

THURSDAY, MAY 15th, 1947

MOTHER'S DAY

I will wear a bright carnation With a vivid, crimson hue. In honor of my mother, Who is loving, kind and true. Her love ne'er dims with changes. It burns right to the end. Throughout our lives, we always find She is our dearest friend.

Lord grant each heart the wisdom To know their mother's worth. And show her kind affection, Each day she lives on earth. Bring her flowers and write her letters Hasten them along the way. Make your mother proud and happy With your love on "Mother's Day." —Bertram E. Nightingale, Rockwood, Ont.

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COMMUNITY UNITY

A Synopsis of Various Sport and Athletic Activities

Speaking of the event of the week, the Annual Gymnastic Display, I could probably use the whole column right to the bottom of the page. Rather than do that, I will just mention a few things about what will take place. This is the first year for the Gymnastic Display to be staged in the Arena. It would be impossible to run it with any measure of success in the "Y" since the gym floor is too small for the number of groups taking part. There are other reasons too, the seating space being the main one. This year we are getting bleachers from Toronto and they will be set up in such a way spectators will get a good view of everything. The dance floor, which takes up a portion of the arena, gives those taking part a better opportunity to perform. The very popular "Bunny Act", put on by the Nursery Class in the past will be the first number on the program and no matter what they do, it's sure to please the audience. A group of seven, eight and nine year old boys and girls will perform a series of relay races. Following them will be groups of boys and girls taking part in such events as folk dancing and floor hockey. This is the first opportunity the Acton boys have had to demonstrate the fast and exciting game of floor hockey in many respects. The Acton High School will take part in the program this year with the girls under the leadership of Mrs. Orr and the boys under Mr. McLean.

Badminton matches have been put away for the season and tennis enthusiasts are looking at our two courts up the road with anticipation and thoughts of some very good tennis this year. The winter caused a little damage to the lights over the two courts which may delay an early start, but a meeting of all tennis players may be in order now to get things underway.

All through the past winter season, you have heard a lot through this column about the Acton "Y" Badminton Club and the successful year of tournaments which were mostly all won by the Acton group. Four of the players who took part in these events will put on a short demonstration of the game at the "Y" Display on Friday night in the arena. This game, to those who have not seen it played is very fast, demanding speed and a quick eye on the part of the players.

In 1830, it required about 57 man-hours of labor to produce an acre of wheat. The development of efficient machinery has reduced this figure to about 2.5 man-hours. Additional improvements, says the Agricultural Institute Review, will result in still cheaper production.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MAY 18th

GOD IN NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Golden Text.—Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live. Amos 5: 14. Lesson Text.—Amos 5: 6-15. Read also 21-24. Time.—7:30 P. M. Place.—Land of Israel. Exposition.—I. A Call to Seek Jehovah, 1-9.

The words of the chapter are Jehovah's own words (v. 4). They were spoken to the house of Israel, but they teach principles that apply to all people and all ages. It is as true to-day as it was in the days of Amos that to seek Jehovah is the way of life, to forsake Jehovah is the way of death. The lesson opens with a command and with a promise. The one who obeys the command will obtain the promise. A wonderful promise, is it, Lord? To seek is just the opposite of to forsake (1 Chron. 28: 9; 2 Chron. 15: 2). It is to turn the face toward Him instead of turning the back upon Him. It is to seek His favor by learning to obey His will (2 Chron. 29: 3; 34: 3). For one who has wandered from Jehovah, to seek is simply to turn from sin, to turn from our own ways and our own thoughts, and turn to the Lord in obedience and trust (Isa. 55: 7). When we do this He is ready to abundantly pardon (Isa. 55: 6, 7; Deut. 30: 2-8).

There is life for the greatest sinner who will thus seek the Lord. Bethel and Gilgal and Beersheba were all places where idolatrous worship had been established, beginning with Jeroboam's setting up his calf at Bethel (1 Ki. 12: 18, 29). To seek these places was to turn the back upon Jehovah. To turn to idolatrous and unscriptural modes of worship to-day is to turn the back upon God. All these places had sacred memories attached to them. Jehovah Himself had manifested Himself at each of them in one way or another. The new false worship and "new theology" always seeks for itself points of contact with the old God-given worship and theology. It can thus more easily beguile the sincere but unwary soul. God is a consuming fire to all those who spurn His grace and refuse to repent and obey Him (Heb. 12: 28, 29; Mk. 9: 43-49).

In v. 7 we have a striking description of the rulers of that day (R. V.). Is it not a good description of many judges and rulers of our own day? How many there are who, seeking justice at court, get wormwood instead. To seek the Lord is supreme wisdom; for He is full of power and grace (v. 8). His power is illustrated in four ways: (1) He made the stars. How distant and stupendous are the stars. Jehovah made them all. It is well to have Him on our side. It matters little who is against us if He is for us. (2) He turneth the shadow of death (the deepest darkness) into the morning with His sunshine and gladness (Ps. 30: 5). For how many of us in His wondrous grace, He has done the very thing: (3) "He maketh the day dark with night." He had done this literally again and again, not only in Bible times (Ex. 10: 21-23), but in modern times as well, e.g. in connection with the volcanic disturbances at Martinique. He can do it any day He will where you and I live. (4) He "calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth." This is not merely a beautifully poetic description of rain, but also a profoundly scientific one. God is the Father of the rain. As we are all so utterly dependant upon the rain for food and drink and all things, happy the man who has the author of the rain upon his side. "The Lord" or "Jehovah" the self-existent, eternal One Who was, is, and ever shall be His name. Man's strength is nothing against His (v. 9, R. V.).

II. A Call to True Repentance, 10-15. Sinners always hate the man who rebukes their sin (ch. 7: 10-17; 1 Ko. 11: 20; 22: 8; 2 Chron. 24: 20-22; 25: 16; 36: 16; Prov. 9: 7, 8; Jno. 7: 15; 19: 22-24). It takes an unusually wise man to love the one who rebukes him. It is poor compliment to a preacher to have the praise of the weak (Luke 6: 26). The one who speaks uprightly will be abhorred of the one who lives crookedly (Jno. 3: 18-20). Verse 11 describes many of the rich of to-day as well as of Amos' day (R. V.). The magnificent houses that they build out of the proceeds will do them no good. They "shall not dwell in them." How often this proves literally true. The first half of verse 12 should sink deep in every sinner's heart (R. V.). There is not a sin we commit by day or by night but God knows all about it. He knows its full extent.

There are three counts in Jehovah's indictment against Israel. (1) "Attire the just" (cf. Ac. 7: 52). A common practice to-day and one God will punish. (2) "Take a bribe." A rapidly growing inquiry in our land: (3) "Turn aside the needy in the gate." The gate was the place of holding court (Deut. 16: 18; Ruth 4: 1). How difficult it is for a poor man to get justice in courts of law. This is an enormity that God is observing, and which He will sternly punish. All that a prudent man can do in such a time is to hold his peace and wait upon God, except as God calls him to lift up his voice as a trumpet and

show the people their sins (Isa. 58: 1). Amos describes his own day as "an evil time." All times are evil until the King whom God has appointed shall come (Eph. 5: 15, 16; 2 Tim. 3: 1; 1 Jno. 5: 19). But while the times are evil the individual may be good (vs. 14, 15). The thing for us to do in this evil time is to "seek good and not evil." The result will be that Jehovah, God of hosts "will be with us" even in this evil time (cf. Gen. 39: 2, 3, 23; Phil. 4: 8, 9).

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