of \$4,120,000 compared with \$2,705,000 in February last year.

A Fair Section

We read of floods in various sections, tornadoes and other disasters, in yet other parts of the continent. Then through the news we learn of unsettled conditions and wars and rumors of wars in the older parts of the world. When we consider all these things we feel that a small town that is high and dry in this section of Ontario isn't such a bad place to be domiciled after all. The breaking up of winter and the spring floods held no more serious consequences than muddy roads and sloppy sidewalks. It's not a perfect climate. Winters are cold and snow is deep. Summers are hot but not half long enough, but still, on an average, it's a pretty fair section of the world to live in.

Easter

To-morrow will be Good Friday and of course Sunday will be Easter Sunday. Seemingly the beginning of spring and in this section of the world very appropriately the resurrection of life from its long winter and the casting off of winter—the awakening to life of nature and the hope of new growth. It's a subject that's old and yet ever new. It's significance is known to everyone from earliest intelligence to the aged. And yet it's new with hope and promise for every individual. Every church in the land will carry the Easter message in various services of the week—the story of the resurrection. This story of life and hope renewed is never old no matter how many times repeated—and so its Easter again.

A Uniform Plan

It would appear that the arrangements this year for the adoption of daylight saving time in Acton would be the most satisfactory attained yet. Of course twenty years of experimenting should, we suppose, devolve a plan that meets with some sort of general approval. The present plan is a co-operative and uniform one. Situated as Acton is only a short distance from Toronto, and since our industries have close connection with city business it is almost imperative that the community adopt the same time as in Toronto. It is also realized that standard time has more favor with the rural section. There is in the present plan a measure of co-operation. Acton will adopt the time on April 25th, but will revert back to standard time almost a month in advance of the city—on September 7th. This will enable the fall term of school to start on standard time. The plan, it would appear, will meet with general approval and to avoid the least confusion should be adopted by all. Its the variety that causes chaos.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Life insurance written and paid in cash in Canada during 1935 amounted to \$588,348,611.

Hockey barely makes its exit until baseball and its necessary preparations are under way.

Soon be time for the road drags to be put in operation smoothing out the ruffles on the roads.

The new spring toggery is due to make its appearance this week. Provided, of course, that you have new toggery.

Hauptmann has been electrocuted, but what we haven't yet figured out is just what political significance the carrying out of the sentence has in the Republic.

The school tax question seems to be a fruitful source of argument to engage the undivided attention of both parties in the legislature—and a question on which to play politics.

The output of maple syrup this year seems to have been more limited than in other years. But perhaps even yet a considerable quantity will appear on the market.

There are those folks who realize that it is only three weeks from to-morrow until the dust can be blown from the fishing tackle and the garden will need spading a little each day.

It is announced that the Conservatives will select a leader for Ontario on May 28th. The dates intervening between now and that announced will be used by the prospective candidates.

We've been tempted to continue this week of some more of our impressions of Ottawa, but then perhaps those who had such nice things to say about the article last week would even get tired if it were overdone.

After forty-seven years of continuous service to Hamilton the Herald of that city last week ceased publication: Even cities find it difficult to make the publication of more than one newspaper possible. Hamilton has now only one newspaper.

Durham won the Intermediate B hockey championship and celebrated as only towns know how to celebrate. It was a half holiday for the school children, with a parade and a band. They have a good team and the boys were worthy of such recognition.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1935

JESUS TRIUMPHS OVER DEATH

Golden Text.—Because I live, ye shall live also. John. 14: 19.

Lesson Text.—Luke 24: 1-12.

Time.—Very early Sunday morning, April 9, A. D. 30. Place.—Joseph's Tomb Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I. The Empty Tomb, 1-3. The love of these women to their Lord whom they fancied dead, brought them early in the morning, while it was still dark to His tomb, to perform for Him the last service in their power (Mark 16: 1-2; Jno. 20: 1). Part of their faith was gone, but all their love remained. Jesus did not need anything, but their service, though mistaken, was acceptable to Him and He rewarded it by a revelation of the glorious truth of angelic messengers. Mary of Bethany, who was on time with her unloving (Jno. 12: 3-7), was not in this company. The reason why they did not know that He had left the sepulchre, was that they had not listened to and pondered His words. This is the reason why we do not know many things about our Lord that we ought to know. None of the men were at the tomb. It was not their superior knowledge, but their inferior love that kept them away. They were at home mourning and weeping, and when they were told the Lord had risen, they did not believe it (vs. 10, 11; Mark 16: 10, 11). The women appear in a better light in this story than the men. Mary Magdalene was their leader (cf. Matt. 28: 1; Jno. 20: 1). She had had so much done for her (ch. 8: 3) that she became a leader in love and its ministries. The depth and gentleness and unselfishness of the love of these women is seen in their coming to serve Jesus at the time when their faith was blighted and they had nothing more to expect from Him (1 Cor. 13: 8, R. V.). The eagerness of their love is seen in the early hour that found them at the tomb. Few people would get up at such an early hour to perform services for Christ. As they drew nigh the tomb, they recalled the great stone at its mouth (Mark 16: 3). If they had been more practical, they might have thought of that before, but the practical, cool-headed, common sense that sits down and does nothing, does not accomplish as much in this world as the uncalculating, impetuous love that follows its own impulses, plunges ahead and risks the difficulties. The difficulty in this case was great (Matt. 27: 66; Mark 16: 4). But they went right on, and when they had reached the place, the difficulty was gone. God set His own messenger to open the door for them. All the precautions the Jews and Romans had taken to keep the disciples out of the tomb proved vain when God took a hand in the matter (cf. Rom. 8: 31). God did not roll away the stone for Jesus to get out (cf. Jno. 20: 26), but for the women to get in. There is good reason to suppose that Jesus had been out of the tomb some hours, that He arose and left the tomb just at the beginning of the first day of the week. The women did not find the body, they expected in the tomb; the body of the Lord Jesus was not there.

SOME HANDICAP

KEEP THE PUMP PRIMED

When I was a boy I used to have to jump water for the cattle. Ah, how many times I have pumped with my old right hand until it ached, and many times I used to pump when I could not get any water, and I was taught that when the pump was dry I must pour a pail of water down the pump and then I could get the water up. And that is what Christians want—a well of living water. We will have plenty of grace to spare—all we need ourselves and plenty for others.

SOME HANDICAP

In a small church a child was brought forward to be baptized. The young minister, taking the little one in his arms, said: "Beloved hearers, no one can foretell the future of this little child. He may grow up to be a great labor leader like J. H. Thomas or a great business man like Henry Ford, and it is possible he might become the Prime Minister of England."

Turning to the mother, he inquired: "What is the name of the child?" "Mary Ann," was his reply.

atonement, take this sting away. He who for us became sin; (2 Cor. 5: 21) has stripped death of its power and penalty. He burst the barriers of the tomb, and has won for us victory over death and the grave. At His final coming very hostile power will be destroyed; all suffering, all sin will be done away with. Lact of all to be put under His feet (v. 27; cf. Ps. 8: 6; Eph. 1: 22) will be death. Then will the words of the prophet be fulfilled (Isa. 25: 8). Death shall be swallowed up in victory; God will be all in all.

WHO'S WINNING THIS WAR?



—J. C. Walker in the South Wales Echo

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