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TOMORROW'S MENU

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| Breakfast | Left-Over Stewed Prunes |
| | Cereal |
| | Frizzled Dried Beef |
| Pop-Overs | Coffee |
| Luncheon | Catsup |
| Baked Beans | Wholewheat Bread |
| Jam | Celery |
| | Tea |
| Dinner | |
| | Creamed Sweetbreads |
| Baked Potatoes | Beets |
| Lettuce | French Dressing |
| Apple Pie | Coffee |

Help From Readers.
Mother of Two: "Here are my directions for a Pretty Crocheted Baby-Carriage Strap: Buy one ball of white cotton and one ball of pink. Using a number five crochet hook, and white cotton, chain eleven, one D. C. in ninth st. from hook. Chain two, one D. C. in last st. Ch. 3, 2 D. C. in top of space, 1 D. C. in top of D.C., 2 D. C. in top of space, 1 D. C. in top of chain (this makes two spaces and two blocks). Ch. 5, 1 D. C. in top of fourth double crochet, Ch. 3, 1 D. C. in top of last D. C., Ch. 3, etcetera—just as you did in Second Row.
Continue making these spaces and blocks in this way for 16 inches, or longer if you wish. Fasten thread. Then, with the pink cotton, work in the Single Crochet stitch at ends and around sides. If desired, use picot stitch in the middle of the spaces and in the middle of the blocks."
Mrs. A. A.: "My Scalloped Scalops Recipe: Melt three-fourths of a cup of butter and add one cup of cracker crumbs and one-half cup of bread crumbs. When well blended put a layer of the mixture in the bot-

tom of a buttered baking dish or casserole, add a layer of scallops (you should have a pint of the scallops in all) pour one-third cup of cream or evaporated milk over all, season with a little salt and pepper, then repeat the layers in this same way, till the ingredients are used. Have buttered crumbs on top. Bake 25 minutes in a good oven. Serve hot and brown."
Young Mother: "Everybody says I dress my baby girl so cutely. She is four now, and I make her little dresses myself, with no patterns. It is easy. Just try it. One is of pink organdie (her best) with no trimming except two ruffles at the bottom of the skirt, two ruffles around the neck and two ruffles on each of the short sleeves. Another is of black satsum (her play dress) with blue bunnies of chambray linen applied around hem. Still another is of finely-checked blue gingham smocked at the neck in points to form a yolk effect, in red and blue threads. One point is also smocked at the front of each bloomer leg (bloomers match dress) and two rows more of smocking edge the sleeves, which are very short and puffy."
Tomorrow: Games For An Easter Party.

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come as highly departmentalized as a modern city store—nevertheless, if the church be not yielded to and wielded by the Holy Spirit of Christ she is a vain and perishing thing. In a vastly larger sense than is commonly understood, "The Spirit giveth life." Though a church possess everything else—beautiful edifice, wealth, organization, social position, intellectual brilliance, modern methods—if it have not the Spirit of God, it is futile and a failure.

SUPER-POWER FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

The International Sunday School Lesson for April 5th, 1925, is: "The Blessing of Pentecost."—Acts 2:38-47.

By the scuff of the neck, as it were, Christians are brought face to face with ominous facts in this Lesson which millions are studying. We have been dodging the big issue. Only in private conversations between straight-seeing men is the true condition of religion-to-day really considered. Professional "leaders" talk all around the subject. They magnify the money the churches have raised in the past five years. They talk about the new church buildings, over-topping a city's skyscrapers. They point with pride to intricate high-power organization. They boast of radio sermons and of other unprecedented publicity.

All the while, though, the deadly reality confronts all who are brave enough to face things as they are, that the organized church is not keeping pace in her membership with the growth of population in even avowedly Christian lands; and that church attendance is generally on the decline; and that the authority of the church over life is manifestly diminishing. Outward forms of Christianity are increasing, but real power is growing less. Leadership, of a broad calibre, is so generally lacking in the churches that its absence is no longer remarked.

And all the while, in dramatic contrast, it is manifest, by multitudinous signs, that while the organized church is losing her grip upon the people, the sincere interest of men and women in religion, in spiritual concerns, and, definitely, in Christianity, is tremendously on the increase. Only the blind fail to see that this is the day of the soul's quest.

