

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 6th, 1897

Mr. J. C. Matthews returned home on Monday after managing Georgetown Post Office for a week during the absence of Postmaster Henderson on a holiday trip.

Mr. A. McEachern, of Erin, is the first thresher to make his appearance in this vicinity with his new Waterloo threshing machine with all the latest improvements. He threshed for Mr. Morgan Crewson yesterday.

Another lot of 100 carrier-pigeons was sent up to Mr. H. S. Holmes, of the C.T.C. from Toronto on Saturday to be liberated. They circled about Acton for about fifteen minutes before arriving at their bearings for Toronto. The pigeons invariably make for "Fairy Lake" before leaving for their destination.

MARRIED

DOBBIE-OSBURN — On Wednesday, July 21st, at Rockwood, by Rev. D. Sharp, James Dobbie of Limehouse, to Mrs. Sarah Osburn, of Rockwood.

DIED

MOORE — In Nichol, near Ferris, on Wednesday, July 29th Robert Moore, son of the late John Moore, Esq. aged 52 years and 4 months.

BACK IN 1927

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 10th, 1927.

Picnics and family reunions are very popular these days.

Toronto's new union station opened to the public to-day.

The first ticket out of the new union station was issued to the Prince of Wales and is good for all time.

Mr. David Storey of Hadley, Man., spent a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. Thos. Storey, Mrs. Storey, who had motored to Racine, Wis., has joined him here and thus far Mrs. Storey has driven 1,800 miles.

The annual reunion of the descendants of the late Thos. Storey, a pioneer farmer in Nassagaweya was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Black, Arkell.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at St. Joseph's Church on August 8th when Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelly, was married to James Blacklock of Oshawa.

BORN

AGNEW — On August 1st, 1927, at Shanghai, China, to Dr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Agnew (nee Mary A. Caldwell), a son.

MARRIED

STEWART-COATS-WORTH — At St. Catharines, by Rev. G. K. B. Adams, on Monday, August 1st, 1927, Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Coatsworth, Chatham, to Mr. Robert Stewart, formerly of Acton.

DIED

SINCLAIR — Suddenly in Acton on Friday, August 5th, 1927, Ronald Sinclair.

FAVORITE COLOR OF MOSQUITO IS TESTED

You have to hand it to the scientists. They can think up more questions than a professional poll taker. For instance, would you ever think of finding out what the favorite color of the mosquito is? Well, a fellow named L. C. Porter, a lighting expert for General Electric decided to find out. A string of twenty-five watt, bare, colored bulbs was set up. The bulbs were spaced ten feet apart and were in white, daylight blue, green, yellow, flame tint, amber, orange, natural amber and red.

Then the investigators spent many evenings watching the insects gather around their favorite light, and their relative numbers were recorded.

Later the bare bulbs were replaced by an enclosing globe that operated insect traps by a time clock and thus a definite count was made possible.

The results? Well, in a way, flesh color was the favorite, because the insects usually made a beeline for the nearest piece of exposed arm or face that was around and thereby had a good dinner of scintillat.

But like so many of us, the mosquitoes preferred blue and the brighter it was, the better they liked it. Red was the most unpopular color and the in-between colors were about even.

FALL FAIR DATES ANNOUNCED FOR THIS DISTRICT

Full fair dates for this year have been released by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Any of the dates are subject to change.

Dates for this district will be found in the following list:

Can. Nat. Exhibition	Aug. 22-Sept. 6
Elmira	Aug. 29, 30, Sept. 1
Bracebridge	Sept. 11, 12
Fergus	Sept. 12, 13
Georgetown	Sept. 12, 13
Grand Valley	Sept. 11, 12
Hanover	Sept. 10, 11
Orangeville	Sept. 9, 10
Mount Forest	Sept. 8, 9
Brampton	Sept. 16, 17
Caledon	Sept. 19, 20
Galt	Sept. 18, 19, 20
New Hamburg	Sept. 16, 17
Sherbourne	Sept. 23, 24
Aberfoyle	Sept. 23, 24
Bellon	Sept. 26, 27
MILTON	Sept. 26, 27
ACTON	Oct. 3, 4
Markham	Oct. 2, 3, 4
Streetsville	Oct. 4
Waterdown	Sept. 30; Oct. 1
Erin	Oct. 11, 13
Woodbridge	Oct. 11, 13

BURLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hiekin, 125 Water St., east, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday.

Two local lads, Ronald Harvey and Charlie Marsh, are minus two bicycles, which were stolen from the lake bank late Monday night.

Rev. J. Fraser Clugston, minister at "Onondaga United" Church, and a former minister at Appleton, passed away in the Galt Hospital on Tuesday in his 68th year.

The largest and best carnival ever to be staged by the Burlington Lions Club was the annual affair held at the park on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening last. People came from far and near to pack the grounds especially on the final night, and as a result the Carnival showed the "biggest take" in its history of over twenty years.

Gangs of men from the United Gas and Fuel Company had a busy time converting household and commercial appliances, for the use of manufactured gas in place of the present natural gas, which has been in use here for the past 18 years. Furnances will be changed over before September 11.

