The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1921

THE NEW MOON OF THE YEAR

She staked a wish—such a tender boon!
O shining and slender bow!
How runs the ditty, the grandma's croon?
"Whatever you wish on the new moon
Of the New Year will be yours full soon."
She wished—that we may not know.
"Look o'er the right shoulder toward the west."
O shining and slender bow!

Dear old grandma croon us the rest:
"Then speak no word till your lips have prest
The lips of the one you love the best,
Or your wish brings naught to your"
Who was to blame—will you tell me, pray,
O shining and slender bow?

She staked a wish but stake a day!
The one she loved best came not that way—
A maid can't be dumb for aye and aye—
She wished—that we may not know.
Cover yourself with a veil of mist,
O shining and slender bow!
For if she has lost that boon, I wist,
To quaint old ditty no more she'll list—
Someone shall go for the year unkissed—
She wished—that we may not know.

—Joan Blewett.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 1, 1902

The hockey players have opened an open air rink on Fairy Lake, of liberal dimensions.

Every scholar who goes to school on Monday must present a certificate of vaccination.

"Be careful, that's my vaccinated arm," has been a very current exclamation the past few days.

Christmas Day was glorious. Bright sunshine, merry sleighbells, happy hearts and cheery faces prevailed during the joyous day.

Miss Minnie Holmes leaves next week to take a course at the Normal School, Toronto. Miss Maggie McQueen will act as substitute for Miss Holmes in her school at Norval, and after Miss Holmes completes her course, she in turn, will go to Normal.

Miss Georgina Young, the new teacher of the second department of Acton Public School, and her sister, were in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and Mrs. P. McNabb were called to Berlin yesterday owing to the sudden death of Mr. H. J. Hall.

Mr. A. Claude Gray came to Acton last week to spend Christmas with his parents and sister and bid them good-bye before proceeding to Halifax on Thursday morning to join the 3rd Contingent for South Africa, with which he has enlisted.

The Choirs of the Acton and Georgetown Baptist Churches met at the home of their pastor, Rev. W. H. McAlpine, Georgetown, on Christmas eve to spend a social evening. During the evening they presented Mr. McAlpine with a well-filled purse, and Miss McAlpine with a parlor table of very pretty design.

There was not a very large attendance of ratepayers at the nomination on Monday last but the necessary business was transacted and the following names handed to the clerk:

For Reeve—John Williams, Harry Jeans.

For Councillors—John Agnew, H. Swackhamer, John A. Henderson, Geo. Hynds, J. H. Matthews.

For School Trustees—Robert Holmes, John Agnew, H. H. Worden, Rev. J. K. Godden, W. H. Denny, Rev. H. A. Macpherson.

MARRIED

BELL-STOREY—At the home of the bride's parents, on Tuesday, December 31, 1901, by Rev. A. Blair, B. A., Mr. Jeremiah Bellpson of Wm. Hall, to Mamie, daughter of Robert Storey, all of Nassagaweya.

WRIGGLESWORTH-ELLIOTT — At the parsonage of Queen Street Methodist Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, December 18, 1901, by Rev. C. O. Johnson, Mr. Frank Wrigglesworth, to Ada, daughter of Thomas Elliott, all of Esquesing.

EBBAGE-EATON—At the home of the bride's parents, Butte, Montana, Sunday, December 8, 1901, by Rev. J. E. Nottinger, Ernest Ebbage, of Butte, to Pearl Loraine, daughter of Mr. Harrison A. Eaton, Butte.

DIED

HALL—Died suddenly, while driving, on Monday, December 30, Horace J. Hall, Berlin, son of Asa Hall, Acton, in his 65th year.

A POCKET MOVIE

A remarkable instrument has been invented by two Italians. It is a cinematograph camera and projector combined, so small in size that it will slip easily into the pocket.

In appearance it resembles an ordinary folding camera. On one side of the magazine is a spool containing a roll of film 40 feet in length, which is sufficient for more than 600 pictures. The end of the film is attached to another spool, which is driven by a small clockwork motor.

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The camera is used also to throw the picture on to the screen. The film is wound round a spool, the back of the camera is removed, and a lantern attachment is fixed on. Then the motor is wound up, the button is pressed, and there you are!

Such an instrument will enable amateur photographers to keep motion records of friends, relations, and children.

Praises This Asthma Remedy.—A grateful user of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy made it the only remedy that will give relief, though for thirteen years he had sought other help. Years of needless suffering may be prevented by using this remedy at the first warning of trouble. Its use is simple, its cost is slight and it can be purchased almost anywhere.

