

TELL ME...

Will you remember that when next you write to me, it is of little things I long to hear...

Are you still busy in your garden daily? What are you reading now? And do you hum your little songs as gaily as long ago?

Are the larks singing now at dawn's awakening, in the green meadows where wild pansies grow in clusters free for any travellers taking?

Maud Stewart

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1896

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 8, 1896

A new bank barn was raised last Thursday on the farm of Mr. George Leslie with 170 men taking part.

Ex-Councillor Williams is one of the most loyal men in town. He even paints his windmill fawn red, white and blue.

Mr. D. Henderson, M.P. attended the meeting in Toronto last Wednesday during the visit of Sir Charles Tupper.

The Maple Leaf Glass Works has removed to the shop lately occupied by T. Morton on Main St.

Mr. Jas. Barry, who formerly resided in Newmarket, has moved with his family to Acton. Mr. Barry is employed in the Acton Lumber Company's works. They are living in the fine house of Dr. Lewis on Queen St.

Messrs. W. H. Storey and Son have created a new department for the manufacture of travelling bags. Mr. Wm. Frick will superintend the new department.

There is a great deal of talk in the Milton papers about alleged efforts on the part of the managers of the Acton Baseball Club to sign one or more Milton players for Acton team. The Milton talk looks rather fishy when it is known that Acton leads in the Halton- Peel games, with its present players.

The fine bank barn of Mr. William McArthur of Lot 8, Con. 3, Erin, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed during the storm last Wednesday. His hay and fall wheat and a number of implements were destroyed.

BACK IN 1926

From the issue of the Free Press of August 12th, 1926

The tallest hollyhocks in town are blooming in Mr. John Cameron's garden. They are 10 feet 6 inches in height and blooming profusely.

A new Sons of England Lodge has been organized at Milton which was instituted by Woodgreen Lodge, Acton.

Last week Rev. Dr. Charles A. and Mrs. Cook arrived in Acton from Seattle, Wash., having come from the coast by motor. They will stay here for a month and then leave for New York and then home by the southern states and up the coast from California.

Farmers in each township won prizes in Halton County Agricultural Society's field crop competition in fall wheat. First prize went to G. E. Wilson, Esquimaux and fifth to L. W. Chisholm, Nassagaweya.

DIED

ELLIOTT - At the family home at Campbellville on Friday, August 6th, 1926, William James Elliott, in his 71st year.

RAT INVASION

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C. (CP) - Downtown Prince Rupert is experiencing a rat invasion because the city dump no longer provides edible food for them since departure of troops from this area. City officials are studying methods to get rid of the pests.

"GHOST" WALKS NO MORE

FRANCOIS LAKE, B. C. (CP) - A long, black wolf known as the "Black Ghost" which has killed many cattle, sheep and dogs in its forays through this district, was shot and killed by Everett Hickey, a farmer. Hickey shot the beast when it attacked his two dogs.

ON THE WAY BACK

A Kentucky judge met an old Negro mammy of his acquaintance. "Good morning, Aunt Jimma, he said, pleasantly. "Where are you going?" "Laws, Judge," was her reply. "I've been whah I've goin'!"

The Sunday School Lesson

MONDAY, AUGUST 13th

MAKING OUR HOMES CHRISTIAN

Golden Text - Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Ex. 20: 12.

Lesson Text - Ex. 20: 12; Mk. 7: 9-13; Luke 2: 21, 22; Eph. 6: 1-4.

Exposition 1. The Fifth Commandment, Ex. 20: 12.

God's law had a regard for duties to man as well as duties to God. At the first, because God's rights are put first, because God's rights are pre-eminence. He is the Infinite, the whole human race is finite. He is the Creator, we are creatures. Furthermore, if God's rights are disregarded man's rights will soon go. Religion is the only sound foundation for morality. If one should keep all the commandments he would not have done full duty of a Christian (Matt. 5: 21, 22, 27, 28; Jno. 13: 34). But before we live up to the standard of the Ten Commandments, we must receive Christ and the Holy Ghost (Jno. 3: 3, 4). The principle of the Fifth Commandment is due regard for those to whom, under God, we owe our very being. This commandment is put first of those teaching duties to man because our first obligation, after our obligation to God, is our obligation to our parents. Four things are included in full obedience to this commandment: (1) respect for them; (2) listening to them (Prov. 1: 8); (3) obedience to them (Eph. 6: 1-3); (4) support of them (Matt. 15: 4-6). The wording of this commandment put an honor upon women that was not common in that day (Ex. 21: 15, 17; Deut. 21: 18-21).

