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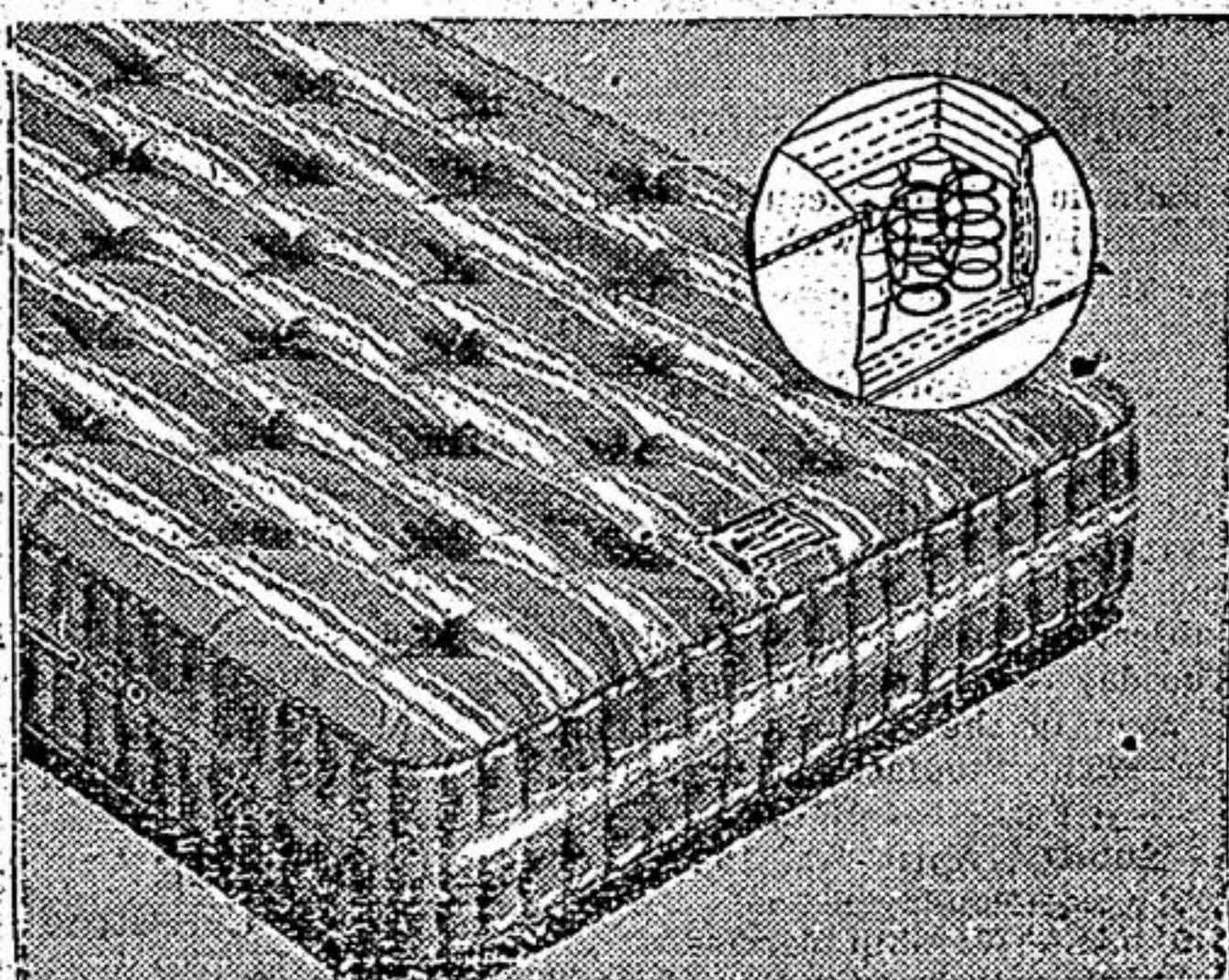


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Mr. Jim Hackney of Toronto visited his parents over the weekend.

Pleased to hear Jimmy McChesney has recovered from his illness. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White on the birth of a fine baby boy.

Miss Ethel White, Joyce and Marion White, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell on Sunday, also paid a visit to Mrs. R. Thurlwell.

Sorry to hear of the Storey families being ill, hope they will soon be better.

