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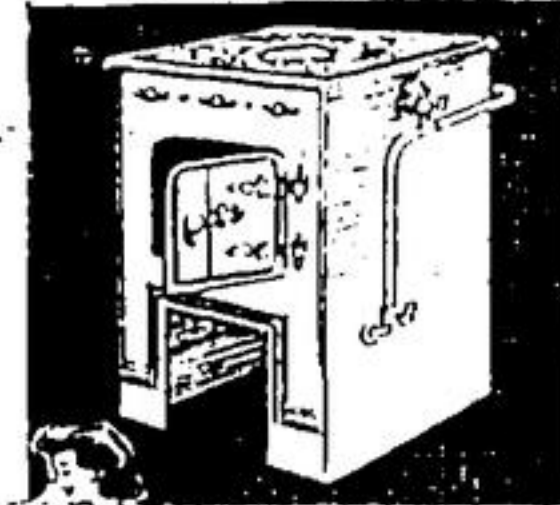
In 1821, Marie Couillard, daughter of Canada's first farmer, Louis Hubert, cooked her husband's meals in a large iron pot suspended in their big stone fireplace.



50 years later French farmers had a stone open-air cooking oven called a "cabooche". This type of oven can still be seen in some parts of Quebec.



In the 18th century, Father Blard suggested using an iron box, such as used in Germany, for a wood fire. This was Canada's first type of stove.



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### Comments on the Lesson

the Rev. John M. Smith

This week we are to consider the letters of the New Testament, of which there are twenty-one. It is well for us to remember that these are letters which were written by men who had a passion for Christianity and that they were written to folk whom they intended to hold loyal to that faith by clarifying doctrines, laying down moral responsibilities, and denouncing evil ways and false teachers. When they wrote the writers were not thinking of creating a literature that would be accepted in later years as "Holy Scripture." They were writing specific letters for specific purposes to particular persons and groups. The content, quality, spirit, and wisdom of their letters, however, were such that they became treasured by the recipients and consequently were preserved and read over and over again privately and publicly. Finally their value as permanent church documents was realized and they were accepted in the formation of the New Testament canon.

These letters have a strange relevance to our day. In fact, the universality of their teaching makes them applicable to all generations. In seeking their message, for our time, however, I believe it is well for a clearer understanding to ask four fundamental questions concerning the epistle. 1. Who wrote it? 2. To whom did he write? 3. For what purpose was it written? 4. How did the writer deal with the situation? Answers to these questions will prevent us from distorting the truth and reading into the epistle an interpretation which the writer did not intend.

Most of us read the letters of the New Testament as they appear in the King James translation. We prize that version of Holy Scripture and would not want to be denied the reading of it. There are other translations, however, which help us to get a clearer interpretation of the letters by attempting to translate them in modern English. One thinks of Moffat, Weymouth and other translations. J. B. Phillips recently (1947) made a translation of the New Testament Epistles which he had entitled "Letters to Young Churches." It is worth reading in company with the King James version. (Scripture memorized from the King James version, or which has been endeared to the reader through familiarity and special experience usually seems to fall flat in new translations. For that reason it is wise to read new versions alongside the King James.)

In reading the New Testament letters it is well for us to remember the underlying purpose of the writers which has been summed up in our key verse "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life." - 1 John 5:13. The Biblical Basis: Phil: 1:1-11; 4:8-9. "Paul and Timothy, true servants of Jesus Christ, to the bishops, deacons and all true Christians at Philippi, grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ the Lord!

I thank God for you Christians at Philippi when ever I think of you. My constant prayers for you are a real joy, for they bring back to my mind how we have worked together for the Gospel from the first. I feel sure that the One who has begun His good work in you will go on developing it until the day of Jesus Christ.

It is only natural that I should feel like this about you all, for during the time that I was in prison as well as when I was out defending and demonstrating the power of the Gospel we shared together the grace of God. God knows how much I long, with the deepest Christian love and affection, for your companionship. My prayer for you is that you may have still more love - a love that is full of knowledge and wise insight. I want you to be able always to recognize the highest and the best, and to live sincere and blameless lives until the Day of Jesus Christ. I want to see your lives full of His goodness, produced by the power that Jesus Christ gives you to the praise and glory of God." Phil: 1:1-11 from "Letters to Young Churches."

"Here is a last piece of advice. If you believe in goodness and if you value the approval of God, fix your minds on the things which are holy and right and pure and beautiful and good. Model your conduct on what you have learned from me, on what I have told you and shown you; and you will find that the God of Peace will be with you." Phil: 4:8-9 from "Letters to Young Churches."

**The Application:** Let us read the letters of the New Testament with a consciousness that while they were written to others many centuries ago they still contain a message for us which will enrich us in our understanding of the Christ, our Christian duty and our devotional life.

**Helpful Quotations:** "These early Christians were on fire with the conviction that they had become, through Christ, literally sons of God. They were pioneers of a new humanity, founders of a new kingdom."

"Perhaps if we believed what they believed, we might achieve what they achieved."

"The great difference between present day Christianity and that of which we read in these letters is that to us it is primarily a performance, to them it was a real experience."

"It seems that the men who wrote these letters concentrated upon the essential spiritual core of human life."

"While scarcely touching on any modern problems they yet manage to give pointers of principle which show the way, and the spirit, in which the problems of even a highly complex age such as ours may be tackled successfully."

### Norval Native Authors New Investment Book

Norval, already famous as the residence for some years of the late L. M. Montgomery, author of the "Anne of Green Gables" books, shares an additional spot in the literary limelight now, with the publication of the "Canadian Investors' Handbook" by A. W. Turner. Author of the book is Dr. Alice Turner, Ph.D. ESS, and she is a statistician with Wood, Gundy and Co., Toronto, as well as a member of the University of Toronto Senate. Dr. Turner was born in Norval, daughter of a Presbyterian minister and her birthplace was the very manse where L. M. Montgomery, who was a minister's wife lived for several years. Dr. Turner is a graduate of McGill University. She was nominated to the University of Toronto Senate as representative of Varsity post-graduates who got their original degree at other universities. She herself received her M.A. and Ph.D. from Toronto and her B.A. from McGill. Her book is a simple textbook for the layman, an elementary outline of the Canadian investment business.

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The bale was received on October 31st and Miss Congram was particularly glad to receive the children's wear and the men's socks, both of which are needed articles.

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