

PAUL ESTABLISHES CHURCHES

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson, April 16th, 1939

GOLDEN TEXT: "As a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon." 1 Corinthians 3: 10.

LESSON PASSAGE: Acts 14: 1 - 7, 19 - 23.

Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, I care not how; But stir my heart in passion for the world; Stir me to give, to go—but most to pray; Stir, till the blood-red banner be unfurled; O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie; O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

Pioneers, I Paul and Barnabas were pioneer missionaries. In their journeys they followed the Roman roads. The Jesuit missionaries who made their way across North America had no roads to follow. Their route was determined very largely by rivers and lakes. The story of home missions in Canada is entrancing. Spiritually minded men went into the forests, across the prairies, away into the north among the Eskimos. Every summer, students go out to pioneer in new districts, and missionary superintendents have supervision over large areas. The establishing of 25,000 churches in Canada for a population of ten million people is a great Christian achievement. Some religious leaders say that the frontiers are no longer in pioneer districts, but in city slums. The need for city mission work is painfully apparent. It requires a heroism, resourcefulness and devotion quite equal to that of the pioneers of the west and north. In agricultural districts the pioneers often had the hope of prosperity but in city slums the poverty becomes worse and worse.

Persecution, 2 - 7 Why did Paul meet persecution? He was the bearer of a message of love and goodwill. Yet he received opposition both from unbelieving Jews and uninformed Gentiles. In Iconium there was a great controversy concerning him. Some agreed with the Jews; others supported the apostles. In the end Paul and Barnabas had to flee and go elsewhere. They refused to be silenced. Even when stoned in one city they preached the gospel in the next. Today Christianity is experiencing persecution again, not only in one but in many lands. The underlying cause of the persecution is that Christianity makes citizens lovers of liberty, encourages them to think for themselves and uphold standards of truth and justice. It is distinctly to the credit of Christianity that it is suspected and persecuted by war-mad-demented men. The worst thing that could happen to the Christian faith would be that it should be regarded as harmless. Doubtless the Church will prove again that it has not lost the martyr spirit.

Perseverance, 19, 29 Why did Peter and Barnabas continue their missionary work? They were under no external compulsion. Had they held their peace no rocks would have been thrown at them. At Lystra Paul was stoned and his body dragged out of the city. Yet the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe and continued to preach. What drove them forward? There was an inner compulsion. Christ had called them to the work of evangelism. The spirit of God was leading them forward, closing one door and opening others. They delighted in the Christian fellowship that resulted from their preaching. They knew that the work lived long after their

visits. The new life through the cross of Christ was so wonderful that they could not refrain from telling others and sharing it with them. It has often been said that no one should be a minister or a missionary who can keep from it. Paul could have had no peace of soul had he ceased to preach the gospel.

Perseverance, 21, 22 A hymn expresses the desire to hear the gospel story over and over "for I forget so soon." Paul knew the necessity for repetition in Christian instruction. Whenever possible he returned to visit the converts, encouraging them in the faith and sharing with them his own experiences. Christian nurture is a life-long need. To hold communicants or confirmation classes and then neglect those who have become members of the Church is to invite spiritual disaster. There is a wise saying: "Better no conversion if no nurture." Older Christians must take responsibility for younger Christians. Intelligent leaders must share their best with their followers. Martin Niemöller is a prisoner, but instead of recanting his Christian faith, he makes his imprisonment an opportunity for Christian discipline. Karl Barth speaks out bravely against tyranny and oppression. Throughout the centuries the Christian Church has had to be a fighting force. There is acute need for Christians with courage and conviction to withstand the pagan drift of today.

