

THE RIVER OF TRUTH

No one stops the river, flowing to the sea; Men may look at it awhile, But soon must set it free. Bound, it grows the stronger; Angrier, denied; And your little dams and dikes It soon will sweep aside.

Truth is like the river, flowing to the deep; Falsehood may prevail awhile, And even justice sleep; Truth may sit in prison, On the scaffold stand, But the river finds the sea And grinds your rocks to sand!

No one stops the river, No one kills the truth. Men may play the fool awhile, And put the blame on youth, But there's God in heaven, And there's good in men, And the soul of Christ shall come And save the world again. —Douglas Malloch.

Twenty Years Ago

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The young folk have had gay times this week. Corporation Pond and Fairy Lake have been in prime condition.

J. M. Denyes was elected President of meeting at Milton. Honorary President the Children's Aid Society at the annual is Judge Elliott. Donations from societies, institutes, and persons totalled \$3,170.75 for the year.

The seventy-mile gale on Saturday night wrought havoc in many places. Farmers in the Acton district had buildings blown down and twisted. In Acton the new shoe factory was the scene of the greatest damage.

The gale was lifted and distributed over the O.T. R. tracks, injuring a brakeman on a shunting freight train. The west wall and windows fell in after the roof went off. It is estimated that the damage will be about \$3,000. The contract would have been completed this week.

Rev. George W. Barker, of Burlington, gave most impressive addresses at special services of the Methodist Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

A number of passengers from Acton had a trying experience on Saturday night when the power went off and the radial car was stalled on the bridge, between the seventh and sixth lines. The car was stalled for seven hours.

Mr. James Loulitt, who has been in Toronto since returning from overseas, has decided to return to Acton.

DIED

WALLACE—At her home, Knox Avenue, on Tuesday, December 2nd, 1919, Elizabeth Storey, widow of the late Hugh Wallace, in her 70th year.

WHY WEEDS ARE HARD TO KILL

Each weed has a life history of its own, and the reason why one is hard to kill may not be at all the chief reason why another persists. Some of the principal reasons, however, are given by Herbert Grub, Division of Botany, Science Service, as follows:

1. They are naturally adapted for life in gardens, fields and the surroundings of man. They might be easy to kill, or would die out of themselves, if they happened to start growth in the dense shade of a woodland. For the same reason the plants of woodlands would be easy to kill or hard to keep alive in the unnatural environment (or their) of our fields and gardens. Most of our weeds have come from older lands where they have held their own against man for ages in just such an environment. Often the crops they grow with are less hardy and aggressive than they are, and can only survive and thrive as they are cared for by the farmer, while the weeds only need to be left alone to win out in the race for light, space, water and plant food.

2. An immense quantity of seed is produced by some weeds, especially by annuals and biennials, the resulting pollution of the soil requiring years of cleaning, even if no more plants are allowed to go to seed.

3. Many species have vigorous perennial root systems (thistles, dandelions, etc.) which renew growth until repeated destruction of the tops at every fresh appearance starves them.

4. Many weeds have ingenious adaptations as hooked prickles, "tumble weed" and plumes form of growth, etc. for the wide dispersal of their seed.

5. Sometimes weeds persist for the simple reason that farmers will keep on re-seeding their land with crop seeds containing weed seeds, rather than pay a little more for pure seed.

6. Weeds may seem harder to kill than they really are, because we half-kill them, and then forget them until they have become troublesome again. "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety."

7. Weed control is sometimes rendered difficult because neighbors neglect to do their share, and the careful farmer suffers with the rest. Co-operation is needed.

WELL SAID!

The reporter was interviewing a prosperous soap manufacturer. "It is a well-known fact," he said, "that you made your fortune out of soap, Mr. Lather. Now, to what do you attribute your success?" "To clean living, my friend, to clean living," was the reply.

AGREABLE ABOUT IT

Country Yokel (in city cafe)—I'll have two poached eggs. Waitress—On toast? Yokel—Aye, if you haven't any planks.

Acton's Family Album

Turning Over the Pages, Week by Week, and Looking on the Faces of Those Who Were Familiar to Many Here in Other Years

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS ONE?



LAST WEEK'S PICTURES

The two pictures that appeared in last week's Family Album were the late J. S. Deacon, Inspector of Public Schools for Halton for many years, and T. James Moore, a son of the late T. T. Moore, and who died as the result of an accident when deer-hunting in Northern Ontario. He was City Clerk of Quebec for years. Can you name the picture given this week? Answer will be given next week.

QUEEN LEADS RECORD WOOL DEMAND

The demand for wool in Britain is now ten times greater than in peace time. This is chiefly because of the activities of women's working parties, from H.M. the Queen's Guild at Buckingham Palace to groups of women in the humblest cottage in the land.

Many hundred thousand pounds of Empire wool are being turned every week into socks, mufflers, gloves, pullovers and "balaclava helmets" as special comforts for the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Twice a week the Queen sits at a long trestle table in the famous blue drawing room at Buckingham Palace, side by side with ladies-in-waiting, women members of the household staff, and wives of the King's footmen, grooms and other men-servants. The Queen and her Guild make bandages, and knit socks and other comforts for the Forces.

