The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1923.

SUCCESS

It's doing your job the best you can
And being just to your fellowman;
It's making money, but holding friends,
And staying true to your aims and ends;
It's figuring how and learning why,
And looking forward and thinking high,
And dreaming a little and doing much;
It's keeping always in closest touch
With what is finest in word and deed;
It's being thorough, yet making speed;
It's daring blithely the field of chance
While making labor a brave romance;
It's going onward despite defeat,
And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet;
It's being clean and it's playing fair;
It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair;
It's looking up at the stars above,
And drinking deeply of life and love;
It's struggling on with the will to win,
But taking loss with a cheerful grin;
It's sharing sorrow, and work, and mirth,
And making better this good old earth;
It's serving, striving through strain and stress;
It's doing your noblest—that's Success.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 26, 1903

Mr. Robert Bennett, of Georgetown, has decided to take up his residence in Acton, and will remove his family here shortly.

St. Alban's Church held a very successful social at the home of C. F. Goodeve on Monday evening. The excellent programme included solos by Miss Jessie Nicklin and Rev. D. Dick, recitation by Miss Minnie Holmes, a mandolin selection by Miss Laura Gray and a series of numbers on the phonograph.

Growing out of the very conclusive evidence of the sale of cigarettes to boys under 18 years of age, information was laid charging J. W. Kee, barber, with the offence. Mr. Kee admitted the sale and paid the minimum fine of $10 and costs.

At the Municipal Council meeting there was a strong deputation of citizens to interview the Council regarding a cigarette by-law. The deputation stated that they felt as citizens that the time had come when concerted action should be taken by the Council and those interested in the moral welfare of the community for the removal of unnecessary temptation from the path of the rising generation, and the enforcement of the law. To this the deputation would especially impress upon the Council the desirability of passing a cigarette by-law with a prohibitive license fee, and a recommendation to the Board of License Commissioners to include in their regulations governing the hotels of Acton a clause requiring all barrooms to be closed at 9 p. m. instead of 11 as at present. After some discussion the deputation retired. The Council then proceeded to discuss the matter, which resulted in a motion that leave be granted to introduce a by-law for the purpose of licensing and regulating the sale of cigarettes. This was read the first time but allowed to rest for two weeks before the second and third readings. The license fee proposed is $100, and the penalties for violation $10 to $50 or in default one to three months imprisonment.

Powerful sermons were preached by Rev. J. W. Rae last Sabbath in the beautified place of worship Knox Church. Mr. Rae never forgets the eight happy years he spent as the minister of this congregation. In the morning he stated that his text was the same he used when he preached his first sermon here fifteen years ago, Ps. 20: 5. The renovations and decorations had so transformed the sacred edifice that it presented a very attractive appearance indeed. The tintings and decorations are in terra cotta tints nicely contrasting with each other. The ceilings are panelled and celebrated with suitable borders and designs. The music by the choir during the day was exceedingly appropriate and the anthems were rendered in a manner which all enjoyed. The free will offerings of the day were generous indeed, the plate collections totalling $171 and the envelopes $23, a total of $194 for the day.

BORN

MACDONALD—In Acton, on Sunday, February 22, 1903, to Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald, a son.

DIED

GIBBONS—In Acton, on Saturday, February 21, 1903, Euphemia McPhail, the wife of John Gibbons, tanner, aged 38 years.

SWACKHAMER—In Esquesing, on Friday, February 20, 1903, Edna Beatrice, daughter of Wm. Swackhamer, in her 16th year.

McLAM—In Acton, on Sunday at midnight, February 22, 1903, Esther Paget, relict of the late Thomas McLam, in her 78th year.

HALL—At the home of his son, Z. A. Hall, Ponetanguishene, on Tuesday, February 24, 1903, Asa Hall, of Acton, in his 93rd year.

THE WORLD'S BEST COW

W. H. Hick's superintendent of the Canadian Government Experimental Farm at Agassiz, British Columbia, announced the other day that the farm has the greatest butter-producing cow in the world. This is Agassiz Segis May Echo, a five-year-old Holstein who in the past 365 days has given 30,886 pounds of milk, averaging more than four per cent. and yielding 1,338 pounds of butter fat, which equals 1,673 pounds of butter. This is 88 pounds of butter more than that produced by the previous world's record-breaker, Bella Pontiac of Brantford, Ontario, and although one Holstein, the American Carnation cow of Seattle has produced more milk, no other animal has come near this butter record.

