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MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday next will be observed as MOTHERS' DAY, and everywhere tribute will be paid to MOTHER. The celebration of this day is no idle sentimentality, and although it may be commercialized to a degree this does not detract from the noble sentiment which inspired the setting aside of one day in the year in honor of the Mothers.

"A word there is the angels know And speak to one another, The highest name the Holiest Love— On earth we call it—Mother."

Among the many beautiful qualities exemplified by our Mothers there are twelve which stand out—a little taller than the rest.

Versatility. Whether baking or scrubbing or sewing or darning or singing songs or wiping noses or telling stories or nursing, she does all in a cheerful mood. The versatile actor fades into the background when cast in the same scene with a versatile Mother.

Unselfishness. When an average wife decides to become a Mother she bargains in the majority of instances to give up to a considerable degree, parties, theatres, friendly visits, quiet, latest clothes, ease and a few other such trifles. The "Mother" we idealize is unselfishness epitomized.

Foresight. From the first days when she starts planning little filmy, lacy things, all the way up through the prospective newcomer's babyhood, childhood, youth and sometimes maturity, foresightedness stands out is one of the qualities making up the power of a Mother's love.

Companionship. A real Mother plays with her children, realizing that thereby others have entertained the great unawares. The memory of her companionship has considerable to do with her power over them down the years.

Constancy of Loyalty. There is a discerning, understanding, tolerant something which can come into a woman's heart when motherhood comes, which in storm and sunshine, sickness and health, adversity and wealth, keeps her constant.

HEROISM. The names of some of the world's greatest heroes are not posted on the wall of the Halls of Fame. Here is a clipping: "Widowed with six children — working by day, planning by night, inspiring them always by her heroism, she saw each child become a member of the church, go to college and finally started on a good life's work."

Endurance. Linked with heroism is endurance. The power of a Mother's love keeps her doing for those she loves until we all cannot but marvel at her endurance. Many Mothers could not keep up were it not that they become good philosophers and put the spirit of joy into their work. They endure also because they learn not to fret over the future, knowing that only a day can be lived at a time. It is to be hoped that in addition to her hard work, no Mother has to endure personal slights and lack of love.

Patience. What requires more patience than a baby, or a fretting freshman in high school? Nothing, unless it is a petulant, snarling, grouching husband, who is so filled with babyish self-pity that he wants attention of one form or another whenever he is around. Every man needs a certain amount of mothering; and yet it should be advocated that every Mother stop babying her boys at least by the time they are ten, so that at twenty-five they will be looking for companions instead of someone to adopt them.

Vision. Who is it hopes for the best for every child? Who dreams and plans for the future for the entire family? Who holds the highest ideals? MOTHER! Mothers have vision to see underlying virtues rather than surface faults, enabling them to tolerate and help all seeming failures in their children. They seem to see through the outer strife, they visualize the inner life, and know that sometime and somewhere the results of their work will manifest. This is why in all moral and religious effort, when others become weary of well-doing, women with strong motherly instincts, keep on. They have vision to know that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Penetration. Perhaps it is their vision that gives Mothers the power of penetration. Mothers can get the truth out of a miscreant when no one else can. You may say that you feel well or that you are happy, but if you are lying you don't fool Mother. Mother's love penetrates to the heart of the hardest criminal. No man is wholly bad if for no other reason than that in part his Mother's life penetrates his own. A man may tear away from his Mother's apron-strings; but, if she be a good woman he can never completely get away from her heart-strings.

Faith. When nobody believes in you, your Mother's faith is still unshaken. "When all the world forsakes you, Mother will be all the world to you." A Mother's faith is a sort of sympathy with understanding. Pendulums always swing back, and intuitively, Mothers seem to faith things through when the outlook for her dear ones is dark.

