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**Notes and Comments**

**The Two Extremes**

Sir William Mulock once startled Canada when he as postmaster General introduced the penny postage. Now, it seems, his grandson W. P. is going to the other extreme, since we are to have four cents postage on letters.

**May Adopt Public Ownership**

The Quebec legislation which opened last week is expected to introduce legislation enabling it to take over all privately owned hydro systems in that province. Quebec has clung tenaciously to private ownership, as against public ownership of all hydro electric. Properly handled the public enterprise is the superior method, and can be the cheapest power.

**To Spite the Face**

How strange it is that in this year of 1943, a group of Canadian workers in Ontario should decide to threaten the powers that be by announcing that if they cannot get as much beer as they require, when they require it, they will retaliate by refusing to buy Victory bonds and by selling those which they have already bought. How everybody would laugh at a man who announced that because the city would not run a water main to his house, he was not going to save any more money, and in addition, he was going to cancel his fire and life insurance policies. Yet there is little to choose between the attitude of this little group of workers and the man who wanted a water main.

**A Plea for the Sunday School**

No nation can be truly great that neglects God, and so when we learn that the Markham Township Sunday School Association is promoting a campaign to increase interest in the Sunday School, we consider they are laying a good foundation for the next generation of Canadians. The Association is running a series of small advertisements intended to impress on the people the advisability of sending the children to the Sunday School.

The Sunday School is the foundation of the church, for it is most unlikely that a child that never attended S.S. will ever be a church goer. More than ever today the Sunday School is needed. Once upon a time family prayer and bible reading was common in the home. Today it is uncommon. Because of that situation, let us all get behind the Sunday School. The mother or father who permits their children to grow up in ignorance of the Sunday School, may bring great condemnation on themselves. Yet the half-empty Sunday Schools right around us are mute evidence of the indifference people hold for the Sunday School and Church today.

**Hospitalization Costs Should be Spread**

The amount of \$3,039 spent on indigent hospital patients by the village of Stouffville as reported in our last issue, while a big sum for a small village, is not all borne by the taxpayers of the village. One half of this amount is paid by the County of York, but even then the sum of \$1,500 in direct taxation requires two mills on our tax rate so that it is quite a formidable item.

The strange thing about the situation is that Stouffville's hospital costs have jumped faster than those of any municipality in the whole county of York with but one exception in the year 1942.

Elderly people naturally gravitate to villages and towns to retire, and many of them have only enough for normal expenses. When sickness comes, they are unable to meet the increased cost, and thus it falls on the municipality in which they were living at the time they took ill, not in the municipality in which they may have spent most of their life.

Hospitalization should be borne all by the government or by the county, and not by the individual municipality, if for no other reason than the one here set out: Spread over the whole of the county no one municipality would be overburdened. It is a good job for a place like Stouffville that half the costs are now spread over the whole county, otherwise we would have a noticeable increase in taxation over the present rate.

**Farewell Mr. Hepburn, or is it Farewell**

Mr. Hepburn has resigned the post of provincial treasurer, thereby reverting from premier of the province only a few months ago, to the status of only a private member of the legislature at the present time. Premier Conant will be glad to have him off his hands, and it is rumored that for getting the former provincial secretary out of the way Mr. Conant will be offered a Supreme Court Judgeship. If such a thing proves to be true, it is enough to make you sick at the stomach. Has politics become so rotten that men in high places have to be reimbursed in that way. We hope not. We would rather think that the suggestion we heard given by Jim Hunter was made up in the office of the Evening Telegram.

While we did not agree with Mitchell Hepburn's attitude toward Ottawa, there was much to be admired in the man. If he finds another place in which to serve his country, he will make his presence felt. Few public men had the faculty of both annoying and pleasing a tremendous following as did Mitchell Hepburn.

**Sunday School Lesson**

**Lesson for March 14  
IN THE UPPER ROOM**

Golden Text—Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.—John 14:6.

**THE LESSON AS A WHOLE**

The thirteenth to seventeenth chapters of the Gospel of John form a complete section, in which we are permitted to get a close-up view of our Lord's last hours with His disciples before going out to Gethsemane, and from thence to the Judgment Hall and the cross. We are permitted to listen as He unfolds precious things, hitherto unrevealed, to "his own," and then to hear Him as He speaks to His Father in His great High Priestly prayer, in which we have a little sample of that intercession which He has carried on for His saints ever since He went back to the glory of the Father's House. In the 13th chapter we see Him washing the feet of His disciples. This was far more than a mere lesson in humility, though it was that unquestionably. But it was actually a picture, or an acted parable of the service He has been carrying on for over nineteen hundred years, for His travel-stained servants in this poor scene. He makes Himself responsible to keep our feet clean, to cleanse us from the defilement we so readily contract by the way, sanctifying us through the "washing of water by the word" (Eph. 5:26) All those who are saved have been bathed once for all (John 13:10, see margin) by the washing of regeneration, Titus 3:5; which cleansed from all sin and uncleanness at the beginning of the new life. But we need to have our feet washed daily in order that we may have part with Christ, John 13:8) in blessed, hallowed communion. As thus cleansed by the Word, we are called to represent Him in the world, while we wait for His return from Heaven to take us to be with Himself in the place He has prepared. As we walk in love, we enjoy the sense of His presence with us, sustaining and strengthening as in the hour of trial. Self-confidence is rebuked in His words to Peter. We dare not trust ourselves, but we are to have unlimited confidence in Him. The traitor, Judas, was never cleansed by the Word, vs. 10,11. He was false from the beginning, and the final test but revealed His true condition, as he betrayed the Lord of glory for thirty pieces of silver.

