

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

It matters not if you lost the fight and were badly beaten, too.
 It matters not if you failed outright in the things you tried to do.
 It matters not if you tumbled down from the same heights of blue.
 But what are you doing now?

It matters not if your plans were foiled and your hopes have fallen through.
 It matters not if your chance was spoiled for the gain almost in view.
 It matters not if you missed the goal though you struggled brave and true.
 But what are you doing now?

It matters not if your fortune's gone and your fame has withered, too.
 It matters not if the cruel world's scorn be directed straight at you.
 It matters not if the worst has come and your dreams have not come true.
 But what are you doing now?
 R. RHODES STABLEY.

Twenty Years Ago

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If looks considerably like winter this morning.

Bread is selling in town now at nine cents per loaf.

The officers of Acton Horticultural Society spent Thanksgiving distributing hyacinth and daffodil bulbs to the 200 members of the society.

Thomas Cutting, who recently sold his farm on the sixth line will remove to Winona, where his brother Walter is engaged in fruit farming.

The final lot of concrete has been poured in the floor of the monaster, Dundas Street bridge across the Sixteen River in Trafalgar. The bridge will soon be open for traffic.

Mr. C. J. van Goozen has purchased the McGregor farm which Mr. J. H. Lyons has owned the past year. Fire broke out in the house owned by Mrs. A. S. Hornby on Bower Avenue about two o'clock yesterday morning. The firemen were soon on the scene and extinguished it in a few minutes. The loss to Mr. W. Batten, G.T.R. pumpman, who occupied the front of the house, is very considerable. Mr. Alex. McKenzie's part, fish dealer, who lived in the rear, was not seriously damaged.

BORN

VAN GOOZEN.—At Georgetown, on Monday, November 7, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. van Goozen, a son.

MARRIED

McEACHERN-MULLIN.—At Bonview Farm, Acton, home of the bride's parents, on Saturday, November 5, 1921, by Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A., Neil A. McEachern of Preston, to Bessie Bell, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mullin.

GOOD FOR THE IRISH

LONDON, (CP)—Forty-six airmen of the R.A.F., born in Ire, neutral half of the Emerald Isles, have won 53 decorations since war started, including a V.C., five D.S.O.'s, 25 D.F.C.'s, and 10 D.F.M.'s.

The Sunday School Lesson
 FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

REPENTANCE AND FAITH
 Golden Text.—Repent ye, and believe in the gospel. Mark 1:15.
 Lesson Text.—Isa. 1:10-20; Ezek. 18:20-23; Luke 3:1-14; 13:1-5; 15:11-24; Acts 2:37-39; Rom. 6:1-11. Print Luke 15:11-24.
 Time.—December, A. D. 29.
 Place.—Perea.
 Exposition.—I. The Nature of Sin, 11, 12.
 The father of this parable represents God the Father. Of course, the figure is not a perfect representation of Him who is repented; for all earthly figures of the divine Father must necessarily fall short of the reality. But it is a wonderful picture of God's attitude toward the sinner, especially the backslider. The younger son represents the wanderer from God. The elder son the one who has not outwardly wandered, and yet is not in full harmony with the heart of God. The immediate reference is to the elder brother in the Pharisees and scribes (cf. vs. 28-30). There is great harshness and heartlessness in the younger son's request. At the bottom of the boy's request was the desire to have his own way, to be independent of his father. This is the very essence of sin, the desire to have our own way, to be independent of our Father, God. Our way may be a refined and moral way, or it may be a gross and vicious way; but the desire to have our own way instead of rejoicing in God's having His own way in every part of our lives, is the heart of sin. Heart alienation from God lies back of the desire to be independent of God.
 The father granted the son's ungracious demand; and just so God deals with man; if we desire to be independent of God, He lets us be, and thus lets us learn the bitterness and folly of it by experience. The boy did not go away from home at once, though his heart was already in "the far country." So the man who has begun to wander in heart still keeps up, at first, some outward semblance of communion with God. But "not many days after" he is gone. There are many in our churches whose hearts are already alienated from God, though they and God alone know it; but their feet will soon follow their hearts, and then all the world will know it.
 II. The Fruits of Sin. 13-16.
 "The far country" is the land away from God, the world of sin and unbelief. The first thing the boy found in the far country was fun. Fun is the first fruit of sin. Some say that there is no pleasure in sin. The Bible does not say so. It says that "there is no peace to the wicked" (Isa. 57:21), and that is true beyond a question; but it speaks of "the pleasures of sin" (Heb. 11:25). It is true that it says they are "for a season"—very short

