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LENT

For several years past the season of Lent has been observed in the United States by many Churches outside the Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic communions, where it is an integral part of the Christian year. And this year there are indications of a still wider observance. In Halifax there are to be Lenten services in the congregations of all the churches in the city, culminating in special gatherings during Holy Week and on Good Friday. In New York there will be a joint observance of the entire season by means of services in different parts of the city, the series coming to a head in Holy Week in a great gathering at the Cathedral of St. John. Over in Scotland many congregations of various denominations are to take part in a Mission of Rededication, which is to include special preaching and systematic visitation.

The value of these efforts is particularly noteworthy this year after the experiences through which the nations have passed, for it will provide for the recognition of some of the most vital aspects of Christian truth and life.

The word "Lent" comes from an Anglo-Saxon term, meaning "Spring," and thus merely indicates the season of the year in which the ecclesiastical period falls. There was originally much variety in the length of time given to Lent as the time of the Spring Fast. At first it was only of forty hours' duration, but gradually it was enlarged until it reached forty days. The connection with Christ's temptation was apparently an after-thought. The time has usually been associated with such elements of Christian living as penitence, discipline and devotion, and this year the season should bring into special re-

membrance several of the most valuable aspects of thought and life. There are two which stand out before all the rest; one referring to Christian duty, and the other to the Christian attitude which guarantees the adequate fulfillment of duty.

Lent is an opportunity for calling attention to the fact, nature and consequences of sin. Never before, perhaps, has the awfulness of moral evil been so evident as in the past four years. Untruth, deceit, unrighteousness, cruelty, tyranny, callousness, sensuality, injustice, selfishness, have been only too evident. Indeed the awful list of various forms of wrongdoing given by St. Paul as indicative of the "pernicious times" or the "last days" is startlingly like the experiences through which we have recently passed. It was therefore natural, and not at all surprising that the Rev. J. H. Boyd at the Baptist Conference the other day should have laid such emphasis on the mission of the Church to-day to preach the doctrine of sin, urging the necessity of this if mankind is to be lifted from the slough into which it has fallen. It is essential that sin should be brought home to man, and the true state and position of human life in the sight of God clearly shown. It was this that made John the Baptist the man he was, for, like one of the old prophets, he lifted his voice as a trumpet and showed the people their sins. God and sin cannot possibly exist together, for wrong deserves and receives His unerring and unsparring condemnation.

The chief reason why sin should be emphasized and its character proclaimed is that only thereby can any true sense of Christ's redemption be obtained. Until it is realized what sin implies and involves no adequate conception of the Divine method of deliverance is possible. Two facts stand out clearly in all Scripture: one that God is concerned in compassionate love for the sinner, and the other that He cannot be indifferent to the sinner's sin. And because the very character of God and the righteousness of His government are bound up with this question He "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Lent offers a special opportunity of declaring brought by Constables Smith and what Mr. Boyd, in his address Sweeney, of Kemptville, on Tuesday, already referred to, called "the whole counsel of God" in regard to sin, the Cross, and the Resurrection: "Only God could love the world as it is to-day, and the Cross alone can lift man out of the degradation of sin."

The other truth to be emphasized during Lent is closely connected with the foregoing as its cause and guarantee. It is the need of personal secret devotion as the source of character and the spring of conduct. In these strenuous days, when efficiency is so strongly urged, it is imperative to recognize the need of quality rather than quantity of

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work. All the activities in the world cannot make up for the lack of strong character and deep influence, and these are only possible through the constant renovation and refreshment of the secret springs of life. To do is important, but to be is even more so, because it is the cause of all true action. The busy worker is in constant peril of forgetting this, by thinking that work is to be judged by its amount rather than by its character. It is so much easier to engage in active effort than to concentrate attention on Divine truth by thought and meditation. Yet the quality of our work will never be higher than the reality of our inner life, and the words of Tonyson are as true to-day as ever: "Solitude is the mother country of the strong." So far from activity being weakened by the time spent in inner devotion, it will become infinitely more valuable for its spiritual efficacy and force.

Sin, Redemption, Devotion; these constitute the aspects of truth and life which call for earnest attention at the present time, and if they are made prominent in Lent by individuals and churches, it will be scarcely possible to gauge the extent of the spiritual blessings which will accrue. They will do more than anything else to prepare the way for that revival of godliness and genuineness in which alone the hope of any lasting peace and real progress in the world depends.

