



TORONTO-Flash

W. Davey, 8 Stanton Ave.

On Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17 and 18, our friend Miss Hunter is changing her office at 15 Toronto street to another floor of the same building said to be much more suitable. Calling at 15 Toronto street as usual the elevator operator at the front door will direct and take you to Miss Hunter's office.

Good news! At last we hear our good friend Mr. Rae sr., is down at his old stand.

Toronto Flash news items are mailed in Toronto Sunday afternoons arriving at The Tribune Office Monday morning ready for the first run of the weekly paper. Happenings and news after this time appear in the next week following.

Roseville district is noted for Pork production. Mr. Walter James shipped an enormous sow to town on Wednesday last. It took seven men to load it on the sleigh—some piggie!

Mrs. Fred Haigh who has been laid up with a severe cold is very much better. Mr. Haigh is still interested in Stouffville news.

The new Riverdale Y.W.C.A. building was formerly opened on Saturday afternoon by the Lieut. Governor, Hon. Albert Matthews—This new building is on the north side of Gerrard Street opposite Hastings Ave., quite near the Riverdale United Church of which Rev. George Coulter is pastor.

Birthday greetings to our friend Bert Harper who celebrated his birthday Friday, February 17.

Our friend Vaughan Blue-man, held his weekly Sunday service at the jail Sunday afternoon to an overflowing audience. On Friday night, 17th, Vaughan was booked for Bolton United Church to address the Young People.

We hear our friend Rev. Mr. Meek preached at the Queen Street East Presbyterian Church on Sunday last. This church is well known to the correspondent and is in his home district.

The fishing at Lake Simcoe is

good according to reports from Keswick, Island Grove, Sutton and Belle Ewart.

Hydro power was off in our home on Thursday night last. The cause was trouble at the power station. Of course we were well supplied with the old coal oil lamps, once more during the evening dinner. Naturally our thoughts went back years ago when at home in Goodwood. In those days it was our job to rush the can down to Storrey's or Chapman's store for coal oil. Yes siree those were the days we well remembered.

Pleased to hear the Library at Goodwood is to be helped along by an entertainment whereby good reading may be served to our friends.

Sorry to hear our friend George Wallace of Siloam had a bad fall on the ice. He was unconscious which caused some anxiety, but is now recovering.

Mr. Wheeler Bacon's funeral was held on Tuesday last. Volunteer helpers dug out the 4th concession from Roseville to Sandford church. School closed for the afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Johnston held a party for her girl friends on Wednesday afternoon last at Roseville.

One of the Whalen horses died last week.

Cheer up, only 45 more days till Easter.

Mrs. J. Collie visited the Davey home Wednesday last.

On the occasion of fifty years of married life, our friends Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, the Correspondent and friends would ask them to accept our best wishes for still more years of happiness.

Mr. Alex. Brown visited Stouffville on Thursday last.

Sorry to learn of Charles Watson's decision to resign his position on the Park Board.

Toronto readers enjoy reading the news items of the 2nd line.

The flu certainly has hit Toronto hard these days, especially in manufacturing plants. The company which the Scribe is engaged with had seventeen employees off at one time. Some of these were ill from four days to two weeks.

Very pleased to hear from our friend Miss Viola Todd who is with the T. Eaton Co., also to know that her sister is feeling much better since her illness and operation for removal of tonsils.

The Auction Sale and Classified Adv. columns were read with much interest by Toronto readers in the last week issue of the Tribune.

Carload of Western horses were shipped into Wentworth county last week and sold at around \$100 a head.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson For February 26
PETER IN SAMARIA

Golden Text—Come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price —Isa. 55:1

The Lesson as a Whole

The on-rolling tide of blessing has progressed exactly as outlined by the Lord himself. The message was to be proclaimed, first in Jerusalem, then Judea, and next Samaria. Later it must go out to the Gentiles, even unto the uttermost parts of the earth. It was Philip the deacon, not Philip the apostle, who first carried the glad evangel of the grace of God to the despised Samaritan people, among whom, however, our Lord had ministered on various occasions in the days of his flesh. This had undoubtedly been the means of preparing many of the Samaritans to give heed to Philip's ministry. He was used in a singularly mighty way, for as he preached Christ the people "with one accord gave heed unto those things" which he spoke—Miraculous works of power attested the oral proclamation, and the result was that many believed and were baptized by Philip.

