

EASTER-TIDE

Doubt and fears are crushed at Easter. Christ has swept them all away; Faith and hope, with joy overflowing, fill the heart on Easter Day.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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The maple sugar season is over. Some venturesome gardeners have already planted early potatoes.

Mr. Albert Bishop has purchased from Mr. Robert Storey his house and two lots on Fairview Avenue.

Lance Corporal Alex. Mino, son of George Mino, sixth line, was officially reported killed in action in France on April 6th.

A letter from Pte. James D. Louttit, from France, says that all the Acton boys who went overseas with the 164th Battalion, are now in France.

Among the returned soldiers who arrived at Toronto last Thursday was Pte. Garfield Ramshaw, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ramshaw, of Oshawa, former residents of Acton.

From the very interesting annual report of Inspector Denney the following summary is gleaned: The number of teachers in the Inspectorate of Halton last year was 100. Of these seven were men. The salaries for men in urban schools averaged \$1,150; and in rural, \$750. Women in urban schools received \$623 and rural \$625. Total enrollment was 4,240; average attendance, 2,716.

SLATS' DIARY

LIVER N. WARREN

Sunday: The preacher subject this a. m. was Good Husband. All are family was there & when we arrived home Ma said to Aunt Emmy she said she had a little about that subject as the preacher no. Pa herd her & skowled. I dont no why.

Monday: Mistress Gillem & Ma got mad at each another this p. m. Ma said she naber lady got to abusing her husband & when Ma said she were correct Mistress Gillem got huffy & said it wasnt so. Then Ma soon arrived home & said she wont never return no more.

Tuesday: After supper Ma was reading the newspaper & said to Pa is a man which has 1 wife to many a biggemist. Pa replied Yes in rare instances. Ma shot a minet or 2 & then arose up & fang the paper in his face & left the rim. I wonder why the anser didnt please her But I no it didnt tho.

Wednesday: This Jane dame is a getting on my nerves. Today as we was going home from school she ast me do I still love her. I replied & said I did & then she said Why dont you marrie Ely then. I believe she was riddykuling me some how. But I let it pass. Oweis I showed her I can take it. Tho I dot if she apreshated my shivrelrey.

Thursday: Jake & Ely walked home from school together. Jake said they got to saying they are going to get married when they grode up. Then he ast her would she make him a good wife & she said she would make him a good husband. Jake sed he dont exactly no what she ment. I distided to let him find out for himself.

Friday: Ma told Pa the kitchen flu are smoking & how can she stop same. Pa sed give it some of them cigars you bot me for Christmas. No Pa better to bot say nothing to him. But she will tho when she wants sun thing I bet.

Saturday: Well, they isent no school today but what good do that do yra truly? Whose mother is a fine ladie & he loves her deevly with all her falls which mostly consists of thinking up work that otto have attention becuz as she says. Put off not till tomoro what otto be done this a. m.

INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH DATES ARE SET

The dates for the 26th Annual International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration, looked upon as one of the most outstanding yearly events in Canadian agriculture, have been set for October 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th by the Executive Committee of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

The match this year is scheduled for Simcoe County, the site chosen being Mimmsing Plains, between the villages of Mimmsing and Ettenale, and 12 miles north-west of Barrie. This location is ideal in the opinion of the Committee as it is of easy access by automobile and on paved Highway No. 26, from Barrie to Collingwood.

The local Simcoe County Committee has been hard at work under the general supervision of Frank Higginson, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of Simcoe County Council, and J. T. Simpson, County Clerk. They have optioned 6,400 acres for the event. Last year's match, near Ferris, drew over 100,000 spectators, with some 65 companies holding machinery demonstrations.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



THE SOLACE OF AN INVALID

Afraid to die? O, can it be? Afraid, dear Lord, to go to thee? Afraid to lay this body down, To wear a never-fading Crown?

GETTING ON FINE

Meeting a recently-married parishioner, about whose domestic happiness stories were rife, a vicar said: "Well, John, how is all going on?" "Oh, happily, enough," returned John. "I am glad to hear it. You know there were rumors of rows or ..."