The increased wool demand is the largest the trade has ever known, and spinners are working day and night, since war began to cope with it. One big firm has been delivering orders of between 70,000 and 80,000 pounds of wool a week, in consignments ranging from six pounds to several hundred pounds each. Nearly all orders are for khaki, Air Force blue, Navy blue and hospital grey.

Yet prices have not materially increased. Best quality wool is 8d an ounce, compared with 7d just before the war; the price has reached 8½c an ounce in peace time. Future prices will depend to some extent on the Australian clip, which the Government has taken over.

SURE ENOUGH!

A mason was working the base of a marble cross. He had found what he thought to be the best face and chalked on it in black chalk: "Front."

The boss looked at it for a bit, and then said: "Is this the way you spell 'front,' Charley?"

He shuffled round, put on his steel rimmed glasses, looked over the top of them, paused a while, and then looked at his boss and said: "Well, it doesn't spell anything else."

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Golden Text.—He that heareth, let him say, Come.—Revelation 22: 17.

Lesson Text.—Matthew 10: 24-39. (Read the whole chapter.)

Time.—Spring, A.D. 29. Place.—Galilee.

Exposition.—I. Jesus Sends Forth the Twelve, 5-29.

In order to understand the printed portion the whole chapter should be read. Our Lord was sending out His disciples as His messengers to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Jesus made choice of these twelve men after a night spent in prayer (Luke 6: 12, 13). There was great diversity among them in temperament, previous history and native ability. They are an impressive illustration of the different types of men Jesus can use for His work. Matthew is the only evangelist who in his list of apostles records the fact that he belonged to a despised class, the publicans. The other three cover this fact up. Matthew humbly writes the fact, and thus magnifies the grace of God in calling him. In each of the lists Judas Iscariot is mentioned last, and his disgrace as "the traitor," is noted in each. The apostles are grouped in twos in the lists. The method followed in the grouping is worthy of study. The most difficult question that arises in regard to the why Jesus chose and sent out Judas

Iscariot, is why he was chosen and sent out. It is answered that it had been predicted in the O.T. that one of His immediate circle would betray Him (Ps. 41: 9; 55: 12-14), and that, therefore, Jesus chose Judas, whom He knew to be a devil (John 6: 70, 71), in order to fulfill this prophecy.

The simplest and most natural explanation seems to be, that Judas had qualities that would admirably fit him for a place in the apostolic company and the leadership of the early Church, if they had been sanctified. Grace gave him the great opportunity, but he hardened his heart and brought upon himself the greater condemnation and infamy.

The twelve were prepared for the work by the Lord's imparting to them power to do it (cf. Acts 4: 5-8). The commission was at this time to Israel alone. The middle wall of partition was not yet broken down (Eph. 2: 13-17). After the cross the commission widens (Acts 1-8). The apostles had a fivefold commission—preach, heal the sick, cleanse lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. This is substantially the business of the missionary of Christ at home and abroad to-day. Our mission is to soul and body, but Christ put the spiritual need first. But the church has a manifest mission to the sick, etc., but it is moral "lepers" that it is our first duty to cleanse, and those "dead in trespasses and sins" that it is our most important mission to raise.

It is to be noted that this work of healing or "Christian Scientist" who charges a fee for his services thereby shows the cloven foot. And this applies also to those who will only declare the gospel on condition of a stipulated payment. Jesus must have been divine if He could bestow such powers upon others (v. 1). It is evident that demagogical possession is something more than a mere form of disease; for Jesus carefully distinguishes between casting out demons and "all manner of diseases" and "all manner of sickness." Every kind of disease and sickness was to yield to the power of the apostles.

These powers were not confined to the twelve apostles (Luke 10: 9-19; Mark 16: 17, 18; 1 Cor. 12: 9; Jas. 5: 15). We do not hear much of most of these men after Christ's death, but that does not at all prove that their work was insignificant. Most of these men were called from the lowliest positions in society. The substance of their teaching was to be "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." John and Jesus had begun that ministry with the same message (ch. 3: 2; 4: 17). And Jesus gave the same message to the seventy (Luke 10: 9).

II. Fear Ye Not Therefore, 29-31. One of the most frequently occurring messages both in the O.T. and N.T. is "Fear not." Our Lord wishes His disciples to be without fear, and it is their privilege so to be. Our enemies may be very strong and very unscrupulous, but we need never fear them. God is on our side (Rom. 8: 31). Our enemies may try to carry on their plans for our destruction under cover, and with the utmost subtlety, but "There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid that shall not be known." God's care extends to the minutest things, even to "the sparrow," and to the minutest things about ourselves (v. 30).

III. He That Loveth Father or Mother More Than Me is Not Worthy of Me, 37-42. Our Lord Jesus is "Prince of Peace," and when He reigns peace will be universal, but He brings conflict before He brings peace. He divides families, some accept Him and some reject Him, and oftentimes in the history of the development of the work of Christ on earth, a man's bitterest enemies have been "those of his own household." Many hesitate to accept Christ for fear it will divide them from their dearest friends. But Christ always involves a cross. Each one has his own cross; that is the shame and suffering inevitably connected with his following in the footsteps of his Master.

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Applying cattle range methods to turkey raising. T. S. Tallafiero, Jr., above, rancher and turkey grower of Rock Springs, Wyo., ranks western range and grain lands with his gobblers, transporting them in the trailer, left.



Grain troughs for turkeys set up at camp

MUGGS AND SKEETER



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