

TELL ME . . .

Will you remember that when next you write to me, it is of little things I long to hear. All the small happenings that you hold so lightly I hold so dear.

Are you still busy in your garden daily? What are you reading now. What do you sew? And do you hum your little songs as gaily as long ago?

Are the larks singing now at dawn's awakening. In the green meadows where wild pansies grow in clusters free for any travellers taking?

Tell me such things as these, my heart is breaking, Dear, just to know.

Maud Stewart

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the edition of the Canadian Champion, Thursday, August 12, 1926.

H. A. Cavell attended the radio dealers' convention which was held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto on Monday. He reports the most outstanding feature of the convention was the Rogers batteryless set, single dial control.

After a brief vacancy following the resignation of Rev. J. T. Strachan, who went to Owen Sound, the congregations of Nassagaweya and Campbellville have called Rev. Donald McQueen, recent graduate of Knox College.

Mr. Ritchie, golf profession from Indiana, who is visiting in Milton at the home of his sister, has had a few rounds of golf on the local course. On Tuesday while with a local player, he completed the two rounds in 34 and 34. This, it is understood, constitutes a professional record for the course. The local player had 37 and 40.

MARRIED

LASKEY-DAVIS—In Milton on Saturday, August 7th, 1926, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Canon Naftel, Jessie, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davies.

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th

MAKING OUR HOMES CHRISTIAN

Golden Text.—Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Ex. 20: 12.

Lesson Text.—Ex. 20: 12; Mk. 7: 9-13; Luke 2: 51, 52; Eph. 6: 1-4.

Exposition.—I. The Fifth Commandment, Ex. 20: 12.

God's law had a regard for duties to man as well as duties to God (1 Jno. 4: 20), but duties to God are put first; because God's rights are pre-eminent. He is the Infinite, the whole human race is infinite. He is the Creator, we are creatures. Furthermore if God's rights are disregarded man's rights will soon go. Religion is the only son foundation for morality. If one should keep all the commandments he would not have done full duty of a Christian (Matt. 5: 21, 22, 27, 28; Jno. 13: 34). But before we live up to the standard of the Ten Commandments, we must receive Christ and the Holy Ghost (Rom. 8: 3, 4). The principle of the Fifth Commandment is due regard for those to whom, under God, we owe our very being. This commandment is put first of those teaching duties to man because our first obligation, after our obligation to God, is our obligation to our parents. Four things are included in full obedience to this commandment: (1) Respect for them; (2) listening to them (Prov. 1: 8); (3) obedience to them (Eph. 6: 1-3)—only limited by the higher obligation to obey God; (4) support of them (Matt. 15: 4-6). The wording of this commandment put an honor upon woman that was not common in that day (Ex. 21: 15, 17; Deut. 21: 18-21). A special promise was attached to obedience to this commandment (Deut. 5: 16; Eph. 6: 2). The promise is to be taken literally. Respect for and obedience to parents in many ways promote longevity and prosperity (Jer. 35: 18, 19). There is nothing surer than that we will overtake any son or daughter who breaks this commandment. The child must honor his parents regardless of what their personal character may be. It is not a child's business to sit in judgment upon the character of his parents. But parents owe it to their children to so live and act toward their children as to make obedience to this commandment easy (Eph. 6: 4).

II. Christian Standards, Mk. 7: 9-13.

Jesus contrasts particularly the teaching of the law regarding our duty to our parents with the teaching of the Pharisees. God has especially emphasized this law by making it in the first commandment with a promise (Ex. 20: 12; Eph. 6: 1, 2). The law of Moses required that those who spoke evil of father or mother should be put to death (v. 10; cf. Ex. 21: 17; Lev. 20: 9; Deut. 27: 16; Prov. 20: 20, 30: 17). This may seem like stern justice, but contempt for parents is an appalling sin and lies at the root of many other sins and leads to certain ruin.

