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SATURDAY SERMON

THE PRODIGAL SON

(By REV. R. A. WILSON, First United Church)
"The younger son . . . took his journey into a far country . . . and he arose and came to himself." St. Luke 15:13 and 20.

The most important parts of a story are the beginning and the end. Very likely at some time you have turned from the first chapter of a book to the last in order to satisfy your curiosity as to how the story came out. The first chapter introduces the characters and sets the plot moving. We may sense the story's direction and guess at the action but the conclusion is out of sight and so we turn to the last chapter.

In the familiar tale of the prodigal son these vital parts of the story stand out clearly. The younger son is off on his journey into a far country and the usual results follow. We sense his direction and the news of his downfall follows naturally enough. But it is the ending of the story that counts and the story teller moves to that point quickly. The younger man, "came to himself"—a medical term meaning, "to come to his senses after fainting." He came to his right mind and turned from his barren existence to the well provided life of home. His life took a new direction and we leave him in the end surrounded by the overflowing love of a benevolent father.

As in the story, so in life, it is the direction of life that makes the conclusion. We see the direction another life is taking but our eyes are not so clear about our own destiny. Without a time of awakening, of coming to our right mind, we follow our evil destiny into exile and destitution. But there is in all of us a memory of what we once were and an ideal of what we might be. When that ideal has its way with us the direction of our life changes and our story concludes in fellowship and in happiness. The opening chapter may tell of a young man making his journey into loneliness but the story must not end there. The only satisfying ending is the journey into community and the welcome of a compassionate father.

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CHANGES IN RECTORSHIPS

Archdeacon Hodson to Prince Rupert—Canon Lord to Ocean Falls—Rev. Arthur Chapman to Grenville

Changes in the clerical personnel of Caledonia Anglican Diocese are taking place following the turn of the year.

This week Ven. Archdeacon Edward Hodson, for 25 years stationed as rector at Ocean Falls, arrived in the city from the paper town, accompanied by Mrs. Hodson, to take over the

WEEK OF PRAYER

Jan. 5-12
This is a project in which the churches combine.

Mon., Jan. 6, at Salvation Army Citadel. Speaker: Rev. Wilson.
Tues., Jan. 7, at Anglican Cathedral. Speaker: Rev. A. MacSween.

Wed., Jan. 8, at First Baptist Church. Speaker: Adj. Gorrie.
Thurs., Jan. 9, at Pentecostal Church. Speaker: Rev. B. Proctor.

Fri., Jan. 10, at United Church. Speaker: Rev. F. Antrobus.
Please Note—This is a week of prayer and not a week of sermons; come to pray.

The chairman each evening, will be the minister of the church in which the gathering is held.

"Lord, teach us to pray."
(Clip this for reference.)

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NATIVE CHILD DIES
A four-year-old native child died at Miller Bay Hospital Friday morning. He was Larry Watt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Watt.

Members of the Canadian Legion are requested to note that the Executive and Regular Monthly Meetings scheduled for Monday and Wednesday next have been postponed until Monday, January 13 and Wednesday, January 15 respectively.
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rectorship of St. Peter's Church at Seal Cove.

Successor to Archdeacon Hodson at Ocean Falls is Canon Arthur Lord who arrived this week from Grande Prairie in the Peace River country, accompanied by his wife and two children.

Rev. Arthur Chapman is due in the city this week end from Melita, Manitoba, on his way to Greenville on the Naas River to take over the missionaryship in succession to Rev. W. S. Cooper who recently retired and is now living in Victoria. Mr. Chapman is accompanied by his wife and child.

George Rovik sails by the Camosun tonight to resume his studies in Vancouver after spending the Christmas and New Year holiday season here with his father, Ted Rovik.

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