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Let Us Be Thankful

He is indeed a poor creature who is not at least thankful for blessings received; but many are really thankful at heart who shrink from expressing it. It often implies mental and spiritual effort to overcome a natural but faulty indisposition to give thanks—effort which is good for both body and soul.

During the past year, there is not one of us, but has been richly blessed. Let us at least be decently respectable enough to thank Him who alone can bless our efforts and cannot be paid with such price as men fix for their toil. We are mindful of how little we deserve at His hands—our service has been so feeble, so unworthy, so infrequent. And he has always been blessing us.

He brought us out of the horrors of war to honorable peace. The scars of that awful time He is mercifully healing over, and hiding them under the blessings of a new era of valued peace.

He has filled our lands with plenty this year. He has blest the labors of our lands. His fatherly providence has not dealt with us after our sins, but has rewarded us according to the richness of His love.

How could we refuse to acknowledge His goodness? How could we churlishly decline to say "Thank You" to Him? Could we shame our civilization, our religion to join our voice to our nation's giving of thanks on the day set apart for the purpose?

As true honest-hearted citizens of our grand Dominion, on that Anniversary of Peace which is also the appointed day of General Thanksgiving, let us unite in raising the shout of praise:—"O give thanks unto the Lord for His mercy endureth forever."

Armistice Day

Monday, November 8 will be officially observed as Armistice Day and people of the Dominion will have an opportunity to show by proper observances that they have not forgotten the sacrifices and sufferings of the heroes of 1915—1918 and that they cherish in memory the services of those who sleep in Flanders fields. We who lived through those awful days and years of the war know as we never should otherwise have known the blessings of peace, and ought to require very little bidding to give us a day or part of a day for the purpose of expressing our thanks for the peace bought at tremendous cost, and given by the mercy of the only Giver of victory. It was not a little thing for which our bravest and best fought and died. Nor was it a small thing their sacrifices won for us. Thanksgiving for peace, means also Thanksgiving for the bravery, the endurance, the sacrifices, that under Providence made possible the peace we are now enjoying.

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The Ladies' Aid Service in the United Church last Sunday evening was a great success. The music was excellent. Miss Bertha Smith at the organ and Mrs. O. D. Bales at the piano and their double accompaniment to anthems and hymns was very fine. Mesdames Shaw and Douglas Bales sang a duet and Mrs. Earl Bales contributed a solo. Mrs. A. O. Rutherford of Toronto gave an interesting address upon the larger sphere of service of Ladies' Aids and other Women's organization in the church today. There was a large and deeply interested audience.

Next Sunday there will be special Thanksgiving Music at both services and on the following Sunday, November 14, the men have charge of the evening service. Special music will be given by the Men's Club and their friends.

The Men's Club held a lively session in the school room of the United Church recently and among other things enjoyed nine reels of moving pictures. These pictures depicted dog driving in the north, making pulp for paper, some funnies and a visit to a Tuxis Boys camp. Some winter work was planned. The men and boys are to take charge of the evening service on Sunday November 14th and on the following Tuesday, the 16th, hold a Father and Son banquet at which a debate between two fathers and two sons is to take place.

On Monday, October 25th, the Young People's Society held a delightful Halloween social which was enjoyed by a large company of young people.

Fully one hundred and twenty-five members of the class of '29 of Victoria College came up to stop 10 of Yonge Street radial a week ago and hiked to the farm of Mr. Harry Smith and took possession of his bush. They had a most cordial welcome and spent a delightful day playing ball and treasure hunting through the woods and over the farm. A good supper was served in the open, after which songs were sung and games played around a glorious bon-fire. Mr. Smith came in for the hearty thanks of the collegians for opening his beautiful grounds to them and also for his courteous attention. Mr. James Johnston the president of the Class organization and his executive were also congratulated for the fine place they had chosen for the outing, the good eats served and the splendid program of entertainment arranged and carried out.

The Carter Scholarships

The thirteenth award of the scholarships provided for by the will of the late J. I. Carter of Sarnia has been announced. These scholarships are awarded to the three candidates who obtained the highest marks on not more than ten papers of Upper School examination in the City of Toronto, and in each of the twenty-four counties, or groups of counties.

The value of the scholarships are as follows:—(1) To the competitor who obtained the highest aggregate of marks \$100.00; (2) to the one who ranked second on the aggregate, \$50 (3) to the one who ranked third on the aggregate, \$40.00. The list follows:—

The results in Toronto and York are as follows:—York—1, Harry Collingwood, Newmarket; 2, Leonard C. Meyer, Weston; 3, Carman E. Miller, Markham.

