

THURSDAY, JULY 21st, 1916

WE ENJOINED TO KNOW HIS STUFF

An aged man at the union station... "I've been in fights," and the old boy glared...

Twenty Years Ago

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The Epworth League held their weekly meeting at "The Breeze," on Monday evening... The summer temperatures have reached 80 degrees in the shade...

INDIAN TRAILS AND HIGHWAYS

Although revealing spectacular achievement in ancient, old world civilizations, the romance of roadmaking has known a common history in all lands...

Often these paths were found to be worn six inches to one foot into the ground. They took direct courses from one body of water to another...

Seven miles west of Toronto, on the new Middle Road, the specially designed tourist cut-off streaks north along Brown's Line to Barrie and the picturesque western land...

CAPACITY LACKING

Doctor—Did you follow my advice and drink hot water an hour before breakfast?

BADLY LET DOWN

Little Mildred had just had her first dip in the sea. "How did you like it, dearie?" asked her mother...

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOTTOWER



GIVE ME YOUR SMILE

Give me your smile to cherish in my memory... One tender smile before we bid adieu; Give me one theme and I shall write Love's melody...

Last fall I enjoyed greatly the exhibit of historical articles at Acton Fair. I mentioned this to the editor, and he handed me a few sheets of paper which he explained had been secured from Mrs. John Marshall, of Nassagaweya...

It seems that Mrs. Marshall learned that a resident of Eden Mills, Mr. Geo. Smith, has made a hobby of collecting articles of pioneer days and articles of historical interest...

Well, here are the highlights of Mr.



Smith's collection:

An old gun with a history. In the year 1818, before Joseph was founded, John Bannay, Esq., came from Dundas with his wife, Rachel Cleaver...

Mr. Smith is the possessor of the first weight scales which were owned by Mr. Adam Argo, who opened the first general store in the village...

A ram's horn curled, used as a snuff box. It is of unknown age, a relic of this Scottish family. A rare and rich antique.

A pair of ostrich eggs, about 10 inches in length, came from South Africa. A specimen of some 70 years ago.

An English bow, 6 feet in length, which has been in the Smith family for 300 years. An original Colt's revolver, made in London, England, brought to America in 1840.

A stone drinking cup, belonging to the stone age of man; found in Scotland. A wooden porridge dish, about the size of our modern bowls. Used by Mr. Smith's grandfather, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

My thanks to Mrs. Marshall for bringing to light this very interesting historical collection. I would be glad to hear of other matters of like interest. And for this week we'll just overlook Bover Avenue, and next week I'll continue my recollections of this fine residential street.

The Old Man

BRITISH EMPIRE CEREALS

Rice is grown more extensively than any other cereal within the British Empire, but wheat follows closely in importance.

Under rye in the Empire, except in Canada, is negligible, the aggregate production being less than one per cent of the world total.

Canada is the only exporting country of rye in the Empire, and rye imports in the Empire are almost entirely confined to the United Kingdom.

NO TIME

The small girl met the doctor near her home. "You brought a little baby next door, didn't you?" she inquired.

The Sunday School LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 24th

GIDEON: FOLLOWING GOD'S PLAN

Golden Text—Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage.—Joshua 1: 9.

Lesson Text—Judges 7: 4-7, 15-18. Study also Judges 7: 1-25.

Time.—1294 B.C. Place.—The Well of Harod.

Exposition.—I. The Three Hundred Chosen of God, 4-7.

In order that the lesson be properly understood, the whole passage (vs. 1-25) should be read. The setting of the scene in which Gideon played so conspicuous a part should be understood by the students.

The real danger was of pride, self-confidence and boasting (v. 2). Individuals and churches usually think that their danger lies in their weakness, but it really lies in their strength.

God is on the side of the one who sets his faith and love upon Him (Ps. 91: 9, 10, 14). God will have no one without faith, or who is frightened, to fight His battles (Isa. 12: 2; Deut. 20: 2-4, 8).

God always saves men in a way that leaves no room for boasting (Eph. 2: 8, 9; Romans 3: 27). The Lord can save by few as well as by many (1 Sam. 14: 6), and He commonly chooses to save by the weak and despised things (1 Cor. 1: 27, 28) in order "that no flesh should glory in His presence" (1 Cor. 1: 29).

The next test was peculiar. It was a seemingly little thing, but it was a significant thing. It is by the little things that God is always testing us (Luke 16: 10; Matt. 12: 36).

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The trumpets were a call to God and a type of prayer, the torches the light of the Gospel, and the "pitchers" (or "then vessels") our frail bodies in which we have this treasure of the Gospel truth (2 Cor. 4: 6, 7; Matt. 5: 16).

COULD YOU ANSWER?

Uncle (to young nephew): "Yes, my lad, I can answer any question." Nephew: "Well, if a wasp landed on a nettle, would the nettle sting the wasp or the wasp sting the nettle?"

STILL WONDERING!

Wife: "How people gaze at my new dress! I presume they wonder if I've been shopping in Paris." Husband: "More like they wonder if I've been robbing a bank."

FAREN SPERALLY!

Salesman (at motor show)—This is the type of car that pays for itself. Prospective Buyer—Well, as soon as it has done that you can have it delivered to my garage.

Large advertisement for 'The Acton Free Press Is Your Buying Guide'. Features the headline 'A Buying Guide...' and text: 'Before you order dinner at a restaurant you consult the bill-of-fare. Before you take a long trip by motor car you pore over road maps. Before you start out on a shopping trip, you should consult the advertisements in this paper. For the same reasons! The advertising columns are a buying guide to you in the purchase of everything you need --- including amusements! A guide that saves your time and conserves your energy; that saves useless steps and guards against false ones; that puts the s-t-r-e-t-c-h in family budgets. The advertisements in this paper are so interesting it is difficult to see how any one could overlook them... fail to profit by them. Just check with yourself and be sure that you are reading the advertisements regularly --- the big ones and the little ones. It is time well spent... always. The Acton Free Press Is Your Buying Guide Avoid time-wasting, money-wasting detours on the road to merchandise value. Read the advertising "road maps."'

MUGGS AND SKEETER



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