

A New Word

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PROPOS of nothing, except the fact that two young friends of his had just patched up a minor lovers' quarrel, Al Cooper told me this story the other day about Alec Blake and Elinor Chase.

They met (Al began) at a summer resort out in the Middle West. Alec had been out of college two years and was working for the telephone company. Doing pretty well at it, Elinor came from Peoria, and was staying at one of the resort hotels with her mother. She worked as a stenographer in a lawyer's office, and this was her annual vacation. She didn't have much of an ancestral background, and she hadn't had the benefit of a college education.

But even though Alec had known, it wouldn't have influenced him. For ancestral background and college education don't affect a girl's beauty or her sweet disposition. Alec met her one day when he came up to her hotel to talk with the manager about installing a new phone service. She was standing near the desk and the manager introduced them.

Alec went back to the office that morning and told his boss that if he (the boss) didn't care, he'd like to take the first week of his annual fortnight vacation then. The boss said that was O. K., and Alec stepped into a phone booth, called Elinor Chase and asked her how she'd like to go swimming.

They spent the rest of the day in the hotel pool, and that night Alec took Elinor and her mother to dinner. Later on he invited the girl to accompany him to a dance.

Alec's friends were all college folks and congenial. They liked Elinor immediately and adopted her. During the remainder of the week she was with them nightly.

Don was a member of Alec's crowd. He had displayed an unusual amount of interest in Elinor after the first meeting. He did his best to promote himself in her eyes, and didn't lose hope even when Elinor indicated plainly her preference for Alec.

It would seem, on the face of it, that Elinor's attitude in the matter should have convinced Alec that he was the shining star in the scope of the young lady's vision. But when a man is in love, and when he knows another man is interested in the girl of his choice, he is apt to exercise his imagination. Logic informed him that Elinor didn't care two hoots in Purgatory for Donald Moore, yet Don was so persistent with his attentions that Alec's mind would have been set more at ease if Elinor told the rival that he was through.

Alec schemed to bring this about. He waited until the last day of his vacation. The crowd with whom he and Elinor had been associating all week had planned a picnic at a nearby lake, and Alec saw to it that Donald Moore had an opportunity to be alone with Elinor on several occasions. He wanted Don to ask her to go out with him that night, wanted to give Elinor a chance to refuse, even though he, Alec had expressed no desire to be with her. Later, assuming the attitude of one who took it for granted that they were to be together, he'd ask her himself.

Surreptitiously watching the pair throughout the afternoon, Alec felt pretty sure that Donald had presented a proposition to Elinor for the evening.

He had planned to ask Elinor on that last night to drive with him alone in the country.

And so when at last they were on their way back to the hotel Alec, who with Elinor and four others were occupying a sedan, turned to her and said, "Are you going to be available tonight, my dear?"

For a moment Elinor hesitated, glancing toward the front seat where sat Donald Moore. Then she smiled and shook her head. "No, Alec," she said, "I'm not."

Alec knew instantly that those vague doubts which were provoked by Don Moore's interest in Elinor hadn't been real at all. Up until this very moment he hadn't suspected even remotely but what the girl loved him quite as much as he loved her, and that no one else mattered.

Alec's lips set rather grimly and he turned away. Throughout the remainder of the drive, he tried to be gay and light hearted, but he couldn't.

And Elinor seemed to sense how he felt. There was a strange look in her own eyes, a sort of pitying look.

The drive ended. Alec walked up to the hotel door with Elinor, said good-by briefly and without looking at her, turned away. It seemed in that moment that he was leaving behind everything in life worth having and living for.

Al Cooper paused in the telling of his tale, and chuckled heartily. I looked at him, frowning. "So that ended it, eh? Alec never did get over the fact."

Al ceased his chuckling. "He didn't have to," she said. "For later on that night Elinor called Alec on the phone and asked him over. You see, after Elinor got back to her hotel, a very startling and enlightening thought occurred to her. She jumped to her feet and rushed down to the desk, checked and asked for a stenographer. He gave it to her and she picked up the word 'available!'"

Sunday School Lesson

LESSON — Mark 10:13,14; Luke 6:18-16; 8:1-3; 15:1,2; John 3:1,2.

