TO MY VALENTINE

"My dear and most respected sir: send you this your love to stir; I've come to you before the rest And hope you'll grant me my request Your hand and heart I ask to-day. le let mo know without delay. But if your hand is not inclined In wedlock's clasp to join in mine. Then please the Leap Year law obe; And send me afty dollars, pray -And send besides a handsome dress.

Now you may think this letter funny But I must have the man or money. Please send me back a hice reply And let me love you till you die. If you should think that I'm a dandy, Garden, and went into the inner Just send me back a box of candy. depths with only three. The three If my name you hap' to guess, Just-stoot it through to my address But if for me there is no hope, Express me back six yards of rope. With lots of love and lots of kinses from one-wip-wants to be your-Mre-

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press Thursday, February 16, 1905

were common in the early days of this about on crutches the past few days as a result of an injury to his knee in the Saturday hockey match. Mr. Peter Masales, of Erin, has sol his farm there and purchased the brick house on Main Street, bolonging to Mr. David Williamson, of Guelph. Mr. Chisholm, the new manager of ning to feel most heavily the burden the Merchant's Bank, arrived on Saturday, and is now installed in his new clung with utterly unparalleled love to position.

Miss Sadle Turton; dressmaker. prepared to do fitting and making in latest styles. Rooms at her home, on Willow Street -Mr. Rath, of Proton, who recently whole being. His heart was at the purchased the Shaw farm, fifth line,

A hockey match between teams from Beardmore & Co's Toronto warehouse and Acton Tannery was played in King Edward Rink on Saturday evening. The Acton team proved too much for the city men and defeated them by a -Mr. James L. Warren left last week prayer as uttered by Jesus is differon a month's tour in Farmers' Insti-

tute work in Huron and Bruce The Epworth League and their cord and one evangelist gives one part friends spent a very enjoyable evening of the prayer and another another part at a Valentine social on Tuesday night. He prayed the Father to "remove this MARRIED

HURST-McCLURE-At Knox Mange, Guelph, on Wednesday, February 8, 1905, by Rev. R. W. Ross, Newton drew back. Moreover, we are strict Hurst, to Sarah, youngest daughter. of Joseph McLure, both of Acton, HEATH-MATTHEWS-At the Methday, February 4, 1905, by Rev. D. W. Snider, Mr. Robert-Heath, to Nellie. daughter of Edward Matthews, of Brelin, formerly of Acton.

PROGRESS OF PROHIBITION ...

