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Notes and Comments

Little Hope of Standard Time

Little possibility of reinstating standard time was held out by Munitions Minister Howe, when the topic was mentioned in the House last week at Ottawa. Mr. Howe handed out the excuse about the amount of power saved when the country is on fast time, an explanation many people feel is just so much bunk.

Wartime industry operates mostly on 24 hr. basis, hence it could not make much difference there, and as for the householder, what is saved at one end of the day is lost at the other end in the matter of light burned.

People who drive by war production plants like Ajax and see miles of lights burning all day long are not impressed with the plea for saving current. Workers in these plants talk freely about the waste of current, by allowing thousands of lights to remain burning all day.

Fast time is a real hardship in the winter especially for farmers, and children going to school, because they have to leave their homes in the dark. In the summer the nuisance is not so marked, although farmers find they must work by standard time, whereas hired help complain and want to abide by fast time, which the farmer would gladly do if it were possible.

Fast time is fairly popular in all cities, towns and villages throughout the summer, but nowhere is it very popular in mid-winter.

SAYS OTTAWA SPENDING WELL ABOVE CONTRACT

R. H. McGregor, M.P. for East York, was guest of honor at a reception held by Markham farmers Friday evening at Unionville. He charged that the ships of war being built by the Dominion Government were costing over \$500,000 more than the contract price allowed. He also stated that the government was spending funds lavishly and mis-managing various governmental departments.

In the proposal of the United States to buy 175 million bushels of wheat from Canada in 1944, the plan is that the buyers will move 40 million bushels direct from western country points via ship from Vancouver and other Pacific ports, and 105 million by lake ship during the current season of navigation.

Stouffville village council will hold its April session this Thursday evening.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for April 9

Golden Text—Thants be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 15: 57.

The Lesson as a Whole Approach to the Lesson

We have, in Mark 16, one of the several historical accounts of Christ's physical resurrection from the dead. Of no other outstanding incident in ancient history have we so many unimpeachable records—the testimonies of men of probity and integrity who saw, heard, handled, and even ate with the Lord after He arose from the dead (Acts 1: 3; 2:32; 3:15; 10: 40-42). The great Resurrection chapter in First Corinthians gives us the blessed results of this victory over death and shows how our present redemption and the coming redemption of our bodies are alike dependent upon the fact that Jesus Christ came forth in triumph from the tomb. Do not omit a careful reading of the entire passage, for that which is set forth in the printed verses for our lesson to-day is meaningless unless we see that upon which it is based. It is because our Lord could not be held in death (Acts 2:24) that we may have the assurance of our resurrection unto life eternal, if we have put our trust in Him. By resurrection He is declared to be the Son of God with power to annul all Satan's efforts to destroy mankind (Rom. 1:4). Having met our great enemy at the battlefield of Calary, He has rendered him powerless and has delivered those "who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:15). Do not confound the fear of death with a natural shrinking from dying. Many real believers have been troubled by this: who yet have no real dread of death itself, for they know Him who has said, "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death" (John 8:51). The sting of death is sin, as our present lesson tell us. When the conscience is purged by the precious blood of Christ (Heb. 9:14) that is forever gone.

Verse by Verse

1 Cor. 15:41.—"Differeth in glory." Many Scriptures tell us of the varied rewards that will be given to the saints who rise in the first Resurrection. All are saved by the same grace, through the sacrifice of Christ, but there will be differences in glory according to the measure of devotion to Christ manifested in this scene.

Verse 42.—"It is sown...it is raised." The Resurrection body will be vastly different from the present body, subject, as it is, to corruption. But there will be positive identity, as indicated by the use of the pronoun it. "It is sown...it is raised."

Verse 43.—"Sown in dishonour...raised in glory." Our bodies are often a source of humiliation and grief to us because of many infirmities, all the effects of original sin. But in the Resurrection every mark of the fall will have disappeared and we shall be fully like our Lord (Phil. 3:21). Then that which was "sown (that is, buried) in weakness" shall be "raised in power."

Verse 44.—"There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." The word translated natural is an adjective from the Greek word for soul, while the term spiritual is an adjective formed from the word for spirit. The present body is suited to, and largely dominated by, the soul. The Resurrection body will be Spirit-controlled.

Verse 45.—"The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam...a quickening spirit." The two Adams are the respective heads of the old and the new creations. To the first Adam God gave life by the divine inbreathing. The last Adam communicates life to all who believe in His name.

Verse 46.—"First...that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual." Again we have two creations, the natural and the spiritual. The soul dominates the first, while the spirit has the uppermost place in the second; hence the need of new birth.

Verse 47.—"The first man is of the earth." Adam and all his race by natural birth are included in the term "the first man." The second man is the Lord from Heaven. Christ and all who receive life from Him are thus linked together. He is the Beginning of the Creation of God (Rev. 3:14).

Verse 48,49.—"The earthy...and...the heavenly." Adam's descendants are all in his image and likeness. Those who have received life from Christ are renewed after the image of Him who created them, and some day will be like Him in all things.

Verse 50.—"Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." Blood is the life of the flesh and is for the repair of waste. No one can enter the Kingdom in its heavenly aspect in a corruptible body.

Verse 51.—"I shew you a mystery." A mystery is not necessarily something mysterious and hard to understand. Here it refers to one of God's secrets, which man would never know apart from divine revelation. "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." "Sleep" here means "die." Some believers will never pass through death, but will be alive when Christ returns.

