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Sunday School Lesson

HOW ABOUT FRIENDSHIP?

LESSON TEXT: Mark 1: 16-20; 19: 48, 52; Luke 5: 27, 28.

The lesson this week is based on four passages of scripture which relate certain incidents in very brief outline. But there is sufficient said for us to see what an irresistible attraction Jesus had for people. Each incident reveals him offering his friendship to someone, and in each case the response of the person seems to be to follow him, and to give him friendship in return.

The first passage concerns his invitation to four men—Peter, Andrew, James and John,—to be his disciples. But these four were of the twelve whom Jesus chose and appointed for a special task for the advancement of God's Kingdom. They are often referred to as "Apostles." There is a difference between an Apostle and a disciple. An Apostle is a disciple, but not all disciples are Apostles. A disciple is "one sent on a mission"—a missionary. These four men were all disciples. They had to learn of Jesus' teaching and his manner of life. But their response to his invitation marks them as Apostles. In this scripture passage we see them as men who earned their living by hard work. And in their calling as fishermen, they were rendering a useful service to their fellow-men. But their response to Jesus' call was to leave their nets for a task that was seen by them to be of more importance for the work of the Kingdom than fishing. They were called to a special task and for this they had to have careful and thorough training and intimate relationship with their Master every day. They were to be preachers, teachers, missionaries, under the leadership of Jesus. And for this it was necessary that they forsake their worldly tasks and professions. The Master calls some today for special work for the Kingdom of God. They are ordained as ministers, pastors, teachers, missionaries. And Christ's Church expects them to make this a full time job, and trowns upon them

engaging in other jobs and professions to add to their incomes.

Not all disciples, however, are called to be ministers, or missionaries. The second passage on which our lesson is based suggests a different response which may be made to the friendship of Jesus. The man "possessed with a devil" referred to here, appears to have been violently insane, but brought to sanity and self-control by Jesus. His first impulse was to accompany Jesus. But Jesus told him to go home and tell his friends and neighbours what great things God had done for him. It was indicated to him that the trivial round and the common task would furnish all he ought to ask as a medium for responding to Jesus' friendship. He could show to Jesus' friendship by witnessing. Not every one is called to the Christian ministry. Not everyone is called to forsake his worldly job or profession for a special task. These jobs and professions themselves may furnish the setting for service to Christ. All Christians have the glorious opportunity of witnessing to Christ right where they are by telling what God has done for them and by their manner of life.

The subject of the third passage is a man named Bartimaeus. He was blind, and through Jesus he received his sight. His response was "to follow Jesus in the way." What is meant by "in the way" is obscure. Some have said that since Christianity in the beginning was known as "the way," this means that Bartimaeus became a Christian and observed the teachings of Jesus. If this is the interpretation, it was indeed a worthy response to Christ's friendship. Certainly every Christian should "follow in the way," in this sense. Others say that since Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem to face the experience of crucifixion, this response of Bartimaeus means that he went to Jerusalem with Jesus and his twelve disciples. The company of a very grateful man would undoubtedly warm the heart of Jesus as he faced his experience. Whatever interpretation is placed on these words, "he followed Jesus in the way," it is certain that the response Bartimaeus made was that of a grateful man.

Levi, (or Matthew) the subject of the fourth passage, was a publican—a tax-collector, not very popular with either the Jews from whom he collected taxes, or the Romans whom he served. He was an outcaste, despised and rejected—a sinner without the law. Yet Jesus called him, and his call was like that of Peter, Andrew, James and John. He was called to be an Apostle. Like them he responded immediately. What we are interested in here is the practical form this immediate response took. He prepared a feast for Jesus. This was certainly a friendly thing to do. Friendship always involves consideration of the physical needs of others. Indeed world friendship in this post-war era depends upon such consideration. But Levi's friendly action has another purpose which was in line with the apostleship to which he was called. He was a very practical apostle and he became one immediately. He called his friends to the feast that the influence of Jesus might be brought to bear upon them. One mark of the true follower of Jesus is his desire to bring others within the circle of Christian friendship.

Are the friends of Jesus in Georgetown responding to his friendship in any of these four ways? How are you

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In ill-health for some time, John Thomas Moore passed away at his home on Baby Point Road, Toronto, on April 4th at the age of 87. His wife formerly Margaret Lyons, predeceased him nine months ago.

Born and educated in Georgetown, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and was a well-known lacrosse player in his youth. Spending the first 25 or 30 years of his life here, he entered the hardware business in town and later moved to Toronto, where he operated a hardware store on Yonge Street until his retirement several years ago.

Long an elder in Runnymede Presbyterian Church, more recently he has been an honorary elder in Humbercrest United Church. He was a member of the Islington Golf Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. William MacRae of Toronto, and Mrs. W. March Macwood of Ottawa. The late Lieut.-Col. W. P. Moore was a brother. The funeral service was held on Saturday from the Wm. Speers Funeral Chapel, followed by interment in Park Lawn Cemetery.