Mrs. R. Thurlwell, also Mrs. Mitchell visited the Feren home on Saturday.

We are sorry to learn our friend Mr. Arbuckle will not be able to return to his farm this spring. His nephew was out one day last week to dispose of the stock.

A special meeting of the Goodwood Women's Institute was held on Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. John Rae.

Mrs. Fred Reynolds of Stouffville spent Wednesday visiting old friends at Goodwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Findlay Thompson spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Thomas Baston.

Mr. Charles Nolan and lady friend also Mr. Ross Davis, the tobacconist visited Toronto on Thursday night last and were guests of the Correspondent at the play-off game at Maple Leaf Gardens.

The Goodwood B.Y.P.U. met with the stewardship group in charge. Miss Muriel Jones prepared the program which was taken by Bennie Jones. The topic was "Home Missions." Those taking part were Wes. James, John Maye, N. M. Jones, Mrs. J. Maye, Mrs. W. Bryan, Grace Wagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mitchell spent Sunday at the Jos. Cooper home.

Wesley James is now helping Mr. Ed. Taylor.

Mr. Willis Taylor is off work in Oshawa owing to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Tindall and family, guests on Monday, March 24th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dowswell who were celebrating a wedding anniversary. The Correspondent and family extend their best wishes.

Sorry to hear Joe Forsyth is on the sick list. Cheer up Joe, we've all been ill.

Our friend Samuel Bacon is doing fine after his illness. Many of his friends visited him on Sunday last.

Pleased to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Jack Todd are enjoying the electric light in their home. How nice it would be to have a few lights on the streets of Goodwood.

Miss Winnie Stewart visited her home on the weekend.

Miss Lena McDonald, also Mr. Aiymer Cooper spent Sunday at home.

Yes sir, they are at it again. Our section men also Mr. Murray Stewart, Mr. Stephen Schular and others have been clearing the ditches of snow for the rush of water. Boy oh boy, how we remember building rafts years ago for boat rides.

Big doings on Wednesday last in

Sunday School Lesson

APRIL 6, 1941

CHRIST PROMISES POWER

Golden Text—"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 1:8

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Very appropriately, the series of studies upon which we now enter has been entitled "Christianity Reaches Out." In preparation for the carrying on of the great missionary enterprise, our attention is first directed to our Lord's promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower his servants to preach with conviction and assurance, so that the world might believe that their message was from Heaven. Following the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, a great change took place, which was not clearly predicted in the Old Testament. Israel nationally, having rejected her Messiah, was set aside by God for the present age. Any who repented and turned to Christ for deliverance found salvation, but not as Jews; rather as poor sinners needing a Saviour. These were, by baptism, separated governmentally from the nation as such, and formed the nucleus of the Church, or assembly of God, a new company, who were to be united to Christ by the Spirit in the present age of grace. Of this the Book of Acts treats in its opening chapters. Then the stream of grace broadens to take in believing Gentiles, and as the wonderful story unfolds, we see Paul, a chosen vessel, and other workers, reaching out to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The Historical Setting

Verse by Verse

Acts 1:1—"The former treatise... O Theophilus." He refers to the Gospel of Luke, which was inscribed to "most excellent Theophilus." It is noticeable that the title is no longer used. Possibly some change had taken place in this man's condition, owing to his having boldly confessed Christ. Luke wrote before of "all that Jesus began to do and teach." Note the order here. In the Gospel we have Jesus working on earth. In Acts he is seen working from Heaven (see Mark 16:20).

Verse 2—"He was taken up." Four times our attention is directed to this fact (vs. 9; 11; 22). It was no illusion. Jesus was actually received up into Glory (1 Tim. 3:16). But ere he left this scene he instructed his apostles regarding the work they were to do. They were not left to grope their way.

Verse 3—"Many infallible proofs." Nothing but their positive knowledge that their Lord had appeared among them alive from the dead could account for the assurance with which the followers of Jesus bore witness to his Gospel, and were ready to suffer all manner of shame and torture for his sake. He taught them

the United Church Basement when twenty or thirty ladies quilted seven quilts for the war work. Well follows this work should have us all cheering for our women folk.

Goodwood is losing our friend Mrs. James and family who are moving to Stouffville and will live on Main Street near the school. Our Baptist friends will miss them very much as they have been faithful workers. We join our Baptist friends in saying thank you. Our loss is Stouffville's gain.