A special promise was attached to obedience to this commandment (Deut. 5: 16, Eph. 6: 2). The promise is to be taken literally. Respect for and obedience to parents in many ways promote longevity and prosperity (Job 1: 5, 8, 9). There is nothing surer than that we will outtake any son or daughter who breaks this commandment. The child must honor his parents. Regardless of what their personal character may be, it is not a child's business to set in judgment upon the character of his parents. But parents owe it to their children to so live and act toward their children as to make obedience to this commandment easy (Eph. 6: 4).

II. Christian Standards - Mk. 7: 9-13. Jesus contrasts particularly the teaching of the law regarding our duty to our parents with the teaching of the Pharisees. God has especially emphasized this law by making it in the first commandment with a promise (Ex. 20: 12; Eph. 6: 1, 2). The law of Moses required that those who spoke evil of father or mother should be put to death (Ex. 21: 17; Lev. 20: 9; Deut. 21: 18; Prov. 20: 30; 17). This may seem like stern justice, but contempt for parents is an appalling sin and lies at the root of many other sins and leads to certain ruin.

There perhaps never was a day in which emphasis was more needed to be laid upon the fifth commandment than our day. Jesus, in the 13th verse, calls the law of Moses the Word of God. This applies not merely to the entire Pentateuch; for Jesus had quoted from other portions of the Pentateuch besides the Ten Commandments. There are those who tell us that the Bible nowhere calls itself the Word of God. Jesus here and on many other occasions taught that the law of Moses was the inerrant Word of God (Matt. 5: 18; of Jno. 10: 35; Luke 16: 31; 1 Thess. 2: 13).

III. Jesus' Home Life, Luke 2: 51, 52. Continuing the thought of a godly home, we see from these words the nature of the 20 years between His presentation at the Temple and the opening of His public ministry. In the kind of home Jesus had the Scriptures would have first place and He would learn them. That of the best thing a child can do anyhow, if his growth, like that of Jesus, is not only in stature but in wisdom and favor with God as well. Jesus could grow because He was a real human being. He had voluntarily put aside divine glory to become a real man (Phil. 2: 6, 7; Mk. 13: 32). He was perfect as a babe and boy, but the perfection of manhood is a higher form of perfection than the perfection of childhood, and more pleasing to God. So He "increased in favor with God" as He grew into perfect manhood.

IV. Parents and Children, Eph. 6: 1-4. Paul now describes what it means for children and parents to walk worthy of the calling wherewith they have been called (cf. ch. 4: 1). Children must obey their parents (cf. Col. 3: 20). The word for "obey" is a different one from that used of the wife's subjection to the husband (ch. 5: 21, 22), and the same one used of the servants' subjection to their masters (v. 5). They are to listen to and obey the parents' voice. This obedience should be rendered to both parents, the mother equally with the father. The Bible everywhere exalts the mother's authority and places it on an equality with that of the father (cf. Prov. 1: 8; 6: 20). Disobedience to parents is spoken of in the Bible as

the most abandoned and hopeless depravity (Matt. 15: 3-6; 2 Tim. 3: 1-2).

The sphere of this obedience is to be "in the Lord," out of regard to Him and in His strength (in vital union with Him). This puts one limit upon this obedience; if the parents command that which is manifestly contrary to the will of the Lord, in that they should not be obeyed. Obedience "in the Lord" of children to parents "is a right thing, righteous or just," it is the thing that is exactly conformed to God's will. On the positive side parents should "nurture" their children "in the chastening (rather, discipline) and admonition of the Lord" (R. V.). As we are hidden to do this, we can do it, and if our children are not brought to Christ by our "discipline" and admonitions, the fault lies again at our door.

"THE BIG BOSS"

I did not write this article. It came to me from an Ontario business man who is a keen student of economic affairs, a man who knows that neither labor nor capital has the final word in the making of a prosperous nation. Back of both there is another, his orders are obeyed, he determines whether capital or labor works or idles. Who is the real master? Will meet him (not for the first time) in the final paragraph of this story. (J. J. D.)

"Those who know him call him 'The Big Boss.' They say he is the largest employer in the country. Some go so far as to say he is the only employer. He doesn't look much like a boss, as bosses go. He is big and tremendously strong, but he is unobtrusively, easy going, not at all alert. Apparently he is not much interested in what his employees are doing. You never see him bossing them or throwing his weight around.

