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GOLDEN TEXT: "All things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:14-23. LESSON PASSAGE: Mark 9:14-29.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face. Life with its path before us lies. Christ is the way, and Christ the

Questions and Answers. ..14-16 Much of our conversation is in the form of questions and answers. Questions call forth answers. We may was born on the old homestead, lot 4, be either surprised that we know the 17th line, Erin Township, in the year answer or humiliated when we dis- 1863. She was married to Mr. John cover that we do not have the answer. Brown in 1887, and since then she has The scribes questioned the disciples, spent most of her time on the farm but they did not have the answer. home, lot 32, first line, Esquesing When Christ came down from the Township. She was of a quiet dispo-Mount of Transfiguration he asked sition, loved home life, was kind to the scribes why they were questioning everyone with whom she came in conthe disciples. He was ready to give tact, and was never idle, but took a the answer the disciples could not great interest in making her home give. All through his public ministry thrifty and comfortable. She always we see his unique power to satisfy tried hard to lead a true Christian seekers and give them bigger views life. of truth, duty and God. One of the Mrs. Brown's only daughter, Grace basic rules of good teaching is always the former Mrs. T. J. Atkinson, died to try to give a satisfactory answer twenty-nine years ago, and she felt to a question, if not immediately, as this loss very keenly. Her only son, soon as possible. Christian people Herbert, lives at home, and was a who have had experience in dealing great comfort to his mother during with religious difficulties should be her illness. Herbert and his aged faprepared to answer honestly and eff-

ectively the questions that arise. Slow to Learn, 17-19. Christ did not regard his power as

a monopoly. He sought to teach his disciples to do what he did. He even predicted that they would do greater works than himself. After the Day Penteoost this prediction was fulfilled, but at the time of this incident the disciples had not learned the secret. The question is frequently asked. Why have we not Christ's healing power? It is beside the mark to answer that the medical profession carries on the work of the Great Healer. Christ gave a demonstration of the power of mind over body which his followers ought to be able to exercise in a greater degree than they now do. Oh, the goose and the duck have Progress is being made through a study of the laws of the mind, the and the working of the human will. The mental and spiritual powers which we possess in germ need to be developed and coordinated. It is difficult to believe that all the reported instances of faith healing are selfdeception. Right living, obedience to the will of God, earnest faith may be used to the benifit of our own

health and in aid to sick people. Prayer as Desire, 20-22. Real prayer often begins through trouble. One very experienced observer of religious life states that in the majority of cases prayer is learned through trouble. Often we pray much more earnestly facing some a-cute issue affecting ourselves than we do for others in sorrow or difficulty. A very great scholar prayed all night for his boy whose life was hanging in the balance after an operation in a hospital. His prayer was born out of love to his boy and need of help rather than from a reasoned faith in prayer. The father of the epileptic boy told Jesus about the suffering of his lad and then with an outburst of tears said: "If thou canst do anything have compassion on us, and help us." Prayer becomes real when it expresses the soul's sincere desire. Prayer that is an art form, or rhetoric or scripture quotation may be beautiful, but effectual prayer is a matter of sincere and earnest desire. Our real prayer is what in our heart of hearts we are constantly desiring. This is what is controlling our action more than the words we say when we say

ceive others, or to deceive God. Bellef, 23-24. Christ asked for belief. He told the father of the sick boy that all things are possible to those who believe. Doubt paralyses. Unbelief breaks the contact between the soul and God. One man who has reached great assurance of faith says that results fol-low with almost mathematical precis-ion according to his faith. This fa-ther burst into tears and ejaculated: "Lord I believe; help thou mine un-belief." His words are descriptive_of the faith of many religious people.
They believe so far, and doubt beyond
a given point. They believe at certain times and at other times are
torn by grievous doubts. Yet our belief, if we analyze it, is based on experience that justifies our faith. We wonder why we ever doubt when God's love has been demonstrated so repeatedly. The secret of Christ's healing power was his unlimited faith in God. Christ's life breather faith.

our prayers. Answers to prayers become possible when we free ourselves of self-deception, the attempt to de-

not doubt. Falth in Action, 25-29.

Christ's faith was not a mood or a pose. It was a basis for action. He healed the sick boy. Emotion was mever an end in itself with Christ. It was a spur to redemptive action. The disciples asked why they could not heal the boy and Ohrist told them that they lacked prayer and discipline. The Golden Text states, "All things are possible to him that believeth." Is this the secret of our weakness? Is it the explanation of the relative impotence of the Christian Church? Is apostolic power whiting for us as soon as we attain apostolic faith? "Wherever poverty, sickness or any untoward circumstances make life hard social religion has its chance. It is social religion that founds hospitals, supports schools, fathers and cares for orphans, fights alcohol, demolishes alums, stands for accommis justice for the ourcessed. economic justice for the oppressed, cultivates world friendship, seeks to supply a healthful social environment for all the brotherhood of man."