As It Was in the Beginning.
Dark as are portions of the picture of the present-day church—although a legion of employees are vociferously crying "Peace! Peace!" when there is no peace—the brighter side appears when Christians are brought up standing by such a study as the present Sunday School Lesson. Our day's spiritual plight is not unprecedented. At the very outset of her life, the Christian church faced a similar condition. Her Leader had gone down apparently in ignominious defeat; and His

ELECTRICITY AT DINING TABLE



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followers had been scattered in fear and hopelessness. Then the news of the Resurrection had electrified them and brought them together. Still, they could only muster one hundred and twenty persons for their general assembly; a mere frame-work of an organization for the doing of a task that must have seemed greater than even the work that confronts the universal church of our time.

Then befell the Wonder—the Wonder which is the only hope of the church to-day. It is the marvel and mystery of Christianity; the distinctive seal upon the spiritual body of His followers promised by Christ Himself; the crowning mystery of our faith.

For upon that little waiting company of spirit-torn and chastened Christians there descended, as Jesus had said would be true, the indescribable Other Self of the risen Lord, the Holy Spirit, the predicted Paraclete, the Comforter; the One who would thenceforth stand in the stead of Christ.

Let us freely and frankly admit, at the outset, that nobody understands the Holy Spirit; though anybody may experience Him.

He is the Explanation and the Enabler of Christianity.

Four facts are the foundation of the faith of Christians: first, the Incarnation of God in Jesus; second, the death of Christ; third, the Resurrection of our Lord; and, fourth, His Descent by the Holy Spirit, to abide with his friends to the end. The Christ who went to heaven on Ascension Day came again on the Day of Pentecost.

In that sensational return, is the secret of the life and power of the church.

Religion's Real Strength.
Glibly, and often thoughtlessly, many millions of persons repeat every Sunday the Apostle's Creed, with its sublime affirmation, "I believe in the Holy Ghost." That is to say, "I believe that there is a Personality of Power, promised by Jesus, named the Paraclete, Third Person of the mysterious and inscrutable Trinity, Who descended upon the infant church and made it mighty; and whose enabling alone makes men holy and gives the church conquest."

Having said all that, we still have not said enough. Just as the Holy Spirit was essential to the Apostolic church, and as the disciples were bidden to wait for His coming, so today there can be no conviction of sin and no conversion, and no Christian triumph, except by the assistance of the Spirit who came like a breath of God upon the church at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is the Super-Power of Christianity.

Let us be blunt with our own conditions. Though the present-day church becomes as highly organized as the Standard Oil Company or the Steel Trust; though she amass the millions of the richest men and institutions; though she employ "experts" without number; though she blazon with banners and blare with brass bands the raucous utterances of highly-commercialized "evangelists"; though she thump pulpits to splinters proclaiming "orthodoxy" or "modernism"; though she strut arrogantly in the presence of political authority; and although she be-

service? What has the church better to offer than the lyceum, the debating society, the social club? The answer is found in this epochal sermon of Peter's at Pentecost. He presented not abstract virtues, but a personal, living, supernatural Christ. The Apostolic church did not have any such edifices or appliances as we boast to-day; but she possessed, and tremendously realized, a Christ who could save the world. The theologians would call Peter's discourse a Christo-centric sermon. It held up Jesus the Christ. According to promise, the Holy Spirit took of the things of Christ and showed them to the church. Such is the mission of the Paraclete; he exalts the Risen Redeemer.

Clearly, ethics and philosophy do not suffice to preserve character or to transform a nation; there must be the vital force of an overmastering religious impulse to give power to the teaching of codes of conduct. This is the treasure of the Christian church; a new life, a new dynamic, a new character-compulsion which may be imparted to the lives of men, making them new.

When even such a broken reed as Simon Peter (Christianity's outstanding instance of how a man may "come back"), yields himself to the mysterious Power who descended upon the church at Pentecost, then the preaching becomes Scriptural, fearless, direct and Christ-revealing. On a single day, the little company of one hundred and twenty Christians became more than three thousand.

Out of that experience was born a new socialism for humanity, which was simply a joyous, self-forgetting brotherhood. Its first form of communism did not work out; but its spirit abides as the only force holding promise of a new social order. When people come under the mastery of the Spirit of Jesus they may or may not alter conditions and methods of society—that is relatively unimportant—but they assuredly will bring in the new spirit of love and good will and happiness.

No teaching in Scripture is more practical than this one of Pentecost. It holds the fulfillment of all human hopes. For the tragedy of the race has been to know the better and to do the worse: where the Power of the Paraclete is, there is ability to live up to the level of the programme of Jesus.

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