The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1926

THE PRINTER

It may be sad, but still 'tis true,
There's one thing all us humans do,
And that is, blame the printer.

He does his best, without our help,
For all we do is stand and yelp,
Then cuss, and blame the printer.

We write our manuscript by pen,
To read it is beyond our ken,
Yet we expect the printer

To dope it out and get it right.
We think not of his time or sight;
If wrong—we blame the printer.

We hold our stuff until the last,
Then try to rush it through so fast
The printer gets snowed under.

But still we camp upon his trail,
And prod him on with woeful tale,
Or rant and roar like thunder.

He shoots it through, the proof we get
Nell's bells! the job is not right yet,
We chop that proof to splinters.

It takes two days before he knows
Just what each heiroglyphic shows—
A dumb lot are those printers.

The job's delivered. Some relief!
To know we're through with rush and grief,
We ought to thank the printer.

But no! The poor gink's out of time,
He overcharged us one whole dime.
Once more we cuss the printer.

—Edson S. Dunbar.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 8, 1906

Fine, bracing winter weather.

Ice harvesting is in full swing. It is 14 or 15 inches in thickness.

A few days of zero weather during the week kept us in remembrance that winter has not said a final adieu yet.

Mr. John Gibbons, late of Erin, has gone into the droving business with Acton as headquarters. He will remove here shortly.

Wm. Brawley, grocer, who purchased the business of J. Agnew, has decided to dispose of the business.

Beardmore & Co. have put on two new wide-tired wagons and will proceed at once to have eight or ten others supplied with wide tires. This will be of great benefit to the new roadways.

Mr. William Coleman and family intend leaving for the North West next month. Their fine brick house on Main Street is offered for sale.

Collector Price has succeeded in collecting every dollar due on last year's assessment.

Mr. Adam Bauer is moving from Church Street to the Edmiston residence on Mount Campbell, which he recently purchased.

Mr. Brant Swackhamer, son of Reeve Swackhamer, has purchased the gents' furnishing business carried on the past year by Mr. H. L. Sherman.

At the meeting of the Trustee Board of the Methodist Church last Friday evening the Treasurer was instructed to pay the balance on the mortgage indebtedness on the Church, $526.60, and secure a discharge.

Wednesday evening, January 31 was the Knox Church anniversary tea and entertainment. A splendid programme was provided by six trained singers from College Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Miss E. Taylor, soprano; Miss Eva Hathaway, contralto; Miss Helen Taylor, mezzo-soprano, Mr. Ramsden Harrison, tenor, and Mr. J. Rhynd Jamison, Scottish baritone. Mr. George Greene, organist and choirmaster, was accompanist. The receipts of the evening amounted to $108.

MARRIED

LAKE-ABRAHAM—In St. Alban's Church, Acton, on Thursday, February 1, by Rev. Matthew Wilson, M.A., Joseph B. Lake, foreman of the FREE PRESS, to Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. James Abraham, all of Acton.

CHILDREN'S SAYINGS

Teacher—"Bobby, what does 'lazy' mean?"

Bobby—"Lazy means always wanting your little sister to get it for you."

The class had received a lesson on the Eskimos and were asked to write an account of it. One bright youngster wrote, "The Eskimos are God's frozen people."

A little Milwaukee lad was in tears because his playmates called him a sissy.

"Why did they call you that, dear?" his mother asked.

"They found out something about me," said the sobbing youngster.

"Was it something bad?"

"They think so, but I can't help it. They say I'm a sissy because"—and he gulped hard—"because I'm twins with a girl."

Eddie: "Mother says if we go near that closet she'll punish us."

Bobby: "I guess it's the Santa Clauset."

STILL HUMAN

The new minister was young and full of faith, hope and charity; but he did not always plan his speech with care.

"Let us pray that we have an attendance of at least fifty at our next young people's service," he said, very earnestly one Sunday evening. "And remember that the prayer of faith is always answered."

The next service did not bring out fifty persons, or nearly that number, but the minister looked down on the faithful few.

"Well, friends," he said briskly, "there aren't fifty of us, but there are sixteen, and that's one or two more than I counted on."

WHERE GREAT WOMEN GROW

A Dutchman was recently expatiating on the folly of giving women the vote as has been done in England and Canada. He declared that in Holland there was a greater efficiency among the female sex where they did not possess that doubtful privilege. He pointed to the fact that the Dutch woman sits with one foot on the spinning wheel or churn and with the other she rocks the cradle containing the twins; with her hand she knits socks for her husband, while on her knee rests a book from which she is improving her mind by study. And all the while she sits on a cheese, pressing it for market. Greater efficiency than this hath no woman.