Persistent Asthma.—A most distressing characteristic of this debilitating disease, is the persistence with which recurring attacks come to sap away strength and leave the sufferer in a state of almost continual exhaustion. No wiser precaution can be taken than that of keeping at hand a supply of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy, famous as the most potent remedy for eradicating the disease from the tender air passages.

WHAT THE LAWYER LEFT

A man while passing along the street stepped into a hole in the sidewalk, and, falling, broke his leg. He brought suit against the city for $1,000.

He won the case, but the city appealed to the supreme court. Here also the decision was for the plaintiff. After settling the claim, the lawyer sent for his client and handed him a dollar.

"What's this?" asked the man.

"That's your damages, after taking out my fee, the cost of appeal and several other expenses," said the attorney.

The man looked at the dollar.

"What's the matter with the dollar?" he asked. "Is it bad?"

TIMES CHANGE

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who was afraid of a mouse and yet would wear a rat in her hair?—Sam Hill.

She's had her hair bobbed and she isn't afraid of anything.—Tom Talkly.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

THE PARABLE OF THE POUNDS Luke 19-26.

Golden Text "He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much (Luke 16: 10).

The Text Explained

Verse 11. They supposed—The disciples "supposed that the kingdom of God was immediately to appear." The object of this parable was to lead them away from false hopes and to teach the lessons of patient waiting and active work.

Verse 12. A certain nobleman went into a far country—Two "nobles"—Herod the Great and his son Archelaus—had actually gone from Jericho to a far country, even to Rome, for the express purpose of receiving a kingdom from the all-powerful Caesar, and the same thing was subsequently done by Antipas. It is deeply interesting to see how Jesus utilizes any incident—social or political—as a vehicle of spiritual instruction.—Cambridge Bible.

Verse 13.—Ten pounds—A mina, here referred to, was one hundred drachmas and equal to about fifteen dollars. Archelaus did actually leave money in the charge of some of his servants, especially entrusting Philippus to look after his interests in his absence.

Verse 14.—Sent an ambassage after him—Here again the parable follows the current history, for Josephus states that the Jews did send an embassy of fifty to Caesar Augustus to recount the cruelties of Archelaus. On their arrival at Rome they were met by eight thousand sympathetic Jews.

Verse 23.—Into the bank—The Greek word for bank is trapeza ("a table"); hence a banker is trapezites. The capital given the servant should have been placed on a "banker's table" where it would be safe and would have borne interest.

Lesson Themes

The Limitations of Salvation.—Our lesson follows the story of Zacchaeus. At first the people were amazed that Jesus should condescend to save the publican. The next minute they were exulting in the fancy that the Messiah was to come swiftly and easily, and that everybody was to be saved. Jesus found it necessary to explain again. He had to show that there were limitations to salvation. During his whole ministry Jesus was declaring the simplicity and freedom of the Kingdom, or warning men against taking that Kingdom's coming too easily. We might sum up his teaching by the two words, promise and warning. It requires careful thought on our part rightly to appreciate the promise and yet wisely to heed the warning. Salvation is free, and yet we must labor to achieve it. If we cannot understand this paradox of the gospel we are not yet ready for the approach of the kingdom of heaven.

Faithfulness in a very Little—Many years ago, in August, an invalid visited a large city. She was appalled at the large number of sick children and mothers dying for the want of fresh air. "I cannot save all," she said, "but I may save one." There is room in my house for one mother and child." This interested a woman who could not do as much even as that, but she said, "I can at least tell others of it." So she wrote an account of it for a New York paper. A third woman read the story and sent a thousand dollars to the editor, with a request that he open a fund for this noble purpose. The Fresh Air charity, which has saved thousands of lives and has now taken root in all parts of America and in England, is the result. If the woman who thought of it on that torrid day, as she passed sick and weary through the slums, had decided, "I cannot save all, why should I trouble myself with one?" how many lives that were saved would have been lost?

