

PREPARATION

If life were birth and laughter With no care to follow after...

Who would practise all day long In the hope of growing strong...

But since care and grief are sure And distress must all endure...

Wisest they who understand How this life on earth is planned...

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, February 20, 1913

Legs and wood are coming in on sleighs again. Preparations are being made to drive the piles for the electric railway bridge over Fairy Lake...

Mr. C. Decker, the new proprietor of the Dominion Hotel, has taken possession. Mr. Lehman has purchased a private residence in Berlin and will remove there with his family in a few days...

The anniversary services in Knox Church last Sunday were conducted by Rev. H. J. Abraham, B. A., of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph...

DIED

NIXON—At Ashgrove, on February 16, 1913, Annie Jane Nixon, wife of Jas. H. Nixon, in her 66th year.

McNAB—At the family residence, Mill Street, Acton, on February 14, 1913, Jessie McNab, wife of Peter McNab, aged 78 years.

SNYDER—At Toronto on February 18, 1913, Rachel Matilda Hemstreet, widow of the late Eli Snyder, in her 79th year.

WHAT KIND OF MERCHANT ARE YOU?

It is sometimes wondered by those interested in the welfare of the community if merchants are not passing up opportunities to increase their sales. People are prone to let thoughts of the depression over-ride their usual business instincts...

The other week the editor gave me a story with real local interest concerning the old Elm Tree that used to mark the juncture of the roads out in Nassagaweya on the Guelph line. He told me he got it from a friend of his out in Nassagaweya and I gave it to my friends just as I received it. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did:

A young man whose name was George Watson was escorting his lady friend, Miss Annie Marshall, home one evening, when a young lad (Robert Wilson), knowing they were likely to pass by the elm tree, which was then about 20 feet in height, conceived the idea of hiding in the tree and as the young couple approached he would surprise them by issuing a lusty crow, as though morning were near.

As they neared the tree, Bob threw back his head, swelled his chest for record performance. Unfortunately for him he swung too far when only part of the crow was uttered; the elm tree bent and dropped him in front of the couple. It ended in a surprised Bob, whose heels could not be seen as he rushed across the side road toward home.

Bob took great pleasure in relating his exciting experience to friends of bygone days. A number of my friends in Nassagaweya and this district will remember the principals in this incident, but it's the first time I ever heard this story.

Well, my favorite almanac was pretty well on the job in the predictions of cold and stormy weather. I haven't heard so much from my old friends these days who maintain that we never have the old-fashioned winters any more. Sure, I remember other cold snaps the equal to the spell this winter, but it was sufficiently old-fashioned to suit me in this year of 1933. When I was younger, I suppose I could stand more cold, but it seems to take a powerful lot of clothes and bundling up to withstand a cold snap nowadays.

My almanac says this week will see some high winds and sleet. Next week it is predicted to be clear and cold most of the week with the month ending with wind and snow. March is forecast to

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



THE DIPPER WILL DO

The old-fashioned fellow's the hardy old sort. They don't seem to whimper when money is short...

The old-fashioned fellows, well, here's what I mean—They don't mind a kitchen, as long as it's clean...

But never mind the tumbler—the dipper will do. It's water he's after, not glitter or glass. The goblets can vanish, the tumblers may pass...

At home in the kitchen as well as the hall. The glitter of glass doesn't matter at all. In days like the present with luxury through...

And life is like water, refreshing and sweet. Whatever misfortune you happen to meet. A little less money, a little less style. But life is like water—the same all the while...

The things we have lost are the glitter and gold. The things we have kept are the blessings of old. Whatever has happened, has happened to you—You don't need a tumbler, the dipper will do.

—Douglas Malloch.

SLATS' DIARY BY BOSS FARGUHAN

Friday—well, ma tuk me up to see the Dentist tonight and he looked over my tooth which has been aching for a couple days and he said the best thing I could do was to have the tooth pulled out. I have not dislided yet just what I am a going to do about it but I think I will see what he thinks is the Next best thing to do about it.

Saturday—I guess Mrs. Bunch, the Butcher's wife is about ready to give up taking Villi lessons becu the teacher all ways tells her to put the Villi up vs. her Chin and nearly every time she puts it vs. the rong Chin.