The fight against the liquor evil as an age long conflict, the end of which work. While Jesus prayed his disis not yet in sight. One thing we ciples slept. They had heard somehave learned with certainty, final vic- thing of His agony and prayer, but tory depends upon oternal vigilance they had been more occupied with and unremitting effort. This is a war their own sorrow than with His, and in which there can be no armistice were soon overborne with it. We can and from which there is no dilscharge. | anderstand- them -by studying our-So long as avarice continues to dom- selves; we are too often more occupied inate the human heart, there will be with our own griefs than with the a class of men bent on apriching them! griefs of Jesus over a perishing world, selves by catering to the weaknesses and we too sleep when we ought to and passions of their fellow-men and watch and pray. The sleep of the working their moral and physical rule. disciples was natural but it was not 000,000. The story of the progress of prohi- excusable. It-was a fulfillment of a bition of the liquor traffic in Canada prophecy, "I looked for comforters, but is one of the most interesting chapters I found pone." Jesus gaked them of the moral history of our Dominion. tenderly repreachful question that re-A most interesting and informing sum- vealed His own heart breaking and mary of this was given by the presi- longing for sympathy on the one hand, dents of the provincial unions at the and their lack of self-sacrificing love recent blennial convention of the Can- on the other. Is He not putting the adian National Women's Christian same question to us to-day? The re-Temperance Union; held in Toronto. buke was intended especially for Peter; In the Maritime, Provinces the Tem - who had boasted he would die with perance Reform movement is as old as Jesus and now could not even watch responsible government, and the fight one hour with Him. Jesus also spoke for law enforcement in recent years to them a word of earnest warning: has been very strenuous. The hope "Watch and pray, that ye enter not lies largely with the young, and for into temptation." But they heeded it a step forward in young people's work not and were soon fast asleep again, is by apathy for the average citizen, so that next day, whil Jesus triumph-This difficulty is by no means confined ed through the night of prayer, to Eastern Canada. A large part of the they fell because they slept energy necessary to wage a successful while they ought to have prayed. But war against drink has to be expended Jesus gained the victory there in the upon the indifferent and the slackers. Garden and when all the forces of Notwithstanding the reverses suffered hell swept up against Him on the our people by tles of common knowin the Prairie Provinces, the temper- cross. He put them off and triumphed ledge for a common purpose. ance people of these provinces are over them in it. Three times doth not discouraged. On the contrary, we Jesus mot the Father with the same find they are roused as never before cry before the victory is finally won. to ferrieve their losses and to carry the What a rebuke to those spiritually . A new reason why men do not go rohibition banner still further into lazy souls that would have us believe to church has recently been discovered the enemy's country. In Manitoba the that it is a mark of lack of faith to by an English clergyman. Walking temperance people are taking the only ask the same thing the second time. along a lane one day, says Tit-Bits, wise and safe course of systematic if the sinless Son of God, the perfect the village rector noticed an old-man education along the temperance lines. example of what is and how faith ahead of him. Seeing that it was one In all the Western Provinces the large acts, needed to and did exercise im- of his congregation who had not been foreign population constitutes one of portunity 'n prayer, how much more to church of late, the vicar hurried the strongest obstacles to reform. The wo. .. Ho prayed through and soon caught up with him. representative from Alberta, in a hope- we. When Jesus returns the last time "Hallo, John!" said he. "How is it ful address, declared: "We are not dis- to the disciples He no-longer needs that I haven't seen you at church couraged. We are going on to victory. their sympathy, the battle is over, and lately?" We are going on with education work furthermore it is too late, and He says among the boys and girls, and must so, "Sleep on now, etc." Will we too ing out of him, but after a little pertry to rouse both the laity and the sleep so long that the hour will pass sussion the parishioner said: ministry, for we cannot develop a by when we can be of an real help moral sentiment without a spiritual and use to our Lord? The sleep so Nelly, I be afeared of." atmosphere." . The present conditions dearly purchased was short, for in a were traced to the fact that workers moment the torches of Judas and his took a partial victory for a final one horrid band were seen among the from school!" and underestimated the strength of trees. The disciples must now "arise," "Yes, zir. the enemy. Similar interest and activ- but to what a scene of horror and disity were reported in temperance cir- may. The victorious Man of Prayer cles in the other provinces. Dr. J. G. is calm, but they filted. We, too, need three times. First to gray, an' then Shearer, of the Social Service, Council this tremendously solemn, warning to a yeller, an'then to a ginger. Now, of Canada, warned the convention that "Watch and pray, that ye enter not when I buried my poor yellers Saily-"the days of struggle against alcoholic into temptation." It is thus alone that three months ago, and your daughter fed?" liquor are not yet over-in fact we we can find daily victory. One must with the ginger 'air comed home from are at the moment in the midst of a needs watch at all seasons for the schule, I says to myself, I says, That great struggle that will last for years." Devil is ever alert, and furthermore. is 'er; that's the ginger 'un; an' if I the hopeful spirit of the convention the Lord may come at any moment. don't keep away from church she'll nab was one of the best guarantees of the There was never a time when Christ- me."

victorious issue of this struggle. MIKE'S EVIDENCE

"Mike." said Pat, "I'll be goin' to the fair the day, and I'll thank ye fo the loan of your donkey." But Mike remembered a thing or two and prevaricated.

Is because they do not watch. The ton and place it in the ear will do Christian who is watching and praying much to relieve pain. "Xe're too late," he said, "I lint th has no need to fear the outcome but baste to Hinnissey an hour ago." At that moment a loud braying from no right to rest upon these promises. the shed suggested the donkey's The flosh is still weak, but there is approval of the subterfuge. a way to conquer this weakness, viz. "Mike," said Pat, "it's deceivin' m by walking in the Spirit. This can only be done as the outcome of much ye are, intoirely."