MAKE FRIENDS

"If I were asked to give advice to a group of young folks who wanted to get ahead in business," said a successful old man to me the other day, "I would simply say, Make Friends. As I sat here before the fire the other night, I let my mind run back, and it was with surprise that I learn that many of the things which in my youth I credited to my ability as a business man, came to me because I had made influential friends who did things for me because they liked me. The man who is right has the right kind of friends, and the man who is wrong has the wrong kind of friends—who are attracted by his wrongness. A man gets what he is."

The Oil of the People.—Many oils have come and gone, but Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil continues to maintain its position and increase its sphere of usefulness each year. Its sterling qualities have brought it to the front and kept it there, and it can truly be called the oil of the people. Thousands have benefited by it and would use no other preparation.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1922

THE REVOLT OF JEROBOAM—I Kings 12: 1—13: 6.

Time—About B. C. 937.

Places—Shechem, Jerusalem, Penuel, Bethel, Dan.

Persons—Rehoboam, Jeroboam, Israel, old men, young men, Adoram, Shemaiah, Judah, Benjamin.

Golden Text—Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.—Ex. 20: 4, 5.

Leading Thought—It is greatest folly to turn away from the true God.

Additional Material for Teachers—I Kings 11: 26-43; 13: 7-14; 20; 2 Chron. 12 and 13; Isa. 44: 9-20.

Junior Topic—Two Kings who Disobeyed God.

Memory Verses—Psalm 1: 1, 2.

Intermediate and Senior Topic—Two Kings who Lost their Opportunities.

Adult Topic—Industrial Unrest and Its Cure.

Scripture Lights

Divisions Ordained by God.—Between believers and infidels (2 Cor. 6: 14, 15); between the godly and idolaters (Gen. 12: 1); between lovers of God and followers of Satan (2 Cor. 6: 16-18); between the ready and unready (Matt. 25: 10-13); between the righteous and wicked (1 Cor. 5: 11); between the selfish and the Christlike (Luke 16: 26); between the loving and the unloving (Matt. 25: 32, 46).

Harsh Words.—Spring from a wicked heart (Prov. 15: 28; show a heart turned from God (Job 15: 13); reveal lack of religion (Jas. 1: 26); are hateful to God (Prov. 6: 16-19); are poisonous (Jas. 3: 8); arouse anger (Prov. 15: 1); do mischief (Ps. 52: 2; Prov. 17: 20); defile one who utters them (Jas. 3: 6); inflict pain (Job 19: 2).

Textual Analysis of the Lesson

Verse 12. 1.—A young man trained to toil. 2.—A young man reared in luxury. 3.—An expectant people.

Verses 13, 14. 1.—The mistake of using harsh words. 2.—The wisdom of experience despised. 3.—The policy that accords with youthful folly.

Verse 15. 1.—The unkingly attitude of a king. 2.—The Lord working good through the folly of men.

Verse 16. 1.—An incensed people. 2.—A significant war cry. 3.—A divided kingdom.

Verse 17. 1.—Loyalty superseding self-interest. 2.—National traditions outweighing personal opinion. 3.—A son with his father's faults, but none of his virtues.

Verse 26. 1.—Self-interest sharpening foresight. 2.—The security of religious bonds recognized.

Verses 27, 28. 1.—The fears of the faithless. 2.—Worldly policy adopted. 3.—Breaking the Second Commandment to keep the First.

Verses 29, 30. 1.—The beginnings of sin. 2.—Culmination of sin. 3.—Progress in sin.

Verses 26-30. 1.—Thinking evil. 2.—Taking counsel for evil. 3.—Preparing evil. 4.—Pursuing evil.

Lesson Contrasts

In our last lesson we beheld Wisemen from the East worshipping the new-born King of the Jews and laying rich gifts at his feet; to-day we see a deputation from the rank and file of the people intervieving King Rehoboam, the son of the wisest man of his age—Solomon—to learn what his intentions toward them are. The Magi found a new-born Babe lying in a manger; the people committed with Jeroboam at their head, found an arrogant young man whose position and power had turned him into a tyrant. The Magi worshipped; the people rebelled. The Magi took precautions to protect the life of the Child of promise; the people of Israel seceded and chose another king. The infant King was come to restore the true worship of God; Jeroboam, the newly chosen king of Israel introduced false worship. That kingdom was doomed from the beginning to fall; the kingdom which Jesus established has grown in strength and numbers from that day to this.

Illustrations

The Lesson for Us.—Ought International relationships to be made Christian? Of course they, ought! Can't they? Why, under God, they can; and there is just one organization on earth that can stand up to-day, day in and day out, and say, "We believe in God, the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord; and believing it, we believe that things which ought to be done can be done." This has always been the prophetic message.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday—I Sam. 8: 10-18. Samuel's Warning.

Tuesday—I Kings 12: 6-16. Foolish Counsel Followed.

Wednesday—I Kings 11: 30-39. The Revolt Foretold.

