

REMEMBER

So many things will be in vain - The fame, the wealth we've tried to gain; Such things will be of little worth When we at last must leave this earth.

Twenty Years Ago

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Building operations are lively in town this season. Butter sold here on Saturday at 35 cents and eggs at 28 cents.

Mr. A. E. Cripps, expressman, has supplanted his team vehicles with a fine motor car.

Great sorrow came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Given, Guelph, formerly of Acton, last week, when their eldest daughter, Beatrice, just five years old, was fatally burned from exploding gasoline.

Rev. W. L. Findlay B., of Knox Church, has tendered his resignation as minister of the church to take effect the end of June.

The official census of Canada's millions will commence on June 1st. The questions are numerous, having some 34 details on the forms to be filled in at each home.

DIED

McMILLAN - In Erin Township, on Sunday May 8, 1921, Ann McMillan, relict of the late Douglas McMillan, in her 83rd year.

Fatal Falls On Streets

Throughout North America nearly 2,000 persons lose their lives and more than half a million others are laid up each year for varying periods as the result of broken bones, bruises, sprains and it is not of other injuries resulting from street falls.

While accidents of this kind are usually not so severe as those from automobiles, they are responsible for about as many non-fatal injuries. "Slipped on the ice," "slipped on snow," were the reasons most frequently stated as the causes of fatal falls on sidewalks and streets.

Intoxication causes one-fifth of the fatal falls - an unexpectedly large proportion for it is generally supposed that Providence has a kindly feeling for, and a mysterious tendency to protect the drunken.

Tripping on broken or uneven sidewalks, over various small objects, elevated manholes, protruding cellar doors, or slipping on greasy walks, pools of water, small pieces of fruit etc., accounts for a large number of fatalities.

In one case a middle-aged woman crossing the street was run into and thrown to the concrete pavement by a boy chasing after a ball. The injuries suffered were fatal. A man crossing the street against the traffic lights saw two oncoming automobiles, and in his confusion stumbled and fell on the roadway. Neither automobile struck him but he died from injuries sustained in the fall.

More than one-fifth of the fatal falls were due to the infirmities of age, fainting, epileptic seizures or other effects of disease. The majority of fatal street falls are among old persons; 65 years old or more. These, as well as the young would do well to give thought to the dangers of a serious fall on icy streets and to keep a watchful eye out for hazards while walking on streets and highways.

IN SINGING CLASS

The teacher was not satisfied with the efforts of the singing class. "Open your mouths wider," she said, "and sing as heartily as you can. Little drops of water, and for goodness' sake put some spirit into it."

NOT BEAR THE LIMIT

Bill, a fireman was with his mates helping to put out a fire one blazing hot afternoon. For six hours the brigade was toiling, the perspiration streaming down their grimy faces. At last one of them gasped: "Lummy, Bill, this is the limit, this is."

"Don't you believe it, George," replied the expiring, bill reprovingly. "You just be thankful we aren't got to put this here blinking fire out with boiling water."

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18

BROADENING CHRISTIAN HORIZONS: SAUL'S CONVERSION

Golden Text - I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision. Acts 26:19.

Lesson Text - Acts 9:1-31. Print Acts 9:1-16. Time - A. D. 37(?)

Places - Jerusalem, Damascus. Exposition - I, Saul, the 'Murderous Enemy of Jesus, 1, 2.

Saul's intense anger against Jesus and His disciples was not a matter of a single hour or day. The extent to which he carried his hatred in action we see in Acts 22:19; 26:10, 11. In this Saul had persuaded himself that he was doing right (26:9). It is a striking illustration of how a man who intends to be conscientious can be thoroughly and awfully wrong.

The Lord allowed Saul to go a long way in his mad career. But at the proper moment He put forth His hand and saved the little flocks at Damascus. Probably Ananias had prayed, though he could hardly believe when he heard. The Lord often acts "suddenly." The "light out of heaven" that shone around Saul was the light of Christ's resurrection glory (v. 17; 1 Cor. 15:55). It was about noon (22:6); and the glare of the eastern noon is exceedingly bright, but the glory of this "yawn above" (the brightness of the sun) (26:13). Our Jesus is exceeding glorious. The stubborn persecutor is thoroughly humbled (v. 4). There are many today who speak great, swelling words against our Lord, who, if they should get one look at Him as He is, would "fall to the earth" before Him (Phil. 2:10, 11).

Evidently, for all his zeal in persecuting the church, Saul had many a goodly thought that he might be wrong, and Jesus indeed the Lord (26:14). A startling question (v. 4). He puts it to everyone today who is persecuting His people. Note how tenderly Jesus identifies Himself with His disciples (v. 5; Matt. 25:35-40, 42-45; Eph. 5:30). What an awful moment it must have been in Saul's life when it fully broke upon him that the glorious One who stood before him was indeed Jesus, whom he had so bitterly hated and so relentlessly persecuted. What an awful moment it will be for many now living when they see Jesus in the Glory, and realize that it is He whom they have spurned and persecuted.

The light Saul saw was, no mere subjective vision, or effect of sunlight; the others saw it, too (ch. 22:9), and heard the voice. When we look at the original, the apparent contradiction between v. 7 and ch. 22:9 entirely disappears. In this passage "the voice" is in the genitive case, which with the verb translated "hearing," indicates the person (or thing) heard speaking the message. In Acts 22:9 "the voice" is in the accusative case, which indicates the message which is heard. There was no hurrying of Saul into the light. It is not a bad thing for a man to have time to think and to review the enormity of his sin.