Under a new co-operative housing project agreed upon by the Federal Government and several insurance companies, the building of 120 new homes is planned for Burlington. Already 30 acres have been purchased from Fred Bell for the project. Gazette.

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th, 1947

STRAIGHT THINKING ON MORAL PURITY

Golden Text.— Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life. Prov. 4: 23

Lesson Text.— Prov. 4: 23-5: 4; 31: 10-12; Jas. 1: 13-15.

Exposition.— I. The Safeguard of a Pure Heart, 4: 23-5: 4.

The key verse in this passage is 4: 23. If one keeps his heart, all else will be kept. What is it to keep one's heart? We must understand what the Bible means when it speaks of the inner life.

Where the centre of his thinking may be found, where the basis of his affections lies and where the citadel of his will gets its strength. (1) Man is a thinking being. It is the one thing that separates him from animals. He has a "world-of-thoughts" which are all his own. (Isa. 55: 8, 9).

In this realm may be found his imagination, his self-centred philosophies, his evil and good thoughts—or what is commonly meant when we say that a man "has his own ideas on things". (Gen. 6: 5; Phil. 4: 8, 9). Mostly deliberate actions are thought out ahead of time. Some men plan evil, while others plan good. Ac. 13: 7-12; 11: 22 illustrated by Elymas the Sorcerer in one case and Cornelius, the other. The wise man stores his mind with good. No man can keep his heart if he does not keep his mind occupied with the things of God. (1 Cor. 2: 9).

As brings Him pleasure (Phil. 2: 5). (2) Man is also an emotional being. Reactions from what we think stir our feelings. Thinking evil creates evil moods which are emotional. (1 Sam. 18: 8). Likewise, thinking God's thoughts after Him awakens holy feelings, inspiring us to love our Lord Jesus Christ and all that are His. (1 Jna. 4: 9-13).

There is no way of separating our thought from our emotions. This division is a definition to help us understand what the Lord means by the heart. (3) Man is also a volitional being. God created him with a free will. He is expected to use it. He can use it the wrong way and sinners generally do so. (Matt. 7: 21; Mk. 7: 6). When sin rules us, we are controlled in our wills—by that sin whether it be pride, lust, greed, selfishness or anger. (Jno. 8: 34, 35; Gal. 5: 19-21). There is nothing comparable to the tyranny of sin.

Our need of conversion lies in the fact that our thoughts, affections and acts of will are alien to God. (Rom. 3: 10-18). In this condition we are lost. (Eph. 2: 1). It was to save us from it that Christ came to live and die for us. (Matt. 18: 11; Mk. 10: 45; Jno. 10: 10b). Salvation means a change of heart. (Rom. 10: 10), which is a conversion of the will from being disobedient to God to a state of harmony with His will; it means also a change of affections as the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 5: 5), and our minds undergo a transformation as we are taught to love the things of God. (Jno. 9: 25; 2 Cor. 5: 17).

If conversion is real, then the counsel of these proverbs will be effective. But until then, we may exhort sinners to be good and, to a measure, we may get some improvement, but it will lack the power to ascend to God and be well pleasing to Him. However, when Christians profess conversion, they should produce the fruits of the Spirit as an evidence of the reality of their experience. (Gal. 5: 22, 23; Jas. 3: 10-13).

II. The Value of Virtue, 31: 10-12. The Bible emphasizes the necessity of virtue-in-woman. Sin in the human heart makes sex an abnormal and dangerous evil. The modern tendency toward unlimited divorce destroys the standards of purity which have blessed us so much in the past. It means the corruption of the people and destruction of family life. Nowadays, sinful women take no thought of consequences of their behavior and many men are indifferent. We need a tightening of the laws which make for public purity, for every child has a right to be well born. God sets great value on a virtuous woman. (Eph. 5: 25-33; 1 Pet. 3: 1-7).

III. Source of Temptation, Jas. 1: 13-15. Here we are told the source of our temptations. They lie within ourselves. Our own lusts entice us. They lead us to sin. Honesty should lead us to make sincere confessions to God, who will give us the moral strength to overcome our weaknesses. (1 Cor. 10: 13). God is not the author of man's sin. It is man's inhumanity to man that makes countless thousands mourn. God must not be blamed for the failures of good people any more than for those of the deliberately wicked. He is not responsible for the weaknesses of sinning humanity whether they are good or bad. All moral failure is due to the weakness or willfulness of those chargeable with it. God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does He tempt any man to sin. Every man is tempted, when he is enticed with his own lust. Certainly some Scriptures refer to Satan as the "tempter" but there would be nothing on which he could work if we did not cherish our frailties and sins. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Resist your sins and weaknesses and you will know how to live victoriously. (Jas. 4: 7; Rom. 6: 19-23). Christian victory rests in our say-

ing NO to the willful and selfish desires of our carnal nature. Every time we do it, we are made stronger for the next battle. Christian character is developed through discipline. Let men and women consult the Lord before yielding to sin and they will never yield. It is this faith which overcomes the world. (1 Jno. 5: 4).

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