

IT'S FUNNY

It's funny, the habits we mortals acquire. It's funny the things that we do for worldly possessions, we really aspire. In life, we journey through. We toil and we strive from cradle to grave. Existing in fear and in doubt, Forgetting the fact that whatever we save We never take anything out.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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Hydro Electric elections next Monday. Henderson's sawmill is putting in a big stock of logs this winter.

Acton has had a somewhat serious famine for hard coal during the week. Orangemen's Ball to-morrow evening. Frost-bitten noses, ears, fingers and faces were numerous last Friday and Saturday.

It was indeed a welcome experience to have the fifty days of zero weather terminate on Tuesday.

The icebergs are having a busy season and the quality of ice being delivered is very superior.

Mr. Adam Stewart has sold his brick cottage on Brock Avenue, to Mr. W. A. Stewart, of the second line.

Well, February has distanced January for low down zero weather. The mercury fell to 28 below last Saturday morning. All records for this vicinity were broken by this extremely low temperature.

Reeve Hynds has ordered the constables to prohibit all hockey playing on the streets. All winter the practice has been a nuisance. Pedestrians and teams have been interfered with and a number of windows broken.

Dr. Belfry Kelly, son of ex-Alderman C. W. Kelly, of Guelph, has received instructions to report at the Methodist mission field in China, and will leave Guelph on March 6.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Denny entertained very hospitably the members of the Methodist Church choir at their residence. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

The meeting called by the Reeve for Monday evening in the town hall to give the property owners full and reliable information respecting the adoption of Hydro-Electric connection for Acton, was well attended and proved a very interesting gathering.

Miller's Worm Powders not only exterminate intestinal and other worms, but they are a remedy for many other ailments of children. They strengthen the young stomach against biliousness and are tonic in their effects where the child suffers from loss of appetite. In feverish conditions they will be found useful and they will serve to allay pain and griping in the stomach, from which children so often suffer.

THE HABIT OF BEING AFRAID

Do not form the habit of being afraid. Do not form the habit of being afraid of anything, of anything or running away. Men who go through life afraid of losing their jobs, fear very far up the ladder. Those who live in fear of losing their friends have few friends to lose. Doctors know that the people who are fearful of losing their health are the most hopeless patients.

There is something about fear which tends to realize itself. The boy who climbs a tree and wishes it were twice as high, is not nearly so likely to fall as the one who quakes and shivers and is as careful as he knows how to be. Even those fears that are never realized rob life of all its comforts. The woman who is nervous in a thunder storm, but at fifty-three is struck by lightning and instantly killed, is better off than the one who dies at seventy-eight of pneumonia, but who, all her life, has been in an agony of fear every time there was a distant grumble of thunder. Don't form the habit of being afraid.

CURIOUS WAY TO MAKE A LIVING

The trades of London are many and some of them seem very strange to an American. One occupation at which a score of Britons are said to earn their livelihood is that of "poking fires." By the rabbinical law no Jew is allowed to kindle or mend any fire on the Sabbath; and in certain places in England where Jews are very numerous this prohibition makes it necessary that persons shall be employed from sunset on Friday to the same hour on Saturday in going from house to house lighting fires and lamps and attending to them. One woman in the East End of London often has as many as fifty houses to attend to and draws small fees from each of them. It is not long since a "fire keeper" died worth more than \$2,500 which he had saved out of his earnings.

WIVES OF THE LADIES

Dorothy—But, surely, you didn't tell him straight out that you loved him? Jane—Goodness, no! He had to squeeze that out of me.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14 1932

JESUS AND THE MAN BORN BLIND

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.

Lesson Text.—John 9: 1-11, 30-38. Read John 9: 1-41.

Time.—October 11, A. D. 29. Place.—Jerusalem.

Explication.—I. Receiving Sight, 1-7.

"Jesus passed by." Great things may be expected to occur when Jesus passes by. The human skill could not touch his case. But Jesus passed by. That changed everything. When man cannot do, God can. Jesus is ever passing our way in these days, so we may constantly expect wonderful things to happen (John 14: 12). This blind man is a suggestive illustration of the unsaved sinner, a blind (1 Cor. 2: 14), he never had seen, he was beyond human help (v. 32); his case was hopeless, humanly speaking (doubtless he himself had given up all hope of ever seeing); he was without human sympathy, suspected and despised (vs. 2, 34); he was poor; a beggar. But all his need was only an opportunity for God's abounding grace in Christ. Jesus not only passed by, "He saw." He ever sees us in our need and distress (cf. Ec. 3: 7, 8: 5). Contrast the feeling of Jesus' disciples as they looked at the man with that of Jesus Himself. Their feeling was one of curiosity and contempt. His of deepest compassion (2, 4, 6). Are we likeliest to the Master or the disciples? What is your feeling as you gaze upon the poor, the outcast, and the unfortunate? Jesus saw in this man's

need only the just consequence of sin. The disciples, thought all sickness must be the direct consequence of sin. Jesus plainly declares this is not so, that there is another purpose in physical infirmity, viz., "that the works of God should be manifest." They were made manifest in this man's case by his healing. Sometimes they are made manifest by God's sustaining grace in weakness (2 Cor. 12: 8-10). Doubtless sickness is often the direct result of sin (John 5: 14; Mk. 2: 5; Ac. 12: 23). In other cases it is the indirect result (Job 33: 14-30). But sickness does not always arise from this cause (Phil. 2: 27-30; 1 Th. 5: 14). Jesus did not teach by

verse 3, that neither this man nor his parents had ever sinned, but that they "did" not sin as the cause of this blindness (see R. V.). The parents, so far from being sinless, sinned before the chapter ends. That is a wonderful "must" in verse 4, "We must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day." Indeed we must. Night is coming fast. No man can work then. Up and at the work now. Oh, those solemn words, "The night cometh," the night of death, when we sleep, not work, not unconscious, but shut out of activity and shut up with Christ in blessed communion (Phil. 1: 23), but beyond the possibility of finishing any work we have left undone here. Note the works we must do; not our own, but "the works of Him that sent me." It is plain from comparing vs. 2 and 4, that Jesus considered delivering men from evil far more important than speculating about the origin of evil. The philanthropist and the evangelist is of no more value to the world than the metaphysician. The world's night is when Jesus has gone (v. 5), and the darkest night for the individual soul is when Jesus leaves it. Jesus helps the man before He asks. His need was a prayer. If we are to follow Jesus, we ought not to wait until misery comes to us, we should go to it. "Go wash," etc., was a test of faith (2 Kings 5: 10-14).

II. Witnessing, 8-25.

Christ's work always arouses discussion and causes division. The discussion gave an opportunity for testimony. The man showed his manliness by saying, "I am he" ("he that sat and begged"). His frank testimony for Jesus cost him excommunication (v. 34), but it brought him a deeper, fuller knowledge of the Lord (vs. 35-38). He gave a model statement of the case, short, right to the point and giving the exact facts. He spoke of his deliverer as "the man called Jesus." Later still, he recognized Him as "the Son of God" (35-38). Those who heard wanted to see Jesus (v. 12). Such is the power of testimony. He was then brought to the Pharisees, the recognized enemies of Jesus (v. 22; ch. 11: 46, 47, 57; 12: 42). But the man did not dodge the issue even then. His testimony created division even among the Pharisees (cf. Ac. 14: 3, 4). "How can a man that is a sinner do such signs?" That is an unanswerable question for all deniers of the Deity of Christ for if He is not divine He is the chief of blasphemers. The man was not at all daunted by the opposition his testimony had aroused, and boldly proclaimed Jesus, "He is a prophet."

III. Worshipping, 35-38.

When the rulers cast this man out, they cast him right into the arms of Jesus. It is well to be cast out if separation from human fellowship brings the fellowship of Jesus, and it often does. Jesus leads the man on to deeper faith. He had believed in Jesus' far enough to obey His bidding and go to Simon and thus be healed. He had believed in Jesus as a good man and a prophet and from God (vs. 17, 30-33), but now he is to be brought into the great, saving, transforming faith that He is the Son of God. Jesus puts to him the great question, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" Ah! there is a whole world of meaning, life and blessing and power in that question, and its right answer. Put it to yourself, do I really believe on the Son of God? You

THE LABOR OF THINKING

It is said that hanging near Edison's desk in his laboratory at Orange was this motto, "There is almost nothing in the world which a man will not resort to in order to avoid the real labor of thinking." The people who are most likely to question this, are those who think least, who think so little; indeed, that they do not even know what thinking is. Many of you, however, have at least discovered that thinking is hard work and have faced the temptation to accept other people's ideas instead of thinking your way to a conclusion. The encouraging part is that thinking, like other work, becomes easier the more you do of it. The first finger exercises are much harder for the child practicing than the rendition of a difficult composition will be after ten or fifteen years of practice. With thinking, too, it is the start that is hardest.

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If the maker or his representative talks to you about the advertising being done for the product in big-city dailies and in national magazines, tell him that a big percentage of the families in your sales territory do not subscribe to the big-city dailies or to national magazines and that, therefore, he is putting on your shoulders the burden of creating and maintaining sales.

Clearly, it is not right that you should be required to promote the sale of a product in the territory served by this newspaper, without receiving from the manufacturer the

same kind and degree of sales assistance which he is giving retailers resident in cities where he is spending a lot of money on local advertising.

Quite too often manufacturers don't want to advertise in local weekly newspapers, saying that it costs too much. They forget, however, that their sales in towns served by weekly newspapers provide an advertising fund which should be spent locally. Why should the contributions from local sales to the maker's advertising fund be spent outside the local sales territory?

You have your business to build up, and to the extent that you help manufacturers to obtain and retain sales in this territory, to that extent you should receive local advertising assistance.

You've got a first-class case to put before manufacturers who want you to stock and push the sales of their product, then why not present it, either direct, or through the maker's representative when he calls?

(N. B.—Cut out this advertisement, and show it to the representative of firms whose products you are asked to stock and push.)

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