



REWARDED FOR SUGGESTION

Mrs. A. A. Blanche Howatt, (second from left) General Service Unit Head of the Charlottetown Office of the Department of National Revenue, Taxation Division, is the recipient of a handsome travelling case as an award under the Dominion Government "Suggestion Award Plan." Mr. D. J. Gill (left), Director of the Charlottetown Office, makes the presentation to Miss Howatt on behalf of the Suggestion Award Committee of the Dominion Govern-

ment in a pleasant little ceremony in the office attended by the entire staff, including (Second from right) Mr. J. F. Smith, Supervisor of Administration; and (Right) Mr. J. M. Bell, Personnel Officer. The plan is designed to encourage all Dominion Government employees to make suggestions which will increase the efficiency of the service by means of a saving in time, materials or both. Miss Howatt is the first person in the Charlottetown Taxation Division to receive such an award.

The suggestion made and adopted as standard practice of the Division accomplishes the two most desired results — a saving of up to 50 per cent in certain printed forms and a saving of clerical time which is difficult to compute with accuracy but is estimated at not less than 25 per cent in completing the forms. Miss Howatt has been a member of the Charlottetown Staff for over eight years and was for sev-

eral years the supervisor of the Stenographers' Pool. The Director of the Charlottetown Taxation Department Miss Howatt highly on her keen interest in the improvement of the work of the Division and said he was very proud that a member of his staff had merited recognition for her ability to see through a problem and devise a better method of accomplishing a certain phase of work.

GUARDIAN PHOTO



MT. STEWART REMEMBRANCE DAY

At Mount Stewart Remembrance Day service before the monument yesterday. Coffin Douglas Mount Stewart Branch of the Canadian Legion. Photo by Durber

Coming Events

- Regular Dance Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night, Burns Orchestra.
- Opening card party, Dunstaffnage School, Monday, Nov. 12, 8.30.
- Bingo, Dance in Vernon River Hall Tuesday, Nov. 13, Webster's Orchestra.
- Movie "The Stooge" St. Peter's Holy Name Hall Wednesday, November 14, 8 p.m.
- Will not be buying poultry until further notice, R.L. Dickieson, New Glasgow.
- Card Party Spring Park Hall, Monday 8.30. Prizes, lunch and tournament.
- Raffle Miscellaneous articles St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart, Wednesday, November 14, 8 o'clock.
- Hot Goose Supper, Grand River, Lot 17, Wednesday, November 14, 10 to 9 p.m.
- Regular dance Mt. Ryan Hall every Tuesday night, Don Messer's Orchestra.
- St. Peter's Bay United Church Supper in St. Peter's Hall, Thursday, Nov. 15.
- Buying live and dressed poultry Monday through Friday until noon, Parker Canfield, Crapaud.
- Weekly card party will be held in Winslow Station Hall, commencing Monday, Nov. 12, 8.30 p.m. Door prize.
- Dance All Saints Parish Hall, Cardigan, every Monday night, Webster's Orchestra, Canteen service.
- Long Creek Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 14, Chicken and ham supper, sponsored by Baptist Ladies Aid, Supper 5 p.m.
- Fiddling and step dancing contest, Fort Augustus Hall, Wednesday, November 14, 8 o'clock. Dance after. Send entries to Secretary, C.W.L. Fort Augustus.
- Fiddling - step dancing contest St. Teresa's Hall, Monday, November 13, 8 p.m. Reservoir 1 p.m., Emerald 1.50, Desable 2, Tracadie 2.30, Mount Stewart 2, Pisiquid 3.30, Fort Augustus 4, Waterville 4.30, Vernon River 5, Pownal 5.30 Wednesday - New Glasgow 9 a.m., Wheatley River 10, Holmes Corner 11, New Haven 11.30, Bonshaw 1.30, Desable 2, Kelly's Cross 3, Emerald 4, Cliff 4.30, Kensington 5, Cattle pen 5.30. Paving \$24.00 a pair for good pigs over 30 lbs each, will also buy smaller one, Knot Jergensen.
- HISTORIC CENTRE Oslo capital of Norway, started as a settlement in 1047 and was long known as Christiania.

NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.S.E.

AFRICAN VIOLETS AND LIGHT

In Newsy Notes of January 31st, 1953, we mentioned that African Violets originated in the moist, semi-tropical region of East Africa, that its ancestors had probably grown in jungle shade for many generations. We suggested that they would thrive best in a humid atmosphere with plenty of light, that they should not, however, be placed in direct sunlight, and should be shaded when placed in windows that face the west or south. Light shades should be used to prevent the sun from shining directly on the plants. This is particularly true in winter, when the sun is lower in the sky and shines much further into the house.

EXPERIMENTAL WORK

Some very interesting work has been done regarding the use of light in growing African Violets, at the Agricultural Experiment Station at Kingston, Rhode Island, by Professor W. E. Larmie. In experiments started in October, 1955, African Violets were subjected to varying amounts of fluorescent light, incandescent light and sunlight. The variety used was Purple Prince and the plants were kept in chambers in the cellar of the greenhouse, so that there would be no interference from other light. Some plants were given continuous lighting, while alternate periods of light and dark for six hours and twelve hours were given to other plants. The check plants had the normal available hours of sunlight, where they were placed in the greenhouse.

TYPES OF LIGHTING

The check plants grown under full sunlight in the greenhouse produced only a few blooms and these were of very poor quality. They were similar to those grown in lighting, which produced some flowers by December first. These plants, however, grew poorly, the leaves were very short petioles, and some were yellowish in color, the plants were stunted, they had multiple crowns and the flowers were small. Those receiving higher light intensities increased the number of their blooms and have bloomed continuously.

Plants that were given alternate periods of twelve hours with fluorescent light and twelve hours of darkness gave poorer results than those having continuous fluorescent lighting. Those under the part time system of lighting began to bloom on December first and continued blooming until early in March; since then their blooming has been sporadic. The plants that received for 24 hours the same amount of fluorescent light, supplied in two six-hour exposures instead of one twelve-hour exposure gave very different results. The different sources of light did not develop

any great differences. The plants, however, did not bloom until the middle of March, but they all produced flowers with long stems in abundance, for about one month. There were a few flowers in June and sporadic blooms afterwards. The plants were soft and succulent, and inferior to most of those grown without special attention to lighting. The leaves were light green in color and were on long petioles.

CONTINUOUS LIGHTING

The African Violets that were subjected to continuous fluorescent lighting produced flowers from November throughout the experiment. The plants were sturdier, their leaves were greener and they had many more blooms than under any other system of lighting. The amount of light supplied also had an influence, since those that had the light bulb within 12 inches of the plant began blooming by the middle of November, two weeks earlier than the plants that were 15 or 16 inches away blooming the last of November. The increase in light intensity not only produced flowers sooner, but produced more blooms over the entire period. The plants with continuous fluorescent light in both instances had foliage with good substance, the leaves were dark green and the petioles were of good length and strength.

SUMMARY

For those who have trouble in growing African Violets, the use of fluorescent lighting should prove quite beneficial. These Rhode Island experiments have shown that even if you have your plants in favourable locations regarding shade and natural lighting, you may increase their bloom and make them healthier without moving them, by simply suspending a 15 watt cold fluorescent tube one foot above them. Then at each nightfall, just turn the light on and leave it until you retire. This extra light, for six or more hours, will produce healthier plants and many extra blooms.

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RELIGION AND LIFE

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WHEN A MAN'S LOSS COMES TO HIM FROM HIS GAIN

In Robert Browning's poem, "A Death In The Desert" we find the following lines: "For I say, this is death and the sole death. When a man's loss comes to him from his gain. Darkness from light, from knowledge ignorance. And lack of love from love made manifest; A lamp's death when, repete with oil it chokes; A stomach's when, surcharged with food, it starves." A photographer explained thus the failure of one of his pictures. "It was overexposed." Dimness had come from excess of light. If one gazes at the sun he will destroy his sight. The man who lives among clanging, crashing sounds will lose the delicacy of his sense of hearing. When, in trying to start my car on a cold day, I flood my engine, it just won't go. Loss from excess of gain.