THE NEAREST WAY

The crooked streets of Boston are a source of wonder to many visitors. A Boston daily paper, tells of a Western man who was a guest at the Parker House, and went out for a walk.

He had several hours at his disposal, and wandered about leisurely but aimlessly until he was tired with his long walk. He supposed he must have walked over six miles, and he dreaded the long walk back to the hotel. Stopping up to a policeman on a corner, he asked to be directed the nearest way to the Parker House.

"Well, sir," said the policeman, very courteously, "you might cut across the street to the front door, but if I were you, I'd walk over on the crossing."

He was nearly opposite the hotel.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

JESUS CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

General Lesson Title.—Jesus Heals and Saves a Blind Man.

Scripture Lesson.—John 9: 1-41.

Golden Text.—I am the light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.—John 8: 12.

Devotional reading.—Isa. 45: 11,12; 64: 8.

The Text Explained

As in the preceding lesson, Jesus uses a deed of helpfulness as the basis for a discourse on spiritual realities.

Verse 2—The Jews believed that physical suffering was in most cases a direct punishment for sin. They also believed that a babe unborn had emotions and that these might be sinful.

3. Neither did this man sin, nor his parents.—They committed no definite act of sin of which their child's blindness was a result. The work of God.—Not alone the miracle of healing, but the divine power manifest in the man's after life.

We must work—Christ identifies Himself with His disciples. The night cometh—If this was the close of the last day of the feast, the descending darkness doubtless suggested the words. Also Jesus was reminded of the fact that His life work on earth was drawing to a close.

Verses 5 and 7.—This mode of healing was probably used to assist the blind man's faith. Both saliva and clay were regarded as remedies for diseased eyes.

7. Wash in the pool.—A test of the man's faith. Compare Elisha's command to Naaman (2 Kings 5: 10).

9. He is like him.—We may imagine that the man's appearance and manner were greatly changed.

The intervening verses, 11 to 34, give the man's report to the Pharisees, who immediately reply that the man who had performed the cure cannot be from God because He keepeth not the Sabbath. The people asked how a sinner could do such signs, and, as a division arose among them, they appealed to the healed man, who promptly said, "He is a prophet." A second time they called him and asked him to give glory to God; that the man who had wrought the cure was without doubt a sinner, but the man who had been born blind argued that such an act could not be performed "if this man were not from God," whereupon the Pharisees became angry and cast him out from among them.

Verses 10-34.—The very interesting sequel to the healing ministration of Jesus reveals the widespread attention His public ministry received and the jealousy and antagonism which his popularity aroused among the Pharisees. In this case it reveals the simple straightforward loyalty of the man who was healed toward his unrecognized benefactor. That loyalty Jesus does not permit to pass unnoticed.

35. Find Him.—Apparently Jesus sought him out for the purpose of leading him to a fuller knowledge of the truth. Dost thou believe—Thou is emphatic in contrast with the unbelieving Pharisees.

36. Who is He, Lord, that I may believe on Him.—The simplicity of the man's faith and his desire to be taught must have touched Jesus.

38. Worshipped.—Used in this gospel and in Revelation only in the sense of divine worship.

Lesson Themes

Self-Forgetful Service. How very rapidly the scenes change when we endeavor to follow Jesus for but a single day. On this, the last day of the Feast, he had told the people about the living water and invited them to come to Him and drink (7: 37). Some of His hearers had listened eagerly to His gracious words and the Pharisees had asked their cynical questions. Later, probably in the evening, He had spoken to the people about the light of the world, "and as He spake these things many believed on Him" (8: 30). Then He probably sought out the company of Jews who had believed Him but whose faith now seemed to be wavering, urging them to continue to follow His teachings, and promising that they should know the truth and the truth should make them free. But their arguments regarding matters of minor importance at last led them to a point where they were unable to comprehend the words of Jesus, and they turned against Him and took up stones to cast at Him. Passing out with His disciples, His spirit unruffled by the disheartening experience, He performed a deed of mercy and made it the occasion of leading the disciples to a higher conception of God.

