

TIMELY TOPICS FOR WOMEN . . .

By Barbara Baines

THE COST OF VICTORY COMES HIGH

"I don't see why I should scrimp and save to buy Victory Bonds when all around me money is being spent like water on things that have no value. Look how much goes for liquor in this country every year, and for diamonds and perfumes and flowers and other luxuries I can't afford. And now they are planning to spend a million dollars on a plot-scheme that is about as necessary as two heads."

I have heard too much of such talk as the above during the last few days and it has roused my Irish ire. The worst part is that it seems at first glance to have just enough apparent justification to be very dangerous. But what utter folly it is to think we can side-step the moral peril we are in by making someone else's supposed short-comings an excuse for our lying down on the job.

As long as human nature is what it is there will be a few people in every community who will hoard, who will try to profit by others suffering, who will think of themselves and their families first, and their fellowmen and their country last, if at all. To err is human. We all make mistakes and we all go on making mistakes.

We have a right in a land of free people to form and express our own opinion on all matters of public interest. But the fact that we disapprove of the behaviour of our neighbour down the street, or a member of our town council or one of our cabinet ministers, or the whole government for that matter, cannot conceivably be taken as a legitimate excuse for sitting back with a "holier-than-thou" expression on our faces and refusing to do our share in the present crisis.

Think what would have happened in England after the fall of France if all hadn't rallied round the flag in spite of the great bitterness that must have been in their hearts, if the women hadn't fed cities that might have starved; if men hadn't fought the fire.

Think what would have happened in Russia when the Germans were knocking at the gate of Moscow if men, women and children hadn't shown courage on a scale of which on this continent we have no conception, if they hadn't thrown literally their all into first holding and then turning back the enemy hordes.

Two years ago the war seemed far away. But as reverse has followed reverse for the empire and our allies Canada's margin of safety is growing very small, and should be a matter of deep and grave concern to every citizen. We hope civilians here will never have to be in the front line of battle, but our coats are even now preparing for just that eventuality.

Most of our people have responded nobly to our country's need. Many of our young men have already paid the supreme sacrifice, others are wounded or prisoners of war. Thousands are on active service on land and sea and in the air. Other thousands of men, and women too, are working 3 shifts, 24 hours a day, 6 days a week to keep a constant flow of war materials going forth to our fighting forces. Others are working from dawn on, in fair weather or foul, to keep our own people and those of the Motherland fed.

Knowing these things, and knowing the stakes for which we are playing, how can anyone among us, for any reason whatsoever, refuse to contribute his or her share of the money needed to carry on the war? Victory will not come easy, but it will come just as soon as we are able to train more men and turn out more ships, and tanks, and guns, and planes than our enemy can, just to name a few, our war effort is able to match and then surpass that of our foe.

With this goal in view let us cut our spending on unessentials, and let our hoarding to a minimum, and let us save to buy the bonds that will pay for victory.

IN WOMEN'S SHIP

The new money, being spent by war workers is already affecting the price of dresses. The stores tell us that the average lady now has the choice with dresses priced from \$3.95 to \$6.95 and even \$10.00, whereas formerly mass buying was in the \$2.00 to \$3.00 range. On the other hand because of high taxes, etc., women in the upper income bracket, have climbed down several price levels and are now buying dresses marked \$25 where formerly they would have spent \$40.00. The most popular of all dresses today is the one with \$4.95 price tag.

For the first time girl messengers have invaded the House of Commons in Ottawa. Boys have become so scarce that "deperate measures" have had to be taken. One telegraph company has assigned four girls to its sub-office in the Centre Block. The Department of Munitions and Supply is also using girls to conduct its visitors through the maze of block-long corridors and other departments of the government are expected to follow suit as the scarcity of boys becomes more acute.

Shoe sizes may be due for a complete new deal, says Washington, based on the actual measurement of tens of thousands of feet, and the discovery that about 70 per cent of the populace has some sort of foot trouble. There are at present about 100 standard sizes for women . . . and none that will fit most many. New fittings may be fewer but will coincide more closely with the anatomical proportions of the feet.

Atlantic Clippers are now having their innards greased by girls. Pan-American Airways now has 40 girls in the repair and maintenance department at La Guardia Field. They are classed as mechanics helpers and get the same rate of pay as the men . . . 55 cents an hour, and they work in shifts around the clock. They do dope and fabric work, on wings and control surfaces, care for the upholstering and paneling and help with the servicing, repairing and overhauling of the engines. Girls also direct Clipper take-offs and landings by radio.

THE BOOK OF THE WEEK

"MISSION TO MOSCOW" BY JOSEPH E. DAVIES

Mr. Davies' book, "Mission to Moscow," contains many startling revelations about Russia. Mr. Davies is a business man and an admitted "capitalist" who was sent to Moscow as U.S. Ambassador in 1933, and told to keep his eyes open and report on things as he found them, not as he expected to find them.

Being a good lawyer he knew how to ask questions, and being a good mixer he got to know intimately more high-ranking Russians than has, perhaps, any other foreigner. He was convinced the world as a whole was too often blinded by prejudice, misleading dispatches, and adverse propaganda. The conclusions he arrived at were often quite contrary to those of other governments. He was impressed by the evidence of guilt at the treason trials which so many in the outside world doubted.

