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CHURCH

SATURDAY SERMON

WELLS OF SALVATION

By Ven. Archdeacon E. Hodson, St. Peter's Anglican Church
"Therefore with joy ye shall draw water out of the well of Salvation."—Isaiah 12:3.

The text is probably a reference to that passage in the book of Exodus where the children of Israel after crossing the Red Sea "came to Elim, where were twelve springs of water, and three score and ten palm trees."

In memory of the encampment there, there grew up the custom of keeping a feast in memory of their wilderness experiences, which was called the "Feast of Tabernacles," nacies."

The whole nation left their homes and resided for a week in tents made of green leaves and branches of the palm trees.

On the last day of the feast, "The Great Day of the Feast" as it was called in St. John's Gospel, the priests formed a procession and, with the temple band, timbrels and silver trumpets, passed through the water-gate, down a magnificent flight of steps to the pool of Silvam. Each priest produced a golden vase, filled it with water from the pool, and falling into line behind the musicians marched back to the temple. Here they formed a circle round the altar, and to the chanting of the words of my text each priest emptied his golden vase upon the sacrifice.

It was at the close of one of these celebrations in the temple that "Jesus stood and cried, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."

Think of the extraordinary claim involved in that invitation.

God, being the true fountain of Salvation, Jesus plainly put himself in the place of God. He plants Himself over against the whole of the human race and professes that He can satisfy every thirst of every soul, through all the ages. Every craving of heart and mind, all longings for love and wisdom, for purity and joy, for strength and guidance, He assumes to satisfy by the gift of Himself.

There is only one conclusion we can reach if Jesus said these words and made this claim and that is, that He who spoke them is God manifest in the flesh, the everlasting Son of the Father.

The use of water as a figure for salvation is most appropriate. For water is not merely a luxury, it is a necessity.

We notice in reading our Old Testament how strenuously the tribes fought for the possession of the wells. To hold the wells was to hold the country.

In the East water is recognized as the gift of God. Listen to the water seller passing through the streets of Cairo or Alexandria: What does he cry? Not water, water, but "the gift of God, the gift of God."

What then is this salvation of which the water is a symbol.

It is, first of all escape from something. "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things that are written in the Book of the Law to do them."

It is escape from that curse.

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He searched every-place for his watch."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "lozenge"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Chiffoniere, chinchilla, chivalrous.
4. What does the word "imposture" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with imp that means "threatening to occur soon"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He searched everywhere." 2. Pronounce loz-enj, o as in of, e as in men, accent first syllable. 3. Chiffonier 4. A fraud; deception. "Libraries are the shrines where all the relics of the ancient saints, full of true virtue, and that without delusion or imposture, are preserved and reposed."—Bacon. 5. Impending.

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HOW WILL IT END?

THE SPIRAL of inflation continues to whirl upwards. All signs that there might have been, that prices are to be levelled off and wages held appear to have come to naught. The spiral is moving upward. When and where will it end? That is a question which even the most unthinking of us are becoming conscious. The fear now is that pressures of inflation may explode out of control and subside in a disastrous deflation.

Even if the boom stabilized as things are at present, there would have to be adjustments within the level, especially on behalf of the unorganized worker, the annuitant and the pensioner. The cost of living is at an almost all time high. Savings of \$1000 a few years ago are hardly worth \$750 now. And those who can still save feel the pressure not to save and lose but to spend and thus reinforce the upward push.

RUSSIA DIFFICULT

MR. STALIN and Mr. Molotov seem to do a lot of holidaying. Of course they might as well say they are holidaying as anything else. The fact is they do not want to talk with us about the general European peace situation. The present state of general unsettlement and uncertainty is just the way they like to have things and to say they are indefinitely holidaying when we would like to talk to them just keeps up the irritation which they like so much.

Meantime, we are getting nowhere on the diplomatic level and the "cold war" or "war of nerves," as we may like to call it, continues with no let-up. If the Soviet wants to be aloof and uncompromising, we will have to be the same, although the great game of pressure poker will still have to come to a showdown some time.


The whole thing, of course, is making it very difficult to get along with the serious business of ironing out the difficulties which continue to hold much of the world in hardship, tenseness and passive conflict.

CLEARING THE AIR

CANADA'S fiscal situation will, doubtless, come in for consideration at both Liberal and Conservative national conventions for high level economic matters may be expected to receive some attention amid the mundanity of matters strictly political and vote-catching which will, of course, be featured.

It may be good business and there is no denying the stability of Canada from the sound financing angle but, just the same, it is a little difficult for the public to see a staggering federal surplus on the one hand and continuing oppressive taxation on the other. No doubt there will be airing of views on this and other matters at the Liberal convention and there may be some sharp differences of opinion expressed in the course of democratic debate.

As Liberals and Conservatives go about the business of choosing their new leaders, the rank and file may be expected to seek a new deal all around on many matters. And the upshot of the whole thing may be clearing of the air on a number of subjects from the governmental as well as other stand-points.



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Pershing Left Quarter Million

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JUNEAU TRIP LIST GROWING

With 47 of the required reservations so far made, the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia party leaving Prince Rupert September 20 aboard the steamer Chilcotin for the annual convention at Juneau will be joined by a group from Vancouver and Victoria. It is indicated in a communication received from R. T. Rose, executive secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade. Representatives of the provincial government are also expected.

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