

OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

J. D. G.

Mother's Day and Christian Family Sunday were given their rightful place in the service on Sunday morning in St. John's United Church. Rev. John M. Smith emphasized the theme: "The church in the home," with its scripture reference in Romans, "Likewise greet the church that is in their house," as addressed to Philemon. And Mr. Smith's meditation also stressed the influence of the family life on the future attitudes and character of each of its members, with the scripture reference to this in Paul's tribute to Timothy, "I thank God — that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother, Eunice, and I am persuaded in thee also." The church in the home was more familiar in older days when the father was priest in his own home and accepted the responsibility for the religious teaching of his family, greatly aided by the mother's influence as shown by the scripture lesson of Timothy where both grandmother and mother had had a definitely known influence towards God on his life, and made that home one which would be truly a blessing and entitled to a reference as "the church in their home." And we can be sure it was a personal touch and teaching, living examples of good and faith in God, for they had no bible then as we know them now, nor had they any Sunday Schools to take the onus of the religious teachings of the children.

To merit the tribute paid to these homes and Christian families, which suggests them as being ideal, each member must have been made to feel that they really belonged, man or woman, youth or child, that there was love for them there and a place where their love could be given, that they were needed and had their place in adding to the Christian love and harmony of the home. These are yearnings that God has planted in every human heart so that in social life and in our work life, as in the life as in the home, we wish to belong, we wish to be loved and give of our love, we wish a sense of being needed and having a share in the responsibilities and activities.

And it is the same in God's house. If sin has not broken our harmony with God too much, and driven us far from Him, our natural longing is to be aware of belonging to Him, to know of His love for us and His desire for our love, and we anxiously to return it, and it is natural for us to feel needed in God's house and in His service, and to know the joy of being willing to serve.

And what a tribute for any father, or mother, or family, to have someone refer to "the church in thy house," and how heart warming when the children, grown up, can be spoken of in words similar to Paul's about Timothy, "I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother and in thy mother, and I am persuaded in thee also, wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee."

The choir's anthem, "Dear land of home," Mrs. Gordon Kidney sang "Love givest all!" The sacrament of infant baptism was observed for Gordon Claude Williams, Linda Ellmore Ord, Patricia Margaret Burns, and Robert John Runham. The "In Memoriam" flowers on the Communion Table were placed to the memory of the late Mrs. N. Burns by the family.

In the evening service, Rev. John M. Smith spoke on the parable story in the Old Testament of the crossing of the Red Sea by the children of Israel. With the vision of their promised land ahead of them, the Egyptians and slavery behind them, walked in on each side, they came face to face with the Red Sea, seemingly blocking their path. It looked hopeless, there seemed no way to turn. But they still had some faith in God, for when God told Moses to tell the children of Israel to go forward, they prepared to obey. How? By doing the task at hand. They packed their belongings, gathered their cattle ready, broke camp, and were prepared to move forward, when God opened the way. And God has a habit of opening closed doors when we use the faith we have and prepared to obey His leadership. Look back and how often has God opened a new way for you when you came up against your Red Sea? All history is full of instances of the church and the nations, blocked in their progress to high and noble ideals, looking to God, and He opened a way for them. The world has His vision of peace, love, and goodwill; the church has its commission to go into the world and teach all nations; the way seems blocked by the pressures of the Red Sea, for mankind has not yet leaped that might be not always the right; that kindness is not a sign of weakness, that force is not the proper, ruling power. Yet God keeps saying, "Go Forward." How? Probably by doing the task at hand and doing it well; doing the part that God has assigned to you thoroughly, putting all yourself into it, for it maybe that your part half done may hold up the advance, when God sees we are ready to

obey, and prepared to go forward. He will open the way and give us strength for the next step. Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward. Mr. Bernard Shrubsole was at the organ.

Next Sunday evening we join the Bible Society in their meeting in Knox Church at 8.15.

BALLENAPAD

PRESIDENT, SECRETARY RECEIVES W.I. PINS

Past president Mrs. Tom Gibson and secretary-treasurer Mrs. Brown were presented with pins for their faithful work at a meeting of Ballenafad Women's Institute last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. William Kirkwood. The new president, Mrs. Frank Smith, was in charge of the meeting.

"The duty of being a good citizen" was the theme for roll call. Mrs. A. McEnery gave a report of the annual meeting of Halton TB and Health Association which she had attended. Mrs. N. Sinclair, read current events and Mrs. F. Mack the motto: duty makes us do things, love makes us do them better.

Mrs. Gibson presented a paper on good housekeeping on roads and highways, and conducted a contest which was won by Mrs. H. McEnery and Mrs. F. Mack.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Anyone having accounts against the estate of the late Mrs. Francis Costigan are requested to have same sent the undersigned within 30 days of this notice, and that the undersigned will not be liable for any accounts received after this date — James Costigan, Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF William Christopher Reynolds, Office Manager, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of William Christopher Reynolds, late of the Town of Georgetown, office Manager, who died on or about the 2nd day of March, A.D. 1954, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of May, A.D. 1954, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, this 26th day of April, A.D. 1954.

Opal Elizabeth Reynolds, sole executrix of the estate of William Christopher Reynolds, by her Solicitors, Dale & Bennett, Georgetown. 5-12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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DATED at Georgetown, this 26th day of April, A.D. 1954.

Annie Maria Reeve, sole executrix of the estate of Arthur George Reeve, by her Solicitors, Dale and Bennett, Georgetown, Ont. 5-12

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Aubrey Grant, sole executor of the estate of Margaret Smythe, by his solicitors, Dale and Bennett, Georgetown, Ontario. 5-12

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