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Honesty—A Sermonette

(Crawf. W. Slack.)
Text—The day has come upon us, when the money-lenders and tuff-hunters look upon commercial dishonesty as keen, shrewd business.

The fortune of the commercial world were not built up by honesty and fair dealing. In the cradle of luxury you will seldom find the wrap of righteousness. Pope, in his essay on man, said, "An honest man was the noblest work of God." We do not know whether honest men were as scarce in the days of Pope as they are to-day or not. I do not believe they were, for in reflecting back to the days of my youth you could then have confidence in almost everyone, and trust all, to a marked degree. To-day I do not advise you to do so. I do not say all are dishonest—there are a lot of good, conscientious souls, who, when they feel their conscience grip, establish that as their border to dishonesty. But there are many without any conscience to grip. I must admit, it is very hard to be at all honest to-day. The customs are such as to blight honesty, and even the laws of our country will not permit of a gilt-edged brand of this virtue. To-day should a man run a business on strictly honest principles, he would be looked upon as an individual lacking in the one thing most essential for success, namely, the propensity to steal. For honesty to-day in the eyes of high finance, like poverty, is a crime. The ticket roll, computing scales, and the cash register are direct public evidence that we are a bunch of crooks, not to be trusted, and need watching. We are, and I am one of the number. There are not many chances in my business to steal there are, however, some, and I take advantage of them all. I am forced to do this in order to keep even. There are many circumstances and conditions under which people are honest, and many kinds of honesty. There are a very few who are conscientiously honest—some are honest through the moral teaching of "Honesty is the best policy"; some through the influence of church and religion, though I am sorry to say, not so many as in days a-gone, when that unpretentious but righteous structure of honesty was yet with us, known in my boyhood as Quaker church, or the society of friends. There are a whole lot of honest because the law compels them to be honest. They are in the great majority. I belong to that class. While others in this class have accumulated by exploitations and keen, shrewd, dishonest business, thousands, even millions, in comparison to their stealings mine amounts to about one dollar and thirty cents. To that extent the courts compel me to be honest. There is honesty of thought, honesty of dealing, and honesty of purpose. The latter is the most essential. The most uplifting, the most charitable, the most Christ-like—honesty of purpose has lifted the civil world and humanity up to the present level, though many there be to-day who are striving to lower it. Honesty of purpose is to be found in such men as Wilberforce, Tolstoi, Kussuth, Lincoln, Gladstone, and our own David Lloyd George; in such women as Harriet Beecher Stowe, Joan of Arc, Florence Nightingale and others whose lives have been worth while. Every man and every woman, to accomplish great things, must be honest of purpose. Perhaps there has not been any one thing which has suffered quite so much as honesty of purpose, through the lack of honesty of purpose. To-day the evangelists are in ill-repute with those who require their influence the most. Because of the commercial methods so many of them have adopted, the lure of gold has dwarfed the purpose; in fact, Christianity and the church have been commercialized at times to suit the selfish interests of their leaders to the extent that the man in the street regards the average evangelist as a fraud. As a proof of this, let me refer you back to the late federal election in Canada, when a certain president of a general conference endeavored to influence the electorate through the pulpits of that church to support a certain political party to which he belonged, from which he expected favors, and did receive them. Politics, corrupt as they are to-day—I care not whether they consist of Whig or Tory—are quite unfitted to be connected with the church in any way, shape or manner. And the man who stoops so low as to make a political tool of his church for self-interests, is most unfitted to lead, is dishonest of purpose and blighting the good cause. If self-interests and customs will not permit of us being strictly honest, let us all strive to be as honest as we can.

DIVISION COURT SITTINGS FOR SEPTEMBER.

In consequence of the approaching revision of voters' lists for the referendum, Judge Reynolds has made the following changes in the sittings of the Division Courts appointed for September. No change is made in the sittings at Brockville:
Newboro, from 9th September to 7th October.
Delta, from 10th September to 8th October.
Athens, from 11th September to 10th October.
Prescott, from 16th September to 14th October.
Spencerville, from 17th September to 15th October.
Kemptville, from 18th September to 16th October.
Merrickville, from 19th September to 17th October.
Mallorytown, from 23rd September to 21st October.
Gananoque, from 24th September to 22nd October.
North Augusta, from 26th September to 23rd October.