Perseverance, 23 The apostles organized churches. Elders were placed in charge and provision was made for worship and the sacraments. Francis Xavier travelled many thousands of miles as a missionary. He preached to people and sprinkled them with water. Although the claim is made that he baptized a million people, in many cases there was nothing tangible to show for his missionary work. John Wesley adopted a different method. He grouped his converts in small classes and arranged for those who were spiritually mature to teach and comfort the beginners. The modern Church can learn from both Xavier and Wesley. We need evangelists to go through the nation like a flame of fire, and we need organizers and teachers to care for those who respond. The great mass movements in India put a heavy obligation upon the Christians who are already established in the faith. Communities that can have church services and Sunday Schools all the year round in Canada, with permanent leadership, may count themselves fortunate. The regular work of congregations in a community is a spiritual heaven and those who carry on the organizations are assuming the permanence of the Church.

Questions for Discussion 1. Will the evangelization of Canada ever be complete? 2. Should Christians in Europe bow to the will of dictators? 3. If we have no desire to witness for Christ, what is the reason? 4. Why should Christian education be life-long? 5. How thoroughly do you know the history of your own congregation?

ALASKAN TRAVEL IS POPULAR Travel to Alaska by the cruise routes out of Vancouver, B.C., to Skagway and Sitka will be at a high level in 1939, report officials of the Canadian National Steamships whose "prince" liners operate in this service. Many travellers to the Pacific Coast who plan to take in the Golden Gate Exposition at San Francisco also propose to add an Alaskan cruise, while to many others the extensive territory which can be covered in a brief period has a definite appeal. The result is that early reservations both from Canada and the United States have been on large scale.

MANY FOREIGNERS SEEK THEIR NATURALIZATION IN HALTON COUNTY

"If Mussolini sends for me, I'll not go. Mussolini makes too much trouble." Giuseppe Bonin, Italian quarry laborer at Milton Heights declared in county court last week. An applicant for naturalization, he had been asked by Judge W. N. Munro if he would return to Italy in the event of war there. Before Judge Munro recommended him for citizenship, Bonin added: "I want to stay in Canada for it is a better country than Italy. I would defend Canada any time there is war in Canada."

Nine other applicants, of mixed European origin, reiterated these sentiments to the bench, and eight of the men were recommended for Canadian citizenship. The application of Cassimiro Scisizzi, Italian workman at Port Credit, was held over pending receipt of information from Peel county. The nine men recommended were: Giuseppe Bonin; Johannes Nelsen, Dutch blacksmith at Burlington; Charles Reese, Burlington, Polish cannery worker; John Gall, Burlington, Dutchman; Julius Tozak, Nelson farmer; Joseph G. Govek, Palsley, Hungarian laborer at Freeman; Koop Hofstra, Dutch, farm assistant, Esqueving; Powel Ryerzyk, Polish, lantern worker at Acton, and John Labencki, Russian Pole, Trafalgar farmer.

"Hitlerism and fascism don't bother me at all. I'm a good Canadian," asserted Polish, Powel Ryerzyk, who boarded a vessel at Danzig to come to Canada in 1927. "I expect to live and die in Canada, and both myself and my boys will fight for Canada if necessary," stated John Labencki, Russian Pole, who farms near Trafalgar.

Little Gordon had arrived home from school with a cut lip and a black eye. "Dear me!" exclaimed his mother. "By you mean to say you've walked through the streets like that?" "I had to, mum," grinned Gordon. "You see, there wasn't room for two of us in the ambulance."

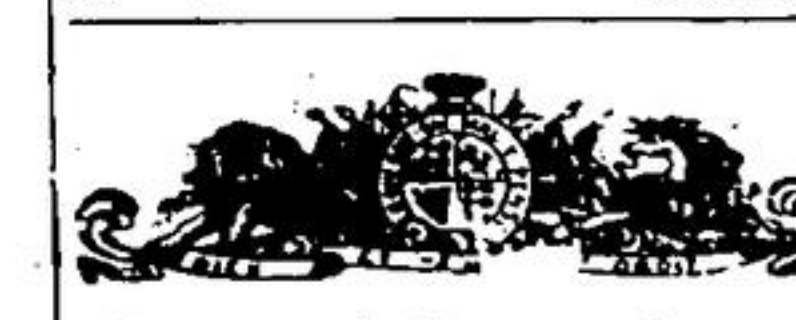
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Of the Estate of SARAH JANE ASHENHURST, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, Spinster, deceased. ALL PERSONS having claims against the Estate of the said Sarah Jane Ashenhurst, who died or departed on the 24th day of March, 1939, at the Town of Georgetown, are required to send to the undersigned solicitor on or before the 29th day of April, 1939, full particulars of their claims and any securities they may hold therefor.

