

TIMELY TOPICS FOR WOMEN

By Barbara Baines

WILL IT BE STATESWOMEN NEXT?

J. B. Priestly, renowned as an author and for his plain-spoken talks over the radio, has expressed some very progressive ideas about women. "It is up to the women," he says, "to assert themselves a little more in public and a little less in private. The male delights in destruction, and in making destructive gadgets. Those twin delights must be tempered by feminine influence in the future." He believes that when the turmoil of war is over, and people settle down to reconstruct society on a new basis, women . . . and middle-aged women at that . . . should take over at least 50 per cent of the government of every country. He backed his suggestion by explaining that since government is really glorified housekeeping, and since women are by nature housekeepers, it is only logical to suppose that they will be able to undertake such governmental housekeeping with greater success, and far greater ease, than men. Miss Fanny Hurst, well known American author, agrees that women should be given a larger share in the affairs of the nation. She says, "A great indictment faces the male. He has made a colossal failure. A man must always save his face. Watch a man drive a car. He'd rather drive into a jungle than ask the way; rather go blindly forward than admit he doesn't know. Men have always been war-makers. Women, on the other hand, have always fought war and sought for peace. It's true their attitude has been somewhat sentimental at times, but give them a chance. They cannot do worse than the men have."

JAM FOR BRITAIN

The Red Cross is calling for groups of women to volunteer to make jam for Britain. This year they are undertaking, in co-operation with the Women's Institutes, to ship 300,000 pounds for use in the military hospitals, war nurseries, and centres for bombed civilians. The Red Cross is supplying the cans, labels and cartons and looking after shipment, and women's organizations, church groups, and social clubs are supplying the fruit, sugar and labor. Groups unable to make jam but anxious to help, may contribute money to have the jam prepared at a cannery. Five dollars pays for approximately eleven four-pound cans which you may have labelled with the name of the donating group. The strawberry season is over, but groups organizing now will be in time for raspberries, plums, peaches, grapes and apples. It will prevent waste if the help of a household science graduate is enlisted to test the jam before it is sent to the central depot. Groups willing to help should notify their local branch of the Red Cross or The Women's Institute.

FOR OUR SCRAP BOOK

There is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and faithfully and cheerfully as we can. —Henry van Dyke.

BOOK REVIEW

"The Dark House" — By Warwick Deeping (M. Celland and Stewart, 46pp., \$2.50)

Warwick Deeping has written more than fifty books, and won for himself wide popularity among the readers of popular fiction. "Dark House" is the story of John Richmond, brilliant, ambitious, young medical doctor, who has set his heart upon making a name for himself in London as a consulting surgeon. But his dream was shattered when the small inheritance which was to see him through the lean years was lost through the weakness of his brother. Disillusioned and slightly bitter, he was forced to accept junior partnership in a small country practice. There he met Lucy with whom he fell in love. They were married and had a young son. Normal, happy years followed. He won the confidence of the townspeople and prospered. But he had always had a hard streak in him, and now the old restlessness returned. What of the brilliant career he had planned? He began to drink, and gradually drifted into an affair with the wife of one of his patients. Lucy, who was able to understand his turbulent nature, and his resentment at the dullness of life in a small town, forgave him. More of the plot I will not tell you, except to say that for a while it seemed as though he must pay the full penalty for his recklessness and treachery. It is a bitter experience, but it teaches him something of loyalty and humility; and he learns, before it is too late, that profound compassion without which no man is the master of the craft of healing.

These are but three expressions of opinion by people of prominence in recent times, but I am sure that many others agree with them that women must share equally with men, the responsibility for the new world order of the future. I personally believe they should, if only for this one reason: that women, once they sight their objective clearly, are less apt than men to be deterred in its accomplishment by red-tape, tradition, custom, or other trifling setbacks or obstacles.

YOUR DOG IN HOT WEATHER!

Hot weather is hard on dogs just as it is on humans. On a blistering day recently I saw a lovely little cocker spaniel that had been left locked in a car. He had his face up to the one window that had been left open an inch or so and his tongue was dripping. It is hard to understand how anyone, familiar with how hot a car left in the sun can become, could be so inhuman. On warm days dogs should have some special care. If tied outside they should have a shady spot to lie. Their meals should be light and include plenty of vegetables (except potatoes), milk, raw eggs, raw lettuce and tomatoes or tomato juice, and a little finely ground fresh meat. Bones are very bad for house dogs, that is, except the large tough ones for them to chew on. They should be given plenty of fresh water, especially if you take them on a trip with you. When it is very hot it helps to wipe their faces with a cold cloth and let them sleep on the bare floor. If you have a very young puppy that whimpers and gets lonesome at night, try putting an alarm clock wrapped in a cloth in his basket with him. The ticking will make him think he has company.

PICKLED ENGLISH CHERRIES

Olives and other imported relishes are quite apt to be scarce next winter, so why not plan to do your own this year. Pickled fruits such as cherries, grapes, peaches, plums, pears, crabapples, and of course, pickled watermelon rind are just the thing to go with sandwiches for the late snack, and are grand to have on hand to serve with salads, particularly for the buffet luncheon or supper. You'll like this recipe for pickled cherries.

3 quarts English cherries
3 cups vinegar
3 cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon whole cloves
1 teaspoon stick cinnamon

Bring the vinegar and sugar to a boil. Add the salt and spices. Wash the cherries, leaving them in clusters on the stems. Pack them into clean hot jars, and cover with hot syrup. A silver knife may be used to prevent jars from breaking. Seal and store in a cool, dark place. They will be ready for use in six weeks but will keep indefinitely.

If you would like to have the recipe for any of the other pickled fruits mentioned above send your request to Barbara Baines, in care of this paper.

INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM Sunday School LESSON

JAMES TEACHES CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIVING SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th, 1941

GOLDEN TEXT: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1: 27.

LESSON PASSAGE: James, 1: 17-22; 2: 14-17; 4: 13-17; 5: 12.

"Were thanks with every gift expressing. Each day would be Thanksgiving; Were gratitude in every heart, Each life would be thanksgiving."

God's Gift, 17, 18

Where does the sunshine come from? Everyone knows that the source of light is the sun. We do not earn it or make a contract for it; we receive it daily as a free gift. Where does goodness come from? Truth and love are gifts from God. Just as the Creator sends sunlight to bring forth fruit upon the earth, so does God give His grace that human beings may show forth the beauty of holiness. We cannot take full credit for our characters. The good in us has been made possible by the will and love of God. Such is the teaching of James, the brother of Jesus, who wrote a letter to Jewish Christians scattered far and wide. Except for the introduction, it is not really a letter. It is rather a collection of sayings. It is one of the first books to be written in the New Testament. It contains homely, pithy, practical teaching but the standards were learned from "the lips and life of Jesus himself. James was not a follower at first, but after the resurrection he became a believer, later a leader in the Jerusalem Church and he was martyred for his faith.

Man's Part, 19-22
Much is done for us but we have also to do much ourselves. Growth is made possible in a field by the light and the warmth of the sun but the farmer has to cultivate the land and sow the seed and reap the harvest. A good character is a witness to God's grace but that character was fashioned in part by discipline. To live a good life, just as though the laws of living, we have to resist temptation, we have to be active in doing good. If everything were done for us we would become lazy. If we had to do everything for ourselves we would be discouraged. Actually we may live at our best when we form a partnership with his spirit, and use them to our utmost. No matter how many books we read, our reading is ineffective unless we learn to think and speak for ourselves. No matter how much religious ritual we see and hear, it does not register until we put into action the truths we are taught in worship.

Faith and Works, 14-17

Scholars have tried to show that James was having a controversy with Paul. On the surface it looks as though James extolled works while Paul held up faith as the first essential. Actually there is no conflict between the two ideas. We need faith in order to be inspired to do good deeds. Our thinking in the long run determines our actions. Yet belief is not complete until it issues in action. No amount of oratory about loyalty or singing of patriotic songs could have made the victory loan succeed. It required planning, cooperation, publicity, conviction and willing sacrifices in order to over-subscribe the loan. But those who signed on the dotted line and paid over their cash made possible the support of Canada's war effort. In like manner the singing of missionary hymns in a congregation may be only a pastime unless there is study of actual mission work, the sending forth of missionaries and the giving of money for their support. Jesus would not let emotional people use religion as an escape. He insisted upon conduct consistent with the profession and practice of public worship.