A. H. S. Notes

The following are to be congratulated, having passed the Lower School examinations:—

Mary Alguire, Maria Alguire, Willie Bulger, Alma Comerford, Myrtle Conlin, Cecil Earl, Marguerita Fleming, Lena Guttridge, Muriel Kenny, Evelyn Kilborn, Florence Leggett, Wilfrid Slack, Leota Steacy, Albert Scott, Hester Tackaberry, Lawrence Taylor, Eleanor Tett, Charlotte Vickery, Gertrude Vickery, Ruby Whitmore, Nina Mulvena (arith.), Generva Yates (arith.). 63 per cent. of those who wrote passed, the average for the province being 56.8 per cent.

Athens High School will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. Staff: J. E. Burdell, B.A., principal; Science, Lieut. H. J. Case, Mathematics; K. Ferris, B.A., Art; M. Lewis, B.A., Moderns; L. Guest, B.A., Classics. All alive and ready to keep up the good record of "Old A.H.S."

The following courses will be offered:—

(1) General Course.—This course is for the general improvement of the pupil's standing in language and mathematics. This will be helpful no matter what vocation he may afterwards follow.

(2) Teachers' Course.—This is a four years' course. There are splendid opportunities for teachers these days and salaries are very good. Many of the problems confronting Canadian life will have to be solved by our students. Get ready to direct public opinion through the children. There is a great work ahead of teachers.

(3) Jr. Matriculation Course.—This prepares students to enter the universities.

(4) Agriculture (optional course)—This work, which is gradually making its way into our school system, is in a very simple form yet, and is intended to furnish the pupil with some basic ideas in regard to agriculture. It is also intended to give the student a hint as to the possibilities in farm work.

(5) A course in Honour Matriculation or Faculty Entrance Part I will be given if there are at least five students for the work. Students intending to take this course should notify the principal at once.

Rockspring News

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFadden and Miss Elsie McFadden, Smiths Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hinton motored to Gananoque on Sunday last.

Miss Nellie Rowsome has returned to her home after visiting Miss Bertha O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Connell and children, Newbliss, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Richards and children, Crystall, were recent guests at the home of H. E. Richards.

Miss Pearl Cannon, Smiths Falls, is spending a couple of weeks in this vicinity.

Mr. Hughie O'Neill and Mr. Frank Guinness left on Tuesday last for the Canadian West.

Another one of the series of ball games took place last Friday between the locals and Toledo. The result was a tie.

Miss Pearl Stevens, Athens, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. H. E. Richards.

Miss Davies has returned to her home after a short visit at Mr. Howard Tackaberry's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Guinness and son spent Sunday at Kilborn's Corners.

Dr. Bourns and Mr. Walter Honton, Frankville, made a business trip through here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Richards and family motored to South Mountain for the week-end.

Several attended the social and reception at Jellyby last Wednesday, where they enjoyed a good supper and a splendid programme.

Mrs. Jas. Reynolds and daughter, Doreen, are spending a few days in Smiths Falls, the guests of Mrs. W. Saunders.

Plum Hollow

Miss E. Kilborn is visiting friends at Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wiltse, Athens, have returned home after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Lett Kilborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradley, Philadelphia, are holidaying at W. B. Gifford's.

Mr. Bert Barber has purchased a new Briscoe car from W. H. Hanton, Frankville.

There is to be an ice cream social on the church lawn on Friday evening.

The little Misses Huffman, Delta, are guests of Miss Audrey Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wiltse have as guests this week Misses Edna and Ida Sweet, Brockville, and Mrs. Brainard and daughter of Oxbow, N.Y.

Mr. Claude Gifford spent the week-end at Ottawa.

Miss Dixon, Redan, is engaged to teach in our school for the coming year.