The Law of God's Gifts.—The gifts of God are usually progressive. We are tried out with a small blessing, and if we make good use of that we receive more. The Scriptures abound in illustrations of this. It is a practical principle used by business men everywhere. This world's high offices are almost all promotions. Prosperity begins with fidelity in small things. There was a man in New York whose contributions to missions amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars. One of his schoolmates was a boy from the Sandwich Islands who was being educated as a missionary to his own people. The first boy proposed to two of his fellows that they should gather up their pennies, buy potatoes, plant them, and in the fall give the proceeds of the sale to the Sandwich Islander for his missions. This they did. Long years afterward that boy, grown to be a man, declared, "From that day it seemed as if everything I touched prospered." It was not the gift of his pennies, nor his potatoes, that brought success in life for him, of course; but it was his never-failing earnestness and his fidelity that made success the habit of his life.

The Law of Growth.—The law of growth is analogous of that of creation. Both are a process, and both go on from the simple to the complex and from the little to the large. In a sense, growth is the law of creation. It has pleased the Creator to make this universe through a long-continued process, as we are continually observing, and it pleases Him to bring human character to its perfection slowly and systematically. There is a divine element in us all; the endowment of powers and opportunities represented in this lesson by the pounds. The equal distribution here does not mean that all men are equally endowed, but that each man has an adequate endowment for investment and profit. Then there is the human element. In every soul God and man work together. No principle is more familiar than this in the teachings of our Lord; we are given a little, and upon our use of that depends the larger gifts that we may receive later.

For Study and Discussion

What was the popular Jewish conception of and expectation regarding the kingdom of heaven? What elements of truth, if any, did the Jewish conception of the kingdom of heaven contain? In what points was it in error? In what respects did this parable correct these errors? Why did the householder give each servant the amount of money to invest? Does God give the same opportunity to every man for spiritual investment?

Daily Readings for Next Week

Monday, February 26.—Wisdom's Answer (Luke 20: 1-8).

Tuesday, February 27.—Rejecting the Heir (Luke 20: 9-19).

Wednesday, February 28.—Giving God His Own (Luke 20: 19-26).

Thursday, March 1.—Giving One's Living (Luke 21: 1-4).

Friday, March 2.—The Temple Belongs to God (Lev. 27: 28-34).

Saturday, March 3.—The Christian Offering (1 Cor. 16: 1-4).

Sunday, March 4.—The Rejected One Shall Reign (Psalm 2.

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A SMALL THING BUT MUCH TALKED OF

In the centre of this group is the much discussed gun captured by the British at Bunker Hill in 1775. Bunker Hill is just outside Boston, and the engagement in which the gun was captured began the War of Independence. Bostonians have displayed much interest in the little trophy, so much so that they have proposed that the gun be returned to them as an evidence of Canada's friendly feeling for the United States. For many years the gun has stood on the parade ground in the Citadel of Quebec. As the above photo shows it is not very big, and its death-dealing efficiency was probably not high, although it most likely made a fair amount of noise. American visitors to the ancient city are always keenly interested in it. In the above photo is seen a group of Knights Templar and their ladies from Boston, part of a large party who enjoyed the excellent winter sporting facilities of Quebec during the latter part of January, just at the time that the proposal was made that the gun be returned to its original owners.

Beyond the Citadel is seen the top of the new tower of the Chateau Frontenac which has been added as a new crown to that splendid example of French Chateau architecture, and to provide three hundred rooms to accommodate the growing number of visitors to Canada's most historic city. Every year sees Quebec growing more and more popular for both winter sport lovers and summer sight-seers who find there a vast fund of interest in the city's rich store of historic places and buildings. The other illustration is of the famous Chateau as it now appears with its new tower.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

O, banish the tears of children! Continual rains upon the blossoms are hurtful.—Richter.

They seem to take away the sun from the world who withdraw friendship from life.—Cicero.

I never wonder to see men wicked, but I often wonder to see them not ashamed.—Swift.

Experience takes dreadfully high school wages, but he teaches like no other.—Carlyle.

One unnatural man does an injury to all who stand in need of aid.—Publius Syrus.

I see the devil's hook, and yet cannot help nibbling at his bait.—M. Adams.

He who rules must humor full as much as he commands.—George Eliot.