Verse 52.—"At the last trump...the dead shall be raised in corruptible, and we shall be changed." It is the trump of God (Thess. 4:16) that closes up the present age of grace. At its sounding, all the dead in Christ will rise and the living believers will be changed and caught away to meet the Lord in the air. This is what is often called "the rapture of the saints."

Verse 53.—"This corruptible (that is, the dead) must put on incorruption." They will be raised in deathless bodies. "This mortal (that is, the living) must put on immortal-

FARMERS PROMISED INCREASED HELP

Farmers in Ontario can plan their 1944 crop production with reasonable assurance that there will be farm help available for them during the crucial haying and harvesting season, according to Alex Marlaren, Director of the Ontario Farm Service Force. Activities of the Field Placement officers have been started at an earlier date than in former years, and there are definite indications that more volunteer farm workers than ever before will be available when the busy season rolls around.

Every possible avenue of farm help is being thoroughly explored and canvassed they claim. The farm duty leaves which were inaugurated last fall by the armed services will be in operation this year during the whole farming season and greater help is expected from that source. The compassionate leave plan, by which members of farmers' families now in the armed forces can be released for periods up to six months will also be in effect, and should bring an increased amount of experienced help back to the farms.

The Ontario Farm Service Force will concentrate its attention on enlisting tens of thousands of high school students—for farm work, and the Department of Education is ready to release students for that purpose after April 28th, providing they have 50% standing on their year's work.

The Farm Commando service and the Farm Holiday Brigade will be organized on a larger scale than ever.

Farmers can therefore plant their crops in anticipation of having help available when required, but they can co-operate by making their help needs made known as soon as possible. Requests for help for the busy season can be made now to the Ontario Farm Service Force, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, or to the County Agricultural Representative.

WRATH GROWS OVER HIGH SALARY

We think some of the grocers, druggists, jewellers and other retail merchants across Canada, who have taken on the sale of war saving stamps in various months during the past year, in addition to carrying on their own businesses with all the handicaps they have to contend with, and for no fee or commission of any kind, and have certainly sold thousands and thousands of dollars worth in their campaigns, must wonder a bit at the Claire Wallace controversy going on in the newspapers and other places as well, over that lady's salary.

This commentator has been employed by the Canadian government to encourage the sale of War saving stamps in a radio program, "They Tell Me," at a salary of \$170 per week. Recently this little wage was raised to \$200 per week.

If some business firm pays Miss Wallace \$200 or \$1,000 or any other salary per week, that's her business and that of the firm from which she receives it. But for the people of Canada to have to finance this kind of drivel and pay for it as well, is adding insult to injury. There are hundreds of Canadians who have sold stamps and bonds, and bought them, too, as a patriotic duty, and have received nothing for their services, and there are hundreds more who would willingly do so. In the meantime, the people's hard earned taxes are used to provide the War Finance Committee with funds to spend this way. It is only a drop in the bucket, 'tis true, but some simple little item of this kind may lead the public to take a little more interest in what becomes of their money.

Verse 54.—"Death is swallowed up in victory." So sang Isaiah, in chapter 25:8. His words will have a glorious fulfillment when Christ returns for His own.

Verse 55.—"O grave, where is thy victory?" The word rendered "grave" here is really Hades, or Sheol, in the Old Testament passage (Hos. 13: 14), the unseen world of spirits. It refers to the state of dead, when the spirit is separated from the body. When death and Hades receive the body and the spirit, it looks as though all is over, but that is a mistake. For Christ has abolished death for the believer and is alive forevermore. (Rev. 1:18).

Verse 56.—It is a sense of unforgiven sin that makes it hard to die. This is accentuated by the law of God, which is thus a ministry of condemnation.

Verse 57.—"God...giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Death is defeated already through Christ's resurrection, and all His saints share in His victory. Many will never die at all. Those who have "fallen asleep" as to the body, throughout all the millennia of earth's history, will be redeemed from the grave and will be associated with the glorified Saviour at His return.

Verse 58.—Therefore...be ye stedfast." Because of the certainty of these things, believers are exhorted to maintain a consistent testimony for Christ, "always abounding in the work of the Lord." The Heart of the Lesson

The Lord Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." His resurrection is the assurance, not only that our part will be in the resurrection of life. For there are two resurrections, one to judgment and one to eternal blessedness. He who raised up Christ from the dead, we are told, shall also quicken our mortal body by His spirit that dwells in us.

FAILURE TO COMPLY BRINGS COURT ACTION

Recently two cases were tried in connection with failure to comply with regulations under the Plant Diseases Act of Ontario, respecting control of Bacterial Ring Rot Disease in potatoes.

Albert Linstead of Sharon, a York County farmer, was fined \$25.00 and costs when he pleaded guilty in Magistrates Court at Newmarket on Tuesday, March 21st.

Milton Murphy of Cookstown, a South Simcoe County farmer, was fined \$5.00 and costs amounting to a total of \$51.35 or one month in jail when he was convicted on a plea of not guilty, in Magistrates Court at Barrie on March 22nd.

In both cases the disease was found on the farmer's premises during the early part of last September. Official notices were then sent to each outlining procedure to be followed in disposing of the crops and cleaning up the disease. Officials working under the Act endeavoured to assist, but these two farmers ignored all regulations and assistance.

The disease was found in Ontario during the 1938 season and has been traced on several occasions to infection from either seed or used potato bags from New Brunswick. As the result, the disease has gradually increased until 157 cases were reported to the Department in 1943, involving more than 1,200 acres of potatoes. Losses varied from a small amount, up to 30% or more.



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