Verse by Verse  
John 13:12.—"Know ye what I have done to you?" The question suggests that our Lord had in mind something beyond the mere application of water to travel-stained feet. He would have the disciples enter into the real significance of His service, as the One who cleanses from defilement through the Word applied in the Spirit's power (Psa. 119:9).

Verse 13—"Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am." This is a rebuke to all undue familiarity in addressing Him to whom all believers owe fullest obedience. We should ever recognize His authority. It is noticeable in Scripture that never do we read of any disciple addressing Him only by His given name Jesus.

Verse 14—"Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." We do this as we seek to apply the Word to the consciences of those who become defiled by the world and the flesh, as indicated in Galatians 6:1.

Verse 15—"I have given you an example." In His loving care and consideration for His own, He has shown us how we should be concerned about one another, endeavoring to be helpers of each other's faith and doing what we can to recover any who are in the backslidden condition.

Verse 16—"The servant is not greater than his lord." He thought, no service too menial if it was to help and bless His disciples. Shall we consider ourselves too important to stoop to lowly ministry toward our brethren?

Verse 17—"If ye know . . . happy are ye if ye do." To know the Lord's will and do it not brings chastisement (Luke 12:47) and will result in loss at the Judgment Seat of Christ (1 Cor. 3:15). When He makes His mind known, it should be ours to obey with gladness and alacrity (Jas. 1:25). This brings blessing.

Verse 18—"I speak not of you all." Judas, the traitor, was excepted. The Lord knew the true state of his heart, and recognized, in him, the one of whom the Spirit spoke in Psalm 41:9.

Verse 19—"I tell you before it come, that when it is come to pass, ye may believe." He spoke of Judas' defection beforehand, that they might not be taken by surprise, but might, later on, realize it was but the fulfillment of His own word.

Verse 20—"He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me," when they could no longer see Him. In the body, His servants were to go forth proclaiming His message. To receive them was tantamount to receiving Him, and God would so recognize it. And He added, "He that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me." In Him God is fully revealed. To receive or trust in Him is to receive and trust in God Himself.

Chap. 14:1—"Let not your heart be troubled." They were going forth as His ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20) into a world that hated Him and would hate them, but their trust and confidence was to be in Him, even when they could no longer see Him.



Red Cross food parcels arrive at a German prison camp "somewhere in Europe." The Canadian Red Cross has sent more than two million such food parcels to Canadian and British prisoners of war in enemy camps in Germany, Occupied France, Italy and Africa since the outbreak of war. Present output is 100,000 each week from five Red Cross packing depots in Canada.

As they believed in God, whom they had never seen, so they were to confide in Him when He had returned to the Father.

Verse 2—"In my Father's house are many mansions." The Father's House is the Home of all the redeemed family. In it there are abodes, or resting places, for all. But He was going on ahead as the Forerunner (Heb. 6:20) to prepare a place for them by the presentation of His blood in the Holiest of all. He would have them there in the full consciousness of sins forever put away.

Verse 3—"I will come again, and receive you unto myself." This is the first clear intimation we have in the Gospels of the Lord's coming for His saints, ere He comes with them to establish His Kingdom over all the earth.

Verse 4—"Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." He was going to the Father's House. He Himself is the Way to that blessed abode.

Verse 5—"We know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?" It was Thomas, the doubter, who spoke. He had failed to apprehend the real meaning of the words of the Lord. The other disciples were also confused and perplexed.

Verse 6—"I am the way, the truth, and the life." The Lord's answer should have made all clear. There is no way to God other than through Him. He is Himself the truth incarnate. Life is found in Him alone (1 John 5:12). Every blessing for time and eternity is bound up in Christ.

**The Heart of the Lesson**

The Lord Jesus is the all-sufficient Saviour, not only to deliver from sin's guilt, but to cleanse from daily defilement. The path of blessing for His people is that of obedience to His Word. His present ministry as our Advocate (1 John 2:1) sustains and restores us when failure comes in His return is our hope and encouragement. We are to live in this world as men who are waiting for Him to come and take us to the Father's House. Thus occupied with Him, we shall be enabled to glorify God in all our ways.

The best results are obtained from Tribune Classified Ads.

**The Editor's Mail**

Allow me to congratulate you on your extremely informative and newsy weekly paper, "The Tribune" which I had not read for some years until a copy of your February 25th issue came to hand.

As an old resident formerly living near the adjoining townships of Whitechurch, Pickering and Markham townships, I enjoyed your wonderful news coverage written in a sincere and breezy manner. Your editorials were also of real interest. The leading article on religious instruction in public schools appealed to me as a trustee in East York. The timely comments on the Red Cross Campaign helped me as Chairman in one of our Toronto districts. The final editorial was certainly commendable, as my business is selling farms and I hope it will be widely read by both rural and urban residents.

May your every effort as a publisher continue to be amply rewarded by a large circulation and the moral support of the large and important community you represent.

With sincere good wishes for your continued success,

Yours very truly,  
C. R. Parcell

**Green River**

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Armstrong of Locust Hill spent an evening with friends here.

As a result of an appeal for warm clothing in aid of Russian relief a few boxes were packed.

There was no church service on Sunday owing to heavy road conditions. But cheer up. When March is past spring can't be far behind.

Miss Goldie Goyne of Toronto, spent the weekend with relatives.

A cable was received from Don Williams congratulating his parents on their wedding anniversary. He sent a bit of poetry which will appear next week due to demand for space in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gostick are looking forward to attending the Toronto Bible Training School graduation exercises soon as their daughter Kathleen will be graduating this



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year. An older daughter, Muriel, was in the 1942 graduation class.

At the February meeting of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Thos. Williams tendered her resignation as president of this worthy organization. Mrs. Williams stated she was grateful for the honor of being elected president for each of the past ten years and she thanked the ladies who have shown many kindnesses.

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