

CITIZEN FIXIT

There was a man in our town, And he was wondrous wise; He told the City Fathers They should economize.

That very man was chosen, Much to his own surprise, To scramble through the brambles, And put the city wise.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, October 6, 1910

Rockwood Fall Fair—today and tomorrow.

Mr. J. Bell is building a neat addition to his house on Church Street.

It is a coincidence that Thanksgiving Day and Halloween come on the same day.

Mr. Austin Swackhamer, of the fourth line, Erin, has his new bank barn completed.

Mr. Reister Hagen has been engaged teacher of Lorne School for the year.

Miss Marie Masales is now teacher of S. S. No. 8, Nassagaweya.

The Young People's Society of Knox Church held a Halloween party on Tuesday evening.

The addition and improvements to Municipal Officer Harvey's residence on Lake Avenue are about completed.

Mr. George Havill has had the second floor of his store finished and an entrance stairway erected from the side.

Measles, John Cameron and Hubert Campbell have sold to Beardmore & Co. a block of seventeen lots on Mary Lake, adjoining the Aquatic Club House.

Mr. Clinton Swackhamer lost two very fine milk cows, by lightning, Friday night.

Flower Day was observed in Knox Church last Sunday. At the evening service the Sunday School assembled.

An interesting responsive service was conducted and Rev. J. O. Wilson D. A. gave a helpful address.

The Pink and White Tea, given by the Epworth League twenty years ago this month, will be repeated next Tuesday evening. Admission 10c.

During the severe electrical storm, which prevailed last Friday night, the bank barn of Mr. Robert Johnston, Jr., lot 1, concession 2, Erin, a mile above Acton, was struck by lightning shortly after nine o'clock, and completely destroyed.

The loss is estimated at \$2,250. Contractor John Cameron had week closed the contract with Beardmore & Co. for five double cottages to be erected on Guelph Street, in Beardmore-Crescent. Work of excavation is already in progress.

DIED

SINGLAI—At his residence, Acton, on October 4, Duncan Singlar, late of Erin, aged 84 years.

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KEEPING THE IDLE HORSES OVER THE WINTER

Horse-power is always a problem on the farm, particularly when it comes to having it available at the time it is needed at a reasonable cost.

Some useful suggestions for wintering idle horses cheaply are given by Superintendent C. A. Lanchester, of the Cap Rouge Experimental Station of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

He has been making a special study of this problem for a number of years and finds that his idle horses fare particularly well on a daily ration of 1 pound mixed hay, 1 pound of straw and 1 pound of oats.

The important item to bear in mind in wintering horses is to gradually decrease work and ration in the fall and in the same way gradually to increase ration and work little by little so as to give the horses an opportunity to adapt themselves to the change from work to idleness and from idleness to work.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

ZACHARIAS AND ELIZABETH (LUKE IN A PIOUS JEWISH HOME)

Golden Text.—And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. Luke 1: 5.

Lesson Text.—Luke 1: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Exposition.—I. A Godly Couple Chosen of God, 5, 6.

The first incident recorded by the evangelist Luke, is the sudden appearance of an angel to a Jewish priest named Zacharias.

The angel declares that a son is to be born to him and his wife, super-naturally, and that this son is to be the forerunner of the long-expected Messiah (vs. 12, 17). We can form but a faint idea, to-day, of the tremendous importance of this news, in the hour in which it was announced.

To the ears of a God-fearing Jew, it must have come as the most joyful news he had ever heard. Moreover, it broke the long silence of four hundred years; it presaged that God's choicest promise was at length to be accomplished—that "the seed" was about to appear in whom all the nations of the earth were to be blessed (Gen. 22: 18).

We should take special note of how the opening words of our lesson bear high testimony to the character of Zacharias and Elizabeth (v. 6). This pair had grace where grace was rare, and because of the blamelessness of their lives, they were chosen of God to be given a place in His plan of sending the Word made flesh into a sinful world.

The chief point of emphasis here, is the example which this holy pair holds for us all. The plain word of Holy Scripture is: "He that doeth righteousness is righteous" (1 Jno. 3: 7). Happy the man and happy the woman of whom it can faithfully and truthfully be reported that they are "both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

II. The Birth of the Baptist, 57, 58. God's word proved true to the letter v. 57; cf. v. 13; ch. 2: 6, 7; Gen. 21: 2, 3; Nu. 23: 19. There was also a very immediate fulfillment of the promise that many should rejoice at his birth (v. 14).

The coming of this child was a magnifying of God's mercy (v. 58, 14, 15). Little did the neighbors and kindfolk who rejoiced with Elizabeth, realize how much was wrapped up in the birth of that child.

III. The Circumcision and Naming of John, 59, 63. Everything was done in strict accordance with the law of God (v. 59; cf. Lev. 12: 3; ch. 2: 21; Gen. 17: 12; 21: 34; Phil. 3: 5). The name of the assembled company suggested seemed appropriate enough, but God had already named the boy (v. 13), so the other name was wrong. Doubtless Zacharias had communicated to Elizabeth what the angel had told him, and she, strong in her obedience to the Lord, in which her husband shared, stood firmly for God's commandment without offering explanations.

The neighbors desired to have their way, but Zacharias settled that. "His name," said he, "is John." There was no going back on God's Word.

IV.—Zacharias' Song of Praise, 64, 66. The appointed time of punishment of Zacharias was ended (cf. v. 20), and the priest and stood for God's promise (v. 63; cf. v. 13). And immediately "his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed."

He at once used his restoration of speech to praise God. The manifestation of God's power chased all to fear (v. 65; cf. 7: 16; Acts 3: 43; 5: 5, 11; 19: 17; Rev. 11: 13). Things who heard these sayings did wisely—"They laid them up in their hearts" (cf. Ps. 119: 11; ch. 2: 19, 51; 9: 44). The change in v. 66 of "and" to "for," which is effected in the Revised Version, is deeply significant. When the hand of the Lord is with a child, people may well inquire: "What manner of child shall this be?"

The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of song and praise (v. 67; cf. Eph. 5: 18-20). "The Spirit came upon Elizabeth and she burst forth into song" (vs. 41, 45), and now Zacharias "is filled by the Holy Ghost," and he, too, bursts forth into songs of praise. "His song of salvation is wonderful. Every clause in it is worthy of an attention it is impossible to give it here. The thought of salvation runs all through it. It sings of salvation from all enemies and salvation from sin. This salvation is to the end that we may serve God (v. 74); salvation unto service. This is the kind of salvation that is greatly needed to-day."

The character of the salvation to which we are saved is also deeply significant, a salvation to holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. Zacharias saw that the day of the Kingdom was drawing nigh, and so proclaimed it. In the birth of his son John, he saw the "near approach" of Christ, and the coming of the Kingdom once at hand. The foundation of that Kingdom was laid by the coming of Christ and the preaching of the Gospel. The full completion of the Kingdom is an event yet to come; one day, however, the Gospel Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The men and women who, like Zacharias and Elizabeth, serve God in holiness and righteousness, shall one day see all things put under them. Every greedy shall be subdued, and they shall reign for ever in that new heaven and earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. We should notice, finally, what clear views of doctrine Zacharias enjoyed. He ends his hymn of praise by addressing his infant son, John the Baptist (vs. 76). He foretells his going before the face of the Messiah, his giving knowledge of the salvation he is about to herald—a salvation which is

all of grace and mercy—a salvation, of which the leading privileges are light, peace and the remission of sin. In a final word our lesson sums up and presents all we know of the childhood and early manhood of one who, in the fulness of time, was to stand on the banks of Jordan and announce that the coming of the Lord and Saviour of Israel was nigh at hand.

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UNTIMELY BIRTH

Uncle Marcus Parrish was a staid old gentleman, regarded as a model of good sense and decorum by the whole community. On one occasion, however, his conduct was most unseemly. A carriage had been sent to fetch him and his wife to the funeral of his cousin James. Just before leaving the house, Uncle Marcus rushed down cellar to look after the furnace, having donned, according to habit, an old straw hat. After seeing that everything was right he hurried back, locked his front door, and started the carriage without a thought of exchanging his head-gear for the new silk hat on the hall-stand.

Mrs. Parrish, who was deeply affected by the death of her relative, was in tears nearly all the way, and failed to notice Uncle Marcus' mistake. Not until the usher was gingerly bearing away the grimy old hat, with the white silk lining on its brim, did Uncle Marcus know what he had done. With something between a groan and a laugh, he followed his ill-mannered wife into the mourners' parlor.

In spite of his efforts to control himself, his mouth twitched and his eyes sparkled with merriment. With a look half of curiosity, half of shame, his wife said: "For pity's sake, Mark, what all this?"

"Nothing, Eliza, nothing. I was merely thinking," said he, "what if poor James was alive, and that thought sent him into a worse laugh than ever."

As soon as he had quieted down a little, his wife said: "Everybody is looking at you, Mark, and I don't wonder. I should think you took to weeping to hide her shame."

By this time Uncle Marcus was in a nervous, half-hysterical condition, and could not control himself. The service began, but not once could he forget the absurdity of his mistake. Whenever he looked out through the open door into the hall, he fancied the usher was eyeing him. If he looked at the coffin of his cousin to steady himself, the knowledge of what a joke James himself would think it was sure to make him laugh.

The eating of trachea which his wife handed him served only to make his agony more intense. He coughed, blew his nose, pinched his wrists, bit his lips, but in vain. He could only keep himself from making violent outbursts.

At last the minister finished his words of exhortation, and with a hasty whisper that he must go home—did not feel equal to a ride to the cemetery.—Uncle Marcus left his wife to the care of his brother, seized the old hat which the usher brought him,—no fear of its belonging to any one else,—and hurried home as fast as he could.

Half an hour later his wife found him sitting before the mirror, the old straw hat in one hand, and the new beaver in the other.

"Well, Marcus Parrish, are you, or are you not, raving crazy?" was her greeting.

"I should have been, Eliza, if that funeral had lasted a minute longer. Sit down now, and I'll confess what was the matter with me."

His confusion had to be told to more than one person, and he was forgiven by every one but his wife. She never could quite overlook the fact that he had laughed all through a funeral.

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Just think how one short month ago we all did much penance. Now down the collar sleep we go 'Tis light the furnace fire.

Each season has its specialty, and the hand that was blistered by the lawnmower now looks forward to the callosities of the coal and snow shovels.

October! Where's your friend, Jack Frost? You always come together, With lovely leaves On all the trees. And hazy, dreamy weather.

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