PICOBAC PIPE TOBACCO FOR A MILD, COOL SMOKE

near Glen Lawson, when he had grown old and hard of hearing. Bella was his comfort and stay in his declining years. After her father's death she went to live with her sister, Mrs. Graham Lawson, at Crossville, Michigan.

The brick house on the next lot was the home of Mrs. Danforth Swackhamer, after the tragic death by accident while building a barn, of her husband, on the old farm at Churchill. It seems to me her two daughters were married in this house, Angeline and Roxie.

The store and dwelling on the corner of Young and Peel Streets were erected by W. H. Denny a good many years ago. He thought a store, convenient to the people in the east end, would be appreciated by them, opened with a splendid stock of groceries and provisions.

On the other side of Young Street, James Sharp built the brick house on the corner. He lived and died there. Though handicapped with a crippled arm, Mr. Sharp always had his place as neat and tidy as an experienced gardener would keep it.

I think the house on the adjoining lot was built by John McConnell. Mr and Mrs. McConnell lived there for a long time. They finally went West. Robert Denny, the father of ex-Councillor Denny, made this the home of himself and his family when he retired from his farm, where he had spent his young manhood and active life.

Nestling in a group on the next lot is a quartette of semi-detached brick cottages, which have housed scores of tenants during the last thirty years. These belong to Mr. J. H. Denny, and he keeps them attractive and always occupied.

It is difficult for me to remember particulars of houses built within the last forty-five or fifty years, and because of this I am liable to make some mistakes. Well, bless me, if I ain't at the end of my space again, and I haven't begun to get over Young Street and the Young's survey. It looks very much as if I might have to make another week or so more of it. These old-time meditations do cause my old wits to go off wool-gathering, and Young Street has been steadily growing to the right to the comfortable home of Mrs. John Russell and here, too, John Russell lived until just a few months ago, when he passed on. It was here, just a few years ago, that they observed their golden wedding anniversary, and many happy years were spent here by this estimable couple following their retirement from farming.

This house was built by William Auld, son of Tailor Auld, who lived a quiet life and fashioned substantial clothing for the homespun brought by the neighboring farmers in his "house by the side o' the road." In the second line, for many years, it must be over fifty-five years since Bill put up this home. I think he thought when he built it that it would be his home for life. But in a few years he got the Toronto fever. Thomas Easton bought it. Robert Bingham and his family lived there for some years. I think it was while they lived there that Bill Williams' eldest son, Carlos, and Bob Bingham's eldest daughter, Hannah were married. My how time passes.

I can't recollect who built the next house, but I think it was Lachlan Kennedy of the check line. Esquimaux. At any rate he lived there when he met his untimely death on the O.T.R. tracks.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 17th

THE VICTORIOUS SERVANT

Golden Text—This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses.—Acts 2: 32.

Lesson Text—1. Jesus of Nazareth, a Man Approved of God, 22-24. The descent of the Holy Spirit from heaven on the disciples at Pentecost accomplished what Jesus had promised. He declared the Holy Spirit should "teach them all things"—"bring all things to their remembrance" (John 14: 26). Also the Comforter would testify of the work, worth and Person of Jesus. After that had taken place they would be able to "bear witness" (John 15: 25, 27). Further, the Holy Spirit would "glorify" Jesus to the disciples. He would take them (John 16: 14, 15). All this promise of divine equipment was fulfilled at Pentecost.

The disciples had been scattered at the time of the crucifixion. They forsook Him and fled (Matt. 26: 56). It was the resurrection of Jesus that brought them together again. Their reunion was the result of Jesus' instruction to Mary (John 20: 26). There were other meetings before He was taken up into heaven (Luke 24: 48-53).

At Pentecost then the Holy Spirit flooded the understanding of the disciples with light and they went forth to bear witness. All Jerusalem was agog with the powerful realism of their enthusiasm. The mob which had been stirred up a few weeks before to cry to Jesus "Crucify Him!" now was hearing Spirit-filled disciples declare things which condemned them of Deicide. Notice how the human designation "Jesus of Nazareth" is used by the Spirit through Peter. This Person is described as One "approved of God." This approval was signified by miracles, wonders and signs. They were the acts of healing, feeding the multitudes, walking on the sea, raising the dead, besides the signs at His Baptism, transfiguration, crucifixion and resurrection. All these supernatural signs were proof that this extraordinary Person was far more than a mere man. God was in Him and He Himself was God manifest in the flesh.