"No! By me sowl! 'tis true!" "But I hear the basto brayin'." "Well, an' even suppose yo can! D'ye mean to say yo'll be spalpeen enough to take the wurrud of the donkey ngainst mine?"

"ON THE JOB"

Tin Montana a railway bridge had been destroyed by fire, and it was necessary to replace it. Two days be Done. Matthew 261- 36-46. later came the superintendent of the livision Alighting from his private ing High Priest, Matthew 5: 1-10. bridge builder.

"Bill," said the superintendent,-and the words quivered with energy,-1 want this bridge rushed. Every hour's delay costs the company money. Have Saviour. Pealm 22: 1-8. you the engineer's plans for the new

"I don't know," said the bridge the destruction of worms, Mother and be ready under whatever disbuilder, "whether the engineer has his Graves' Worm Exterminator has prov- advantages to reassert ks right to u picture drawn yet, but the bridge is ed a boon to suffering children every- place and a shifte in existence.—Dorn execution, there is no secreey comparup and the trains is passing over it," where,

lans, more sorely needed to have our

prayer. Jesus prayed the same prayer

three times. It was not vain rope-

tition, expecting to be heard for its

much, speaking, but the earnest out-

Daily Readings For Next Week

Monday, February 9-Josus in Geth-

Tuesday, February 10-Angonizing

Wednesday, February 11-Thy Will

Thursday, February 12-The Suffer

Friday, February 13-The Sympath-

Saturday, February 14-Sharing H's

Sunday, February 16 The Suffering

otic High Priest. Heb, 2: 9-18.

ory of the heart.

semane. Mark 14: 32-42.

Prayer. Luke 22: 39-46.

Bufferings. Phil. 8: 7-12.

Lord's words, "Watch ye and pray. Remedy For Earache.-To have

lest ye enter into temptation" con- the carache is to endure torture. The

stantly dinned into their ears than to- ear is a delicate organ, and few care

mass of Christians to-day have so lit- offers a simple remedy. A few drops

the realization of the need of prayer upon a piece of flint or medicated cot-

day. The great need of the hour is to deal with it, considering it work for start i watchful prayer. The reason why the a doctor. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil ing?"

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

JESUS IN GETHISEMANE Golden Text-Not what I will, but what thou wilt, Mark 14: 36. Time-Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, April 4 and 5, A. D. 39-

Pace - Gethsemane. The Leapon Explained

1 de Jesus borrowny even unt Jesus took all the disciples except ing Julius with Him to Gethsemane, but Ho left eight in the edge of the depths with only three. The three whom Jesus took with Him now were the same three whom Jesus took into the Mount of Transliguration. "If He takes us up with Him into the Mount of Transfiguration, we may expect Him to take us with Him to the Garder of Gethsemuns also, Jesus, as He came closer to the agony of the cross and of all involved in the bearing of man s sin, longed for human sympathy, but He did not get it. He trod the winepress alone. While He took with Him It is estimated that there is now two into the deeper shadows of Gethsemane feet and six inches of snow on the che innermost circle of His chosen ones, Peter and James and John, even they slept while the Saviour agonized and prayed. There is something awful ness of the Saviour. Jesus was in state of great mental and spiritual sorrow, "greatly amazed and sore troubled, exceeding sorrowful even unto death." It was not mere dread of the physical agony that lay in a little way ahead that so oppressed Him, but His sinless spirit was beginof man's guilt and His heart that had agony of separation from the Father, necessitated by man's sin. There was an awful storm of bewilderment and agony sweeping over the Saviour's point of breaking as it did indeed break at last on the cross. He bade the three watch while He pressed further into the shadows of the Garden. He wanted company and yet He wanted to be alone with God.

2. Jesus Praying, the discipled sleeping. 35-42. What a sight! The Holy One of Go on His face in prayer before Him. The ently recorded by the three evangelists. Doubtless our Lord Jesus said all that the different evangelists re-

It has always been a land of mystery, romance and adventure. It has provided the theme for the thrilling tales of novelists and the strining peems of northern bards. But even though the day of the checkake and the sourdough is done, the brief but active span of the Dangerous Dan Magrews and the Lady Lou's, matters of historical reference, the lure of Alaska has not waned, but is as appealing as ever to the hearts of men and women wherein a bit of romance lurks, and that means to everyone.