KENNETH M. LANGDON, Georgetown, Ontario. Solicitor for William F. Bradely and Stella McDonald, Executors.

Treasurer's Sale of Land For Taxes

TOWNSHIP OF ESQUEVING, COUNTY OF HALTON TO WIT: BY VIRTUE of a Warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Esqueving bearing date the nineteenth day of September, 1938, a sale of lands in arrears of taxes in the Township of Esqueving will be held at the Council Chamber, in the Village of Stewarttown, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon on the seventh day of July, 1939, unless the taxes and costs are sooner paid. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the list of lands for sale in arrears of taxes has been prepared, that copies of the said list may be had at my office, that the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes is being published in The Ontario Gazette on the first day of April, 1939, on the sixth day of May, 1939, and on the third day of June, 1939, and that in default of payment of taxes and costs the lands will be sold for the said taxes and costs. TREASURER'S OFFICE, this 29th day of March, 1939. GEORGE LESLIE, 131 Treasurer.



Town of Georgetown Proclamation! DAYLIGHT SAVING

CHANGE TO SUMMER TIME—APRIL 30th TO SEPTEMBER 17th, 1939. Whereas the Council of the Town of Georgetown have rescinded the Daylight Saving Time By-law No. 3414; And whereas the By-law has been amended to read that Daylight Saving Time shall be established in the Town of Georgetown from the 30th day of April at 12.01 a.m. until the 17th day of September, at 12.01 a.m. 1939. Therefore all citizens are requested to comply with the time specified in the amended by-law. Proclaimed pursuant to the instructions of the Town Council. JOSEPH GIBBONS, Mayor. "God Save the King"

A CHANGE NEEDED

Why not tax the man who lets his property go to wreck rather than the man who keeps his property in good condition? As it is at present, the man who employs a painter and the carpenter to make his place more attractive, and who thus improves the appearance of the whole neighborhood is penalized by increased taxation, while the man who allows his property to become an eyesore, and thus decrease the value of his neighbors' property, is encouraged in his neglect by reduced taxation. It is hoped that some day the people will wake up and demand a radical change in the assessment law.—Dutton Advocate.

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A Spring Surprise. By BETTY BARCLAY. We all expect surprise dishes during cold weather when it is really a pleasure to putter in the kitchen. As the weather gets warmer, however, there is a tendency to lessen kitchen labor. Surprise dishes, elaborate dishes and new dishes disappear. Before we know it we find ourselves courting cold casseroles, hot lunches and cold snacks. It is not necessary to be so hard on the warm weather meal. Avoid elaborate hot dishes and three layer cakes if you wish, but substitute simple salads and desserts that will grace the table as impressively as the Thanksgiving turkey. The dessert pictured above is one of many that may be used as a spring or summer surprise. It calls for but four ingredients. No eggs are needed. No baking or boiling. Prepare in the cool of the morning. Add the topping just before serving. You'll have a dessert that is attractive, economical, delicious—and just the thing for those children who refuse to drink their daily supply of milk. Chocolate Sundae Rennet Custard 1 pint milk (not canned or soft curd) 1 package vanilla rennet powder 1/4 cup shaved milk chocolate Whipped cream Set out 4 or 5 dessert glasses. Warm milk slowly, stirring constantly, until LUKEWARM—not hot. Test a drop on inside of wrist frequently. When COMFORTABLY WARM—120° F., immediately remove from stove. Stir rennet powder into milk briskly until dissolved—not more than one minute. Pour at once, while still liquid, into dessert glasses. Do not remove glasses until firm—about 10 minutes. Then chill in ice box. Just before serving, sprinkle shaved milk chocolate over the surface of each rennet custard, and top with a spoonful of whipped cream.

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