There perhaps never was a day in which emphasis was more needed to be laid upon the fifth commandment than our day. Jesus, in the 13th

verse, calls the law of Moses the Word of God. This applies not merely to the Ten Commandments but to the entire Pentateuch; for Jesus had quoted from other portions of the Pentateuch besides the Ten Commandments. There are those who tell us that the Bible nowhere calls itself the Word of God. Jesus here and on many other occasions taught that the law of Moses was the inerrant Word of God (Matt. 5: 18, cf. Jno. 10: 35; Luke 16: 31; 1 Thess. 2: 13).

III. Jesus' Home Life, Luke 2: 51, 52.

Continuing the thought of a godly home, we see from these words the nature of the 20 years between His presentation at the Temple and the opening of His public ministry. In the kind of home Jesus had the Scriptures would have first place and He would learn them. That is the best thing a child can do anyhow, if his growth, like that of Jesus, is not only in stature but in wisdom and favor with God as well. Jesus could grow because He was a real human being. He had voluntarily put aside divine glory to become a real man (Phil. 2: 6, 7; Mk. 13: 32). He was perfect as a babe and boy, but the perfection of manhood is a higher form of perfection than the perfection of childhood, and more pleasing to God. So He "increased in favor with God" as He grew into perfect manhood.

IV. Parents and Children, Eph. 6: 1-4.

Paul now describes what it means for children and parents to walk worthy of the calling wherewith they have been called (cf. ch. 4: 1). Children must obey their parents (cf. Col. 3: 20). The word for "obey" is a different one from that used of the wife's subjection to the husband (ch. 5: 21, 22), and the same one used of the servants' subjection to their masters (v. 5). They are to listen to and obey the parents' voice. This obedience should be rendered to both parents, the mother equally with the father. The Bible everywhere exalts the mother's authority and places it on an equality with that of the father (cf. Prov. 1: 8; 6: 20). Disobedience to parents is spoken of in the Bible as the most abandoned and hopeless depravity (Rom. 1: 30; 2 Tim. 3: 1, 2).

The sphere of this obedience is to be "in the Lord," out of regard to Him and in His strength (in vital union with Him). This puts one limit upon this obedience; if the parents command that which is manifestly contrary to the will of the Lord, in that they should not be obeyed. Obedience "in the Lord" of children to parents "is right (rather righteous or just)," it is the thing that is exactly conformed to God's will. On the positive side parents should "nurture" their children "in the chastening (rather, discipline) and admonition of the Lord" (R. V.). As we are bidden to do this, we can do it, and if our children are not brought to Christ by our "discipline" and admonitions, the fault lies again at our door.

HUGE B.C. SLAGPILE YIELDS MINERAL WOOL

VICTORIA, B.C. (CP)—A million-ton slagpile at the abandoned Crofton smelter near here will be used to manufacture mineral wool for home-insulation, agricultural tile, slag brick and insulated building blocks.

Experiments are also being made on the feasibility of manufacturing from slag an anti-skid road-surfacing material.

GOLD DISCOVERED

ST. ATHANASE, Que. (CP)—Discovery of a gold mine last fall near this Kamouraska County village has been investigated by Quebec mines department officials. Chemical tests proved the mine contained 20 per cent. of auriferous mineral per ton. Research work will be continued in the spring.

NEW VISION AID FOR FOG

A new instrument for improving the range of human vision in fog has been invented by an English scientist. The instrument, which is already in production, is called the "reciproscope." It is the outcome of considerable research work begun before the war by the inventor. The model in its final form weighs about twenty ounces and is as easy to handle as a pair of binoculars. When first tested at sea, it was found to be highly effective but rather cumbersome to use, a shortcoming which has now been overcome.

"KANGAROO FISH" IS TREE-CLIMBER

CANBERRA (CP)—In northern tropical Australia there's a fish which climbs trees and jumps about on dry land. Experts know him as Periopthalmus but to others he's the Jumping Mangrove Fish, Mud Skipper, Climbing Fish, Kangaroo Fish (in Queensland) and Johnny Pumper. Johnny lurks round the mud flats and banks of estuaries up north. There isn't much to him, only about 3 or 4 inches, but he probably startles other fish when he gets tired of the water and starts climbing up the roots of the mangrove trees, using his pectoral and pelvic fins to get a good grip. When he moves out on the flats he travels quite long distances in short leaps.