Alaska is no longer a fer off country. It is a very near neighbor to Canada. It will be even nearer this summer. Mr. J. E. Dalrymple, Traffic Vice-President of the Canadian National Railways, has announced that commencing on June 22nd. the company will inaugurate a weekly steamship service between Prince Rupert, which have already established a reputational stems of the Canadian National Railway, has announced that commencing on June 22nd. the company will inaugurate a weekly steamship service between Prince Rupert, which have already established a reputation as being among the beat-appointed vessels on the Pacific Coast, will be engaged in thanewservice.

Coing northward the ships will reach Prince Rupert at 10.30 on Wednesday morning, following the Monday of sailing from Vancouver, and touristr will be agiven an opportunity to a seemi-weekly service between Vancouver at ingrise comething of Prince Rupert will to a seemi-weekly service between Vancouver at ingrise comething of Prince Rupert will be also a semi-weekly service between Vancouver at other product of the prince of the south-bound journey. It is a very many the control of the prince Rupert will be maintained and in years to see this famous town and prince and very respect with many the control of the south-bound journey the Vancouver at the control of the south-bound journey that the vancouver at the control of the south-bound journey that the prince Rupert will be maintained and ingress and the string for the prince Rupert will be seen to see this famous town and sup from Him," or more literally, .: carry it blong. This was not a praye of deliverance from the cross. From that, though Jesus dreaded it, He neve aught in the Bible not only that th Father always heard Jesus; but that de was heard in this specific instance and when a prayer is heard the very thing asked for is given. So Jesus jot what He asked for in this case de asked that the cup might be passe on until the appointed hour on the cross and the cup did pass on. He was dying of agony there and then, and God strengthened Him, and He went on to the cross and accomplished His

T is not many years since Alaska was four o'clock that afternoon. After pass-dian National Railways of this Alaska one of those countries whose geographical location was indicated with a grandle Simpson, an old Hudson's Bay Post, of many tourists, and will be a fitting diloquent sweep of the arm northwards. It has always been a land of mystery. Alaskan town built at the foot of the comprising Jasper National Park, the romance and adventure.

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TAKING NO CHANCES

At first the rector could get noth

"Woll, zir, it be your youngest datter

"What! Afraid of Nellie, a girl of

"Yes, zir. You see," replied John

"when I went courtin' an old forchin-

teller told me as 'ow I should be spliced

SHE HAD THE PROOF

the word "furlough" occurred. Miss

girl or boy knew the meaning of the

One small hand was raised. "Fur-

"Oh, no, it doesn't," said the teacher.

lough means a mule," shid the child.

Going home on his furlough."

THE ENERGETIC MIND

energetic mind, but baly for a time;

the strong spirit will regain its equi-

Greenwell,

Jones, the teacher, asked if any little get relief.

only nineteen, and only just returned

of other cattle, 40,000,000 sheep and Gladden.

lands valued at \$77,000,000,000:

Walter W. Head, New York, prosi-

ing from Vancouver, and tourists will be also a semi-weekly service to Anyox and ceremonial regalin and (lower centre) given an opportunity to see something of Stewart on the Portland Canal, which one of the many curious and striking this new Pacific port, as the steamer does service has been in effect for some time totem poles to be seen in the bust-

GEMS OF THOUGHT

There is no leveler like Christianity.

cost is very serious.-John Foster.

would smell as sweet .- Shakespeare

sleep will never He.—Shakespeare.

destructive parasites, and restore the

inflamed and painful surfaces to

healthfulness. They are an excellent

WELL-EARNED REST

One day a farmer went to the coun-

try fair and his hard-working wife re-

returned about dark, and coming out

"I'm about tired out, Mary. Is the

"Yes, long since," replied the wife,

"Wood chopped for mornin'?"

"Be them. ducks plucked an ready

"Wagon wheel mended an' ready to

Only the uninformed bear the

agony of corns. The knowing ones

apply Holloway's Corn Remover, and

BOTH TAKING, STOCK

then," 'he concluded with

first than last .- Walpole.

remedy for these evils.

on the porch, he inquired:

cows in the baarn?"