Physical Suffering and Sin. The physical suffering in many cases result directly from human wrong-doing. Such wrong-doing includes the failure to observe the laws of health and hygiene. Often this is due to ignorance. Sometimes people know, but are careless or indifferent. In such cases the suffering is a natural result which can be forseen by those who are not ignorant. The notion held by the disciples and other Jews differed from this. It was rather the heathen belief that punishments were sent by the Almighty in order to satisfy the demands of justice. The Jews at the time of Jesus had not yet risen above the old belief that God would, because He had the right, pronounce arbitrary judgments upon His people. Such a false idea of God Jesus sought to correct. On another occasion He mentioned that eighteen men upon whom the tower of Siloam fell were not "offenders above all the men that dwell in Jerusalem," and that a company of Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices were not "sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered these things" (Luke 13: 1-5). He also shows that there is another alternative; that sometimes, as in this case, the works of God may be manifest through affliction. We believe that society should do all that is possible to be done to help each individual to develop a normal and sound physical life. There are instances, however, in which the spirit of God has found marvelous channels of expression in the lives of those who bear afflictions.

For Study and Discussion

What, if any, is the relation between sin and temporal misfortune? How is the same problem answered in the book of Job? From your own observation and study, to what extent do you believe the sins of parents are visited upon their children? How did Jesus deal with the spiritually blind?

Daily Readings For Next Week

Monday—John 10: 1-11.
Tuesday—Hebrews 13: 12-21.
Wednesday—1 Peter 5: 1-11.
Thursday—Luke 1: 68-79.
Friday—Ezek. 34: 11-16.
Saturday—Acts 20: 28-35.
Sunday—Psalm 23.

WATER AND CRACKER RACE

Place an ordinary tumbler filled with water on a table and at the opposite side place a plain soda cracker. Select two persons and seat one in front of the tumbler and the other in front of the cracker. Give the one who is to drink the water a teaspoon, and let him try to drink the water with the spoon, one teaspoonful at a time, before the other can eat the cracker, who can have nothing to drink while eating it.

HEBRIDEANS HAPPY IN CANADIAN WEST

The House with the neatly curtained windows.—The Galbraiths on the porch.

Lower—The MacLean Farm Near Red Deer.

Rapidly carving out new homes in Western Canada far from their native land, the Hebrideans have settled down with a determination to succeed in their adopted country. At Evarts, near Red Deer, Alberta, it is evident that the women take great pride in their culinary accomplishments. Mrs. Neil MacLean, one of the Hebridean matrons, told how she got a book and learned how to make cakes. "A woman," she said, "one of my neighbors, taught me how to make bread and I bake twice a week. I never saw bread before, till I came to Canada, but we all like it better than bannock now."

Mrs. MacLean's husband was a sailor and fisherman in the Hebrides and was always away. Mrs. MacLean now feels that it is good to have him at home on the farm, as they feel so much more settled. On the island they had a small croft of twenty-five acres and kept two cows. Mrs. MacLean did the work while her husband was at sea. The whole family worked from dawn till late every night, and yet they could not make enough to feed themselves. So they finally decided to come to Canada.

On their new farm of 160 acres near Evarts, Mr. and Mrs. MacLean, with their eight children, have been settled for over two years. This year they threshed 100 acres of grain. One of the girls, who had some experience in service in the old country, is employed at Red Deer as a housekeeper at a very comfortable wage, while six of the eight MacLean children attend school in the district of their farm and Mrs. MacLean says that they are all very fond of their studies. The proud mother explained that "at home they did not like the master and would cry when I made them go to school; here they holler if they have to stay at home."

Now there is a garden so that there is little need to buy from the store. The thrifty housewife canned peas, beans, carrots, beets and peaches and plums, all of which she exhibited. There was a flock of promising turkeys in the yard. When asked if she would have a turkey for Christmas, her face lighted up. "Oh, yes," she said, "we will have a turkey and we had one last year, and I sent one to 'Granny' in Red Deer. That is more than I was ever able to do at home. And we are gaining all the time. I have brought out two brothers since we came. They are out working at threshing now, and they expect to have enough money by next spring to buy farms."

Another couple from the Hebrides, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith, have a pleasant little cottage, with fluffy muslin curtains at the windows. This year they had a very fine crop and they have quite a number of good horses. The Hebrideans about Evarts are assisted and advised by experienced farmers and given kindly explanations when the ways of this new land seem strange and inhospitable.

A short distance from Red Deer, in the vicinity of the former industrial school, are a group of twelve cottages, erected by the Scottish Immigration Society for the purpose of giving temporary accommodation to the Hebrideans while they are endeavoring to become located on farms. These houses are at present occupied by widows and their families and work is secured for the children who are old enough to go out to service. The younger children attend school in one of the Industrial buildings.

