The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

CHRISTIAN SPEECH AND CONDUCT

Golden Text.—
Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart
Be acceptable in thy sight
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
Ps. 19: 14.

Lesson Text.—Jas. 3: 16; 4: 4-10.

Exposition. — I. "Be not many teachers," 3: 1-5.

James does not say that no Christian shall be a teacher, but that the body of believers should not be a multitude of teachers, every one desiring to teach others and none willing to learn from others. Every man should be swift to hear, slow to speak (ch. 1: 19). The position of the teacher is one no man has a right to take upon himself (1 Cor. 12: 28; Eph. 4: 11; 1 Cor. 12: 8-11). The true church of Christ will be a multitude of learners (disciples) rather than a multitude of teachers. James, according to tradition, was a man who spent so much time in prayer that his knees were found to be calloused like those of a camel through much kneelnig, yet this holy man puts himself right alongside of us and says, "In many things we all stumble" (v. 2 R.V.). Note the "In many things." This, however, is not saying that it is necessary for us to go on day after day sinning in the sense of consciously that which we know when doing to be contrary to the will of God (1 Jno. 3: 9). The tongue is the hardest member of the body to bring under control, and the last to yield to the constraining grace of God. How many saintly people there are who have not yet learned the complete mastery of the tongue. As a big horse is managed by a small bit, and a big vessel is managed by a small rudder, so a big man is managed by a small tongue.

II. "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity," 6.

The tongue is indeed a fire; it inflames anger, and families and societies and nations are set in a conflagration in consequence of an untimely word (Prov. 15: 1; Jud. 12: 1-6; 2 Sam. 19: 43; 20: 2; 2 Chon. 10: 13-16; 13: 17); it inflames lust and withers the purity of the maiden and consumes the strong man physically, mentally and morally (Prov. 7: 21-23); it inflames jealousy and destroys the beautiful tie that binds together man and wife and leaves the home in ruins; it kindles unbelief (Titus 1: 11; Gen. 3: 1-6), and thus burns away the foundations of individual character, of commercial integrity, of social purity, or national security. It is a "world of iniquity among our members." There is nothing mischievous and vile that the tongue cannot do. A little fire will kindle a vast amount of wood, a flickering blaze in a broken lamp set all Chicago in a blaze and left it in ruins; a little word has set many a home, city and nation ablaze, and often times that fire will burn on throughout eternity.

The fires of hell are kindled by the idle words that set men thinking wrong about God and sin and Christ and the Bible. The destructive critics to-day by their profound scholarly but really perverse and subversive words are kindling fires of unbelief and sin. Men are usually careful how they handle fire but most of us are careless about how we use our tongues. The tongue itself "is set on fire by hell." Whence come the words that inflame the imagination and passions. From suggestive literature? No, Hell. Whence come the words that are undermining faith in the credulity of the Bible narratives to those who do not think for themselves but bow at the shrine of culture? From German scholarship. No, Hell. If anyone questions James statement that "The tongue can no man tame," he has evidently never tried it himself. But while no man can tame the tongue, God can. The best thing any one of us can do with his tongue is to bring it to God and surrender its control to Him.

III. Worldliness Rebuked, 4: 4-10.

James' judgment upon worldly Christians is severe, revealing how awful in the sight of God it is for church members to mix their affection for God with love for the world. Spiritual adultery is as obnoxious to the Lord as is carnal adultery (Ps. 76: 27; Jer. 9: 2; Maatt. 16: 4; Jno. 7: 17). The reason for the powerlessness of so many churches is due to their members being more interested in the world and its pleasures than they are in the cause of Christ. Those who will humbly walk with God, as did Enoch (Heb. 11: 5, 6), will receive grace (vs. 6, 7). If we draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us (v. 8). The fault is not with God. Let sinning, worldly Christians cleanse their hearts before the Lord and they will be "lifted up" (vs. 9, 10). When that happens the individual is revived. When enough church members are revived we shall have revivals breaking out all over the land (2 Chron. 7: 14). Sinners will be converted. The whole social unrest will change for good. Faith toward God, **through Christ**, encourages mutual faith among men. What the church members need is for the love of God to be the controlling passion of their lives (Jude 20, 21).

There is so much in living the Christian life as it ought to be lived that worldliness becomes distasteful and unwanted. Idle Christians often hanker after the world, because they will take no steps to be spiritually strong. Let them study Romans 12 for their own good.

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Chronicles of . Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

I called at a nearby farm house this afternoon and there was a lady sitting outside on the lawn in a deck chair busily engaged with her sewing. It reallly was too ridiculous — that is, when one remembers that this is the 25th of October! Of course, we all think it is just grand to have this prolonged Indian summer, but are the farmers ever praying for rain. Pastures are withered and brown, wells running dry, and fall ploughing just about impossible. Unless we get rain soon and plenty of it—the outlook is pretty grim. And yet, at this inauspicious time, the Royal Commission on Milk brings in its report recommending that no increase of price be allowed to the producers.

Dear knows we don't want to see people asked to pay more for their milk the cost of living is too high as it is. On the other hand feed grain and commercial feed is both dear and scare following this year's poor harvest. And it should also be rememebred that it costs more now to feed cows, pigs and poultry than it did when the Commission first began its inquiry. So what's the answer? Some farmers will find a solution by keeping less livestock and poultry. After all what's the sense of working twelve hours a day just to get enough money to board your livestock? It is the same old story—some work too much and get too little, others work too little and expect too much.

And that reminds me: There was a large advertisement in a Toronto paper to-day. It was a well-drawn advertisement featuring an average family group listening to a "Pop" concert broadcast. The picture was good all right, and very true to life. Unfortunately all too true. If you noticed it maybe you wonder what I am driving at—what I found to object to in it.