Boy Fell Over a Precipice

Niagara Falls, Mar. 11.—Twelve year old Morris Knight fell over a precipice across the river last night while playing with companions. He landed on the Gorge railway tracks, two hundred feet below, but though picked up unconscious, the doctor says today he will probably live as they think he was not badly injured. Firemen and hundreds of other rescuers were working from the top of the bank with ropes and ladders, thinking the lad may have been caught by a tree or crevice in the fall over the cliff, when a motorman on a gorge car discovered the boy lying on the tracks just in time to avoid running over him.

Hartwick Asserts He is Innocent

Kingston, Ont., Mar. 11.—It now transpires that Frederick Hartwick, the victim of the murder at Parham, was a stepson of Jas. A. Hartwick, accused of the murder. The first report gave the impression that the deceased was his own son. The accused is 58 years of age. He is bearing up well under the heavy strain, declares he is innocent of the shooting, and that nothing can be proved against him.

Mother Rescued Sons

N. S. Woman Braved Icy Waters to Save Her Boys

Digby, N.S., March 11.—Emile Gaudet, fourteen-year-old son of Fabien Gaudet, of Concessions, was drowned in Secular Lake last night. In company with two other boys, sons of Philip Gaudet, he started to cross the lake to his father's mill to get a lantern. The mild weather had made the ice rotten and all broke through. Their shouts brought Mrs. Phillip Gaudet to the scene, and she threw herself in the water, being up to her shoulders. She saved her boys, they being nearest to her, and made a brave effort to save the third, but he was farther out and she could not reach him. The body has been recovered.

Committed to Hospital

William van Falkenburg, of Kemptville, was arraigned before Magistrate Waterson of Kemptville, this week on a charge of assault preferred by Frank Stewart, of the same place. Examined by two Kemptville physicians van Falkenburg was found to be mentally unfit to be at large and was committed to the Eastern Hospital at Brockville, where he was special opportunity of declaring brought by Constables Smith and what Mr. Boyd, in his address Sweeney, of Kemptville, on Tuesday, already referred to, called "the whole counsel of God" in regard to sin, the Cross, and the Resurrection: "Only God could love the world as it is to-day, and the Cross alone can lift man out of the degradation of sin."

However paradoxical it seems, the United States, in the eighteen months that it was in the war spent more than twice the amount of gold and silver money in the world. That they were able in so short a time to expend that stupendous sum—twenty-two and a half billion dollars—strikingly reveals the scope of modern systems of credit. The gold mined in all the years since Columbus discovered America amounts only to three quarters of that sum; all the money on deposit in the banks of the United States barely equals it.

CALIFORNIA LETTER FROM MR. FLINT

The San Carlo Grand Opera Co. are giving two week's entertainment at the Majestic. They are presenting the best operas ever written. Butterfly, La Boheme, Tales of Hoffman, Cavalleria Rusticana, Pagliacci, Il Trovatore, Lucia Di Lammermoor, House of the Four Towers, I attended "Il Trovatore" last night. It was the grandest presentation of that opera I ever witnessed. The enthusiasm of the immense audience was almost indescribable. Recall after recall. Sometimes the company would repeat. The "Anvil Chorus" showed every stroke of the hammer, through brilliant electric effects, upon the two anvils introduced. They carry one hundred persons with them. Music, scenery, costumes, were grand. As regards the singing, the vocal effects were all that could be desired. Manuel Talazar, Joseph Rayer and Estelle Wentworth, were the stars. There is no opera which appeals to me, as does "Il Trovatore." "Butterfly" ranks in my judgment next. The cute Japanese lady, who was the star last year, has now a company of her own, and appears here next week.

As the spring advances, flowers increase in numbers and beauty. Excellent sweet oranges, now sell at from ten to fifteen cents a dozen. Fresh eggs, 42 cents. The markets display every kind of vegetable. Young onions, parsnips, celery, every variety of meat and fish.