Sunday—Ant Emmy had a letter from her sister which's husband is the professor of sum thing up at the university and they are very happy over the arrival of a announcement that the society which he belongs to has named a woman after him.

Monday—pa printed a peace in the noose paper where he wiks at which sed that aksidents costed are city over sixty 3 thousand \$ during the passed yr. and Ant Emmy sed she thot it was the limmit that the city wud spend so mutch munny foolish when times Was so hard.

Tuesday—Mrs. Gillem says she dussent no weather there is so many people with poor hearing becu Jazz is so popular or weather Jazz is so popular becu so many people are hard a hearing.

Wednesday—I ast Ant Emmy what was the Law of Gravity and she sed she diddent no but she betted they wodent never be able to inforce it.

Thursday—Miss Filck is very Hygenical and believes in good' heilh and tonite while she was here ast herse the sed that in 50 years from now kissing wud be a thing of the past and pa sed that in fifty years from now he wodent give a dern if it was.

SOME OF THE BEST OF THE NEWER ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

There are large collections of ornamental plants at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in which the newer varieties are compared with the old. It often is found that a high priced new variety is not better, if as good, as some variety very much like it.

A great many new varieties of iris, for instance, have been introduced in recent years but only a few justify the price charged for them. The following iris, however, of which the price has now become reasonable, are among the distinct acquisitions and should be in every garden which has a collection of iris: Mount Royal.

True Charm, Amber; Gay Hussard, Lady of June, Souvenir de Loettia Michaud, Majestic, Zulu, Tropic Seas, Geo. J. Tubolet, Rheingocher, Mrs. Marion Grant, Imperator, Lord Lambourne, Valencia and Purissima.

The prices of peonies drop more slowly than those of iris and some of the good ones can scarcely be called of newer introduction nevertheless a few of the best double varieties tested at the Experimental Farm which may be mentioned in price in recent years are: Le Cygne, Solange, Madame Jules Dessert, Therese, Tourangelle, Walter Faxon, Sarah Eckhardt, Longfellow and Kefway's Glorious.

Great advances have been made in Delphiniums in recent years. The most economical plan is to sow seed from the best named varieties and among the seedlings will usually be found some outstanding sorts.

The perennial lupines are charming plants and there has been great improvement in them in recent years. Seed of the best strains will usually give some lovely varieties.

Among the newer ornamental plants, the Regal lily has, perhaps, made the greatest impression on flower lovers. It is so hardy, so readily raised from seed and such a glorious sight in summer when in bloom that no garden should be without it.

Everyone who has room for a lilac should get one or more of the newer varieties, among which may be mentioned Le Marechal Foch, Edith Cavell, Desolene, Congo, Olivier de serres, Paul Thirion, President Fallieres, and there are many others, some of which though they have been available for a good many years are rarely seen in Canadian gardens. The collection at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, when in bloom in May is a sight not to be forgotten.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

JESUS TEACHING BY PARABLES—THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM. Golden Text.—The earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea—Isaiah 11: 9.

Lesson Text.—Mark 4: 21-34. Study, also, Matt. 13: 24-50; Ls. 2: 2-4; Ex. 47: 1-12; Rev. 21: 1-8, 22-27; 22: 1-5.

Time.—Autumn, A. D. 28. Place.—By the Sea of Galilee, near Capernaum.

Exposition.—I. Take Heed How and What Ye Hear, 21-25.

If we have the light of God's truth, we should set it forth, where all can see it and be enlightened and cheered and served by it.

The secret things of our own lives will be brought to light some day. Ears are given to hear with, and the possession of hearing involves a grave responsibility. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH (Ro. 1: 16), but believing comes by hearing (Ro. 10: 17). Many have never heard it, even in America or England, but it is because they have not listened when they might have heard.

They will be lost, but there will be no one to blame but themselves. They did not "take heed" what they heard. If we hear the right things in the right way it means life, but if we listen to the wrong things, or turn a deaf ear to the right things, it means death. So life and death are both dependent upon how we use our ears. How solemn the words are, especially in these days of multiplying errors, "Take heed WHAT ye hear."