III. Animals. The "Obedient Disciple, 10-16. Ananias was simply "a certain disciple." This destroys the doctrine of the Mormon church (and of many others) that the laying on of an apostle's hands was necessary to receiving the Holy Spirit. Ananias was a ready instrument to the Lord's call. But when the definite directions came Ananias was staggered. He quite overlooked what Jesus had just told him about the change that had been wrought in Saul. Saul, the terrible, fills his whole vision and he protests. Jesus enters into no discussion with Ananias "Go thy way," he says, and then He tells what Saul of Tarsus really was "a chosen vessel unto me."

"How wonderful are God's ways, to transform the bitter enemy into 'the chosen vessel.'" But this former persecutor must himself suffer for the sake of that name he once hated. This, too, was a gracious act of Jesus to permit Saul to suffer for Him, and today the sufferings that Saul once inflicted upon Christ are quite forgotten in the sufferings he endured for Christ.

IV. Saul, the "Bold Witness" for Jesus, 17-19. Ananias protests no longer. Readily and promptly and heartily he obeys. The moment he sees Saul he tenderly lays his hands upon him and exclaims, "Brother Saul! There were no men on earth that Saul had hated as he did disciples of the Lord. There was no man on earth that Ananias had dreaded as he did Saul! But this was all changed. Faith in one Lord had made them brothers."

And he said, "The Lord had said nothing about that to Ananias" (v. 12). But the Lord had said "the is a chosen vessel to carry my name before the Gentiles," etc. and Ananias knew he could not do that properly unless he was endowed with power from on high (Luke 24:49; Ac. 1:1, 5, 10-18). Saul did just what every man ought to do as soon as he is saved, and Spirit-filled (v. 29). There is no indication that Saul at this time received miraculous gifts through being filled with the Holy Spirit. He

CROSSED WIRES

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dealtipped to a bumpy landing. Leaving the ship he fought his way up through the trees and tangled underbrush. By calling and stumbling on toward the answering hull he finally came to the scene of the crash.

His heart quickened. Two of the passengers were standing by a little fire waving their arms. The other passenger was sitting propped against a tree with cushions. But stretched out on the men's coats by the fire was the long form of Buck Gatlin. When Stan looked at the crumpled nose of the ship he feared that Buck must be dead.

Before anyone said a word Stan looked down into the big face, white as death against black hair and eyebrows.

"He's pretty badly hurt," one of the men said. Stan knew that he would carry the memory of Buck's still, white face with him as long as he lived.

Buck opened his eyes. "Hello, kid," he said faintly. His eyelids flickered and closed.

They improvised a stretcher and the ablest of the passengers helped Stan down the hill with Buck. "Keep the fire going. We'll send some one back for you," Stan called as he left. Twisting and turning they made their way downward in the spreading gloom.

With the sorely injured flyer in the mail compartment Stan flew with wide-open throttle for Plattsburg. By radio he asked for an ambulance.

As he waited in the hospital, he prayed that Buck Gatlin would live.

Hours later Chandler came from the operating room. "Buck's coming through all right," he said simply. Stan felt a terrible weight lift from his soul. "I've been a conceited fool," he murmured.

Chandler studied the younger man's face. "Malcolm, this is serious trouble you've caused. I'm going to ground you for six months. You'll spend that time in the instrument department - learning not to get your wires crossed."

It was a different Stanley Malcolm who said, "Thank-you, Mr. Chandler."

Fifty Flying Fortresses

Are Among Newcomers to Britain's 1941 Air Force.

Six entirely new types of aircraft are now taking the air against the Nazis. In speed, offensive power and range they will supersede the Spitfires, Hurricanes, Wellingtons, Whitleys and others which have become famous throughout the world for their exploits over Europe.

Outstanding among the new aircraft is the Hawker "Tornado," a single-seater fighter with nearly double the engine power of the Spitfire. Designed by the builders of the Hurricane, it is powered by a 2,000 h.p. Rolls-Royce Vulture engine, giving a speed of about 425 m.p.h. Its armament is heavy enough to shatter enemy planes in mid-air.

Also more powerful than the famous original is the Spitfire Mark 3, an aircraft re-powered with Rolls-Royce Merlin engines. The design has clipped wings, and in some cases is re-armed with shell-firing cannon. Another new fighter, the Westland Whirlwind, is similarly powered.

Among the bombers the most sensational arrivals are fifty Flying Fortresses, the giant Boeing bombers from U. S. A., equipped with the famous Sperry bomb sight of unerring accuracy. All Britain's new bombers are designed to meet the current need for very long-range activity combined with greater speed.

One is called the Avro Manchester, and has twin Vulture engines. Another, the Short Stirling, with four engines, is both bigger and faster than the existing Flying Fortresses. For long-range work this bomber will be even more useful than the Wellington.

It is now disclosed that the fighters now being used against night raiders over Britain include Hawker Hurricanes, Bristol Blenheims and Defiants.

SHOCKED

Neighbor: "Come quick! Your Mary's fallen into the pond!" Farmer: "What has?" Neighbor: "Your wife Mary." Farmer: "You did give me a shock. I thought you said the mare had fallen."

NOT TOO OFTEN

Mrs. Bronson has a new chauffeur who is very careful as a driver but not so careful about his appearance.

"John," said Mrs. Bronson to him one day, "how often do you take it necessary to shave?"

"With a weak growth like yours, ma'am," replied the chauffeur, "I should say that once every third day would be sufficient."



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