Birthday greetings to our friends, Mrs. E. J. Hill, Newmarket; Mrs. R. Feasby, Goodwood; John Rae, jr., Goodwood; Muriel Hockley/Roseville; Mrs. Fred Evans, Musselman's Lake; Audrey Evans, Musselman's Lake; June Arnall, Toronto; Ronald Harvey Carroll, Roseville; Miss M. Rose, Musselman's Lake; Gilbert Wannop, Brougham; Erick Woodward, Brougham; Mr. Gerd Seebeck, Markham; Frank Cooperwalte, Claremont; Lloyd White, Claremont; Mrs. Morley Goodwood; Ed. Peachy, Mount Albert; Carl Ashenurst, Goodwood; Roy Dowswell, Goodwood; Fay Carr, Whitevale; Miss Lizzie Hill, Stouffville; Miss Ruberta Lantrey, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee visited Aurora on Saturday.

The Correspondent visited Stouffville on Monday night last.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McDonald visited Stouffville on Monday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Pugh for dinner.

Thank you, Mrs. Harold Norton for your thirty names and birthday date also for the six wedding dates. The Correspondent's birthday list is now over nine hundred names and dates.

Miss E. A. Davey, Mrs. Walter Davey and Mr. Peter Davey visited their sister Mrs. E. J. Hill, Newmarket, on her birthday.

Mr. Victor Moore and son Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown on Saturday.

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fully concerning "the kingdom of God," and they went forth proclaiming it with confidence. In the last chapter we see Paul in prison, sounding out the same message (Acts 28:31)

Verse 4—"Wait for the promise of the Father." This is not a general command for believers all through the dispensation. It was a specific word for the apostles. They were to tarry in Jerusalem (Luke 24:49) until the Holy Spirit descended.

Verse 5—"Ye shall be baptized with (or in) the Holy Ghost not many days hence." This was fulfilled as predicted, when the first group of believers were baptized into one body (1 Cor. 12:13). This was the formation of the Church. The baptism is not now to be sought, but it is true of all who are in Christ

Verse 6—"Will thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" They realized Israel had forfeited the Kingdom for time being. Was God about to give it again to them and recognize them once more as his chosen nation? The question was a natural one in the light of Old Testament prophecy.

Verse 7—"It is not for you to know the times or the seasons." Jesus did not imply that their question was preposterous and declare that the Kingdom would never be restored to Israel. He said that the time was not revealed. This is the Father's secret. He changes the times and seasons (Dan. 2:21). These have their place (1 Thess. 5:1), but God has not chosen to make them known to us at present.

Verse 8—"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The clearest reading here is, "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you." In view of their witness testimony, they were to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Then they would be prepared to begin the work of evangelization, which was destined to spread from Jerusalem into Judea, then Samaria, and thence to the uttermost part of the earth. In other words, they were first to proclaim peace to those who had crucified the Lord of glory, if they would repent and believe in his name, and the circle of blessing was

to grow wider and deeper until took in all mankind.

Verse 9—"A cloud received him out of their sight." After giving his final command to carry the message everywhere, "he was taken up," and while they looked heavenward—cloud—the divine chariot—came down and enveloped him, so that he was lost to sight as he ascended in the Father's House, whence he came

Verse 10—"Two men stood with them." Attempts have been made to identify these men as Moss and Elias, because of the similarity of the expression used when they appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration. But this seems an idle speculation. Angels are spoken of as men, because of the form in which they were manifested (comp. Luke 24:4 with John 20:12). The heavenly visitants came to confirm the testimony of the Lord.

Verse 11—"This same Jesus which shall so come as ye have seen him go." He shall return in the same way. When we behold him we shall see the very same Jesus whom his disciples knew during those forty days after his body had been raised from the dead. Nineteen hundred years in the glory have made change in him. He abides the same yesterday, and today, and forever (Heb. 13:8)

Verse 12—"Then returned he unto Jerusalem." From near Bethany on the Mount of Olivet, when he ascended, his disciples returned to Jerusalem, there to wait in obedience to his command for the fulfillment of the promise regarding the coming and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Then they would not be ready to begin their great work. But when should come and anoint them, they would be prepared for service.

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