Damning heresies are springing up on every hand, and in most unexpected quarters. "Evil men and impostors" are waxing "worse and worse," just as God said they would "in the last days" (2 Tim. 3: 1, 13). Wherein, then, lies safety in obeying our Lord Jesus and taking "heed what we hear," and in taking Paul's advice and continuing in the study of and belief in the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3: 13-17). If we listen to the truth that is spoken to us, more shall be given us, but if we turn a deaf ear to the truth, not only will it be taken from us, but we shall be given over to the working or error that we should believe a lie, and will thus be lost (2 Thes. 2: 10-12). In verse 25 we have a principle that runs through all departments of life: If you have some of anything and wish more, use what you already have. If you have some money and want more money, use the money you already have. If you have some muscle and wish more muscle, use the muscle you already have. If you have some memory and wish a better memory, use the memory you already have. Just so, if you have some truth and wish more truth, use the truth you already have by acting upon it and living up to it. Thus you will get more and more until you have "all the truth" (John 16: 13; cf. Acts 5: 32; John 7: 17).

II. The Seed Growing of Itself, 26-29. This parable is found only in the Gospel of Mark, but it is in the closest relation to the parables of the "Sower" and "The Wheat and Tares," found in the 13th chapter of Matthew, vs. 1-39. In the parable about the sower (cf. Luke 8: 11; 1 Peter 1: 23). It is to be sown in the human heart; it springs up and grows because it is a living thing. Jesus sows it, and so does every teacher and preacher of the Word. It is a wonderfully comforting thought that if we sow the true seed, it grows even while we sleep (v. 27). We do not know how it grows, nor do we need to know all we need to know is that it will grow. God's Word is a living and therefore a growing thing, and shall not return into Him void (Is. 55: 11). He sent it for a purpose and "it shall prosper in the thing whereto (He) sent it. His words "are spirit, and they are life" (John 6: 63); so they are bound to "spring up," "grow," and "bear fruit." The kingdom of God appears insignificant in its beginnings in the human heart, but it will grow. In the Christian life we must not expect the full corn in the ear at the beginning, we must be patient and rejoice in the blade, knowing that "the ear" and "the full corn in the ear" will follow in their season. Jesus is the harvester (v. 29). He knows just the right time to reap the grain and the moment it is "ripe" (v. 29, R. V.). He putteth in His sickle.

III. The Marvelous Outward Growth of the Kingdom, 30-32. There is the closest relation between the parable of the mustard seed and the two parables that precede it. It is still the parable of the seed and teaches the growth of the kingdom. The kingdom of heaven is like the mustard seed in its small beginnings—and its marvellous growth (cf. Acts 1: 15; with Acts 21: 20; see, also, Ps. 72: 16, 17; Dan. 2: 34, 35). The kingdom of God was first planted in a single seed, Jesus Himself (John 12: 24; Gal. 3: -5). In the eyes of the world, this seed was small and utterly insignificant (Is. 53: 2, 3). This parable is intended rather to teach the outward growth of the kingdom in the world than the "internal growth of the Church as a system of truth and ethics" or "the growth of the spiritual life of the individual." There may be other respects in which the kingdom of heaven is like the mustard seed, but the central truth is small beginnings and great growth. It is Jesus who sows the seed. He sows it in His field, which is the world (Matt. 13: 37, 38). By the birds of heaven coming and lodging in the branches thereof is symbolized the nations of the earth taking shelter under the shadow of the kingdom of God (Ex. 17: 22, 23, 24; 31: 6, 12; Dan. 4: 12-14). Some take it that "the birds" in this parable are the same as those in the first of "the seven parables of the kingdom" (Matt. 13: 4, 19), but this will not bear close examination. In one place in the Bible Jesus

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"Fresh from the Gardens"

is spoken of under the figure of a "lion." In another place, Satan is so spoken of (1 Peter 5: 8). Almost all movements which are from God are like the mustard seed, small in their beginnings but great in their growth. In the parable of the leaven with which Jesus immediately followed this (Matt. 13: 31-34), we see that this great outward growth was followed by great inward corruption. Both parables were prophetic, and had a larger fulfillment than is read into their mere recital. Let us leave this parable with the resolution never to despise any movement because at first it was weak

and small. One conversion may be the beginning of a mighty church, one seed the beginning of a rich harvest of saved souls.

SOME CONSOLATION Young Wife: "Oh, I'm so miserable. My husband has been out all the evening, and I haven't the faintest idea where he is." Experienced Friend: "My dear, you mustn't worry. You'd probably be twice as miserable if you did know."

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