Thursday—I Kings 12: 16-20. The Revolt Accomplished.

Friday—Dan. 4: 30-37. A King Humbled.

Saturday—Roman. 13: 1-7. Rulers are God's Ministers.

Sunday—2 Sam. 23: 1-7. The Model for All Rulers.

HOPE

Hope is a bolster for us all, she picks us up whene'er we fall; with hope we look at days to come, although to-day our joys are numb.

We set ourselves new goals to gain, and struggle onward to attain; then oftentimes our plans go bad, and we emerge forlorn and sad.

At such a time along comes hope, and gally throws us out a rope; so we are filled with cheer once more, and pull the harder for the shore.

We count on hope, the helpful prop, to grab us every time we drop; and looking on to years ahead, we do not stop, but work instead.—N. A. L.

Corns cripple the feet and make walking a torture, yet sure relief in the shape of Holloway's Corn Remover is within reach of all.

MAKING UP YOUR MIND

Making up a bed is quite different in some respects from making up a mind. If a bed is made up, it stays made until you use it, but a mind that is worth anything, has a way of unmaking itself as new evidence is presented. When you come to a conclusion, do not think you must stick to it for the remainder of your natural life. The people who boast of never changing their opinions, little realize what an accusation they are bringing against themselves. If at the end of a year you think exactly as you did in the beginning, that is conclusive proof that you have not grown in the last twelve months.

Make up your mind, but do not look on the operation as something final, like choosing a profession. Make it up with the understanding that as you get more light, or learn of new facts, bearing on the case, your conclusions may be modified, if not entirely changed.

Mothers can easily know when their children are troubled with worms, and they lose no time in applying a reliable remedy—Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

WINTER SPORTS IN QUEBEC

1—The Chateau's Slide. 2—Dog Sleighing at Kent House; on the left, Miss K. Fox, winner of the race.

With the object of making Quebec the leading winter sport city on this continent, a very attractive and varied programme of matches, races, and competitions is being arranged for the season of 1922, and visitors to this beautiful and romantic old city will have a wonderful opportunity of witnessing or participating in ski-races, hockey games, snowshoe tramps, curling matches, skating events, ski-joring, indoor and outdoor festivities and entertainments, all in a historic setting without parallel in North America.

The Chateau Frontenac, which is the traditional social centre of the city, is co-operating heartily by the contribution not only of a triple chute toboggan slide on Dufferin Terrace, a ski jump on Citadel Hill, a skating rink adjoining the hotel and a curling rink in the Palm Court, of the hotel, but also offering cups for competition between amateur hockey clubs and snowshoe clubs of the city as well as individual prizes for the various sporting events.

The whole city, with its hilly streets, its skating rinks, its beautiful Battlefields Park on the Plains of Abraham, its proximity to quaint old French-Canadian villages and natural scenery of spectacular beauty such as Montmorency Falls, its atmosphere of hospitality and gaiety and charm, offers to those who love to tramp on snowshoes or glide on skis, or hurtle down on toboggans, or drive, wrapped in furs, to the jingle of the sleigh bells, a choice of outdoor winter recreation such as would be difficult to rival anywhere.

The population of Quebec revels in its glorious winter. The Quebec child takes to snowshoes, and very soon after that graduates to skates or a toboggan or skis. As the years pass, he or she joins a club and plays hockey, and many with the approach of maturity learn to wield the broom and the curling stone, and "scoop her up." A dog sleigh is a step on the ladder to a sleigh drawn by a fast trotter.

Winter sport is thus native to Quebec. The snowshoe and ski clubs extend to visitors cordial invitations to their outings which are always most interesting and enjoyable affairs. A big curling Bonspiel lasting for a week, will be held sometime during February, in which teams from many points in Canada and possibly the United States will participate. Within the Chateau Frontenac there will be indoor golf, billiards, music and there is an excellent floor for dancing. The convenience of having a curling rink actually within the Chateau walls and a skating rink immediately adjoining the hotel, need only be mentioned to be appreciated, while the toboggan slide on Dufferin Terrace and the ski-jump are within less than 200 yards of the hotel.

BACKWARD AND FORWARD

It seems to be a basic need of human nature to stop now and then and look backwards and forward along the road. Both views are probably almost equally misleading—a grown man's recollections of his boyhood are no more to be trusted than his visions of the years to come. But it is a natural and salutary thing to do, just the same. It helps one to establish some sort of continuity in the kaleidoscopic pattern of life. Just for a moment we seem to drop an anchor through the swift tides and gain a fleeting rest, grappled to the fundamental rock.