FRETTING AND SWEATING

If you want with all your heart to succeed, put very little stock in fretting. Complaining about your hard luck, and wondering when it is going to turn, will not put you an inch farther ahead. Grumbling and fault-finding uses nervous energy as well as breath, and to find an instance in which they have ever helped is hard.

Put your trust in sweating instead of fretting. Strip off your coat, roll up your sleeves and wade in. A thousand successful men, if interviewed, would name one factor and another that contributed to their success, but on one point all would agree. Everyone would emphasize the importance of hard work.

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," God told Adam, and ever since all necessities and all blessings have been dependent on some one's work. No one deserves any good thing who is not willing to sweat for it.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

First year—Cotton.
Second year—Paper.
Third year—Leather.
Fifth year—Wooden.
Seventh year—Woollen.
Tenth year—Tin.
Twelfth year—China
Fifteenth year—Crystal.
Twentieth year—Linen.
Twenty-fifth year—Silver.
Fiftieth year—Golden.
Sixtieth year—Diamond.

Mothers Value This Oil.—Mothers who know how quickly croup may seize their children and how necessary prompt action is in applying relief, always keep at hand a supply of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, because experience has taught them that this is an excellent preparation for the treatment of this ailment. And they are wise, for its various uses render it a valuable medicine.

REASON ON GUARD

The tongue has long been recognized as the unruly member. Sometimes the eyes flash signals without waiting for the will to give the word, and fists have been known to become active before the owner quite realized what was happening, but the indiscretions of the tongue outnumber all of these a hundred to one.

This does not mean that silence is more admirable than speech. The proverb, "Speech is silver, silence is golden" is true only in exceptional cases. Inconsiderate speech is dangerous. The tongue, more than any other member, needs to be under rigid control. Do not hold up the mute and tongue-tied as ideals, but put the reason on guard at the door of the lips, and make your speech subject to the dictates of the will.

A STARTLED CASHIER

Billy, says the Argonaut, is a small boy whose grandmother gave him ten dollars on his birthday. Billy took it to the bank and received the customary bank book, in which the cashier made the entry, "By cash, $10."

A day or so later Billy saw his grandmother, and, in thanking her, said:

"I was awfully surprised when you gave me so much money, and the man at the bank was too, 'cause he wrote in my book, 'By gosh, $10.'"

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GROWTH AND AGE

As far as the practical side of life is concerned, the period of middle age is a woman's time of richest and most fruitful activity. The careful mother and housewife, with her children growing up round her, is full of deep thoughts and full of duties. She has neither fingers enough nor hours enough to attend to the needs of the day. However great her capacity, she feels that she can hardly make it accomplish all that she desires.

It is then, too often, that there comes a break. The children grow up and scatter, and the house seems very empty. The daily activities, although quite as constant and more wearisome, take on the appearance of being less profitable, and the woman finds that almost without knowing it, she has passed from maturity to old age.

This is not right, either to herself, or to others. She should not give all at once, nor let the tyrannous perfection of the body so blind her to its inevitable failure and decay that she will slight the welfare of the soul.

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THRIFT

What is thrift? Should we practise it. Many readers will be astonished to learn that there is a controversy over the proper answer to both questions. The dictionaries do not help us much. Thrift means so many things and has so much interpretations that it is hard to determine which meaning applies to a particular case. Frugality and economy, care and prudence in the management of property, even success in acquiring property, all come under the head of thrift; so we find ourselves confronted by contradictory views of what meaning fits our own case. If thrifts means frugality, we Canadians are not thrifty; but if it means success in acquiring wealth, we are.

The essence of true thrift is no waste; about that side of it there is no chance for controversy.

Paring a corn is both risky and ineffective. It is much better to use Holloway's Corn Remover and eradicate them entirely.

MISUNDERSTOOD THE MEANING

A negro charged with stealing a watch had been arraigned before the court. The judge was not convinced that he was guilty, and said:

"You are acquitted, Sam."

"Acquitted," repeated Sam, doubtfully. "What's dat mean, judge."

"That's the sentence; you are acquitted."

Still looking somewhat confused, Sam said: "Judge, do dat mean I hab to gib de watch back?"—Christian Evangelist.

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SAILORS DON'T CARE

A certain cook in the navy was noted for his absent-mindedness. One day during a rush period he forgot to wash out the dixie that had contained tea. The result was that he made some soup in it.

When the time came for it to be served he noticed tea leaves floating about on the top of the soup.

Suddenly a bright idea struck him, and, hurrying to the mess-deck, he shouted:

"Boys, if you see any tea leaves floating in your soup you'll know it's mint."