Miss Evelyn Kilborn is receiving congratulations on securing her Lower School.

Mr. Omer Kilborn has gone West on the harvesters' excursion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tackaberry spent Thursday at Lyndhurst, guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. A. Argue.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moulton spent the week-end at Easton's Corners.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Ice Cream Social on Friday evening the 22nd of August, under auspices of St. John's Church, Leeds, on John Niblock's Lawn, Sweet's Corners.

Rev. T. H. Bradley will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist Church this Sunday evening at 8 o'clock—No morning service.

Miss Carrie Covey left today to join her sister in Rochester N.Y.

A Community Social will be held on the Baptist Church Lawn at Plum Hollow, on Friday August 22nd at 7.30 p.m.

The Delta Junior Baseball nine will be here Saturday afternoon for a game with our Juniors.

Ice Cream Social on School Grounds at Oak Leaf, Tuesday August 26th at 7 p.m. under auspices of Trinity Church.

The Rev. Cauon Bedford-Jones, Brockville and Mr. John Elliott, Manager of the Standard Bank, Belleville, will take the services in Christ's Church (Anglican) on Sunday the 24th, at 11 a.m., Delta at 3 p.m., Oak Leaf at 7.30 p.m. They are coming in the interests of the Campaign throughout the Diocese to increase the Stipends of the Clergy and all parishioners are asked to attend and hear what they have to say.

The remainder of this week Bread can be had for 8c per loaf at The Bazaar.

Miss Fern Spence, Union Valley is a guest at the home of her sister Mrs. Gladys Hockey.

Miss Benedicta Leeder, Mallorytown, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. John Cobey.

Oranges 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c and 60c per dozen—Bananas 35c to 50c per dozen and also all First-Class Fruits at The Bazaar—R. J. Campo, Prop.

Mrs. John Cobey, Athens, spent a couple of days last week with her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Leeder, Mallorytown.

Choice Potatoes, special this week at 65c per peck at The Bazaar.

Miss Sadie Leeder, returned home after spending a few weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. John Cobey.

Choice Selection of Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobaccos at The Bazaar.

Special services are being conducted in St. Dennis church.

Rev. G. Code, rector of Christ church, and Mrs. Code and sons are visiting their former parish, North Augusta.

Rev. B. B. Brown, Montreal, occupied the Methodist pulpit most acceptably on Sabbath evening. For many years he was an Athenian, being a local high school graduate. With Mrs. Brown, son and daughter he is visiting at the old home, a guest of his father, Malcolm Brown.

Programme of Camp Vega Minstrels

ATHENS TOWN HALL
Saturday Evening, August 23rd, 1919

Song	Charleston Lake Chorus.
Dialogue	(from Tom Sawyer) Digging for Treasurer Richard Hosbrouck, Leighton Miller.
Song	Have a Smile Chorus.
Limericks	Edgar Kaufman, Donald Fobes
Dialogue	(from Tom Sawyer) How to Cure Warts Henry Reeder, Jens Grano.
Duet	Them Was the Happy Days John Fuller, Larry Kapp.
Dialogue	(from Tom Sawyer) I Can Lick You Richard Hasbrouck, John Wolf.
Song	Tears Larry Kapp, and Richard Hasbrouck, John Fullmer, Gens. Grano, John Wolf, Fulton Wright, Leighton Miller.
Monologue	How a Woman Pays Her Fare Parkman Osgood.
Song	I Love to Dance Larry Kapp.
Dialogue	(from Penrod and Sam) The Bully Henry Reeder, John Argue.
Song	Dear Heart John Wolf, Ukelele.
A Skit	from Penrod and Sam Shooting the Pistol Edith Fobes, John Gephart, Fulton Wright, John Douglas, Robert Johnston.
Song	The Unfurling of the Flag Chorus.
Interlocutor	Moorhead Wright
Left End Man	John Fullmer
Right End Man	Charles Wright
	Camp Song.

his parents for the past two weeks, have returned to their home in Almonte.

Better get your order in for that ladder you are needing now.—F. A. Judson, Athens.