He believed Russia was strong economically and politically, and that Stalin was a "bold, resolute and able leader." He believed too that her military strength was great in spite of the execution of so many generals during the purge, and that she was sincerely anxious for the preservation of world peace. He retained his aversion to the Soviet method of doing things but was convinced a basis for co-operation with the democracies against the terrorism of Nazism could readily be found, and that some day we might be glad of Russia's help. Moreover he believed that if England had been in full possession of the facts before the Stalin-Hitler pact was formed, she would have endeavoured to maintain friendly relations with Russia at all costs.

There are plenty of other revelations in the book; the reason the Russians invaded Poland and turned the Baltic into a buffer State; why Hitler attacked Russia; the story of Mr. Davies' interview with Stalin, and his talks with Lillivoff, the story of Romm who walked out of the Press Club in Washington and returned to Moscow to testify he was a traitor; of Baron Geiger who left his own dinner party at which the Davies were guests to go to prison and be shot.

The book is made up chiefly of confidential dispatches to the State Department, diary entries, and official and personal correspondence, and the state has set a precedent by giving Mr. Davies permission to publish it. It makes no attempt at embroidering facts for popular consumption, but it does give us the inside story of Russia we are all anxious to hear.

AN OVEN MEAL THAT WILL SATISFY

The war has brought about many economic changes, but nowhere is the need for economy more noticeable than in the kitchen. For this reason oven meals are more popular than they have ever been before. Here is an exceptionally good dinner and it can be all done in the oven at one time. Baked Pork Tenderloin with Onion Dressing, Baked Potatoes and Scalloped Tomatoes, and for dessert Lemon Sponge. Try this recipe for Lemon Sponge.

3 tablespoons flour
1 cup white sugar
1 cup milk
Mix flour and sugar together with milk; add egg yolks and salt. Add lemon juice and grated rind. Fold in egg whites beaten stiff, and bake in oiled pudding dish set in a pan of hot water until golden brown.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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THE PARABLES BY THE SEA

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 13:22. Matthew 13:44-45
GOLDEN TEXT—Never was spake I as this man—John 1:18

Parables as a means of conveying truth reached perfection in the hands of the Master Teacher, Jesus. Taking short stories of well-known events or facts from daily life, He presented profound truth in the most simple and attractive form.

Except for the parable of the four kinds of seed which He interpreted (Matt. 13:18-23), He left it to His listeners to make their own application. This has led to some difference of opinion, but in general the parables are received as excellent and helpful portions of God's Word.

In the two passages of Scripture assigned for our lesson, we have five parables, each with a distinctive message, yet together pointing out that there is a time of growth leading to harvest and judgment, and that our gracious God has at great cost provided a way of redemption.

I. Normal Growth is Blessed (Mark 4:28-29)

God is patient. He awaits the normal, healthy, steady growth of the seed. Man is so impatient he must have forced growth, artificial stimulation, and even artificial ripening of the fruit.

The same attitude enters into his care of his children. They must go ahead in school beyond their years. They must get out and make a living long years before they have learned to make a life. Why not let them mature in the orderly God-given way?

The same is true in the work of the church. There must be immediate "tangible" results or it will not give its support. Anyone with judgment knows that spiritual life takes time to develop, and that spiritual results cannot be judged by physical or tangible standards.

Seedtime, growing time, normal ripening, then harvest—that is God's order, and it is a good one.

II. Abnormal Growth is Dangerous (Mark 4:30-32)

Normally the mustard tree is a small plant, and when it grows into a great tree something abnormal had taken place. Birds (which always denote something unclean in Scripture) came to lodge in its branches.

Just so, Christianity was never intended to be made up of a nominally Christian world empire in which ungodly men (the dark birds of the evil one, Matt. 13:19) should find comfortable lodgment. Unfortunately, that is just what happened to Christianity in the so-called conquest of the Roman empire at the time of Constantine. The results were disastrous. The same principle is evident today in the control of much of the church by worldly men.

III. Redemption is Costly (Matt. 13:44-46)

While it is true that our redemption is worth more than anything else in all the world and that the Christian would gladly set aside (or would he?) everything for Christ's sake, yet that does not fulfill the thought of this parable. After all, what has a sinner (whose own righteousness is described in Scripture as "filthy rags") to sell in order to obtain redemption? And is it for sale? (See Eph. 2:8.)

Obviously we here have the Saviour with His all-seeing eye and loving heart noting in fallen humanity the pearl of great price, His own Church. He then gives up all the glory He had with the Father, comes to the earth, and even becomes sin for us that He may bring us to God.

Salvation in Christ is no little thing, not something which was purchased with gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Christ. We ought to value it highly, and because we are bought with a price we ought always to glorify God (1 Cor. 6:20).

IV. Judgment is Certain (Matt. 13:47-50)

All kinds of fish were in the net, and until the cord was drawn and the net emptied they looked much alike and enjoyed much the same standing as "citizens" of the sea. But when they faced the fisherman there was a quick division, and a final judgment upon the bad ones.

It is true that in God's kingdom (as it is now manifested in "mystery" in the Church) there are many who have come in by false profession, through carelessness of pastors or church officials, etc. They go through the motions, they look and act much like Christians (although even here they create questions in the minds of true followers of Christ). The day is coming, however, when they shall stand in judgment before the Christ whom they profess to love and follow. How terrible shall be their doom!

They need not wait in fear for that day. They may now, today, make right their relationship with God.

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