

A MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

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Begin the day with God.

I laid me down and slept; I awaked,
for the Lord sustained me.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord, our God,
for the rest we have enjoyed during the
night, and for the light of another day.

--A PRAYER

Lord pity all discouraged hearts today
Give them the sweet assurance of Your
help along the way.

Make plain the crooked paths and
straight the road.

Reach out Your hand, dear Lord, and
help them bear their heavy load.

And some way let them find that You are
near;

You know how rough the roads were,
Lord, when You were here.

You know our hearts, You led them
through the days

When You were one among the throngs
that pressed the old earth's ways.

Because You understand, I pray this
prayer.

So many are discouraged Lord, lead them
out of their despair.

Give them the gift of laughter and of
song;

Put hope and gladness in their hearts,
dear Lord, and make them strong.

Give thanks unto the Lord for He is
good. His mercy endureth forever.

Because thou hast made the Lord which
is my refuge, even the Most High thy
habitation:

There shall no end befall thee, neither
shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge
concerning thee to keep thee in all thy
ways, lest thou dash thy foot against a
stone.

WHEN YOU PRAY

When you pray at noon or sundown,
By yourself or with your own;

When you pray at rush of noon-tide--
Just make sure you touch the Throne.

When you pray in busy moments,
Oft to restless hurry prone,

Brevity will matter little,
If you really touch the Throne.

When amid the congregation,
Of God's saints you oftentimes groan,

He will hear your voice and answer,
If you really touch the Throne.

When you pray in hours of leisure,
Praying long and all alone;

Pour not out vain words as water,
But make sure you touch the Throne.

—Author Unknown.

ECHOES FROM DURHAM CLUBS REVERBERATING THROUGH THE YEAR

Durham clubs are still alive and progressive! The "Sr. Daughters of Dorcas Club" might be termed the Mother Club of the city because its influence can easily be felt in the life and activities of many of the Durham clubs. It began the year 1945 sponsoring at the "Stanford L. Warren Library" a "mass meeting." Miss Mae D. Holmes, superintendent of our girls' "training school," Rocky Mount, was guest speaker. A very fine representation of the club women listened to an interesting and informative talk by Miss Holmes. She told something of what had been done at the home, since opening day, of its needs and hopes for the future.

Miss Holmes received much encouragement from her visit and the "Dorcas Club" sent a substantial contribution following this meeting.

The "Junior Daughters of Dorcas" Club (like the Seniors) has regular bi-monthly meetings—giving money and fruit to the county home inmates. The needy received baskets of groceries, and school children new and old clothes.

This club has just completed a number of pillow cases for use at "Lincoln Hospital"—and to be sent to the Girls' Home at Rocky Mount.

The "Utopia Club," a group of devoted, cooperative members, included in their program the Care of a Needy Family. Sent Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, contributed to the Y. W. C. A., Red Cross, and the Rocky Mount Training School. One dozen sheets were also sent to "Lincoln Hospital shower." Mrs. Nettie Johnson is President of the "Utopias."

The "Up To Date Galeda" Club, with Mrs. Lucilla Fuller as President, is heading up this "Lincoln Hospital Shower" to which the clubs are contributing and on May 6, the first Sunday, there assembled a great gathering to hear about work, generally, and to spread the news about our approaching State Federation meeting in Rocky Mount on the 19th.

The "Mothers Club" had a very successful year under the leadership of Mrs. Mildred Amey. These mothers have very interesting meetings and support in every possible way the worthwhile movements in the city and otherwise.

Being inspired by the "Mothers Club," some of their daughters decided they'd form a "Junior Mothers Club." This group of young women are in their second year of their club life. They decided to foster an "Annual Cabaret Party" for

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MOORE COUNTY CLUB NEWS

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The Federated Clubs of Moore County are less than five years old. The Moore County Chapter is known as the Charlotte Hawkins Chapter with thirteen local clubs organized by the fine President of the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Chapter, Mrs. Edna B. Taylor.

The Executive Committee composed of the local clubs carry out a civic welfare program that reaches every town or hamlet in the county and three projects under the State program, thus sending gifts at Christmas to the Girls' Home, the Morrison Training School and the State Sanatorium.

The clubs are active in helping in the Red Cross, the Tuberculosis Seals and the USO drives.

The occupants of homes destroyed by fire receive help when the need arises, and neglected old people are sought out and helped not only by contributions from the club, but attention of the welfare department is directed to such cases. Girls who would otherwise be confined to the county jail, awaiting entrance to the Girls' Home, are cared for by Mrs. Taylor in her home to keep them from the experience behind bars until they are accepted at the Girls' Home.

Linen for the colored division of the Moore County Hospital has been collected from the thirteen clubs, one club giving as high as 100 towels.

"Home Coming for the GI's" is the club's way of saying "Welcome home, boys." April 25 has been set aside for this event. A special program rendered and refreshments served.

An annual program at which all members of all the thirteen clubs gather to report on the activities of the year and to listen to an invited speaker is held the second Sunday in December. Our State President, Mrs. Kelsey, was our speaker last December.

Another of our major projects is the beautification of the community in which we live. This year we plan a flower show where we will have opportunity to display some of the flowers we have grown. After the show the club members and their husbands or escorts will enjoy a banquet.

Under the guidance of our efficient and energetic President we move forward, lifting as we climb.

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as an unusually significant distinction. Following Dr. Bethune's address, Miss Burke was presented to the audience. The applause furnished remarkable evidence of the high appreciation for this prophet in her own home town.—R. D. A.