DIET BIG FACTOR ON SHIPS TO EAST

VANCOUVER (CP)—Stewards on freighters arriving here from India are obliged to shop around to find food for hungry Lascar seamen.

Most of the crew on the India-United Kingdom run are Lascars and Bengalis, who are now familiar sights on Vancouver and Victoria streets. They are strict Mohammedans and their food must be just so.

Should a rice shortage develop in Vancouver, every Lascar-manned ship in port would be tied up, because Indian seamen won't sail without their pound and a half per man daily ration.

The Mohammedans eat only one kind of meat—mutton—and ships Stewards have to buy it on the hoof. The seamen personally slaughter the sheep according to the code of their faith.

Most freighters take on about 3,000 pounds of mutton. Ships with a mixed crew have two diet sheets; one for Indians and one for Europeans.

When vessels move into temperate waters, Indian seamen go on double rations.

Lascar diet from Bengal to Vancouver includes: ghee, a vegetable fat; Dahl, a type of split pea; Coriander seeds, a bean-like food called Cocum, Tamarinds and spices.

"THE BIG BOSS"

I did not write this article. It came to me from an Ontario business man who is a keen student of economic affairs, a man who knows that neither labor nor capital has the final word in the making of a prosperous nation. Back of both there is another—his orders are obeyed, he determines whether capital or labor works or idles. Who is the real master? You will meet him (not for the first time) in the final paragraph of this story.—R. J. D.

"Those who know him call him 'The Big Boss.' They say he is the largest employer in the country. Some go so far as to say he is the only employer. He doesn't look much like a boss, as bosses go. He is big and tremendously strong, but he is ungainly, easy going, not at all alert. Apparently he is not much interested in what his employees are doing. You never see him bossing them or throwing his weight around.

"Perhaps that is why so many of his employees ignore him. They fail to realize that he is the real boss. They organize for the purpose of holding him up, and expect him to come across every time they do it. He doesn't seem to resent this, he never fights back. He is of slow speech, and quite incapable of organizing any defence. In the end he has his own way. Despite apparent indifference, he functions with marked efficiency.

"On the other hand he is not at all sentimental in dealing with his employees. He shows neither gratitude for faithful services nor resentment over past offences. Day after day he goes into the market and hires the labor he wants. He is not moved by sympathy, no amount of pleading will change his mind. Your need is no concern of his. The problems of capital are not his headache. He insists on treating labor as a commodity to be bought and paid for, with no further obligation on his part. Laws have been passed declaring that the worker has a vested right in his job and that the employer has a responsibility for the future of his workers. To him these laws have no meaning. He ignores their existence, hires and fires at will.

"Wise workers watch him closely, try to anticipate his wants, supply his needs. In that way they keep themselves employed. Though his needs are infinite he has a wonderful capacity for doing without. That is the secret of his power.

"He is the Consumer. He buys all the goods, meets all the payrolls. Without him, there could be no employment, no wages. He is the one we seek to hold up when we demand more pay, shorter hours. Nothing can change him from his course. He does not work about organized labor. He does not dread the power of the state. If we push our demands too far he does without us. Our fate is in his hands. He is in the market places of the world. The workers, the manufacturers, the distributors must bring their minds into harmony with the consumer, the Big Boss. Failure to do so means idle capital, unemployment and poverty."

TO BE PROUD OF

Have ye any ancestors, Mrs. Kelly? asked Mrs. O'Brien.

An' what's ancestors? Why, people you sprung from. Listen to me, Mrs. O'Brien, said Mrs. Kelly. I come from the rale stock av Donahues that sprung from nobody. They spring at thim!

POPULAR OFFICIALS

KENOGAMI, Que. (CP)—Mayor J. O. Bradet and the entire municipal council have been re-elected by acclamation in this lake St. John district town.

A soldier phoned a hotel in Denver and asked where he might find a place for the night. The voice on the other end of the line asked where the soldier was. "I'm in a phone booth," he answered. "Pleasant dreams," came the reply.