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The householders are rejoicing this housecleaning season because of the liberal supply of rain water so necessary for this semi-annual event.

Farm work is at a standstill. Potatoes are almost a complete failure. The harvesting of turnips, buckwheat and clover can only be accomplished by the use of a boat. Since these are not among the many implements found on farms today it is likely that in many cases these crops must remain in the field.

Mr. H. Flavelle, our genial smith has been confined to the house for some weeks. Never for a half a century before has he been bedfast for more than a day. To have to let work alone and endure pain of limbs gives him double grief. His many friends hope that he may soon regain his health. We miss him at his workbench, in his garden, in his wise counsel and appreciative words in a social way.

Mr. Leo Burton with his wife and family of five bright children have moved into Mr. Brumwell's cottage.

Mr. Cecil Nichols, Miss Vera and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nichols motored to Parkhill on October 23 to attend the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Nichols of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Empringham of Unionville were other Markham guests at the celebration.

Mr. Harold Mortson and Miss Ethel spent Sunday with Mrs. Chas. Boynton, Jefferson.

Mr. L. Stoutenburgh has Mr. L. Doner of Richmond Hill bricking his new house. Mr. Stoutenburgh is to be congratulated for the great improvement he has made to the corner.

Mr. Bertram Boston, we are sorry to state is at present in Toronto under the doctor's care. His brother Mr. William Boston is kept busy these wet days doing two men's work.

Miss Velina Boston thinks the new furnace a fine asset these cool mornings.

Mr. William Dennie is one of the few farmers who have their work about completed for the season. A faithful employee and employer an excellent manager is a combination that spells success for him.

Rev. A. A. Wall preached a very eloquent, original and practical sermon on temperance in the church on Sunday afternoon. Even the old timers assert that never before have they heard a more forcible, earnest straight-forward Christian address from the sacred desk on a subject so close to the heart of every citizen who has boys and girls who have life ahead of them.

The pupils of S. S. No. 7 are visiting S. S. No. 5 on Friday afternoon. They are having a friendly contest in spelling and mechanical arithmetic. The parents are invited to the school on these occasions.

Silo filling is about completed in our neighborhood. The work has been tedious both inside and out for toward the latter end of the season the silo fillers grew very pious. Twenty-one men employed to fill silo for Mr. Price Evans managed just thirty-four pies for dinner and tea. Can any community boast of a more pie-loving company.

Mrs. A. Duncan had the misfortune to fall through a hole in their barn last week. The trap door was up but the opening was covered with a little hay. Mrs. Duncan was badly bruised and shaken up but escaped with no broken bones.

The purchaser of Mr. H. Collard's farm endeavored to plow with the tractor last week but the tractor mired and after much digging and lifting power of a capable team he succeeded in extricating his motor. He thinks Markham mud quite sticky.

Miss Vera Wilson as at present quarantined with scarlet fever. She is now on the road to recovery.

Score Ferguson Policy

Your humble scribe would gladly use his influence in driving King Alcohol from his exalted throne where today he takes the powers that be, by the throat and defies them to disturb his reign. My pity goes out to the members of our legislature who look upon the curse as an unconquerable giant and they themselves as grasshoppers. "It can't be curtailed" they say. A wise man says, "expect to succeed and success is assured."

To-day I had placed in my hands a printed paper soliciting subscriptions to buy stock in a Toronto brewery at \$8.50 per share. In Quebec this circular states that the price of stock in these concerns advanced to \$200.00 per share after Gov't Control was adopted by the Government.

They said "buy for after Dec. 1, 1926 these stocks will increase because of increased consumption." Government Control is expected to boost the consumption of strong alcoholic beverages. Who was responsible for the passing of the O. T. A. was it not very largely the Christian Church? Who are very anxious to have this Act, which has made a heaven of this earth for many who under license had nothing better than hell, repealed?

Why are the bootleggers, and frequenters of bootlegger's dives all working overtime to get Gov't Control in place of the O. T. A.?

Who in this province has boys and girls to send to drunkard's graves? To fill the coffers of the Provincial Treasury from the drink traffic means that hundreds of our best boys and girls must be ruined.

Mr. Editor I can assure you that the Wets of this province will find the electors at our corner a very dry lot on Dec. 1.

York County Council to Adjourn

The third session of the York County Council is called for Nov. 22nd but since Warden P. W. Pearson is the Liberal candidate in North York it is freely stated that the council will meet for a few minutes and then adjourn until Monday Dec. 6th.

When Mr. Wm. Keith sitting member was first a candidate he was a member of the County Council and as a session came at election time County council adjourned until after election.

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