"Fowls locked up?"

beginnin' to tell on me."

for market?".

Outward triple may for a time do. There are 19 in it sirendy, and when

ABNER'S LUCK

"Yes." said Mrs. Taft, "I'm afraid dent of the American Bankers' As- stands, and this old earth, the more its Abner's going to be the unlucky kind." sociation, gives the following figures leaves are turned over and pondered, She gazed after her son's retreating the more it will sustain and illustrate figure, and sighed so deeply that the new summer boarder looked at her

but it levels by lifting all who receive Taft hastened to say. "I don't mean Bank deposits aggregation approxi- it to the lofty table-land of a true that. But in little stinging ways that character and of undying hope both kind o' take the heart out of him and touch his pocket at the same time I'll tell you. Most as soon as he went It is better to say: "This one thing to Boston to work Abner fell in love I do," than to say: "These forty with a girl that worked in the same 24,000,000 milch cows, 40,000,000 head things I dabble in."-Washington store."

> ventured the newcomer. It is more difficult, and calls for higher energies of the soul to live a or the other," Mrs. Taft said, imparmartyr than to die one .- Horace Mann. | tially. "But the girl lived in one of The friendship of the world ought and soon as he made up his mind to be a "pearl of great price," for its he'd like to keep company with her ticket to her place-" What is in a name? That which "Yes, and-"

wer call a rose, by any other name Care keeps his watch in every old hands."

man's eye; but where care lodges In all science error precedes the truth, and it is better it should so Oil speaks volumes for its healing efficiency. Ever since it was intro-Miller's Worm Powders will eridi- favor, owing entirely to its manifold cate the worm evil that bears so usefulness in rolleving and healing heavily on children, and is believed sickness. As a specific for healing to cause many fatalities. They are an cuts, burns, scalds, and various inflam acceptable remedy to children, and matory pains its record is beyond recan be fully relied upon to clear the proach.

"Yes," said Tommy glibly.

mained at home to see that the farm you b-e-d spalls?" suffered no loss during his absence. He my, contritely. spells after all I've told you?"

Tommy shook his head. "Well, once more, b-e-d spells what you sleep in. Now, what do you sleep _"My shirt."

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THE DOG HIS FAVORITE

"Look here," said one frate clubman face like a bull-terrier?" "I did," answered the other. "Take off your cont," shouted the

A certain canny Scotsman had car ried on a courtship of long duration "Yes, ma'am," insisted the little without definitely committing himgirl. "I have a book at home that self. The girl, if she worried herself at the long probation, gave, no sign Miss Jones told the child to bring until one morning he, tardy loverr, the book to school. The next morn- thumbing a small notebook, said: ing the child came to school with the . "Maggie, I had been weighting up book and triumphantly showed a your guid points, and I has already picture of a Canadian soldier riding gotten 10. When I get 12, I'm going a mule, under which was the caption: Ito ask ye the fatal question." Well-I wish yo luck, Jock," answired the maiden. "I has also been puttin' doon in a wee book, and I've been puttin down your bad points.

the blacksmith!" Recognized as a loading specific for poles, readjust its sounty resources, THE BECRET OF SECRECY When things are once come to the

able to colority.-Bacon.

The grand old Book of God still

"Nothing awful in that line," Mrs.

"That may be good, not bad luck," "In itself you couldn't say it was one the towns a little ways out of the city. Abner up and bought a fifty-trip

"And got turned down on the second call," concluded Mrs. Taft, with wan smile, "and the ticket left on his

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"B-c-d spells bed," said the teacher for the twentieth time to her backward pupil. "Now do you understand;

"Well, c-a-t spells cat, d-o-g spells dog, and bee-d spells- what did I tell "I've forgot, miss," whispered Tom-"What, you don't know what b-e-

to another, "did you say my wife had about 'it?"

lrate, one. "Nobody's going to say things against that dog of mine and got away with it'

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of health during that time. Six of
these years she had spent in going
to school, helping around the house
and at odd times working here and
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