IT SNOWED

Last night it snowed. To-day the barns are thatched
With winter's plump extravagance. Within
Their dim exteriors the sun has patched
The dark with yellow stitches, long and thin.
Bright chimneys, eloquent with cedar smoke
Point from the nest of house-tops. Window-panes
Wink frosty eyes at juniper and oak
Shaking the stars out of their shaggy manes.
The stubble-fields now sleep beneath white quilts,
And in the pasture-lot, nuzzling the snow
A gentle colt with spindly legs like stilts
Explores a pleasant world he does not know.
Last night it snowed and dawn has glorified
This portrait of a winter countryside.

Cosette Middleton.

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 10, 1925.

Sleighing for Christmas is hoped for.

William Burgess of Rockwood, had his leg broken while loading turnips at the station. Due to the shunting of cars, the car in which he was working was hit and bags of turnips were knocked down, falling on Burgess.

Amos Mason was elected reeve with a majority of 153 over George Barber who has been reeve for seven years.

At the December meeting of the Acton Women's Institute, a donation of $10.00 was passed to assist the schools in securing music.

H. S. Holmes, Agent, Canadian National Railways, entertained the members of the staff and their wives on the occasion of his seventieth birthday last Friday. Mr. Holmes has been agent here for forty-three years.

DIED

EASTON—In Guelph on Sunday, December 6, 1925, Hannah, widow of the late Thomas Easton, of Acton, in her 91st year.

SOMERVILLE—At the family home, lot 24, con. 7, Nassagaweya, on Monday, December 7, 1925, Fyfe Somerville, in his 86th year.

Milk Camouflage Brings Protests

Churchmen Oppose Glamorizing Beverage as "Milk Cocktail" in School "Bars"

WINNIPEG (CP)—Disapproval of the proposed idea to encourage school children to drink more milk by establishing "milk bars" has been voiced by the Winnipeg Presbytery of the United Church of Canada which passed a resolution to send a letter to Dr. F. W. Jackson, Manitoba's deputy minister of health.

The idea was advanced in the Manitoba Nutritional Notes, published by the province's department of health, and inserted in the larger publication Canadian Nutritional Notes. A paragraph said the schools could increase milk distribution by dressing up tables like bars and advertising "milk cocktails."

While the presbytery appreciated the efforts of the health department to increase milk drinking it thought the "milk bar" approach a regrettable idea and recommended that a more suitable educational method be used, the resolution said.

This is not the first time that the question of milk drinking in the schools has come up. The Canadian Institute for the Blind at one time operated milk canteens. Then somebody objected to the word canteen.

Milk is still brought into the high schools during the winter months but it is distributed in bottles without the glamor camouflage of milk cocktails.

BIRDS ARE VICTIMS OF WAR

The accidental introduction of rats into Midway Island in the Hawaiian Group during the disturbed conditions of wartime has resulted in the total extinction of two unique species of birds now on display in the Royal Ontario Museum. The Laysan Rail and the Laysan Finch were natives originally of Laysan Island, also one of the Hawaiian Group, but were exterminated there when rabbits were admitted to the island early in the twentieth century. The rabbits virtually destroyed all of the vegetation of the island and with it the birds' food supply of seeds and insects. Before their extermination on Laysan, however, both species had been introduced on Midway Island and at first had flourished there. Since the rail was flightless and both species nested on or near the ground, they were unable to survive the depredations of the rat. Thus World War II has added at least two more to the already long list of animals which have vanished from the earth.

BIRDS ATTACK ENGINES

BUDAPEST (CP)—Hungarian partridges are adopting Jap kamikaze tactics against the railways. One engineer reported a flock of the birds dived on his locomotive, most of them killing themselves. But one crashed through the side window and made a direct hit on the engineer's eye.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1945

THE CHRISTIAN'S PLACE IN THE LIFE OF THE NATION

Golden Text. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Ps. 33.12.

Lesson Text. Matt. 5: 13-16, 43-48. 1 Pet. 2: 13-17.

Exposition. I. The Christian as Salt and Light, 5: 13-16.

