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Ten leaders from the 1st Georgetown Group attended a special training course held in Burlington last week-end.

Scout master Reg Broomhead reports that several of his Scouts are nearing the First Class mark.

Next week's column should carry definite news about Scout camp. The Boy Scout committee is to meet on Thursday evening in St. John's Church Parlour to discuss plans.

Cub and Scouts are requested to report at 9 a.m. Saturday for paper collection duties. Every boy should be on the job. Dads are needed too. Come on out dads and help the lads. Call 645W if you can make it for an hour or two on Saturday.

It is anticipated that there will be great quantities of paper to be handled. Citizens will greatly aid the boys by having their bundles tied securely. Scouts are reminded that there are points for best patrol attendance.

Thursday scout meeting is cancelled because of the high school commencement.

The average Canadian spends 3.8 per cent of his yearly income on tobacco, and also 5.4 per cent on drink.

Lady Minister Speaker At St. John's Service

At St. John's United Church on Sunday morning, Rev. John M. Smith chose for the text of his sermon the Apostle John's reference to Jesus as His Baptist: "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

The symbolism for this in the Memorial Window is the Lamb and the Flag of triumph, with the scripture verse: "Behold the Lamb of God." Mr. Smith showed how this symbolism was one very familiar to John's hearers, for the Children of Israel had long been accustomed to the lamb as a sacrifice of atonement. They were certain there was a God who held sway over them; one who was all-powerful and to whom they should show loyalty and obedience. They also knew that they did not live as God intended them to; that both from indifference and wilfulness they disobeyed His commandments and statutes, and wandered into estrangement and out of harmony with Him, and then would realize this, and know that it would lead them into punishment and disaster. Then would follow regret and repentance; a seeking to get right again with their God, and to show God's forgiveness, a lamb, or a kid or dove were sacrificed on an altar, believing that this was an atonement which God would accept if they were sincere.

Unfortunately, this way developed into a formality without the sincerity, became abused not only by the people but by the religious leaders too, so that the people were looking for some other way and so were ready for John's message about Jesus. John did not seek them in their cities or villages, but chose to preach in the wilderness he was used to, and the people heard of him and made the effort to get out and hear him there. Then they learned that John, a man of God, knew that this Jesus was the son of God, the one He was sending into the world to redeem it back to Himself because He so loved the world. This was the One who would reveal the Father; the One who would pour out Himself both in His life and in His death, for the remission of our sins, and whom God would vindicate in His resurrection. This was the Beloved Son in whom God was well pleased, and who would henceforth be the Lamb of our atonement with God; a sincere belief in Him would bring the forgiveness we seek and a restoration of our harmony with God. For this we should give thanks and to show the sincerity of our thankfulness we should live as Mr. Smith illustrated in his talk to the boys and the girls about the lamplighters of old. It was not enough that we keep our own small light burning, but we should be like the lamplighters continually passing our light on to the other lamps, lighting other lights, so that soon the whole world would be full of light, and everyone be able to see the way of Jesus, the abundant and true way of living, the way which would bring harmony between God and His creation and bring in the spirit of love, peace and goodwill. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Choir's anthem was "God Sends the Night."

The evening service was in charge of the Women's Association, with Mrs. Harold Cleave and Mrs. Ellenton assisting in the pulpit, with other ladies fulfilling other duties, and Norman Laird and the Junior Choir leading the service of praise. The choir sang "All in an April evening," "Still With Thee," and "This Joyful Easter Time," with Douglas Wrigglesworth taking the solo verse. The guest speaker for the service was Rev. Eria Currey, B.A., B.D. of Orton, one of the few lady ministers of the United Church, Miss Currey pictured very vividly the great historical drama of the first Easter, showing its man-made plot, its great significance in world history, its build-up from the first few followers of Jesus, going hungry and thirsty, to hear His gracious words as He walked by the Sea of Galilee. Then this few swelling to a multitude as He made His way up to Jerusalem where they would have crowned Him king, only to find that was not His plan of bringing in His Kingdom.

As they learned this, and saw the subtle power of the religious leaders, gradually plotting Him to His cross; they dwindled away to just a few, so many forsaking Him as they failed to understand His real mission. At the cross the characters sorted themselves out; the soldiers, indifferent to Christ's suffering, gambling for His robe; the curious looking on without feelings or pity; the passing mob scoffing and reviling Him; the religious leaders smug and satisfied with what they had accomplished thinking that that was the end of this Jesus; a small group, Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, the disciple John, weeping; they too feeling this was the end. Then Jesus on the Cross, in His bearing and in His words showing His true character too "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." "It is finished." His last words, it truly looks as if the man-made plot was succeeding as the first act closed. Then the tender burial, the dark-

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ness, the rending of the Temple veil, the second act is opening; God is taking over; there is the resurrection, the renewal of life and hope. And down through the centuries, God is allowing us to take our part in the great drama of life, even allowing us to choose the part we will play. But we should remember that as we act our part, so do we reveal our true character; where we stand, whose side we are on; remembering too, that in the third act, God will come as a Righteous Judge, and we will be called upon to give an account of our stewardship. God's drama is slowly unfolding, and this Easter season is a wise time to consider carefully what part we are playing in it.