However, the Pentecostal gift of the Spirit was not granted to these Samaritan converts immediately. They came of a schismatic group who were intensely jealous of their own claims to being the chosen people, as were the Jews to the south of them. They must learn definitely that "salvation is of the Jews" as our Lord had declared (John 4:22), so they had to wait until the apostles came from Jerusalem ere they were baptized into the one body of Christ.

The Historical Setting

All is in perfect order here. In less than a year after the beginning of the new dispensation the Gospel was carried to Samaria. It was probably in A. D. 34 that Philip went among them, to be followed shortly by Peter and John.

Verse by Verse

Verse 14—"They sent unto them Peter and John." There had been a great scattering abroad of the young converts, but the twelve remained in Jerusalem. When tidings came of the blessing that God granted in response to Philip's ministry in Samaria, they deputed Peter and John to go and investigate and confirm the disciples.

Verse 15—"Prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost." Recognizing the work to be of God, they showed their fellowship with Philip by entreating the Lord to give the Holy Spirit to these Samaritan believers as he had already done to those of Israel.

Verse 16—"As yet he was fallen upon none of them." They were saved through believing in the Lord Jesus, and they were baptized in his name, that is, by his direction, or authority (Matt. 28:19). But they were not baptized by the Spirit into the body, which, although not yet definitely named as such, was formed on Pentecost (1Cor. 12:12, 13).

Verse 17—"They received the Holy Ghost." The gift was given upon the imposition of the apostles' hands, who thus ratified formally the work of Philip and expressed their fellowship with the Samaritan believers. Grace had thus bridged a vast gulf!

Verse 18—"Simon... offered them money." Here was one who, though baptized, was but

a false professor. Believing the story told by Philip, he had not surrendered himself to Christ. He would obtain spiritual power, if possible, to use it for personal enrichment and aggrandizement.

Verse 19—"Give me... this power." Simon knew neither the Lord Jesus nor the Holy Spirit. He thought of the latter as an influence, or power, which might be purchased and used to his own advantage.

Verse 20—"Thy money perish with thee." Peter repelled with indignation the suggestion that the gift of God could be purchased with money. He would not allow the thought of gain to intrude into the manifestation of the grace of God, so far as he was concerned.

Verse 21—"Thy heart is not right." Simon was an unregenerate, wicked man, covetous and irreverent, who delighted in attracting attention to himself and his supposed miraculous powers.

Verse 22—"Repent... pray." Peter exhorts Simon to take drastic measures. He pleads with him to judge himself, to face his sin and seek God in sincerity that he may be forgiven.

Verse 23—"In the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity." Corrupt and vile, a slave to selfishness and unrighteousness, Simon well deserved the stern rebuke.

Verse 24—"Pray ye to the Lord for me." There is no evidence of repentance, no sign of sincerity even in his petition. He does not pray for himself. He would have Peter do it for him—and then, not for forgiveness of his iniquities, but that he might be spared the divine indignation which he so richly merited.

Verse 25—"When they had testified and preached." Peter and John joined Philip in the good work of evangelizing, thus showing how heartily they fellowshiped with him and how fully they endorsed the work that had begun. Later they returned to Jerusalem, carrying the news of the conversion of many in Samaria.

The Heart of the Lesson

The outstanding lesson of the present passage is the absolute necessity of reality in the things of God. Mere religious profession, or intellectual acceptance of the historical facts of Christianity, if divorced from repentance and true faith in Christ himself, will never produce the new life.

Many there are who, "supposing that gain is godliness,"—that is, that God's blessing is manifested by outward prosperity—go on in their sins, posing as Christians when they have never been born again. To face one's sins in the presence of God and to turn to the risen Saviour in trustful confidence means far more than to make a lip profession and submit to baptism. God desires truth in the inward parts (Psa. 51:6). He must have reality. He will not bestow his grace upon the unrepentant professor who is walking in pride and self-will.

It is rather a reflection on the Canadian people that they spend one-third as much for cigarettes every year as they spend for education. They spend two-thirds as much for liquor as they spend to educate two and a half million children. The expenditure on both these items shows a steady increase, year after year.

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