"Perhaps that is why so many of his employees ignore him. They fail to realize that he is the real boss. They organize for the purpose of holding him up and expect him to come across every time they do it. He doesn't seem to resent this. He never fights back. He is of slow speech and quite incapable of organizing any defense. In the end he has his own way. Despite apparent indifference he functions with marked efficiency.

On the other hand he is not at all contented to deal with his own employees. He shows neither sympathy nor feeling toward them, nor treatment over and over again. They after days he goes into the market and buys the labor he wants. He is not moved by sympathy, no amount of pleading will change his mind. Your need is no concern of his. The problems of capital are not his headache. He insists on trading labor as a commodity to be bought and paid for, with no further obligation on his part. Laws have been passed declaring that the worker has a vested right in his job and that the employer has a responsibility for the future of his workers. To him these laws have no meaning. He ignores their existence, bites and fires at will.

"Wise workers watch him closely, try to anticipate his wants, supply his needs. In that way they keep themselves employed. Though his needs are infinite he has a wonderful capacity for doing without. That is the secret of his power.

"He is the Consumer. He buys all the goods, meets all the payroll. Without him, there could be no employment, no wages. He is the one we seek to hold up when we demand more pay, shorter hours. Nothing can change him from his course. He does not work about organized labor. He does not dread the power of the state. If we push our demands too far he does without us. Our fate is in his hands. He is in the market places of the world. The workers, the manufacturers, the distributors, must bring their minds into harmony with the consumer, the Big Boss. Failure to do so means idle capital, unemployment and poverty."

NEW VISION AID FOR FOG

A new instrument for improving the range of human vision in fog has been invented by an English scientist. The instrument, which is already in production, is called the "reclipscope." It is the outcome of considerable research work begun before the war by the inventor. The model in its final form weighs about twenty ounces and is as easy to handle as a pair of binoculars. When first tested at sea, it was found to be highly effective but rather cumbersome to use, a shortcoming which has now been overcome.

"KANGAROO FISH" IS TREE-CLIMBER

CANBERRA (CP) - In northern tropical Australia there's a fish which climbs trees and jumps about on dry land. Experts know him as Periopthalmus but to others he's the Jumping Mangrove Fish, Mud Skipper, Climbing Fish, Kangaroo Fish. (In Queensland) and Johnny Pumper.

Johnny lurks round the mud-flats and banks of estuaries up north. There isn't much to him, only about 3 or 4 inches, but he probably startles other fish when he gets tired of the water and starts climbing up the roots of the mangrove trees, using his pectoral and pelvic fins to get a good grip. When he moves out on the flats he travels quite long distances in short leaps.

DIET BIG FACTOR ON SHIPS TO EAST

VANCOUVER (CP) - Stewards on freighters arriving here from India are obliged to shop around to find food for hungry Lascars seamed.

Most of the crew on the India-United Kingdom run are Lascars and Bengalis, who are now familiar sights in Vancouver and Victoria streets. They are strict Mohammedans and their food must be just so.

Should a rice shortage develop in Vancouver, every Lascar-manned ship in port would be tied up, because Indian seamen won't sail without their pound and a half per man daily ration.

The Mohammedans eat only one kind of meat - mutton - and ships stewards have to buy it on the hoof. The seamen personally slaughter the sheep according to the code of their faith.

Most freighters take on about three pounds of mutton. Ships with a mixed crew have two diet tables, one for Indians and one for Europeans.

When vessels move into temperate waters, Indian seamen go on double rations. Lascar diet from Bengal to Vancouver includes ghee, a vegetable fat, Dahl, a type of split pea; Coriander seeds, a bean-like food called Cumin, Tamarind and spices.

MAMBA PAYS FOR AGENTS' HOLIDAY

EDRIBAN, South Africa (CP) - A black mamba, one of South Africa's most poisonous and most feared snakes, recently paid for a Transvaal insurance agent's holiday on the Natal South Coast and in Laurens Marquet.

Well known throughout his district for his prowess with mambas, G. M. Wassenaar was challenged by a farmer to catch a black mamba, which had frightened his friends in a shed beside the farmhouse. For this he was offered 100 pounds and six bottles of whiskey.

Mr. Wassenaar caught the offending mamba and also a second one which he found in a hole nearby. When he arrived in Durban, he added to his profits by selling the two mambas to the Durban Snake Park at five shillings a foot.

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