Questions for Discussion

1. Am I steadily turning my convictions into conduct?

What need is there for preventive Is there still a place for faith heal-

5. How do you explain Christ to heal?

OBITUARY

MRS. JOHN BROWN This community lost a highly respected citizen when Mrs. John Brown passed away at midnight, April 13th. at her home at Crewsons Corners Last August she began suffering from an internal growth and her condition gradually grew worse. In October she went to Guelph General Hospital, for treatment, but the doctors could not help her to any great extent since she was too weak to undergo an operation, so she returned home a gain. As time went on she suffered greatly from the intense pain, and fi-

nally passed peacefully away. Mrs. Brown was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, and

ther feel the loss very keenly.

She also leaves the following sisters and brothers to mourn her loss, viz: Mrs. J. H., Denny, Mrs. A. T. Mann, Mrs. Fred Cooper, Mrs. David McCutcheon and Mrs. George Wilds, Mr. Joseph Moore and Mr. James Moore. The funeral, which was held on Saturday afternoon, was attended by many from a distance. Interment was made in the family plot at Rockwood cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. John Bingham, Harold Bingham and Cecil Gwin, of Georgetown; D. A. Cripps, of Acton; and Alexander McCair and Wm. Leader, of Erin Township .- Pree Press.

Wouldn't It Be!

what is called luck; For swimming, as ev'ry one knows, power of faith, reaction to suggestion Would surely be bliss, if it weren't for this-The bother of changing one's

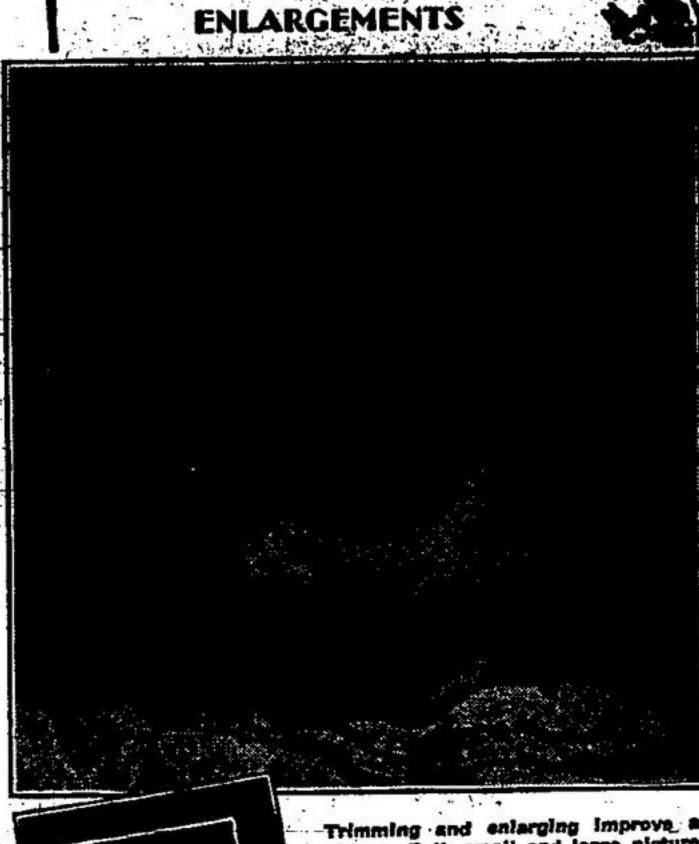
A schoolmaster was giving back to his class some examination papers he had been marking. / "Does any boy want to ask a question?" he inquired

"Yes, sir," replied a boy; "I can't read what you have written at the bottom of my paper." The master glanced at the paper, and said: "I have written:

must write more clearly."

to think up one."

Teacher-"What excuse have you for being late?" Johnny (breathlessly)-"I ran so fast, teacher, that I didn't have time The SNAPSHOT GUILD



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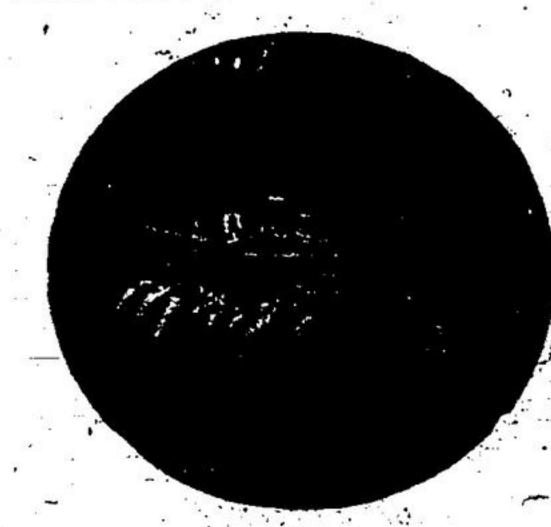
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