Reverence. Reverence for God and all things sacred is the foundation quality that makes for power in a Mother's love. Perhaps this is because Mothers are the closest and most direct "laborers together with God." The religious life of the world would suffer greatly were it not for Mothers.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Richmond Hill and district joined hands with the rest of the Empire in the Jubilee celebrations on Monday. It was a notable celebration throughout the Empire and the event was fittingly marked in Richmond Hill and Reeve Greene, Mr. D. R. Frisby, chairman of the program committee, and all those who worked with him are deserving of thanks and commendation. We have a wise and great monarch who has given good leadership through a difficult period, and as Canadians we were glad to join in the festivities and it was a tribute to His Majesty that the celebrations were so spontaneous and so heartily entered into by people everywhere.

Jubilee celebrations are a good thing. They invite serious thinking and reflection and turn out thoughts to the cavalcade of progress. It is interesting to recall the progress of the past twenty-five years. It is still more interesting to speculate as to what will take place in the next twenty-five years.

Jubilee celebrations throughout the Empire made memorable the twenty-fifth anniversary in the reign of His Majesty George V. We are happy that Richmond Hill had a part in that great Empire-wide celebration.

THINK OF THOSE WHO NEED A "MOTHER'S LOVE"

When the Dionne Quintuplets celebrate the first anniversary of their birth on May 28, the Ontario Department of Welfare will seek to focus attention on children much less fortunate than the famous babies of Callander, the children who have to spend their childhood in Ontario's Children's Shelters.

Hon. Davir Croll, Minister of Welfare, is not forgetful of these children and the week in which falls May 28th will be known as "Adopt a Child Week." In the midst of the celebration which will mark the first birthday of the quintuplets, Mr. Croll will urge childless couples and those whose children have grown up, to adopt a child.

There are nearly 1,000 children in the province who lack the love of a father and mother. While they are given excellent treatment in the institutions, they are not living normal, natural lives, and it is the wish of the Minister of Welfare that they be given an opportunity to develop mentally and physically in the proper environment. "Adopt a Child Week" is a unique experiment and it is hoped the results will be gratifying.

"What these children need are mothers and fathers," said Mr. Croll, in discussing the problem. "There are plenty of childless couples who could supply this need. The birth of the Dionne Quintuplets brought world-wide attention on these babies who are growing into healthy, beautiful children. That interest is greater than ever to-day, but we must not forget the children whose pictures have never appeared in the newspapers, whose everyday life is not recorded minutely in the press. Those children should be given a chance. Let us try to take these children out of the shelters and make them sons and daughters instead of wards of the Government."

Plans for the birthday party of the quintuplets are approaching completion. A radio broadcast throughout Canada in which the babies themselves will take part, has been arranged. In the opinion of Mr. Croll no better time could be found to interest the public in the homeless children than when the five babies of Northern Ontario are recording the first anniversary of their extraordinary birth.

CHANGE THINGS WHERE YOU ARE

By John Edwin Price

Are you bored? Do you crave change? Is the going hard? Are things wrong with your world?

Thoughts start actions which change things. Here are some helpful thoughts. The Chem Printing Company of Winter Park, Florida, has recently put out a little book by Charles Henry Mackintosh which I believe will stir your cog wheels. Excuse me, I meant your COGitation wheels. Why do I think so? Because it stirred mine and they are somewhat rut-rusted. Parts of the little tome may make you mad. I think Mac has muffed some of the best thoughts available but then his experiences have made men of importance put him at the head of national and international organizations having to do particularly with thinking. On page twenty-nine of "On Human Egoism" he starts to say:

"Maybe we can change environment. If we don't like what the one we are in is doing to us, we can pick up our dolls and toys and move to some more promising place."

"If we can't do that, either because we haven't passage money, or because we are hobbled with a job and a family, we can do things to the old environment instead of simply letting it do things to us."

"We can rearrange the furniture in the living-room. We can re-paper or re-kalsomine the walls. We can buy a dog, a cat and a canary."

"We can invite the wife's mother to visit us for a month. We could even buy a bunch of books and send our minds travelling through them, exploring half a hundred other universes of romance and adventure and science, without ever leaving our armchairs."

