

Age is a quality of mind; If you have left your dreams behind If you no longer, look ahead, If your ambition's fires are dead-

But, if from life you take the best, And if in life you keep the jest, If love you hold; No matter how the years go by, No matter how the birthdays fly-

Then you are old.

betwixt and between.

You know, folks, we older folks who ing." have leisure on our hands have a bit more time for more studied thinking than again this week, and must cease. the present generation who go flitting from one spot to another and do not have time for deeper consideration. We sometimes picture this present state of affairs as being the worst the world has ever seen. We pity and console ourselves until we think those in the present age are the worst off in any generation. In my reading the other day I came across the following item, which gave expression of opinion by great men of their time. am going to give you these quotations. They may pick up your spirits as they did mine.

At the time of the French Revolution, Queen Adelaide of England, said that she had only one desire. "to play the part of Marie Antoinette with bravery in the revolution that was coming to England." William Pitt once said. scarcely anything around us but ruin and

Early in the last century, Wilberforce declared, "I dare not marry. The future is so dark and unsettled."

despair."

In 1819, Lord Grey believed that everything "was tending to a convulsion." Lord Shaftesbury, in 1848: "Nothing can save the British Empire from ship-

Disraeli, in 1849: "In industry, commerce and agriculture-there is no hope. On the eve of his death, in 1851, the Duke of Wellington thanked God he Jane down to the boy scouts Buzaar and would "be spared from seeing the con- she told me she wood be willing to kiss summation of rune that is gathering enny buddy witch wood by her a bole of around us."

There, now, you see the great men of Sunday-Pa and ma includeing me tuk blues, too, and yet the world has advanc- ma told me to go into a Barbycue and ed continually through all the years and get six sanwitches and the waitered past year. But here I am sermonizing Hamberger san witches and she ast me

who think the winters were meant for had been broke and wile they was waiting nothing but hockey, it has been glorious for the vetinary to come and Shoot the for the like of me this January. A lot poor horse which was in so mutch pain more of my old friends are able to step why I give him a Aspern Tablet. out more this winter than is usual. But if my favorite almanac is any guide, it pants was singular or Plural and she looks as if we were in for something replyed and sed that depends on weather different now. It predicts that this first you mean above or below the waste and week of February will end stormy. The next week will continue unsettled, with in after skool. light snowfalls and the week of February 12 to 18 is to be colder with high winds people lived longer now then they did a and some sleet. It sounds exactly like 100 yrs. Ago and pa sed yes and she ast a regular February.

In following out the predictions the past two weeks I have renewed faith so they cud pay the enstallmints on their in my weather guide. It was pretty well on the point. The one week of the 21st it did predict to end cold and bless me if we didn't have a thunderstorm that Sunday but then we have to allow a few Today pa was printing sum calling cards 'days difference and on the whole it's for miss. Angeline Flick and he got a line been pretty fair in its forecast.

fine ice skating arena we have in Acton that more of the old fashioned kind of carnivals are not run. I would like to see some fancy skating again and you

folks of to-day can do fancy skating. They can so frontwards and backwards around the arena and I believe that's the limit of their skating ability. Not so many years ago Billy Speight, of Acton, was the champion speed skater in these parts. But Billy could also do some fancy skating, too, and I'll bet he could show some young folks of to-day something about skating they never saw. Let me suggest that if a carnival is run that an exponent of fancy and figure skating be secured for the education of the young folks of to-day. And bless me but I would like to see our own "Billy" Speight from Toronto now, come up for that event, and perhaps he could be coaxed to bring along his old spring skates, too. Of course it would be asking to much to expect him to put on an exhibition of with His Disciples, 7-12. figure skating at his age, and I don't suggest anything that would injure an elderly man's health. You see, this morning I feel myself like the age of my first voting, but may be my friends have doing great things to-day, the greatest, apostles, records the fact that he himself not that youthful feeling.

In turning to THE FREE PRESS files of fifty years ago. I notice that we had an presses an opinion.

"The vote on the basis of Union of terly Official Meeting of the Methodist Church in this village, last Monday, was was a half century ago.

