

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

Taken from the edition of the Free Press of September 30th, 1897

On Tuesday, Mr. Alex. Waddle of Esqueping, who is one of the prominent members of the Milton Agricultural Society drove to Milton with his team and as he was crossing the C. P.R. tracks on Martin Street the pole slipped from the neckyoke and the horses took fright. Mr. Waddle was dragged a considerable distance and was badly scraped but stayed in town until the fair was over.

Names added to the voters' list at court last week were: Lawrence Williams, Thos. Lee, Wm. McNabb, Duncan Taylor, Wm. Watkins, James Hay, Wm. Clark, W. L. Warden, Thos. Wren, Warner Nicklin, Nicholas Clark, Duncan McIntosh, John Gibbons, Arch McGillivray, Fred Sullivan, John Mellin, Norman Masales, John Hiscock, James Coleman, David Ritchie, Charles Wenham, Edward Barrie, John McNabb, Thomas Michie, Frank Taylor, James H. Ross, Frank Gardiner, Charles Atkins, Robert Scott, J. C. Dunn, Thomas Edmiston, Wesley Moore, Harry Waller, Chester Matthews, W. J. Moore, E. F. Gamble, Donald Keane, Fred W. Goodve, H. Brown, Thomas Williams.

On Monday morning at 3 o'clock the fire alarm sounded. The fire brigade responded to the call at Harris Bakery. The fire was not extinguished when the alarm was sounded that the bakery and house was a total loss. Adam Stewart's and Thomas Eaton's residences were in jeopardy. Both places were fired a number of times.

There is still demand for houses in Acton. Miss K. K. K. who has spent a couple of years with her sister, Mrs. Folster, left on Thursday for her home in Scotland. Mrs. C. S. Smith returned last week after sojourning during August and September at Long Branch, New York and Niagara. Mr. Chas. Jenner, his mother, Mrs. Henry Jenner, Mrs. Loveys and children, left on Monday for Johnstown, N. Y., where they will make their future home.

BACK IN 1927

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, October 6th, 1927

Quite a number of Acton citizens attended Milton Fair on Saturday. Mr. George Hall was elected School Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. George Mann's retirement. Mr. Hall's term of office will be until the end of 1928.

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Church held a birthday party social and the affair was most unique and enjoyable. There was a decorated table for every month of the year and admission was a cent for every year of age. Halton Teacher's Convention will be held at the Toronto Normal School this year. Acton Loyal True Blue Lodge held a birthday party on September 22nd, it being the sixth birthday since the True Blues were organized.

DIED
MATTHEWS: Suddenly in Toronto on Monday, October 3rd, 1927, Charles A. Matthews, formerly of Acton.

ROOM IN MONGOLIA

The northwest portion of Outer Mongolia has a population density of only one person per square mile. Vast stretches are desert.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th.

THE BETTER REVELATION
Golden Text: Jesus saith... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father. Jho. 14: 9.

Lesson Text: Heb. 1: 1-4; 2: 1-2; 8: 6-11.
Exposition: I. God hath spoken, Heb. 1: 1-4.

The first Christians were drawn from those of the Hebrew faith. Either they were proselytes to Judaism or they were Jews. In the flesh, Jesus was a Jew (Rom. 9: 5). The twelve apostles were Jews. Those converted at Pentecost were Jews (Ac. 2: 5-12). Persecution started with the Jewish hierarchy, of which the Apostle Paul was a member before he was converted (Ac. 9: 1, 2). This persecution scattered the early Christians who were largely converted Jews and caused great falling away on the part of those not grounded in the faith (Ac. 8: 4). While Christianity soon made inroads among the Gentiles it remained basically established upon the Hebrews. This epistle to the Hebrews was written to re-emphasize the "better" things which made Christianity superior to Judaism (ch. 8: 6). It was written to teach those with Hebrew background that Jesus and His salvation were the eternal fulfilment of the prophecies and patterns of the Old Testament.