Phyllis and Francis Hutton, Smiths Falls, are guests of Miss Myrie Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bolin, Lyn, and Mrs. L. McNoye, Smiths Falls, at the home of Wm. Cross.

A good programme is being prepared for the Women's Institute meeting on August 30.

Mrs. Geo. Truesdell, Lansdowne, is visiting her sisters here, Mrs. D. Cross and Mrs. Robt. T. Shaw.

We have the brand of Cigars you like best. Drop in and select a good one from our large stock.—George's Cigar Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens and son spent the last two weeks at their camp at Charleston Lake.

The Misses F. and N. Pimperton, Smiths Falls, are visiting friends in Athens this week.

Miss Leila Arnold, B.A., who has been examining departmental papers at Toronto, is home for holidays.

Miss Gwendolyn Wiltse left on Friday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Evert Hunter, Riverdale, Cal.

Remember the dates of Frankville Fair—September 25 and 26. Arrange to be there.

Miss Mabelle M. Ellison, of Syracuse, N.Y., is visiting at the home of Alf. Robeson.

Master Vernon Robeson has returned home after spending six weeks with his sister, Mrs. Wm. Kinch, near Jasper, and other relatives at Merrickville.

Robert, Arthur and Mabel Taber, accompanied by Miss Taber, of Glen Buell, motored to Kingston on Saturday, returning by way of Battersea, where Myrtle will enjoy camp life for a time.

Mrs. S. B. Williams, of Brockville, and Miss Mae Stevens, of Ottawa, are the guests of Mr. A. W. Kelly.

Miss Margaret Gibson spent the week-end with friends in Brockville.

Mrs. A. W. Kelly and visitors, Mrs. Williams and Miss Stevens, spent Saturday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Blanchard, Addison.

James Moulton, Guideboard Corners, has purchased the house owned by the late George Brown, Delta road. Mrs. John Hawkie and young children, Mallorytown, have moved to the Hendry house, corner of Main and Reid streets.

On Tuesday a deal was consummated whereby Philip Hollingsworth purchased from George Robinson the spacious brick residence and store at the corner of Elgin and Wiltse streets. The new proprietor will continue the work of the Leeds Farmers' Cooperative Association.

T. S. Kendrick and family have been enjoying a few days at Breezy Brae, their summer home at Charleston Lake.

On Sunday afternoon Sherwood Hall, son of the late Rev. James Hall, M.D. (a local high school graduate), of Ping Yung, Korea, gave a short address at the Methodist S.S. Miss Jennie Eyre also gave an interesting account of the sessions of the summer school held at Point Iroquois recently.

Rev. R. C. Horner, Ottawa, was in town on Tuesday en route to the camp meeting to open this week at Lake Elodia.

The Women's Institute are to be congratulated on their enterprise in placing the three new lawn seats on the grounds of the Town Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Northey, Peterboro, Ont., are visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Morris.

Miss Emma Hanna, Ottawa, is this week a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Thompson.

Miss Caroline LaRose, Regina, Sask., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parish.

Rev. Swayne is renewing old acquaintances here this week.

Athens Council

Regular meeting of the Athens village council, held August 8, 1919. Reeve M. B. Holmes, and Councillors Arnold, Taylor and Jacobs present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted and the following business was transacted:

Moved by E. Taylor, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that the account of the Athens Reporter for printing of the voters' list, and adv., \$36.80, and Wm. Allingham, shovelling snow, \$2.00, be received and an order drawn on the treasurer for same.—Carried.

Moved by M. C. Arnold, seconded by W. H. Jacobs, that the following requisitions be received: Athens High School Board, \$3,400; Athens Public

School Board, \$2,500; County rate, \$1,152.—Carried.

Moved by W. H. Jacobs, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that By-law No. 207 be amended by striking out the words "during the year 1915," at the close of clause 4, and the words "during the current year" be substituted.—Carried.

Moved by E. Taylor, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that leave be given to introduce and read a first time by-law amending By-law No. 207.—Carried.

