

## Sunday is Mother's Day

Sunday is Mother's Day and one often fails to understand just why this beautiful old piece of poetry was not left in present day school readers.

### Somebody's Mother

The woman was old, and ragged and gray  
And bent with the chill of the winter day;  
The street was wet with the recent snow,  
And the woman's feet were aged and slow.

She stood at the crossing and waited long,  
Alone, unloved for, amid the throng  
Of human beings that passed her by,  
Not heeding the glance of her anxious eye.

Down the street with laugh and shout,  
Oft in the freedom of "school let out!"  
Came the boys like a flock of sheep,  
Finding the snow piled white and deep.

Past the old woman, so old and gray,  
Hastened the children on their way,  
Nor offering a helping hand to her  
So meek, so timid, afraid to stir.

Leet the carriage wheels or the horses' feet  
Should crowd her down in the slippery street;  
At last came out of the merry troop  
The gayest laddie of all the group.

He paused beside her and whispered low,  
"I'll help you across, if you wish to go."  
Her aged hand on his strong young arm  
She placed, and without hurt or harm.

He guided the trembling feet along,  
Proud that his own were firm and strong,  
Then back again to his friends he went,  
His young heart happy and well content.

"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know,  
For all she's aged, and poor and slow,  
And I hope some fellow will lend a hand,  
To help my mother, you understand."

"If she's poor and old and gray,  
When her own dear boy is far away!"  
And somebody's mother bowed her head  
In her home that night, and the prayer she said  
Was, "God be kind to that noble boy  
Who was somebody's son, and pride,  
and joy!"

### "OUR JOE"

This fellow is the son that we prayed for, Lord,  
He is our youngest. Remember him?  
Born in those years after the first World War,  
Different from the others—always been  
Like a fledgling—we the awed earth-bound

Who watched with dazzled eyes his upward flight,  
Infinity stamped on his face, soon found  
We had to set him free to hold him tight  
Along your burnished lanes of sun-lit blue

Our sky-born swoops and zooms on mighty wings,  
Protect him, God—he's only twenty-two—  
Don't be deceived by all his thunderings,  
For underneath that braggadocio  
Is just a little homesick boy, named Joe.

—Katie May Long in "The Woman"

## What Did YOU Do ?

What have you done today my friends,  
As you pause at the twilight hour?  
Did you face the tasks along the way,  
Ere the cooling night clouds lower?  
There's a ruined world that's calling,  
And so hard will be the way,  
As we seek to do our part of the job;  
What have you done today?

My comrades went aloft this morn,  
And some will ne'er return;  
'Tis part of the price that must be paid  
Ere battle flags we'll burn  
But what of you in peaceful homes,  
Far off from the battle's fray?  
My comrades paid with all they had,  
Now what have you done today?

Those empty bunks before me  
Tell a story grim and true,  
Of men whose tasks were nobly done,  
On land or in the heavenly blue,  
As hesitation lasts, men die,  
And thousands more they say,  
Off help us with the Victory soon;  
Did you buy a bond today?

Is it too much to ask, my friends,  
That you think again each day  
Of the giant tasks that lie ahead,  
And the trials along the way?  
Then add your weight to the mighty job,  
Till right at last holds sway,  
The war will cease the sooner, my friends,  
If you did your part today.

—H. A. SPEERS

### "A PACKAGE OF SEEDS"

I paid a dime for a package of seed  
And the clerk tossed them out with a flip.  
We've got 'em assorted for every man's need  
He said with a smile on his lip  
Pansies and poppies and asters and peas  
Ten cents a package! and pick as you please!

Now seeds are just dimes to the man  
In the store  
And dimes are the things that he needs  
And I've been to buy them in seasons before  
But have thought of them merely as seeds  
But it flashed through my mind as I took them this time  
You have purchased a miracle here  
For a dime.

You've a dime's worth of power which  
no man can create  
You've a dime's worth of life in your hand  
You've a dime's worth of mystery,  
destiny, fate  
Which the wisest can't understand  
In this bright little package, now isn't it odd?  
You've a dime's worth of something  
known only to God.



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## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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### Lesson for May 14

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#### PAUL IN THESSALONICA

LESSON TEXT: Acts 17:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12.  
GOLDEN TEXT: Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Strong, active, missionary-minded churches do not just "happen." They are the result of the preaching of a true and powerful message by a faithful and sacrificial messenger. Other factors enter in, but these are the fundamentals.

Paul's ministry at Thessalonica, which is described in Acts 17, and explained in 1 Thessalonians 2, reveals what should be preached and what kind of a preacher is needed. Perhaps some dead or unsuccessful church may learn the secret today and come to new life for Christ.

1. The Message—Christ the Saviour (Acts 17:1-4). Paul had already met the varying, lot of both persecution and acceptance, and had now come to Thessalonica, a large and important city in Macedonia, where he had a lengthy ministry and established a strong church.

What was the message which so signally succeeded in this great strategic center? Well, it was not (as some modern preachers in large cities would seem to think) a series of social, political, or literary discourses. Paul preached Christ. He reasoned with them and presented the Saviour (v. 3) as One who was—

1. Dead for our sin. These people were like us in that they needed a solution for their sin problem. There were doubtless other questions which Paul might have discussed, but he wisely went to the root of their difficulty and showed them "that Christ must needs have suffered."