Well, I'll tell you. In the group was a father and son—but we will not concern ourselves with them — they seem to be a privileged class anyway. There was also a mother and daughter. The mother, if you remember, was leaning back in her chair, relaxed, arms folded. The daughter sat, chin on hand, pensively looking into space. The point I want to emphasize is this: there were four adult people in that group—and not one of them was doing anything other than listening to the radio. Their hands were idle. Idle—when the Red Cross is almost begging for knitters and sewers to work on garments for overseas. When the need is so urgent why, oh why, cannot you and I work with our hands while we listen to programs over the air. Think of the work that could be accomplished if every woman made the best possible use of her spare time. Perhaps I am a bit of a crank in that respect, but I must confess I have reached the stage when it worries me to see women just sitting and talking. Of course I am sometimes guilty in that respect myself. One evening just recently I was visiting some friends. I didn't really mean to stay but I couldn't very well get away without being rude. You know how it is. We sat in the living-room until about 11 o'clock — just talking. And we were worse than the picture in the advertisement because there were five of us in our group, not counting the men who as I said before seem specially privileged! Five women with idle hands for over three hours! You do see what I mean don't you? Surely we could all make a practice of having some kind of "pick up" work on hand and thus prevent so much wasted time.

Don't let us say "I haven't time!" when asked to knit for any welfare organization. We all have the same amount of time. To each is given 24 hours in every day. It isn't time we lack the trouble lies in what we do with our time. Even if we have only our own work to do wouldn't it be more profitable to have some pastime some hobby to occupy our hands. Listening to soap operas wouldn't then be altogether a waste of precious minutes. Surely, the higher the cost of living, the more it behoves us to make the best of our time. We cannot lose. It has been said "Show me what a man does in his spare time and I'll tell you what manner of man he is."

Incidentally they are not wasting any time on the new highway these days. Now they are building the new piece of road which starts just below our line fence. One day they were bringing all their machinery down for the job and just in front of our gate everything stopped while the men went home for dinner. It really looked quite funny everything was there two bulldozers, three "cats", steam shovel, two graders, a water tank, cement mixer and about half a dozen trucks. We shall know quite a bit about road making by the time this job gets done.

DISLIKES LONGER SKIRTS

Bessie Braddoc, labor member of parliament for Liverpool Exchange, described the longer skirt fashion as "the ridiculous whim of idle people."

ERIN

Late Monday afternoon fire was discovered in the large bush on the farm of Arnold McKinnon, on the east half of lot 24, con. 4, Erin Township. A call for help was responded to by the Hillsburg Fire Brigade and neighbors from near and far and a gallant fight brought the flames under control.—Advocate.

CLEARING UNRESERVED
AUCTION SALE

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, REAL ESTATE

On account of other interests and labor scarcity, the undersigned have received instructions from

R. D. FLEMING

To sell by public auction at Lot 15, Con. 1, SDS Corner (Dundas Highway No. 5) and 6th line, Trafalgar at Munns Corners on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

Commencing at 1.00 o'clock the following:

CATTLE, DUAL PURPOSE SHORTHORNS—1 Roan Cow, 5 years, bred April 13; 1 Red Cow, 4 years, bred Aug. 26; 1 Red Cow, 6 years, bred Oct. 7; 1 Red Cow, 4 years, bred April 8; 1 Red Cow, 6 years, bred Aug. 4; 1 Red Cow, 4 years, bred Feb. 25; 1 Red Cow, 4 years, bred July 29; 1 Roan Cow, 4 years, bred July 15; 1 Red Cow, 8 years, bred July 25; 1 Roan Cow, 5 years, fresh with calf at foot; 1 Roan Heifer, 2 years, bred April 14; 1 Red Heifer, 2 years, bred April 15; 1 Red Cow, 3 years, bred Aug. 30; 3 Red Heifers, open, 2 years, fat; 7 Red Steers, 2 years, fat; 3 Red Steers, 1 year old; 5 Red Heifers, 1 year; 9 choice spring Calves, would make choice babies in February. This is a choice herd of dual purpose cattle.

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REAL ESTATE—At the same time and place there will be offered for sale, subject to reserve bid, 128 acres of choice land on No. 5 Highway at Munns Corner. On the premises is erected a 9-room dwelling, also implement and hay shed. 3 acres of young orchard, balance of farm seeded to hay and pasture.

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TERMS: Cash settlement with clerk day of sale.

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ERNIE KAINE

To sell by public auction at his farm, half mile S. of McCloskey's Gas Station on No. 24 Highway, 3 miles N.E. of Guelph, on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

Commencing at 2.00 o'clock the following:

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REAL ESTATE—At the same time the farm, containing 150 acres more or less, will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid. This is a very desirable location, being about a mile from the city limits. On the premises is erected a 9-room brick dwelling, built in 1922. The barn is a modern steel barn with basement stables, erected 1923. The farm is well watered with drilled well and has the usual farm out-buildings.

Terms made known on day of sale or by enquiring on the premises.

Sale under cover in case of bad weather.

TERMS: Cash settlement with clerk day of sale.

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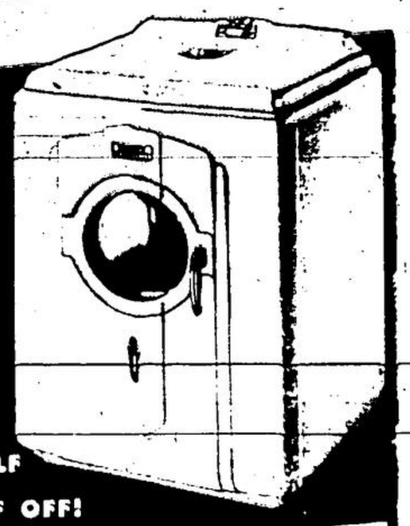

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