He is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (John 1: 29). His only begotten Son (John 3: 16). Therefore His sacrifice for our sins was according to the "determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God." The blighting fault, however, was in their having added to His grief and shame by cruelly murdering Jesus. God meant Him to be a sacrifice (John 1: 29). They made Him a felon and gave Him a criminal's death. But, declares the preacher, He who was slain now lives again. He is raised by God from the dead. Death could not hold such an one as He. Had He been a mere man, He would have remained in the tomb.

II. David Prophesied Jesus' Resurrection, 25-31. In these words David could not be understood as speaking of himself. This is evident from the quotation in verse 25, which is taken from Psalm 16: 8. Because he foresaw Jehovah "Jesus" and in faith kept Him before his face he could not be moved from the hope of immortality. The Holy Spirit illumined his understanding and caused him to utter words concerning his Lord, who was ever at his right hand, which were a prophecy of His resurrection. The word "hell" is SHEOL, which means the abode of the dead. This place could not hold the Holy One of God. He was destined to walk the "ways of life" and to become a fountain of joy for all people. What comfort that must have been to David and how reassuring to us also.

David is classed as a patriarch (v. 29) because he was the father of the Davidic line in the descent of which Christ was to be born (Jer 23: 5). That David was not speaking of himself, since they knew where his tomb was at that hour, was evident. The King here became the prophet. As such, he understood and declared the plan of God which had been announced to him (2 Sam 7: 8-17). That plan included a posterity a throne, a kingdom and an eternal King. Otherwise David sat in faith the stately figure of Christ as sin-bearer and death-sentence. So he prophesied says Peter the resurrection of Christ.

III. Resurrection of Jesus a Proof of His Deity 32-36. Peter, now links his own testimony and that of the fellow-disciples to that of

David—He proclaims the great rallying cry of the new faith, "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses" (v. 32). How can any one doubt the reality of Jesus' resurrection? Every church is a witness to the fact, even if there be some in it that deny or doubt it. There never would have been Christian churches if Jesus had never risen

from the dead, His sepulcher would be the tomb of our holy religion. Neither would the New Testament have been written had He not arisen, for all its truth and teaching is based on this revelation. If Christ had never risen there would never have been martyrs and missionaries. No, the resurrection of whom God has made "Lord and Christ" Jesus is still the amazing revelation of

Christian witness. Because Christ is risen, He is exalted to the right hand of God (Heb. 8: 1). He is the living fountain from which the Holy Spirit flows in regenerating and empowering grace. Therefore all men everywhere should acknowledge His missionaries. No, the resurrection of whom God has made "Lord and Christ" (Phil. 2: 10, 11).

Victoria Garden Beauties Bring Joy to Thousands



SHIRLEY TEMPLE, darling of movie-going millions, summed up world-wide opinion in a sentence when she said of the Empress Hotel gardens in Victoria, B.C.: "They're beautiful. I'd love to stay here a whole year."

Garden week in Victoria has become an institution whose uniqueness attracts thousands of visitors to Vancouver Island every spring. The gardens at this time of the year are a glorious riot of bloom because in that western city the favorable weather gives year-round golf and flowers which cannot be surpassed for size, variety and rich colorings.

Hotel, sponsor of the event. There will be flower shows, talks on flowers by world famous horticulturists, and many informal parties. The above pictures show Shirley Temple in a favorite spot in the Empress Hotel gardens during one of her recent visits, a visitor showing her son floral sculpture at its best; and a view of the famous ivy-covered Empress Hotel itself.

It Pays to Advertise

Once there was a business man. And he was wondrous wise. Said he: We'll save the money it takes to advertise. We've got the business going. We'll sit and take the kale. Why squander cash for printing? Our income cannot fail! Things prospered for a season. Then sales began to dwindle. The why? Nobody knew. The boss was fretful, worried. His face grew pale and drawn. The business kept on going. Going now it's gone.

MUGGS AND SKEETER