In the verses under consideration we have: (1) the declaration that God has spoken. He spoke at "sundry times"; for instance, in the times of Moses, Joshua, the Judges, Samuel, David, Solomon and the Prophets. He spoke in "divers manners"; for instance, to Moses face to face, to Israel through a cloud, to Gideon through the fleece, to Daniel through the angels, in other forms with direct speech, miracles, visions and dreams. All of which brings before us the Old Testament revelation as the Word of God. (2) But this is preparatory to declaring that the final expression of God is His Son. For the settlement of all controversy, the identity of the Son is described. He is "heir of all things." He "made the worlds." He is both the "glory" ("effulgence") and express image of God. He upholds all things, i.e., by Him all things hold together, and He does it by the "word of his power" (Col. 1: 16-19). The deity of Christ is so strongly affirmed because it was necessary for the Hebrew Christians to know, as it is imperative that we should know, that in Jesus, the Son of God, it is not to be imagined we have simply a good man as Socrates was good, or a brave man and virtuous man of the character of Washington, but that we have God manifest in the flesh (Jho. 1: 11). This is a sufficient answer to Unitarians and modernists who have been advocating for many years that the worship of Jesus is a form of idolatry. Thank God, His Word does not leave us in any doubt as to the truth (Matt. 3: 17; Jho. 9: 35-38).

Jesus, the Son of God, is the One Who has "purged our sins" (v. 3). The word "purged" means to bear, to carry away, to cleanse. It is a strong word which brings to us the sense that Christ Jesus has borne our sins and has cleansed us from their guilt and taint. This is uniform teaching in the New Testament concerning Christ's death for our sins (Jho. 1: 29; 1 Jho. 1: 7; Rom. 5: 8; Rev. 1: 5).

It is not to be imagined that the sins upon Him is victoriously seated at the right hand of God. Why is that stated, except to impress upon us where our Redeemer is doing for us where He is now. The answer is in such Scriptures as Rom. 8: 34; 1 Jho. 1: 2-3 and Jho. 17. Jesus is our Advocate in heaven, our eternal Lord and King (Phil. 3: 20; Heb. 12: 2). Seated at God's right hand, Jesus is "more excellent" than the angels. It is not with a creature we have to deal, but with the Creator and Redeemer Himself (Jho. 1: 3; Rev. 4: 11).

II. Danger in Neglect, 2: 1-3. Here is an impressive warning. The truths revealed in the Word of God are not to be treated lightly. They command reverent attention and should receive it. Nothing is more harmful than light views of God's serious truth. The more vitally important God's Word is made, the greater its influence over the faith and lives of men and women. We are to "give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard." God has not spoken for effect. He aims at our salvation. His warnings and exhortations are not to be treated lightly. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Is there another Savior like Jesus? No (Ac. 4: 12). Neglecting God's grace and mercy is the worst folly man can commit. God offers, in Christ, salvation as against our condemnation, a new life instead of living death, heaven instead of hell, a pure conscience as against a sin-stained soul, eternal life to forestall the lake of fire and the second death (Rev. 20: 11-15; Ac. 13: 38, 39; Titus 2: 11-14). Those who neglect God's offered salvation only add guilt to their souls (Heb. 10: 28-29).

III. God's Great Covenant, 8: 6-11. A great deal of this epistle is quotation from or reference to the Old Testament. This passage is a reaffirmation of Jeremiah 31: 31-34. In v. 6 we are told that Christ's ministry is more excellent and His covenant "better." As in the Old Testament, so in the New, God knows that man cannot be satisfactory until he gets a new mind and a pure heart. For that

David prayed, when he discovered his sin (Ps. 51: 6, 10). It was what Jesus meant in His statement to Peter (Luk. 22: 32). It was what Jesus urged upon Nicodemus (Jho. 3: 3, 5). The new covenant is God's regeneration of our hearts and lives because of our acceptance of Christ's offering of His blood in atonement for our sins.

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