Many a lash in the dark, doth conscience give the wicked.—Boston.

Fortune may find a pot, but your own industry must make it boil.

A page digested is better than a volume hurriedly read.—Macaulay.

We take our colors, chameleon-like, from each other.—Chumfort.

Fearless minds climb soonest unto crowns.—Shakespeare.

Too low they build who build below the skies.—Young.

Where a man's heart is rooted there is his home.—Ibsen.

Only the uninformed endure the agony of corns. The knowing ones apply Holloway's Corn Remover and get relief.

AN EASY TRICK

Here is a little trick that anyone can master. The next time you have chicken for dinner save the wishbone and wind some strong thread several times about the extremities of it, passing it around both ends.

Insert a match between the two passes of thread thus formed and turn it in a circle several times, until the thread is very tight and the end of the wishbone are drawn closely together. Then suddenly let the match go, and it will describe a complete circle, producing the most curious optical illusion.

The rotary motion of the match is so quick that no eye can follow it, and it seems as if the free end actually cleft the wishbone in passing from one side to the other.

No matter how often the trick is done, nor how closely the audience are watching, the illusion will remain just the same. Try it and see for yourselves.

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AN "AUSTEN" STORY

Few public men have so few anecdotes connected with them as Mr. Austen Chamberlain. But there is one which concerns him and his father. The latter was very interested in a plantation of trees which he had laid down at Highbury. They were very small and their growth was exceedingly slow. The tallest was not more than eighteen inches high.

One day a big party was in progress. Mr. Chamberlain arrived very late and his father reproached him for his unpunctuality. "Yes, I'm sorry," replied the culprit, at a loss for a suitable excuse. Then his face brightened and he added: "But I couldn't possibly get here before. I was lost in your new wood!"

Muscular Rheumatism Subdued—when one is a sufferer from muscular rheumatism he cannot do better than to have the region rubbed with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Let the rubbing be brisk and continue until ease is secured. There is more virtue in a bottle of it than can be fully estimated.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

The inspector was paying his usual visit to the village school.

Every face shone with cleanliness, every collar stood stiff with starch, all ears were strained to catch every word the inspector uttered, every hand was itching to be the first raised in reply.

The examination was coming to an unusually successful close when the great man asked:

"What is a lake?"

There was a long silence. Nobody could answer the question. At last Willie's chance had come and his hand shot up into the air.

"Well, Willie," asked the inspector, "what is it?"

"A hole in the kettle, sir," was the answer.

A CONYNUBIAL CONFAB

"Arrah, Pat, tell me why did I marry you? Pat, tell me that, for it's meself that 'tis to maintain ye ever since that blessed day that Father O'Flanigan shit me in yer home."

"Swate jewel," replied Pat, "and it's meself that hopes that I may live to see the day you're a widow waiting over the cold sod that kivers me, thin by St. Patrick, I'll see how you get along without me, intirely."

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CHECKING UP

A negro boy walked into a drug store and asked permission to use the telephone. Then the following conversation took place:

"Is that you, Mistah Jones?"

"Yes," apparently was the reply.

"Well, Mistah Jones, I saw yo' ad. in de paper the other day and yo' wanted a cullud boy. Did you get one?"

"Yes," seemed to be the answer again.

"Well, Mistah Jones, is he giving perfect satisfaction?"

The reply appeared still to be affirmative.

"Well, Mistah Jones, providin' dis cullud boy don't give perfect satisfaction, you call me at 54."

The boy turned and started out and the druggist, who had overheard, remarked: "You didn't do any good, did you?"

"Yes, sah," came the reply. "I'a dat cullud boy what's workin' down there. I'a just checkin up to see how I stand."—Los Angeles Times.

A Prime Dressing for Wounds.—In some factories and workshops carbolic acid is kept for use in cauterizing wounds and cuts sustained by the workmen. Far better to keep on hand a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil; it is just as quick in action and does not scar the skin or burn the flesh.