Our series of lessons on a "Nation in the Making" is ended. We turn now to the New Testament to a new series which will run for the next three months. The general subject title is "Jesus and His Friends." This can be a very profitable series if teachers and pupils will strive to make it so. It is more than likely that there will be differences of opinion. But let us remember that a vital friendship with Jesus is the important thing; not our little differences. It is Jesus Christ himself who is our Lord and Saviour; not our interpretations and opinions of Him.

The series begins with five passages from the gospel, each one of which suggests something about the nature of friendship with Jesus. Each one reveals Jesus as being a Friend, and a Friend of all classes of people.

The first passage shows Jesus as a friend of children, a friend who is good for them. Mothers were eager to have his friendship for their children, and mothers do not as a rule entrust their children to one who is a stranger or to one who is evil, and bad for them. The attitude of the disciples is typically adult and male. A man with a great work like Jesus to perform must surely have more important matters to attend to than making friends with Jesus, they thought. But Jesus saw that the children are the men and women of tomorrow, and that the world of tomorrow depends upon how their lives are moulded, and under what influences. Friendship with Jesus is important for our children today.

The second passage records the calling of Jesus' disciples. I should like to suggest that verse 12 of Luke 6 be added to this passage. It reads: "And it came to pass in those days that he went out into a mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God." Verse 13 carries on from there: "And when it was day he called unto him his disciples."

"Jesus made no haphazard choice of disciples. He spent a whole night in prayer about it. Presumably they were chosen from among men he knew intimately, and he reviewed their names and characters carefully in the presence of God, for they were being chosen for a very special task. They were none of them 'saints' in the popular sense of the word, but the church has called them 'saints' because of their devotion to the Master's cause. One was a despised and hated tax-collector, another betrayed him, another denied him and all of them misunderstood him and deserted him. But they were chosen for their possibilities, and most of them finally proved worthy of their calling. This passage suggests that friendship with Jesus does not depend upon 'goodness' in the moral sense, but upon the 'calling' of Jesus Christ. It suggests also that friendship with Jesus involves not favouritism, but heavy responsibility and great tasks for the interests of God's Kingdom. It does not mean an imputed respectability from sitting in church twice a Sunday. It is not something merited, but something graciously given.

Three women are mentioned in the third passage. They suggest different types of people. Mary Magdalene suggests the type that is low. Friendship with Jesus raised her from degradation and moral and mental confusion. Joanna was a woman of high social position. She also was impressed with Jesus and he had probably saved her from snobbery. Susanna and the "many others" mentioned were obviously women of some means, who were devoted to Jesus' cause and helped him and his disciples by sharing their possessions.

The fourth passage deals with the irreligious — publicans and sinners. And by far the great majority of the people belonged and belong in this class. "The friends of publicans and sinners," the religious snob called Jesus, as he sniffed a haughty sniff with a haughty snout. It was to these folk that Jesus taught the idea that they were as much loved by God as those who posed as "righteous." Some of his best parables, such as the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son were used in teaching this class the idea that God yearned over them, and was willing to forgive and help. Every one of these parables teaches that there is help and hope in Christ for the common man — perhaps more hope than for the "righteous."

The fifth and final passage shows that Jesus numbered some Pharisees among his friends in spite of his bitter denunciation of them as a class. Nicodemus was a Pharisee "a ruler of the Jews." (Probably a member of the Jewish Council, the Sanhedrin.) Obviously he was a man with an open mind, seeking for truth, and earnest in his search, although somewhat afraid of being seen openly with Jesus, for "he came by night." Although a "master of Israel," (a teacher) he was dissatisfied with mere outward observance of moral law and ritual. Yet like a good many of us he was unable at first to think of spiritual rebirth as anything else than pure magic. However, he became a fast friend of Jesus, for he was one who assisted Joseph of Arimathea to take the body of Jesus from the cross and lay it in the tomb. Some of Jesus' friends seemed, and today they often seem, very unlikely people. He has the faculty of bringing out the best in people. A friend of Jesus may fall often, but he is ashamed of his failure when he recognizes



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it, and he confesses it. Even Judas was ashamed. Jesus never hesitated to mix with all sorts of people, but he never lowered his standards to do it. Somehow he raised the standards of his friends. In this day and age, ANY man is the better for being a friend of Jesus. The Master does not expect him to become perfect all at once, but friendship with the Master will make him desirous of winning the approval of that Friend, and he will gradually raise his own standards.