Without the death of Christ there is no salvation for any man. Only through the shedding of blood can there be remission of sin (Heb. 9:22). Paul had no part in the folly of a "bloodless gospel"—as though there were any such gospel.

2. Raised for our justification. It was not enough that Jesus died, marvelous as that is in our sight. For many a man has died for his convictions, but none has risen from the dead. Christ could not be helden of the grave. He arose the victorious Redeemer.

3. Declared to be the Christ. He is more than a man, more than a great leader and an earnest teacher. He is God's anointed One, Himself divine—and our Lord.

Thus Paul presented to the Jews their Messiah, "the Man of Sorrows" (Isa. 53), whose resurrection declared Him to be the Son of God with power (Rom. 1:4), their Redeemer and Lord. Blessed results followed such preaching (v. 4).

II. The Messenger—Approved of God (1 Thess. 2:1-12). Sometimes a man with a true message largely nullifies its value by the manner in which he presents it, or by his manner of life in the community.

1. He was faithful (vv. 1-6). One of the great temptations facing the one who is a preacher or teacher of God's Word is to let his fear of men cause him to adjust his message, to use a bit of flattery, to please men. Paul was "bold in our God" (v. 2), not trying to deceive or mislead anyone (v. 3), seeking only God's approval (v. 4), not trying to make money for himself or gain standing with men by smooth words (v. 5), and not claiming a high position or authority over men (v. 6).

2. He was affectionate (vv. 7-9). How often those who are faithful and bold in preaching the truth ruin the effect of their work by being harsh and unkind. Here is a lesson many of us need to learn. To be gentle (v. 7) a man must be strong. The cardinal quality of a strong Christian should be that he is a gentleman, or she a gentle woman. If not, there is no real strength in the life.

Paul gave not only a message, he gave himself—his very soul (v. 8). The people to whom he ministered were "dear" to him. The pastor who looks down at his congregation with hardness, and perhaps hatred for some individual, needs to read this passage and find Paul's secret of success.

He labored with his hands to support himself (v. 9), lest anyone think he was a burden to them. Let no one think that this means that a preacher is not worthy of support. Christ Himself declares that the laborer is worthy of his hire (Luke 10:7). But it does show Paul's fine spirit of devotion and sacrifice.

3. He was unblamable (vv. 10-12). Holy in his life before God, Paul was ready to live righteously before men, and thus to stand unblamable before them and before his Lord. This indeed is a life worth in the sight of God (v. 12).

In other words, the preacher who is able to say to his listeners, "My life shows you what I mean by my preaching." The true preacher of the gospel will never be satisfied to be a signpost, pointing a way in which he does not walk.

## Railway Man Loses Hands In War But Signs Up For Victory Bond



"ALL OUT FOR VICTORY" said Raoul Audet demobilized as Major in the Canadian Active Army to re-establish himself in civil life as station agent at Levis, Que. for the Canadian National Railways with whom he had been employed as relieving agent prior to joining the Chaudiere Regiment in September, 1939.

While serving overseas Major Audet lost both hands in a grenade explosion. After hospitalization he adapted himself to the use of devices performing many manual functions and became so adept as to resume his use of a telegraph key.

In the photograph Major Audet (right) is seen with J. A. Trudel, Canadian National superintendent of the Levis division, signing for a bond of the Sixth Victory Loan issue. Major Audet, with personal experience and knowledge of what war means, declared "We must put Victory First".

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Mrs. Mary S. Pettit was elected Deputy Reeve of Nelson Township to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Beverly-Reeve Collin Smith.

Peter M. Walker celebrated his 91st birthday at his home in Nelson Township. He enjoys the best of health and is still active around the farm—Champion.



GERTRUDE LAWRENCE

In a recent two-way edition of the British Broadcasting Corporation's weekly overseas programme "Shipmates Ashore" between London and Station WNEW, in U.S.A., Gertrude Lawrence was one of the guest stars on the American side. From a BBC microphone at the Seaman's Church Institute for United Sailors and Merchant Seamen—with Paula Stone, ac-



The only Estonian girl serving in the British Women's Auxiliary Air Force broadcasts in the British Broadcasting Corporation's weekly News Reel daily overseas magazine program. She told listeners how it happened. She was a student in London in the first year of the war. She couldn't get home and she felt very lonely and "out of it." So she went to a recruiting office and applied to join up. But not being a British subject, she found it wasn't quite so easy as she'd hoped. It was some time before she was enrolled, and even then she wasn't allowed to do confidential work such as communications or plotting. Still, she says, "It was rather fun,"

because she went as a sparking plug tester at a bomber station. It was just at the start of the British bombing campaign, so they were kept pretty busy servicing bombers as they came in so that they could go out again. We felt very important; we knew it was a vital job even though it was rather monotonous. Within eighteen months she rose to the rank of Corporal. But now she's a Section Chief in Administration, looking after airwomen's welfare.

Ending her talk, she pointed out that she hadn't always been the only Estonian Waaf. There had been a girl from Tallinn, a friend of hers, but she was killed on active service.