CONCERNING BUTTERMILK

Things which not every one appreciates, about which there is a certain flavor of exclusiveness, usually command the eager enthusiasm of their admirers. Thus the devotion of the lover of buttermilk to his favorite tipple is almost passionate. He cannot help boasting of its virtues, and urging it on the palates of those who do not like it and do not wish to learn to. His very zeal often defeats its own ends, which is a pity, for buttermilk is a wholesome drink, and deserves to be more popular than it is.

There is, to be sure, a legend that every one drinks it in the country. The jug is supposed to be filled after each churning, and emptied long before the next one. In haying-time as a thirst quencher, and in the winter as a promoter of mild and cheerful convivality, buttermilk is declared to be the true rural beverage.

Unfortunately, the facts are otherwise. Farmers, as a rule, feed their pigs and not themselves on the by-product of the churn. Switchel, no doubt, has more lovers, although less talkative ones, and so has cider.

But Professor Metchnikoff, the eminent biologist, has given a useful advertisement to a deserving article. He discovered that intestinal microbes, which he holds responsible for many maladies, including premature old age, does not thrive in lactic acid, which is the characteristic thing about buttermilk. He also learned that the Bulgarians, a nation of sour-milk drinkers, produce an astonishing number of centenarians. Ergo: If you would live long, drink buttermilk.

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THE GENTLER SEX

Instructions in etiquette given in a little book, published nearly three hundred years ago, shed an interesting light on the table manners of that period. The work is entitled, "The Accomplished Lady's Rich Closet of Rarities," and on etiquette at table the fair sex are advised as follows:

A gentlewoman being at table, abroad or at home, must observe to keep her body straighte, and not lean by any means upon her elbows, nor by ravenous gesture discover a voracious appetite; talke not when you have meat in your mouthe, and do not smacke like a pig, nor eat spoonemeat so hot that the tears stand in your eyes. It is very uncourtly to drink so large a draught that your breath is almost gone, and you are forced to blow strongly to recover yourself; throwing downe yur liquor as into a funnel is an action fitter for a juggler than a gentlewoman. In carving at your own table, distribute the best pieces first, and it will appear very decent and comely to use a fork, so touch no piece of meat without it.

ANYTHING BUT THAT

A poor man lay dying, and his good wife was tending him with homely but affectionate care. "Don't you think you could eat a bit of something, John? Now, what can I get for you?"

With a wan smile he answered, very feebly: "Well, I seem to smell a ham a-cooking somewheres; I think I could do with a little bit of that."

"Oh, no, John, dear," she answered, promptly, "you can't have that. That is for the funeral."

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WANTED A LITTLE PRAISE HIMSELF

Following a disasterous fire in a Western city, many men and women gathered to look at the ruins. Some of the men, seeing that a wall near which they were standing was toppling, made haste to get out of the way, and narrowly escaped being crushed.

Johnny Brabison, a good Irish citizen, was so near the wall that he could not escape with the others. So whirling about, he made for a door in the wall, burst through it, and came out safe on the other side, and evidently very proud of his exploit. Women who had shut their eyes and shrieked when they saw his danger, now gathered round him in great joy, and cried but:

"Praise heaven, Johnny, Brabison, down on your knees, and thank heaven!"

"Yis, yis," said he, "and I will, but wasn't it injaneyous in me, now?"

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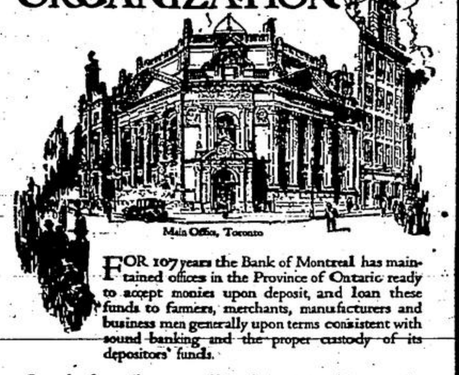

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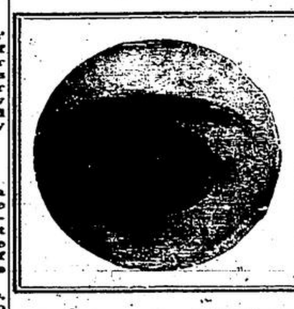

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No. 33		2.29 p. m.
No. 35		5.09 p. m.

Going East

No. 24	Sunday Only	7.08 p. m.
No. 26		7.21 a. m.
No. 30		11.43 a. m.
No. 34		3.35 p. m.
No. 36		6.17 p. m.
No. 38		8.13 p. m.

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