The opening verses of this chapter emphasize our blessedness, these emphasize our responsibilities and obligations. They are full of suggestiveness. The office of salt is to flavor, to cleanse and to preserve from decay. It is one of the most useful articles in the world. Believers in Christ keep human society from spoiling and give a proper flavor to it. But if the salt lose its virtue, nothing is more useless. Its virtue cannot be restored, and it is of no use for food, for the land, nor for a fertilizer ("for the dunghill"). It is good for nothing. All that can be done with it is to "cast it out" into the road and let it be "trodden under foot of men." So it is with a professed believer in Christ when he loses the savor of godliness and the preservative power of life in the Spirit. What a wretched "outcast" a saverless religionist is, and how men delight to tramp upon him. Salt loses its savor by becoming mixed with earth; the Christian loses his savor by becoming mixed with earth, by compromising with the world.

While Christ's disciples are "the salt of the earth," they are also "the light of the world." Primarily, Jesus is Himself "the light of the world" (Jno. 8: 12), but what He is in Himself He also makes His disciples to be in Him. Personally He is no longer in the world, but He is here in His disciples and gives light to the world through them. Christ is "in us the hope of glory," and being in us He shines out on the world through us. It is a glorious, but also a very solemn thought, that the world gets all its light through us. How much does it get through you? There is a very dark spot somewhere in the world unless you are illuminating it. Well might Jesus say and well may we heed when he does say, "Let your light shine before men." We do not need to make it shine, God does that, but we should "let it shine."

II. The Law of the Kingdom, 43-48.

By loving our enemies, we shall ourselves be sons of God, for the son is like the father, and this is the way the heavenly Father acts. It returns blessing for cursing, kindness for hate. He maketh His sun with all its healing, fruit giving power to rise on the evil and the good. That is a very suggestive phrase, "His sun." When you look up at the glorious sun, just say, "That is His sun and He gives it to me." To love them that love us is no indication of grace, even the publicans do the same. The last verse is very wonderful, holding up the perfection of God as our standard. It is really a promise more than a command: "Ye therefore shall be perfect, even as your Heavenly Father is perfect" (R. V.). The immediate reference is to perfection in love, loving enemies as well as friends, bad as well as good (Luke 6: 35, 36). But it is clearly implied that in all things God's character is our standard (Eph. 5: 1). Nothing short of absolute likeness to Him should satisfy us, and it is to this that we are finally to attain (1 Jno. 3: 2).

The final exhortation is that we shall be like God. If God can bestow on the worst of men the riches of His providence and grace, who are we to withhold charity to others (Jas. 4: 17)? It is the longsuffering of God which at last wins many to repentance (Rom. 2: 4). If we only stop to think of the tender mercies of our God we shall be immediately moved to scorn our pettiness and censorious attitudes toward others. "He hath not dealt with us after our sins" (Ps. 103: 10). As we discover that God is patient, so must we become (1 Pet. 2: 20, 21). As we come to learn that God has forgiven us, we must reveal to others a forgiving spirit (Matt. 5: 12). The more we know the magnanimity of God toward us in Christ, so much the more must we practice largesse in kindness and generosity to others. Only thus can we be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect (v. 48). In nothing is imperfection revealed in Christians more than in their not attending zealously to this phase of active love (Rom. 12: 1-8).

III. The Christian's Duty Regarding Rulers, 2: 13-17.

A rightly instructed Christian holds all rulers of every form of civil government in highest respect as "ordained of God" and he knows that the one who resists these divinely ordained rulers is resisting God (Rom. 13: 1, 2). Even poor government is better than anarchy. But that does not mean we are to accept evil conditions, like the liquor traffic. What harms our weaker brother must always be opposed and corrected. The Christian citizen opposes evil, but does it lawfully. Therefore, he subjects himself to every ordinance of theirs, whether he thinks it wise or not. He obeys the law of the land, the state and the city as a matter of Christian duty, for the Lord's sake. The kings and governor's of Peter's day were not Christians, but that did not alter the duty of those who were under them.