TAKING DOWN THE RAIL

A man is known by his company. Do not complain if your credit or reputation suffers, because you run with people of light morals or doubtful habits. "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour; so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor." One drink does not make a drunkard, or a shady story a libertine, but no man who values his reputation for sobriety or purity can afford to take down the top rail of the fence. A man does not need to be a crank or a misanthrope, but on the other hand, he should not shake hands with the Devil unless he is willing to be seen with him in public. Be careful of your words as of your company, and even the roughneck and the spoe will respect you. When in Rome, do not do as the Romans do, unless you want to part company with your character as well as your individuality.—Elmo and Leather Journal.

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HELPFUL WIND

While on his recent visit to this continent Marshal Foch made a witty reply to a man who, when one of the guests at a dinner party in Denver, given by a party of Americans, took exception to French politeness. "There is nothing in it but wind," he said with questionable taste. "Neither is there anything but wind in a pneumatic tire," retorted the gallant marshal. "Yet it eases the jolts along life's highway wonderfully."

ADAM HEARD IT

The teacher was exasperated at the inattention of her class. The lesson had been on machines, and Edison's inventions had been mentioned.

"Now, then," said the teacher, impatiently, "from what was the first talking machine made?"

After a lengthy silence a voice from the back exclaimed: "Please, miss, a rib!"

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ART IN PIANO PLAYING

What finish means to any piece of craftsmanship is what finish means to musical art, as for example, in piano playing. Bungling work or attempts to conceal a rawness or crudeness are always futile. Even the untutored public knows instinctively whether the work of the pianist has a fine finish or whether he is merely trying to make them believe that it has. A finely finished piece of cabinet work, an exquisitely worked piece of jewellery, an automobile made with precision, and finish within and without, are self evident. There are certain things which can not be painted over with show. Nothing will make a certain portion of the musical public emit those little sighs of appreciation and applause more than passages played with infinite perfection of finish. This is cultivated by much practice until all thought of roughness is worn down smooth as though given the great number of treatments of pumice stone and hand rubbings which produce the beautiful gloss on an expensive piano. It requires great labor and great self control, but any experienced pianist knows how eagerly the public listens for such finish. In fact, the majority of a popular audience would rather hear the Mendelssohn Spring Song played with exquisite finish than the epic works of Brahms and others.

No piano playing is great that does not come from the heart and soul of a great individual. As with the actor, the empty pated chap who knows the so-called shockets of his art, has no chance in these or any other days with the gifted, highly educated, rich endowed minds who can deliver the lines of a great playwright with real eloquence. Booth, Mansfield, Beerbohm, Tree and Irving were all educated men, not necessarily from the academic sense, but from that of world knowledge. In addition to this we must recognize the eloquence that is born with the individual. Some people have minds so constituted that they become the messengers of great thought early in life.

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QUITE UNTRUE

The village postman, being an inveterate gossip, could never resist reading the post cards entrusted to him to deliver, and then communicating the news thus gained to others.

The doctor was much bothered by this, and one day, in writing to a friend who lived quite close, he added: "I would tell you more, only I know the postman will read it."

He then posted the card in the letter box, whence it was collected, and taken to the post office, and sent out for delivery.

The postman stamped up to the house with the card and knocked at the door.

To the surprise of the good lady who opened the door, the postman handed her a post card, and exclaimed angrily: "He's a liar! I didn't read 'em!"

LEEKS, ONIONS AND GARLIC

A pointed reply is made by W. V. Waltman, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Michigan, to the grumblings and growlings of the poor disgruntled wets who sigh for the old days.

Mr. Waltman says:

It is the age-old story of going back to the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic. Those familiar with the Bible and those who are not, if you will turn to Numbers, 11: 5-6, you will read the following:

"We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt, freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic:

"But now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all, beside the manna, before our eyes."

JUST RIGHT

Last winter a Northern tourist, while spending a few days in Atlanta, decided to try a little of the local moonshine, about which he had heard so much. He secured a pint of the "white lightning" and retired to his room to sample it. One taste was enough. He did not care to throw it away, so he presented it to an old darkey who had been driving him about the city in his taxi.

The next day he asked the old negro how he liked the liquor.

"Boss, it was sootly-right.—Yes, suh, it was jes' sootly right."

"What do you mean by just sootly right, Uncle?" he asked.

"Well, suh," said the darkey, "it was jes' sootly right, 'cause if it had er been any better you wouldn't er give it to me; an' if it had been any worse I couldn't er drink it."

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