New Year's Day is particularly well fitted for this exercise of the soul, even though the division of time it marks is an arbitrary thing with no actuality in nature. New Year's Day is really just like any other day, except in our sentimental attitude toward it. Between the last second of 1921, and the first of 1922, there is no gap, no real ending and beginning. The Time Machine whirrs on with the same unrelenting and terrifying persistence and smoothness. Our arbitrary divisions of time are childish and unreal though we tried to separate the Atlantic into parts by throwing a chip into it.

People are not even agreed as to when New Year's Day occurs. Our little Russian brothers, nonconformists in this as in everything else, insist that it comes thirteen days after ours. But perhaps each of the various Russian republics will now pick a New Year's Day for itself alone. Then there are the Hebrews. Theirs comes somewhere in March. But of course, they don't permit this ancient prejudice to interfere in any way with business. Our favorite pawnbroker always sends us a New Year's card—on our day, not his.

But whether you celebrate New Year's Day on the First of January or the Seventeenth of March, or the Twelfth of July, it still remains a highly significant and suggestive occasion. One is expected to be serious and reflective—incidentally, it is not so difficult to be serious now as it used to be before the present era of dryness and decorum.

Our mind goes back to New Year's Days in the good old careless times before people took to world-wars and the uplift. No one wanted especially to kill anyone else—except a few persistent creditors, possibly—and no one was very anxious to make other people any better. In those days the First of January was really a social function and a test—a test of endurance and capacity.

THE NEW YEAR

A Flower unblown; a Book unread;
A Tree with Fruit unharvested;
A Path untrod; a House whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;
A Landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shade 'neath silent skies;
A wondrous Fountain yet unsealed;
A Casket with it's gifts concealed;
This is the Year that for you awaits
Beyond to-morrow's mystic gates.

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WHEN THE ARRIVING TWELVE-MONTH WALKED THE CITY STREETS

Across the snowbound earth the New Year stepped buoyantly. A splendid youth he was, with radiant eyes, full, red lips and the star of hope set so proudly above his brows that where he passed darkness turned to light. For a whole year the world and the men thereon were his.

Far away under the frozen sky a blaze of light shone like a jewel, and he turned toward the city.

And, though the lights shone boldly when he entered it, most of the streets were empty.

In one of the streets the New Year met a woman. A dark veil fluttered around her, so that he could not distinguish her form, but her face was very sweet as she bent and clasped a child to her heart. The New Year gave her greeting.

"You are Charity, I know," he said.

Charity laid her hand in his and smiled. And for all his youth her smile set him dreaming of green woods and golden sunshine, of vague, sweet things that were still unknown to him.

And then he met another woman.

A glittering gas moth this, with a pert, powdered face, carmined lips and hard, bright eyes.

"All hail!" she cried mockingly. "I shall be your constant companion for I am Sin, and where men are there you will always find me."

The New Year shrank back, and his face darkened. But Sin pressed close to him, laughed boldly and, tearing a rose from those at her breast, tossed it to him, as with a rustle of silk she passed on. The rose fell on the snowy powdered walk, and when the New Year would have picked it up it was scentless, and he saw that a worm was hid in its heart!

Another form came in sight—in the garb of a monk with a dark hood about his tranquil face. His eyes were upon the ground, and his lips moved in prayer for all mankind. So tender and pitiful was his face that even before he cried "Miserere Domine!" the New Year guessed that his name was mercy.

Very cold it grew as the New Year turned into a mean street, so cold that he sought refuge in the porch of a darkened house. Yet there prevailed such a grateful warmth that he pressed back to learn its cause and so brushed against a boy—a boy with a wan, beautiful face, tangled hair and rapt eyes.

"Why are you here alone?" the New Year asked.

"I am never alone," corrected the boy, and he stepped aside so that the New Year caught the fragrance of his breath and saw that two exact wings were furled behind him, and in the shadow of his wings an old man and an old woman crouched together. How tired, how poor, they looked! But an expression of ineffable tenderness shone on their pinched faces.

"I am all they have," whispered Love as tears filled his wonderful eyes. "They have never failed me, and I shall stay with them until the end."

"I am the End," called another voice and a grim figure mounted the steps.

"Not yet," begged Love, and he tried to bar the stranger's way. But at sight of the scythe the other bare Love's great wings drooped.

"Mirth is the best gift of all," whispered the newcomer as he bent over the forlorn couple.

Silently the New Year walked alone with the night and the stars and the scurrying snow. And as he hurried on the darkness faded into the eerie pallor of dawn. He stretched out his arms and welcomed his first day.

"Charity, Sin, Mercy, Love and Death," he cried—"all mine! How shall I choose from among you?"

A shadow fell across him. There was a sound as of wings beating the air, and Love, rosy, triumphant and eternal, caught his hands. "Let him go with you all your days," she pleaded, "for mine is the gift which sweetens Charity, vanquishes Sin, glorifies Mercy and fears not Death."

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