A rich man was congratulated on the wealth he had amassed. He asked, "I can't digest a single meal." His money had enabled "What good is it all to me?" he him to get anything he liked, and he had overaten until he destroyed his digestion. His loss had come from his gain. An evangelist once explained the failure of his mission in a certain direction: "The Gospel-hardened is the most difficult class to reach."

During a period of revival we once heard a young man say to his minister: "I don't want to be misunderstood; I have not taken the step you suggest." A DEAF EAR He had been brought up in a Christian home; he had seen Christianity in action; he had been taught the saving truths of the Gospel; he had felt in home, and Sunday School and church the influences of those who had loved him and sought his eternal welfare, but he had turned a deaf ear to every Gospel appeal. Now no such appeal could reach his heart. His loss had come from his gain.

The young people in our Christian homes and churches held constant warnings of their danger. With them familiarity with sacred things may breed contempt. Any impression that is not acted on, will fade, and if we continue to expose our hearts to it without action, we shall destroy altogether our sensitiveness to it. There is a stern warning given to Israel of her perils in this direction in Deuteronomy 8:11-19: "Beware lest thou forget the Lord thy God in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day; lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied; and thine heart be lifted up and thou forget the Lord thy God... and thou say in thine heart: 'My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth.' But thou for it is He that gives thee power shalt remember the Lord thy God, to get wealth, that He may establish the covenant which He made with thy fathers, as at this day."

TEMPTATION The prophet foresaw that Israel in her prosperity would be exposed to the same temptation that besets every wealthy nation and that grave loss would come from her gain. Not only so, but what she would be in danger of losing would be immeasurably more precious than any material gains could possibly be. This is a moral and spiritual peril to which Canada is exposed

at the present time. Times are good. Our national wealth is increasing rapidly. Resources of incalculable richness are being discovered every day. But we are forgetting God and His laws.

Statistics have been published recently which show that during the drought and depression, our record of crimes against person and property was low, but that it has increased at a terrifying rate with the increase of our wealth. God has given us power to get wealth; not only so, but He has given us a land abounding in undeveloped treasure; and we do not know how to use it. We are forgetting the warnings of history. Wealthy nations like Babylon and Persia, Greece and Rome were not conquered by invading armies until luxury with its attendant vices had sapped their strength and left them at the mercy of purer races. The same law rules in our time. Multitudes of the privileged are forgetting God and His laws in their ordinary ways of living and dealing, and are forgetting that "God can marshal still His legions To decide a nation's fate."

In the passage from which we quoted the lines at the beginning of this study, Browning is discussing love and its place in human life. Man discovered in God power and will, and then found love behind them both. But when man discovers in himself that he cannot but love and want to be loved, he sees love everywhere, and decides that he does not need Christ from whom all love came to earth. This means that he cuts himself off from the source not only of love, but also of life itself.

This is the danger of social service in our time. It was inspired by the love of Christ in the first



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ed by a roll call of the 1956 members by the secretary, Mrs. John Richard. Twenty-two members responded. Mrs. Russell Roper gave an account of the first meeting on October 23, 1921, reading the Minutes of the first meeting. Mrs. Russell Roper, a charter member still active in the Institute. Tea was poured by Mrs. She and a delicious lunch was served by the members. Each guest also enjoyed a piece of the birthday cake.

A vote of thanks to the ladies of the Institute for such an enjoyable evening, and best wishes for another 35 years of progress, was tendered by Mrs. James Pendergast, seconded by Mrs. Fred MacRae. Arrangements for the evening were in the capable hands of Mrs. H. MacAusland, assisted by Mrs. Russell Roper, Mrs. D. MacGrath, Mrs. John Richard and Mrs. Hugh MacLeod. Birthday gifts totalling \$28.00 were received by the Institute.

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