Knowing and Doing, 14-17

It has been well said that the real ghosts in life are unwritten letters and unpaid visits. About many little things procrastination is the thief of time. We plan great achievements but neglect to begin. Next week, next month or next year we hope to find time for private devotion or public service, but it is always tomorrow and tomorrow. In the Bible the emphasis is upon now. If we have the impulse to do some kindness let us act upon it at once for the opportunity may not come again. We never lived this day before; we shall never be able to live it again. We do not know whether we shall be allowed to live tomorrow or not. A poet has said, "Act, act in the living present! Heart within, and God overhead!" Intentions are good but of themselves are insufficient. No number of good resolutions can atone for inaction. Our sins of omission make us just as guilty as our sins of commission. Piety without performance is in vain. Worship without works is mockery. Unless conscience is translated into conduct the moral sense will soon be blunted. To live in conscious dependence upon God gives spiritual peace and is a spur to action. Our opportunity to serve at all comes to us through the loving will of God.

Telling the Truth, 12

Are we the kind of people who need to swear boisterously to make ourselves believed? It is a self-revelation if we think that we need to reinforce our statements with loud oaths. If we have cultivated the habit of truthfulness, our friends will believe us without the emphasis of profanity. It is commonly said of an honest man that his word is as good as his bond. No proverb says of a swearing man that his promise is as good as his

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Away from the city's roar and heat, Through the meadows and byways lanes,
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Rivers and lakes in Nature's fane.
Out where the giant forest trees, Majestic, time-defying stand,
Where Aurora's light shafts breeze
Up from the north pole's horizon band,
Out where the tinkling raindrops beat,
Dulcimer tappings on the leaves,
Making the music fairies greet,
Softly drip from the tall trees eaves.
Out where the winds of the northern zone,
(Still wet-lipped from icebergs kiss-
ed),
Meet the hot-breathed zephyr's drone,
Making it melt in the meetings mist.
Out where the wild bird tunes his flute,
Out where the partridge drums his snare,
There's where the vireo lulls his lute,
There's where the blue cranes stand and stare.
Out where the night hawks, when't grows dark,
Tick the tops of the tallest trees;
Out where the distant wolf-packs bark,
Out where the wild flowers call the bees.
Away from the city's heat and roar,
Past the meadows and farmland fields,
Where we can walk on Nature's floor,
And drink in the joys the outdoor yields.
—RALPH GORDON
628 Crawford St., Toronto.

LIMEHOUSE

Recent visitors in the village included:—
Mrs. Lemyre and Betty, and Mr. Bill Carter with the Post's.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dorie and Miss Gladys Milliere, of Hamilton, with the Milliere's.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott and Garry, of Malton, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Haines and children, of Glen Williams, with the Scott's.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Morrow and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lane and children, of Toronto, with Mrs. R. Lane.
Mr. Alex. Wright home from Toronto.
Mr. Bill Newton home from Malton.
Misses Agnes, Margaret and Jean Robertson are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Benton.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mummery and Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, of Toronto, with Mrs. C. McClory and Patricia, and Mr. Brown visited Mrs. P. Shelburne.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Sanford and Miss Doris Mitchell attended the Poole-Poster wedding in the church of St. Mary the Virgin, in Toronto on Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller and Russell spent the week end at Port Severn.
Mrs. J. R. O. Sutherland and children are holidaying with her mother at her cottage at Grand Bend.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill, Gwen, Fred and Vivian, and Miss Shirley Wright, enjoyed a motor trip north this week.
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Meredith, Miss Helen Meredith and Mr. Arthur Gamble motored to Manitoulin Island last week end.
A number from here enjoyed the splendid garden party at the Glen on Friday evening.
Miss Bertha Shelburne spent a week in Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Proctor and Mrs. Godwin and child with the Milbells. The Women's Institute ladies are busy this week with their regular meeting on Tuesday and their 30th anniversary being celebrated on Thursday afternoon and evening.
Rev. H. K. Casler, of Grand Valley, conducted services at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon.
Masters Bruce and Alan Norris are spending their holidays in Chatham.

—Erin Advocate—