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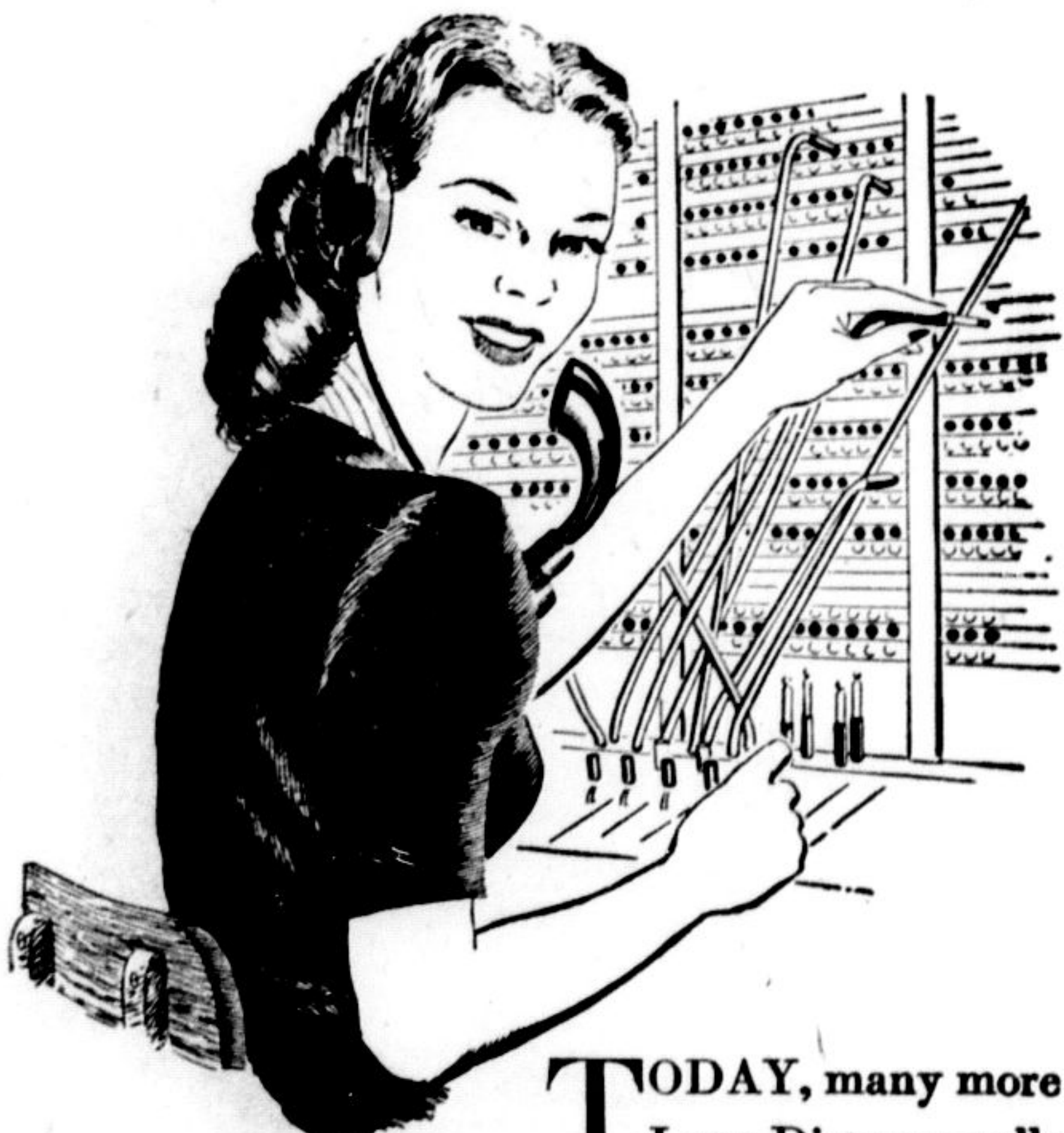
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