The candidates for the Provincial Parliament in the election were holding meetings then. Dr. Robertson was the the Conservative nominee.

and by this transaction secured a monopoly of the barbering business of the

back fifty years ago. was about 1,250. took place on the G. T. R. on Saturday (v. 9). Even the demons recongized His is also the secret of abiding peace, amorning. The midnight express was power (v. 11), and those possessed with bounding joy and abundant victory in stuck for about eight or ten hours in the them fell down before Him and the un- war times, and at all times, FELLOW-That has always been my idea of life, cut about a mile west of this village clean spirits cried out "Thou art the Son SHIP WITH JESUS. Having had them folks. We are just as old as we feel, and could neither go forward nor back- of God." They had a knowledge sur- with Him, He would then send them Some days I feel almost the century ward until three engines were attached.

SLATS' DIARY BY ROSS FARQUHAR

yes she beleave she into men and dwell in them, so that they tinguishes between these. did and sed if I have what modern psychologists call wood let it grow "dual personality.". There are certain very flewently, wel I gess Jane is just like uther wimen kinda hard to Understand at

Saterday - wel I ben saveing up my munny so cud by me a new Base ball sute for nex Summer and

then to-nite I met Chilly so now I gess I will play base Late in the Great War, Lord Lans- Ball in the ole suit. In fack I wush I downe thought that the Allies could not new where I cud ern enuff munny to by a cupple boles of Chilly agen.

former days had their periods of the a long Ride this afternoon and 1 time is a big improvement to-day over the all most ensuited me. I ast for six

if I wanted them to take out. Munday-well I ges I done my good In spite of the fact that these folks turn to-day. I seen a horse which's leg

> Teusday-The teecher ast Elsy weather it done us fellos good to see her get kep

Wensday-Ant Emmy ast pa if he new why people live longer now than they of use to and pa sed they had to live longer

Thirsday-wel the boss down at the noose paper office wear pa wirks must be very very soft Harted or heed fire pa, mixed up so insted of her Address down below it sed. Good only on Thirsday I have often wondered why with this February the 2nd. She woodent pay for

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE Golden Text.-I chose you and appointed you that ye should go forth and bear fruit. John 15: 16.

Lesson Text.-Mk. 3: 7-19a. Study also, Mat. 10: 1-4; Lu. 6: 12-16; Jno.

Time.—Spring, A. D. 29. Exposition. _ I. Jesus' Withdrawal

unanimously in favor of Union." This who had themselves been helped. We 71), in order to fulfill this prophecy. The of testimony. Jesus was not pleased seems to be that Judas had qualities that Liberal candidate, and Mr. Kearns was 16-21). How unlike many of His profes- leardership in the early Church, if they Fifty years ago J. P. Worden purchased was in earnest, they fairly pressed Him great opportunity, but he hardened his the barbering-business of Mr. W. Kelly, to touch Him. It was those who had heart and brought upon himself the men are seldom so much concerned about twelve was that they "might be with The population of Acton, as estimated their spiritual plagues as they are about Him." All the rest followed from that. their physicial plagues. We who have The one who would preach Him and have Here is a paragraph that will give plagues to-day can touch Him if we will, power in His name to heal the sick and some idea of a real old-fashioned snow- and, if we do, we shall be healed. The cast out devils, must first of all "be with storm: "The worst blockade that has very greatness and eagerness of the crowd Him," that is, enjoy the most intimate occurred in this vicinity for several years necessitated His withdrawal from them personal fellowship with Himself; this