Moved by M. C. Arnold, seconded by E. Taylor, that leave be given to read a second time the said by-law.—Carried.

Moved by M. C. Arnold, seconded by E. Taylor, that by-law amending By-law No. 207 be now read a third time and that it be signed by the reeve and the clerk and the seal of the corporation attached.—Carried.

Moved by M. C. Arnold, seconded by W. H. Jacobs, that a license be granted to George Stevens to sell cigarettes by retail in the municipality of the village of Athens for five months, ending Dec. 31, 1919.—Carried.

Moved by M. C. Arnold, seconded by E. Taylor, that this council adjourn until Friday evening, August 15, at eight o'clock.—Carried.

The adjourned meeting of August 8th of the Athens village council was held on August 15, 1919.

Moved by M. C. Arnold, seconded by W. H. Jacobs, that the chief be asked to enforce the Motor Vehicles Act and give every motorist warning that the Act will be enforced.—Carried.

G. W. LEE, Clerk.

Junetown

Misses Edith and Helen Scott, of Toronto, are here visiting their aunt, Mrs. James Herbison.

Mrs. Wright, of Rosthern, was a week-end visitor of Mr. Wm. Purvis.

Mrs. and Mrs. Anson Mallory, of Peterborough, and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and child, of Bracebridge, motored here on Sunday and are guests of their mother, Mrs. J. Mallory.

Miss Myrtle Runnings, Brockville, was a visitor at Mr. Robert Mulvaugh's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Cughan spent Thursday at Mr. Poole's. Poole's Resort.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bigford, motored to Burritt's Rapids on Sunday last and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hudson and baby Helen, of Lyn, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Z. Purvis and Miss Helen, of Lyn, were recent visitors at Mr. Walter Purvis's.

Miss Mabel Earl, Rockfield, spent Thursday evening here with Miss Orma Fortune.

Mr. W. H. Ferguson is a patient in the General Hospital, Brockville.

Mrs. (Dr.) Shaw, Lansdowne, and Miss Huldah Mallory, Mallorytown, spent one evening last week at Mr. J. S. Purvis's.

Mrs. J. Mallory, who is seriously ill, is under the care of Dr. Bissell, of Mallorytown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruttle, Quabbin, spent Sunday at Mr. Norman Mallory's.

A large number from here attended a picnic at Mallorytown Landing, held in honor of the returned soldiers of the Township of Yonge.

Mrs. Chas. Truesdell spent Thursday last at Caintown with her niece, Mrs. Fred Tennant.

Miss Nellie Pottinger, Purvis Street, has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. Thos. Gummer.

Dr. Annie Alguire and Mrs. Herbison, of Belvidere, are the guests of their cousin, Mrs. Jacob Warren.

Born, August 6, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferguson, Mountain street, a son.

Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, Athens, spent a few days here last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harold R. Fortune.

Mr. W. H. Ferguson is a patient in the Brockville General Hospital.

Mr. Wilfred Green is in South Augusta for a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs. Gardener.

Miss Beatrice Avery left yesterday for Kingston to attend the Model School.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White spent Sunday at Mr. Norman Marshall's, Grahamtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franklin, Master Taylor and Master Everett Franklin, and Mrs. Egbert Avery motored to Kingston on Friday last.

Mrs. Walter Stinson, of Detroit, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Egbert Avery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sheridan have returned to Brockville after spending the past week with the latter's aunts, Mrs. A. B. and Mrs. R. K. Ferguson.

Mrs. M. A. Avery and Miss Helen Avery, of Cleveland, spent a few days last week at Mr. Walter Purvis's.

Mrs. Duncan McDonald, of Apple Hill, spent Monday and Tuesday here with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Purvis.

Mr. Curtis and daughter, of Mallorytown, and Mr. David Phillips and Miss Winnie, of St. Catherine's, were recent visitors at Mr. Harry Franklin's.

Mrs. Alvin Avery and Miss Maude Avery were visiting Miss Mabel Gibson, Purvis Street, one day last week.