CHINESE FLYERS IN THE RAAF

Flying Officers Tom Tung Yep, one of a number of Chinese who have joined the RAAF since the outbreak of the war, has been operating as a bomb-aimer with an Australian Halifax Squadron based in England. One of the Australians told us his story the other day. F/O Tung Yep was born in Hong Kong and, as a baby, went to Australia with his parents, who have a fruit business in Cairns, North Queensland. Soon after the Japanese entered the war he and two Chinese friends, We Wong Hoy and L. Fang Yuen, left Cairns for Brisbane and joined the RAAF for aircrew duties. An attack of the mumps and one or two other minor maladies divided the three friends before they had gone far. Tom was sent to Canada for his final training and the other two remained in Australia, for the time being, but all three finished up in England.

"We naturally wanted to have a crack at the Japs when we joined up," said F/O Tung Yep. "Maybe we shall be lucky enough to get out there." F/O We Wong Hoy is at present a navigator in a Coastal Command Flying Fortress squadron. He has two brothers in the RAAF. F/O L. Fang Yuen has finished a tour as a wireless operator on Australia's senior Lancaster squadron and is now with Transport Command.

BRITAIN'S FOOD NEEDS

LONDON (CP)—Food Minister Sir Ben Smith gives these figures of the amount of food needed to meet Britain's current ration for a week: meat 30,000 tons, bacon 7,000 tons, fats 10,000 tons, butter 3,000 tons, cheese 4,000 tons, preserves 6,000 tons, tea 3,000 tons and sugar 30,000 tons.

Canada produces annually over 300,000,000 bushels of wheat and imports 225,000,000 of them.

CLEARING

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WALTER FIDLER

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 1945

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HARNESS—Set of G. P. Nickle Mounted Show Harness, complete with Collars; Set of Breaching Farm Harness; No. of Bridles, Halters, and Collars.

HAY AND GRAIN—40 tons of Mixed Hay; Quantity of Cut Straw; Approx. 25 ft. of Ensilage; 1000 bus. of Mixed Grain.

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The Whole will be sold without reserve as I am leaving the farm for other business and have no further use for same.

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Housewife Raises Mink as Sideline and Boredom Cure

Edmonton Woman Keeps 100 Mink in Yard, Kills, Pelts, Animals with Scalpel

EDMONTON (CP)—As a cure for boredom and a way to make a little extra money, Mrs. Doris Dowdell, a young housewife with a three-year-old daughter, is raising mink. That isn't so unusual for a woman these days but she also does the killing and pelting which is unusual.

Before moving to the edge of the city seven years ago, Mrs. Dowdell knew little about mink raising, but careful study of books and pamphlets has overcome that handicap. Her husband, an Edmonton office worker, helps her but she does most of the work herself.

The little mink farm is situated right in their back yard. At one time she had about 700 of the valuable animals in pens in the yard but shortage of help has forced her to cut down, and now just a little more than 100 are raised.

It was several years before Mrs. Dowdell would undertake to kill and pel the mink. She has no qualms about it now and with a scalpel or sharp jack-knife can skin a mink in a few minutes.

The feeding is somewhat of a problem and involves about 100 pounds of horse meat, cereal, dry bone and vegetables. All the ingredients are ground and the whole mixture placed in a wash tub on an old baby carriage which Mrs. Dowdell propels to the different pens.

Fresh water must be in the pens at all times and in hot weather this means going the rounds four times daily. The pens must be kept clean and the sick mink looked after immediately, for they are delicate as well as valuable.

HELPMATE

REGINA (CP)—Mrs. Katie Frederick and her carpenter husband wanted to build a new house here, but no labor could be found. Nothing daunted, Mrs. Frederick doffed her apron, donned overalls and now is assisting her husband in building the house.

FIRST IN CANADA: This is one side of the Canadian Pacific's "railway within a railway", introduced for the first time in Canadian train service at Windsor Station, Montreal, to save time for both those who make sleeping and parlor car reservations and those who take them. Mounted on ball-bearing wheels and an elevated track this mobile filing cabinet makes accessible to seated operators all diagrams of sleeping and parlor cars in regular and extra line service which they are asked for over direct telephone lines from all ticket clerks in Montreal. Lined up by W. C. Wainwright, reservations supervisor, after intensive study of arrangements in effect in principal American cities, it was built at the C.P.R.'s Angus Shops in Montreal.

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