One great charm to me here, is the Museum, to which I have before referred. Every visit I make to it, I see new wonders. I saw a large volume, every page of which was parchment, dated in the 15th century. The picture gallery is excellent. They have many very large views of the beautiful citrus groves, and valleys. They are lighted in such a manner, that all the tints are brought out and the summer sun effect is wonderful. Pictures of mountains and valleys abound. Many show all the exquisite sunset effects of the mountains. There are pictures of the beaches, showing the foaming waves, dashing upon the shore. The beaches afford intense enjoyment to children. They pick up star fish, small fishes. The shores are lined with gulls and sea fowl. They are very tame and not at all afraid. I have a beautiful view from my window. I see the range of mountains on the west, tints and shades change as the night approaches. A number of mountains are capped with snow. In front is a range of green hills, covered with trees and shrubs and interspersed are hundreds of houses, some of them beautiful—nearly all roofs are flat. In fact, I may say, all bungalows, usually have the roof as we build.

There is no woman in the world, who has attained the celebrity of Sarah Bernhardt. Sarah the divine, the incomparable, as she is styled. I have seen two plays performed by her, one "La Tosca." One a scene from "Julius Caesar." Notwithstanding the loss of a leg, she still acts. She has a theatre in Paris. It has become the habit of very celebrated persons, to write their biographies. I have recently read Gropmut, Richard H. Davis, Broder Morehows, Richard Mansfield, E. H. Sothern, and I am now reading "Sarah Bernhardt." In early life she was unmanageable, exhibiting peculiarities that could not be governed. On slight provocation, she would rage so violently, as to faint. Educated in a convent, she desired to become a nun. A large sum of money was willed her, to be paid on her marriage. If she did not marry, the money went elsewhere. Finally she exhibited so much talent for acting in the convent examinations that she received offers to go upon the stage. She went, but offended at not being accorded first prize in a competition, she broke all contracts, and sailed for Spain, where she was well received.

After her first appearance in London, the great critic, Murray, wrote in his paper: "When recalled with loud cries Miss Bernhardt appeared and received an ovation which I think is unique in the annals of the theatre in England. Sarah fancied sculpture and began to study this art. She succeeded so well that many of her works were sold at large prices. One group brought 10,000 francs. She then took up painting, with the same success. She painted two children which she used to introduce as my little students. She does not disclose her father. She speaks of the Christian religion as a legend, so considered by herself and friends.

Gladstone called upon her in England. She went up in a balloon which was unconnected to the earth. She

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Obituary

JOHN S. WONNACOTT
At his late residence, 96 St. Charles St., Mr. John S. Wonnacott passed peacefully away on Monday, March 10th at 8.15 p.m. in his 79th year, after a long illness which he bore with patience and Christian fortitude. The children by his first wife, who died in 1837, are Harry, of Toronto, Mrs. Geo. Andrews and Mrs. Robt. Orr, of this city. Mrs. M. A. Bunkin is a sole surviving cousin. In 1891 he married Mary Tees, of Dudley, England, who survives him with two sons, well-known in town, Albert with T. Blackburn, Jeweller, and Will, who has been overseas for two years with the 21st Battalion.

Mr. Wonnacott was one of the oldest members of Oxford Lodge, No. 17 S. O. E. B. S., and was a member of the Baptist Church for over 27 years. He was a man of sterling character and well liked by all who knew him. The regrettable feature of his death was that he was looking forward to the return of his son Will who is expected home in a few weeks. Mr. David Tees who died on Feb. 24th last year, was a step son.

Dr. McCulloch will be at his office 47 Campbell St. every Saturday for consultation on diseases of the ear, nose and throat.

The Late Mr. Purser
The death occurred in Cobourg Friday, at the home of his mother of Mr. M. W. G. Purser, editor and proprietor of the Fort Hope Times. Mr. Purser was ill for some time with influenza and it is feared that he returned to his duties at the office too soon. He suffered a relapse and has been in a critical condition for several weeks, heart trouble being the chief ailment. Mr. Purser conducted the Times newspaper since June of 1911, having purchased the business from the late W. J. Grant. Although afflicted with blindness for a number of years, he conducted the business of running a newspaper with a certain degree of success. He was fearless and outspoken in condemning what to him appeared to be wrong and although it is almost impossible for an editor to live peacefully with all men, yet a large number of his fellow citizens will regret to hear of his untimely demise—Port Hope Guide.

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and we are glad to see you again. The week spent week before. Wm. Miller returned Monday, after a term in prison camp. John John Fellows, ever.

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