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**Notes and Comments**

**Only one Dept. in the "Red"**

As was pointed out at the Stouffville nomination meeting on Friday night, only one department of the village of Stouffville shows up in the "red" on the year's operation—that of the water works department. In order to meet its obligations the water department negotiated a loan of \$300 to meet its obligations.

Of course it should not be forgotten that the water system has \$5000 invested in bonds as a contingency fund, the interest of which is placed in the working account and spent each year. The principal would stand us in good stead if a major break in the system occurred any time. A great deal of new mains have been laid the past few years and there is still more of this work to be done, some of which may be pressing any time if certain pipes give out.

Despite this seemingly poor showing last year, the system is a valuable town asset. Our water rates are less than half any other town in York county, so that if we do have to add an extra dollar to the tap rates as the council thought they would have to do last year, water in Stouffville would still be sold at a rate unequalled in cheapness in any town in Ontario.

**Amazing Man**

Man is still the world's most miraculous mechanism. In seventy years of life, a human being eats 1,400 times his weight, over 100 tons of food and he spends five full years putting the food in his mouth. If his weight is average, every day of his life his heart beats 103,680 times, his blood travels 168,000 miles, he breathes 23,040 times, he inhales 488 cubic feet of air, gives off 85 deg. of heat and moves 750 major muscles; his nails grow 0.000046 inches, his hair 0.01717—and he utters 4,800 words. The average person blinks 25 times a minute and scientists say each blink takes one-fifth of a second. Thus, if he averaged forty miles an hour on a ten-hour motoring trip, he would drive over 25 miles with his eyes shut. The body can take a lot of punishment and still keep functioning. Man can get along fairly well, apparently, without his gall-bladder, spleen, appendix and bladder. He can dispense with one kidney, two quarts of blood, one-half his brain and all his teeth and still live. And when he dies the brain survives ten minutes; ears one hour; blood molecules eighteen hours; bones three days and skin five days.

**Now in the Insurance Field**

Women on the sales staffs are one of the most important developments in life insurance agency circles since the beginning of the war, the Financial Post points out.

Old-time prejudices against the women agents have disappeared and been succeeded by enthusiasm for the work

they are doing. Reports from company executives indicate the women agents are doing a good job for themselves and for the companies they represent.

In some areas it is estimated the number of women agents licensed by the provincial governments has increased almost 200 per cent. For example in his report on the 1943 business H. G. Garrett, superintendent of insurance for British Columbia states the number of women life insurance agents licensed in that province in 1943 was 64 against 23 in 1941. It is believed this is fairly representative. The same situation prevails in the United States.

**No Sabotage Cases**

It is gratifying to learn from the annual report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that they have yet to find evidence of any enemy-directed act of sabotage in Canada. The force during the year ending March 31 last investigated 219 suspected sabotage cases and from our knowledge of the thoroughness with which these investigations are conducted we would say that there is no room for doubt but that the slate is clean as far as sabotage is concerned in Canada.

While the publicity accorded members of the R.C.M.P. is to a large degree confined to its activities in the far north, it has nevertheless carried out a wide variety of duties throughout the rest of the Dominion. Members of the force have jurisdiction over the enforcement of federal laws and for that reason the large number of orders-in-council which have been passed since the opening of the war have complicated their activities to a marked degree.

The force has also been confronted to some degree with a manpower shortage brought about by enlistments in the armed forces and the fact that a considerable body of the force is serving overseas as members of the provost corps. In this particular job they have set a fine example and done a remarkable job. To fill the ranks a number of special officers have been sworn in and while some of them have not had the opportunity for the intensive training required of other members of the force, they have filled in capably and well.

"Anyone who travels the rural districts of the Dominion cannot fail but notice the great need there is for paint on farm residences and buildings," remarks Hardware and Metal. "In many cases, property looks as though it had never seen paint, and in others, lack of attention for a few years has resulted in a run-down appearance to many farms."

The Magazine notes that for some years now, farmers have been improving their finances. Higher produce prices have prevailed and farm income has been steadily on the upgrade. Agriculture in Canada is on a more solid financial basis than for many years.

Hardware and Metal figures that under those circumstances, the time has come for a general paint-up in rural Canada.

"When one considers the type of residence and buildings which stand on farm property," the article says, "it is not surprising that the agricultural industry was searching, before the war, for means of keeping the younger generation interested in remaining on the land.

"Paint can do much to make farming more appealing. Buildings, well painted, are not drab and unattractive. They

**AURORA AND COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIAL FUND**

At a meeting of the Aurora Board of Trade executive and directors on Friday night, Nov. 17th, a group of three trustees were nominated with authority to accept donations for the fund. It was decided to keep the objective at the present time to \$4,700.00 which would be sufficient money to purchase outright the Dr. Stevenson property on Yonge Street as a future site for a memorial building.

Contributions to this fund may be made at any time to members or executive of the Board of Trade. It is hoped that every organization in Aurora and Community will assist in building up this fund, says the Aurora Banner.

Canada's birth rate since the outbreak of war increased from 3.6 per 1,000 of population to the point where it was 24.0 in 1943, states the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. All provinces shared in the general increase. Quebec is shown with the highest birth rate, 28.6 per 1,000.

Verse 13.—"By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." This is the Church of the new dispensation, the revelation of which was given to the Apostle Paul, as he tells us in Ephesians 3 and Colossians 1. All believers have been baptized by, or in, one Spirit into this one body.

The Heart of the Lesson  
More and more Christians are yearning for unity. But many fail to realize that unity and unity are very different. A union of all sects and denominations would not answer to the fellowship of God's Son (1 Cor. 1:9). God has established a unity consisting of all who are born of the Spirit and through His baptism made members of Christ and of one another. The recognition of this makes for real fellowship among all who know and love Christ.



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

Lesson for December 3  
Golden Text.—Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word, that they all may be one.—John 17:20, 21

**The Lesson as a Whole**

Approach to the Lesson  
Christian fellowship is something far deeper and more precious than mere companionship of like-minded persons or a confederation of local assemblies. It is a spiritual reality that is manifested by communion with the redeemed of the Lord everywhere, "the communion of the Holy Ghost" (2 Cor. 13:14). Elsewhere it is called "the communion of the body of the Christ" (1 Cor. 10:16) and "the fellowship of his (that is, God's) Son" (1 Cor. 1:9). Into this fellowship all believers are introduced by the Spirit's baptism, which makes them members of that mystical body, of which the exalted Christ is the Head (Eph. 5:30).

The recognition of this unity of all Christians (not as denominations, but as individual members of Christ) results in practical fellowship and love for all saints. It destroys narrow sectarian prejudices and enables us to recognize everyone redeemed by the precious blood of Christ as being one with us in Him. He prayed that we all might be one (John 17:21). It is sometimes said that it is a pity this prayer has never been answered. But that is a mistake. However much outward schisms have rent the professing church, the glorious fact remains that "there is one body, and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling" (Eph. 4:4). The more our souls enter into this, the greater will be the power of our testimony to the world. Manifested unity is the strength of the Church of God, and strikes terror to the forces of evil (Phil. 1:27, 28).

Verse 17:18.—"As thou hast sent me... also sent them into the world." Throughout this great high-priestly prayer of our blessed Lord He identifies believers with Himself in family relationship and service. As He was about to return to Heaven by way of the cross and the tomb, He commissioned His own to carry on for Him in this scene. As a people separated to Himself, they were to be in the world, but not of it.

they also might be sanctified." To be sanctified is to be set apart. He, the Captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10) set Himself apart in devoted services for us and to glorify the Father, in order that we who are set apart by God in Him may be practically separated from all that is unclean and unholy, as we walk in obedience to the truth (see v. 17).

Verse 20.—"Neither pray I for these alone," that is, for those who had accompanied Him on earth whom He was now about to leave, "but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." This includes all who, to the end of time, believe in Him because of the testimony given in the Word by those who first received it, thus emphasizing the unity of all who put their trust in Him.

Verse 21.—"That they all may be one." It is not here a question of what might be called the unity of churches or assemblies of professed Christians; that our Lord prays for—but rather for that unity of life and fellowship, the unity that necessarily results from the blessed fact that all believers constitute one great redeemed family. We are, of course, responsible to manifest this unity, not necessarily by church federations or councils, but by personal interest in and love for all who belong to this great company; all who are born of God. As this unity is thus displayed, the world will believe that our message is of God, whereas our strifes and divisions give them occasion to ridicule and blaspheme that worthy name whereby we are called.

Verse 22.—"The glory which giveth me I have given them." There is a difference between Christ's essential glory as the Son of the Father from eternity (v. 5) and His acquired glory. The latter He obtained from the Father as the obedient Man. This glory He shares with us. In view of it He again speaks of unity: "That they may be one, even as we are one." This unity will be displayed when we are associated with Him in glory at His return.

Verse 23.—"That the world may know." It will not then be merely a matter of believing, but of actual knowledge, when we shall appear as one in the same glory with Christ Himself. Then God will show that He has loved us even as He loves His blessed Son.  
1 Cor. 1:1.—"Paul, an apostle... through the will of God." Paul was no self-appointed laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. He had been awakened by the vision of the glorified Christ, saved by His

grace, and commissioned by the Lord Himself to go forth in His name as His ambassador to the nations, proclaiming forgiveness of sins and justification from all things for all who trusted the Saviour (Acts 13:38, 39).

Verse 2.—"The church of God... at Corinth... with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord." Assemblies of Christians in apostolic days constituted one fellowship, wherever they might be located individually. All held the same precious faith, all proclaimed the same blessed Gospel, and each was recognized as the expression of the body of Christ in the particular place where he was found. Many divisions have come in since, and many unsaved ones have come into various churches, but true believers still constitute one holy fellowship as the "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

Verse 3.—"Grace be unto you, and peace." It is not here the grace that saves, but the grace that sustains. Nor is it peace with God (Rom. 5:1) that is here in view, but the peace of God (Phil. 4:6, 7), which garrisons the heart against discouragement and enables one to press on in spite of adversity.

Chap. 12:4.—"Diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." Whatever may be the distinctions as to gift and ability, all are alike given by

the one indwelling Holy Spirit, who fits each one for service, if He is permitted to have His way in the life.

Verse 5.—"Differences of administrations, but the same Lord." All are stewards, and each one has his own special responsibility to the one Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the body.

Verse 6.—"Diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." Here it is God the Father that is in view, who judgeth according to the works of each (1 Pet. 1:17). So in these three verses we see the entire Trinity of the Godhead all concerned about the building up and equipment of the members of the body of Christ for service and testimony.

Verse 7.—"The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." Each member of the body of Christ has some gift which he is responsible to use for the edification of the whole fellowship.

Verse 12.—"As the body is one, so also is Christ." Paul here uses the human body as an illustration. Though composed of many members, it is one whole; so also is the Christ. The definite article really belongs here. The Christ includes our glorified Head and all His members.

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