ST. GEORGE'S CLUB FORMED

A new group has been formed at St. George's Church which will be known as the St. George's Club. At a recent organization meeting Jack Armstrong was elected president, with Ven. W. G. O. Thompson, honorary president; William McNally, vice-president; Jack Thompson, secretary, and Mrs. Harold Bickle, treasurer. Meetings will be held on the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

At the meeting last night, Mr. R. R. McKibbin was guest speaker and told some interesting facts about mushrooms. Mr. McKibbin is head of Meadowdown Growers, which operates a commercial mushroom plant in town.

A program of games included a "merchants quiz" in which the answers to the questions were names of Georgetown businessmen. The program was arranged by William McNally, Harold Bickle and Walter Blehn, and Mrs. Jack Armstrong and Mrs. Blehn were in charge of the refreshments.

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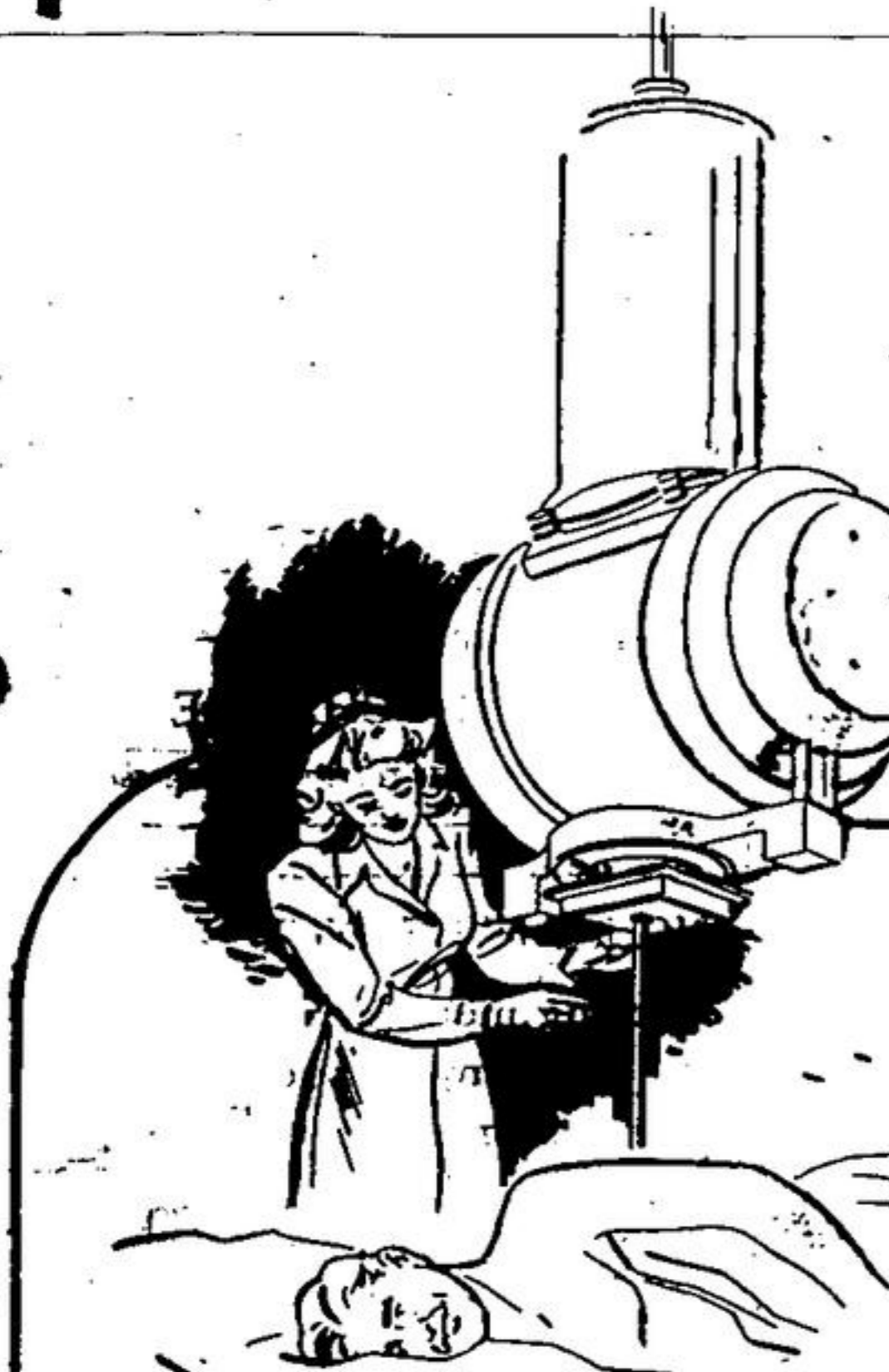
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It is proposed to establish cancer clinics at suitable centres throughout the province where all who suspect they may have cancer may be examined, and receive the proper treatment if necessary.

Plans are also under way to pay a portion of the cost of treatment of cancer, as well as travelling expenses, for those needing financial help.

The third objective of the campaign is an

energetic program of cancer research in Ontario with the aim of discovering a specific cure for cancer, or for some means of preventing the disease.

Cancer research carried on to date has been entirely inadequate. It is estimated that less than \$100,000 is being spent in the whole of Canada on cancer and related subjects.

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