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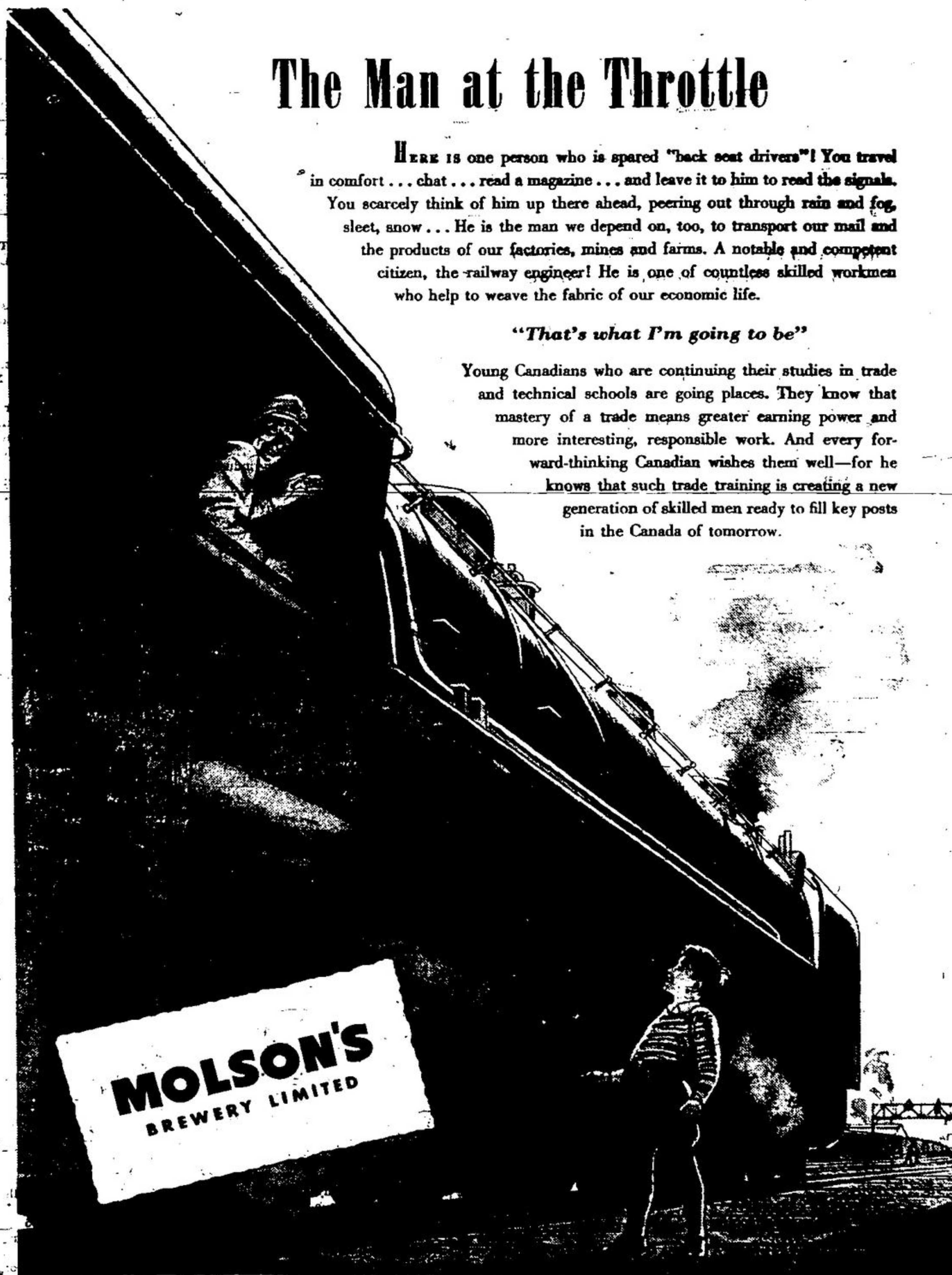
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