lived, and they come high. "The devil is not such a fool as to go fishing without bait." The pleasures of sin are the devil's bait, and they always have a hook in them. If you bite at the devil's bait you will soon have the devil's hook in your gills and be in the bottom of the devil's boat. The consequences of the boy's riotous pleasure was poverty; "he spent all" (Prov. 21:17; 23:19-21). "Want" followed close on the heels of fun. It always does. Not always does. Not always temporal want, but there is deeper want than temporal want and intense hunger than physical hunger—soul want and soul hunger. They always come to the soul away from God, for God alone can satisfy the soul of man. In his want he should have returned to his father at once, but man will not return to God until he has tried everything else. So "he joined himself to a citizen of that country." He was only a sojourner, he did not belong there, the "citizen" did. He was set to feeding hogs. It sets forth the debasement and slavery that are the result of sin. Here is a young man who might have been a son in his father's house in ennobling, joyous, well-requited service, hog-tender for a stranger, in degrading, unpaid toil. That is the choice that every one who wanders from God makes, he comes hog-tender for Satan (cf. Deut. 28:47, 49).
 III. The True Remedy for Sin, 17-24.
 The first step back was that he began to think. That is where salvation begins, in thinking (Ps. 119:59, 60). He thought of his own lot compared with that of his father's hirelings. Every sinner should compare his own hard lot with the bountiful lot of God's servants. As a result of that thinking "he came to himself"—an impenitent sinner is beside himself, a moral lunatic. From thinking he passed to resolving; the only thinking that has saving power is the thinking that leads to resolution. The resolve was the correct one. "I will arise and go to my father." He was coming with a confession of sin, "will say unto him, Father, I have sinned." That is the only way for a sinner to come to God (Ps. 32: 3-5; Prov. 28:13; 1 Jno. 1:9), when there is no confession of sin there can be no salvation from sin (Luke 13:10-14).
 He came back with the hope of being made a hired servant, but God is better than our highest hopes, he was made a son. He did not stop with resolving, "he arose and came." The father was watching for the boy, "when yet a great way off, his father saw him." God is watching for the sinner's return to Himself. The boy had forgotten the father in the days of profligacy, but the father had never forgotten him. We forget God in the days of our immersion in the world, but He never forgets us. The father "had compassion"; that is God's feeling toward the sinner. Further he "ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him." That is the God of the Bible. The father did not wait until he was washed and dressed before he kissed him. Then there was "the best robe" (Isa. 61: 10; Zech. 2:3-5; Phil. 3:9); and a ring, pledge of sonship (Eph. 1:13, 14; Gal. 4:6) and shoes (Eph. 6: 15). Then there was "the fatted calf" and feasting and merriment. A feast awaits every returning sinner.



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OUR FOOD SUPPLY
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 By JOHN ATKINS, Farmer-Journalist
 No. 5—THE FARMERS' SPOKESMAN

What do food growers require? Who can speak for farm people? Food growers require "a national agricultural policy that will:

- 1.—Recognize the fundamental nature of food and land and farm people, and the importance of agriculture in our national economy;
- 2.—Establish a fair balance between agriculture, labor and industry;
- 3.—Provide a systematic marketing program designed to feed our markets both at home and abroad in an orderly and efficient manner;
- 4.—Develop a production program shaped according to the needs of a marketing program, and designed to give our farmers guidance which will enable them to plan their farm program at least two years in advance; and
- 5.—Recognize the principle of a two-price policy. This means that prices of farm commodities in the domestic market must bear a proper relationship to cost of production and cost of living in Canada, even though it may be necessary for our exportable farm products to go to the world market at a lower price.

Thus speaks the authoritative, non-political voice of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture which includes the great majority of all farm organizations in Canada with an affiliated membership of 350,000, representing one-half of Canada's farm homes.

What do food growers require? They require Canada to make up its mind about what it expects of its basic industry and, having made up its mind, to make it possible for farm people to produce what Canada needs for home consumption, for British and allied aid, and for foreign trade.

Who can speak for farm people? The farm people of Canada can speak for themselves through their own national organization which is a federation of farm organizations representing all classes of food growers in all parts of Canada.

In this national organization Can-

Turkeys Firmer
 ---If You Have 'em

Royal Bird Will Likely Bring Good Prices at Christmas This Year

OTTAWA, (CP)—Turkeys will be less plentiful than usual this Christmas and it is expected prices will be somewhat higher than last year, say Agriculture Department observers.

Unfavorable spring weather in the prairie provinces, which produced the bulk of the birds consumed at Canadian Christmas dinners, is held responsible for a 10 per cent. drop in the volume of turkeys compared with last year.

While many individual farmers throughout Canada have small flocks the majority of the birds are provided from the prairies and conditions there govern the market throughout Canada.

It is expected that in addition to the reduced supply a keener demand, resulting from increased employment, will be a factor in increasing prices this year. Last season, grade A turkeys sold wholesale at 27 to 28 cents a pound.

Offsetting to some extent the conditions of the turkey market is a 15 per cent. increase in the supply of chickens. Officials say, however, that for the average Christmas dinner it takes two chickens to substitute for a turkey and generally improved financial conditions have resulted in an increased demand for chickens apart from the Christmas season.

Widowed Countess Gets Lord's Medal

LONDON, (CP)—The Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire was among 11 war widows who attended an investiture at Buckingham Palace to receive George Crosses won by their husbands. Lord Suffolk, who won the medal for bravery in connection with bomb disposal, was killed by a bomb last May.