"Or we could buy some brushes, some paints and some canvas and take up painting."

"Or if we don't now, we could go in for gardening."

"Oh, there are plenty of things we can do to alter an old environment."

"Go on and think of a few for yourself."

Mac then goes on to say that perhaps we need to clean up our old thought attics. But I won't go into that. What business have I snooping around your attic. You know what's there. If you like mental housecleaning or thought re-arranging Mac's book will help, at least parts of it.

At any rate things are never so bad but what they might be worse. At least that is what Mose claimed when the Judge blew his chicken-stealing brother's head off with a shot gun. Mose said the Judge might have done his shooting the night before and then pore Mose would have been minus a cogitator.

SLATS' DIARY

BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—Unkel Hen says that since the Dipreshun you can't hardly tell the collige Boys from the uther kind of fellows becu they all drink and lofe a round home about the same way.

Saterday—Lizzy Tubbs witch cleaned house for us today was a telling ma she prit nigh had a sick spell yesteeddy. She had a fite with her land Lord and put him off the place and then she had to lick her 18 year old boy and got into a argumint with her husband and was kinda nervous and upset and then she seen a Mouse and Fainted.

Sunday—Pa was tawking to a ole frend of hissen today witch use to draw pitchers on the wall of the wood shed at skool and in the back of Books witch wassent so very nice and now he has got his self a job wirking on a very very popular Magazien.

Munday—Pa ast Snub Post what kinda curriculum he had at collige this yr. and Snub replied and sed he diddent have none becu he had

it cut out in a Operashun erly last fall.

Tuesday—Ant Emmy says she cant stand it mutch longer without going back to the country for a few weeks. She sed she is very very home Sick to see a cupple Horse Fls.

Wednesday—Joe Hix hassent Trimmed his finger nales for over two weeks becu the doctor adviced him not to take very mutch Xercize.

Thursday—Pa sure balled up a hed line in the paper witch he wirks on today. He printed in big letters. Mayor of City cuts ribbons and walks over NEW BRIDE Following the Deddicashun Sereamonies. He was writing about the new Crick Bridge.

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VELLORE

The students of Vellore Public School did not hold Arbor Day, owing to the weather, and also had to postpone their return visit to Coleraine Public School.

Miss E. Boulton of Weston spent the week-end with Miss Jane McNeil. Mrs. D. A. McKinnon has returned home after spending a few weeks in Richmond Hill.

The Mission Band of St. Paul's Church met in the Sunday School room on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McNeil and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNeil attended the funeral of their cousin Mr. Thos. McBride at Barrie on Saturday afternoon.

We are pleased to report that Miss Margaret L. Black, R.N., who served overseas as a nursing sister during the Great War and is now on the staff of Christie St. Military Hospital, was awarded the King's Jubilee Medal. Miss Black is a sister of Mrs. C. Rutherford.

Keep in mind that on Tuesday evening, May 14th, the Vellore Juniors are entertaining the Ebenezer Juniors from Peel County in the Memorial Hall. Everybody come and have a good time.

Miss Jane McNeil is attending the Girls Conference at O.A.C. Guelph this week.

A number of the members of St. Paul's Vaughan attended the evening service in St. Andrew's Maple to hear Miss Lamont speak on Home Mission Field in Western Canada.

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CARELESSNESS is TOO COSTLY!

PASSING on a hill is just one form of haste . . . that craving to drive too fast . . . which is altogether too prevalent in Ontario.

The appalling number of motor accidents in this province means a drastic check-up on reckless drivers. Public sentiment, speaking through the courts, will be increasingly severe towards unreasonable, thoughtless motorists. You know what you should do. How you should drive. So, for your own safety and that of others, drive carefully!

IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE . . . THAN SORRY

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THIS MUST STOP!

In Ontario, during 1934, there were nearly 10,000 automobile accidents.

512 people were killed 3,990 people were injured

. . . a considerable increase over 1933. It must be evident to all thinking people that this must stop.

Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways.