

Scripture—I Samuel 11:12-13:4; II Samuel 22:47-23:5; I Kings 6:11-13.



When the Israelites demand a king, Samuel chooses Saul and he is proclaimed king at Gilgal. Samuel makes his farewell address to the people.—I Samuel 11:12-12:22.

Recalling His past goodness, Samuel promises God's faithfulness to the Israelites continue to fear and serve Him and hearken to His voice.—I Samuel 12:13-25.

Toward the end of his reign, David acknowledges God's great goodness to his people and offers thanksgiving for His gracious dealings with him.—II Samuel 22:47-23:5.

When Solomon becomes king, God promises to dwell with the Israelites and not forsake them if they obey Him.—I Kings 6:11-13.

MEMORY VERSE.—"For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people."—I Samuel 12:22.

CAST LOTS FOR KING

Saul Designated By God

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By R.H. RAMSEY.

The change in Israel from a theocracy to a monarchy was not brought about by a new revelation from God, but by the desires of the people for a change.

They were content with the judgeship of Samuel, but Samuel was now an old man and would soon die, making a new ruler inevitable, and Samuel's desires were unworthy of carrying on his work. Too, the Israelites desired a king so, they said, they would be like the other nations roundabout them.

Sorely disappointed, Samuel took this new problem to his God and, after lengthy prayers, convoked a national assembly in which all the people of Israel were brought together to cast lots for the choosing of a king. Of course, Saul had already been designated king privately by the Word of God through Samuel, but the casting of lots made it legal and Saul was chosen king.

The choice of Saul as a true king of Israel was seemingly confirmed by his great victory over the Ammonites at Jabesh-Gilead. Following the victory, the people came to Gilgal to offer sacrifices to God and to renew their allegiance to Saul.

Now that Israel had a king, Samuel realized his days of leadership were over and made his farewell address to the na-

tion he had so faithfully served in advising his people how to behave and live in the future. Samuel harked back to his own impeccable life and recommended that they live likewise. He recalled God's past goodness to Israel after their deliverance from Egypt under Moses and rebuked them for their ingratitude. As a sign they had been wrong to demand a king, Samuel called upon the Lord to send thunder and rain that day, which was harvest time, and the Lord did so, confirming the authority Samuel derived from his appointment by God.

The storm was impressive proof of how completely the Israelites were in God's hands, and gave added emphasis to Samuel's exhortation that they should fear and serve the Lord. David's view sweeps beyond the limits of an earthly kingdom to embrace the wide-spreading do-

minion of the Messiah. He dwells upon the features of his own kingdom that were typical of the all-embracing kingdom of the Gospel.

Undoubtedly the wars and victories to which David refers prefigure the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, for he visualizes a remarkable Ruler, not only over the kingdom of Israel, but over all men. This "Ruler over men" can only be identified as the Him "in whom all the nations of the earth were to be blessed."

Again skipping several years, let us consider two other verses, I Kings 6:11-13, containing the promises God made to Solomon. If the people walk in the way of the Lord, God will dwell among them and not forsake them—both of which not only go back to Moses' times, but are identical with the promise of our Lord immediately before His ascension. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

did, Samuel promised, God would remain faithful to them in the future, as He had been faithful in the past.

Knowing from experience how hard it would be to get the Israelites to do right, that his pleas and entreaties undoubtedly would be in vain, Samuel reminded the people of the only resource left to them should they go astray: his intercessory prayers which he promised to continue, as he would continue to instruct them in the good and right ways.

After a solemn warning that they—the people and their king—would be consumed if they continued to do wickedly, Samuel concluded his speech as he began it, referring to God's past goodness as the motive for the people's loyal obedience to Him.

Skipping temporarily the passage of several years, we find King David, at the end of his reign, acknowledging God's great goodness to him, to his people. In the closing verses of the song (II Samuel 22:47-23:5) David's view sweeps beyond the limits of an earthly kingdom to embrace the wide-spreading do-

Congo Has Her Martyrs

Congo has once again been headline news in the world press and over the radio during the past months. Many of God's messengers, both European and African, have given their lives for Christ. During the first decades of missionary enterprise, many missionaries were killed by tropical diseases, but now Congo has her martyrs. Many a grain of wheat has fallen into the earth of Congo, but Scripture promises much fruit from this. Persecution and death are never the last word.

The Gospel has been accepted in a most remarkable way, in Congo, but now strong and bitter winds are blowing over this great land. As in every place where hurricanes or typhoons blow, there is heartbreaking destruction, but for us in the Bible Societies who handle the most precious thing in the world, these destructive forces have identified again, and again, the God's own Book has never been so greatly desired by the people as it was during the days when thousands of people were being killed. The little pocket Testament of Dr. Paul Carlsen bears clear witness to the divine message of the Bible in time of suffering.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
 Sunday, April 25: I Peter 2
 Monday, April 26: I Peter 3
 Tuesday, April 27: I Peter 4
 Wednesday, April 28: I Peter 5
 Thursday, April 29: I John 2
 Friday, April 30: I John 5
 Saturday, May 1: II Corinthians 1.

Drinking Seen School Problem In Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—More than 50 per cent of boys attending secondary schools in the Saint John area are drinking, findings of a special committee of the YMCA here show.

The committee's report just made public, says "the problem of drinking is broad and deep-rooted in the community," and the main reason for the high percentage of drinking teenagers "appears to be a desire to establish a reputation with classmates."

The committee found evidence of drinking among girls, although the problem is not as serious as with boys.

The report says liquor is "apparently obtained with ease from parents' supplies, liquor stores and taverns." Some teenagers told the committee that bootleggers frequently attend community dances and sell liquor from cars.

The report also says that teen-agers clubs have been formed "for the sole purpose of holding regular drinking parties. Parents contribute to this problem by allowing unchaperoned parties to be carried on at summer camps and by leaving teenagers to fend for themselves while parents are away on lengthy vacation."

The committee says it was told, pupils frequently visit taverns during the noon hour and no disciplinary action is taken by school authorities. The report indicates the drinking problem is more prevalent among teen-agers of above-average income families.

The report was published in the form of a letter to a Saint John newspaper by YMCA President F. G. McLean.

RIVER ROLLS ON

The Mackenzie River, 2,635 miles long, is the longest in Canada. It flows from Finlay to the Arctic Ocean.

Observe Russian Orthodox Easter

By JOHN BEST

MOSCOW (CP)—Russian Orthodox Easter is being celebrated this weekend with solemn services in churches and special festive observances.

The celebration of the resurrection by Russian Christians, reckoned by the old Julian calendar, varies from year to year in relation to the date fixed for Easter in the West. This year it takes place one week later. The highlight is the traditional Easter Eve service which begins at 11 p.m. Saturday and lasts most of the night. The main service in Moscow is at Yelokhovskaya Cathedral where Patriarch Alexei, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, will be the principal celebrant.

The eucharist is always jammed for such midnight services—at Christmas and Easter. There are no seats and the congregation stands. A special section is reserved for foreign diplomats.

A time-honored ritual at Easter services is the blessing of bread. The faithful bring bread to church to have it consecrated by the priest.

As in the West, Easter is a time for eggs. Russian Christians paint ordinary hard-boiled eggs in a variety of bright colors.

Festive breads and sweetcakes bearing crosses and other sacred designs are consumed in large quantities.

It's customary for family groups to visit the homes of grandparents where candies and flowers are arranged around piles of festive bread.

On such occasions, with the long days of Lenten privation behind them, even the most devout Russians are in a mood to live it up a bit.

"Christ is risen," someone will cry joyfully in proposing a toast in wine or vodka. The words, answered with "He is risen indeed," were a familiar form of Easter greeting in Russia before the 1917 revolution.

The Russian Orthodox Lent is a rigid period of self-denial for those who observe it faithfully. Eating of meat is forbidden and there are periods when not even fish may be consumed. At these times only grain and cereal foods are permitted. Confessions and atonements are characteristic spiritual fare.

Holy Week observances begin with the Russian equivalent of Palm Sunday, called Voskresenie or Pussy Willow Sunday because Orthodox believers bring pussy willows to church to have them blessed.

Afterward they take them home and place them near a family icon where the pussy willows remain all year as a continuing offering to the Saviour.

characteristics of different areas bathed by the beams like a giant searchlight.

ECHOES VARY

In general, areas that are hard or rough or both—send back strong radar echoes, whereas loosely-packed, porous areas give relatively weak echoes because they absorb much of the beam's strength.

The researchers said most of the moon's surface is at least half-porous down to a depth of at least three or four feet.

Gold said the studies so far have not been able to determine whether the indicated weakness of the porous areas is sufficient to rule out such spots for manned landing areas.

He said the long, familiarater Tycho—measuring some 50 miles across—is easily the "youngest" of the lunar craters, and therefore probably has the hardest surface.

But unfortunately, he said, its location in the southern area of the moon will make it difficult to reach by the trajectories at present planned for lunar missions.

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 SABBATH SERVICES 11 A.M. AND 7 P.M.
 Rev. W. R. Underhay, Minister

St. Paul's Anglican Church
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 Organist and Choir Director
 George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M.

EASTER 1

8:30 a.m.—CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
 11:00 a.m.—SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (Sunday School children will attend Church. Please bring your Lenten boxes)
 Subject: "WHAT HOLDS THE EARTH UP?"
 Anthem: "Now Let The Heavens Be Joyful!"
 —Provincial Carol Tune
 —EVENING PRAYER & Sermon
 Officiant: Rector
 Preacher: The Reverend K. Whitney, B.A., B.D.
 Subject: "PASTORAL EXPERIENCE IN HAIL-LEM, NEW YORK"

Immediately following the evening prayer service, the congregation and anyone who might be interested, are cordially welcome to attend a special meeting. Mrs. M. Best, a radio personality, will address the gathering on the problem of "Discrimination". . . Mrs. Best, herself, is a Negro.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES

First Baptist Church
 Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
 Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
 Mrs. V. L. Diagwell, Organist and Choir Director

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "WHAT WAS IT ALL ABOUT?"
 Anthem: "Very Early In The Morning" (Iles)
 Maritime Philat Conference Church Parade
 7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "THE FULFILLMENT OF FAITH"
 Anthem: "I Am The Resurrection and the Life" (Pedrette)
 7:30 p.m.—Wednesday—Mid-week Service
 A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

Central Christian Church
 219 Kent Street Charlottetown, P.E.I.

MORNING
 10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages
 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service and Communion
 Anthem: "With the Voice of Singing" (Martin Shaw)
 Guest Speaker: Mrs. Alfred E. Wilbur, Moncton, N.B. Representative of the Gideon Society of Canada.

Evening
 7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
 Message: "THE INDESTRUCTIBLE CHRIST"
 Minister: William Weale
 Organist: Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M.
 "A warm welcome extended to all"

The Kirk of S. James
 The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister
 Organist and Director of the Choirs
 Christopher Gedhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O.

SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

9:45 a.m.—Church School and Minister's Bible Class
 11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School
 11:00 a.m.—Public Worship
 The Reverend Gordon R. Taylor, M.A.
 Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord Always. (Redford)

This is the day which the Lord hath made
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH
 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale
 Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister
 Mr. Leslie Hincott, Organist and Director of Choirs

9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate & Senior Church School
 11:00 a.m.—Nursery & Kindergarten Classes
 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
 Sermon: WELCOME THESE BEGGARS
 Solo: "If With All Your Hearts"
 (Recitative and Air from Elijah-Mendelssohn)
 Mr. David Hall

11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School
 1:30—Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP
 Sermon: ON A HILL FAR AWAY
 Anthem: "God Who Touched Earth With Beauty" (The Junior Choir)

You are welcome to worship with us.

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH
 Dunkirk & Kirkwood
 Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
 Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson
 Director: Mr. Roy M. Smallman

9:30 a.m.—Sunday Church School
 11:00 a.m.—Nursery
 11:00 a.m.—Gideon Speaker, Mr. Tennyson Walker, of Moncton, N.B.
 Choir: "Sanctus" (Franz Schubert)

7:00 p.m.—Adult Study Group
 "You are Welcome to Worship with Us"

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
 Charlottetown, P. E. I.
 Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A., Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D.
 Organist and Director: Mr. J. B. Herdman

9:30 a.m.—Bible Classes, Intermediate and Junior
 11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Primary and Kindergarten (under 9)
 (Over OPCY)
 11:00 a.m.—"SPRING COMES TO THE SOUL"
 (Rev. J. G. E. Ball)
 Anthem: "The Strife is Over"—Mendelssohn
 3:00 p.m.—Festival of Easter Music by the City Choirs—sponsored by Charlottetown, R.C.C.O.
 7:00 p.m.—FILM: "I BEHELD HIS GLORY"

Growing OLD GRACEFULLY

It isn't automatic — this growing old gracefully. Worries seem to accumulate with the years. And there is often the gnawing sense that opportunities once brimming with promise lie empty where we tossed them . . . along a road without return.

But these later years are not meant to be a burden. There is much to suggest that God intended them to bring reward.

He gave us the blessing of memories, so precious moments of joy may be lived again and again.

He gave us the gift of love, so we can experience the adventures of youth, the achievements of maturity, in the lives of our children and grandchildren.

And He gave us a Way of Life, revealed in the teachings of Christ. So that every today . . . when it has become yesterday . . . will be another graceful stone in the arch of Tomorrow.

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The Church is the greatest factor of earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday Psalms 90:9-12	Monday John 14:25-28	Tuesday Zechariah 3:6-7	Wednesday Isaiah 65:17	Thursday Proverbs 17:6	Friday Deuteronomy 8:1-6	Saturday John 15:7-17
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