passing that of men, but their knowledge forth to do three things: (1) Preach. mark, and at other times it seems that Four engines were required to bring a did not do them any good. They rec- (2) Heal sicknesses. (3) Cast out demy first vote was but yesterday and yet I train of thirteen cars up Tolton's grade. ognized Him because they were com- work they had to do by the Lord's imam neither 100 nor 21, but some way The hotels did a good business with the pellled to, but they did not acknowledge mons. The twelve are prepared for the impeded passengers on Saturday morn- Him from the heart. Their falling down parting to them the power to do it (v. before Him was a sort of anticipation 15, cf. Ma. 10: 1; Ac. 1: 5, 8). Our mission There now, I've run over my space of that day when every knee shall bow is to soul AND BODY. But Christ puts and every tongue confess that Jesus the spiritual need first (vs. 14, 15; cf. Christ is Lord (Phil. 2: 10,11). Our Mat. 10: 7, 8). Here is one of the places Lord did not welcome testimony from of which the Christian Scientists, and such a source (v. 12, cf. 16: 17, 18). He most Divine healers, invert and thus percharged them that they should not make vert the method of Christ. The Church Him known. But neither would He have has a manifest mission to the sick, but it the multitudes make Him known at this is moral lepers that it is our first duty to time (Mat. 12: 15-21). He regarded the cleanse, and those dead in trespasses great crowds as a hindrance rather than and sins that it is our most important a help to His work. Popularity and mission to raise. Jesus must Himself crowds often hinder a man of God to-day have been divine if He could bestow Friday-Jane past a compelmint on from doing a real work. Two things stand such powers upon others (v. 15; cf. Mat. It but proved my theory of life and I me to-day. I ast her if she liked my out in these verses: (1) The facts that 10: 1). It is evident that demoniacal hair long like it is are unseen being here 'called "demons" possession is something more than a mere now and she said who can, under certain conditions, enter form of disease; for Jesus carefully dis-

most fully accounts for all the facts) is "demon possession." (2) The Diety of Jesus. All sickness and the demons themselves were absolute subjection to His Word. And these supernatural intelligences called "demons" though wicked, were compelled to proclaim, "Thou art the Son of God." II. The Appointment of the Twelve,

most scientific explanation (because

Jesus now provides for the carrying on of His work, when He Himself should have gone. He gathers about Himself company of men whom He especially prepared for the spread of the Gospel Jesus made choice of these twelve men

after a night spent in prayer (Lu. 6: 12, 13). There was great diversity among them in temperament, previous history and native ability. They are an impres-The multitude was not so much at- sive illustration of different types of men racted by His wonderful teaching as by Jesus can use in His work. Matthew is the display of His healing power. He is the only evangelist who, in his list of not the healing of the body, but the belonged to the despised class of pubdelivering of men and women from sin dicians (Mat. 10: 3). The other three But today, as then, ministries to the evangelists cover this fact up. In each body attract greater crowds than His of the lists, Judas Iscariot is mentioned old-fashioned winter in '83. In the first more imporant ministries to the spirit last and his disgrace as the one "Which week of February the thermometer went and soul. Let any one today seem to also betrayed Him," is noted in each. below zero and the snow was so deep in manifest healing power, and thousands The apostles are grouped in twos in the the woods that it interfered with lumber- will flock to him, even though his doc- various lists. The method followed in ing. The editor of THE FREE PRESS had trine be manifestly and radically false. the grouping is worthy of study. The his ears frozen, so it must have been Thousands flock to Christian Science be- most difficult question that arises in pretty cold, because usually an editor's cause some are made physically better regard to the choosing and sending of the ears are pretty hot with the things folks by it, though its teachings are directly twelve is why Jesus chose and sent Judas about him or anyone else who ex- contrary to the fundamental truth of Iscariot. It seems hardly sufficient to ans-Christianity (e. g. 1 Jno. 4: 1-3; Ro. 5: wer that it had been predicted in the 6, 8; Heb. 9: 22; 1 Pet. 5: 8; Eph. 6: 11, Old Testament that one of His immediate Methodist Churches, taken at the Quar- 12). These mulititudes gathered be- circle would betray Him (Ps. 41:9; 55:12cause of what "THEY HAD HEARD." 14), and that therefore Jesus chose Judas Doubtless they had heard from those whom He knew to be a devil (Jno. 6: 70, have here an illustration of the power simplest and most natural explanation with the notoriety that He was gaining would have admirably fitted him for a but rather recoiled from it (Mat. 12: place in the apostolic company and the sed followers to-day. But the crowd had been sanctified. Grace gave him a plagues (y. 10) who were most eager to greater condemnation and infamy. The get to Him. It was always so. But alas! first purpose of the appointing of the

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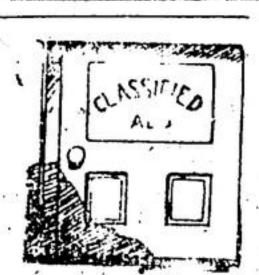
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