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AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.—John viii:32.

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Article IX.

THINGS EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW—MEMORY PASSAGES

The Lord's Prayer

"After this manner therefore pray ye.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The First Psalm:

A contrast of the good and the ungodly.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law, doth he meditate day and night.

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

The 8th Psalm:

What is man? O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Thou hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained,

What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field, the fowl of the air, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the sea.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

The 19th Psalm:

The law of the Lord.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter than honey and the honey comb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

The 51st Psalm—David: A New Heart and Right Spirit.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin; For I acknowledge my transgressions;

And my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

The 14th and 53rd Psalms—By David, King of Israel.

Corruption of the Natural Man "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works; there is none that doeth good.

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any who did understand, and seek God.

They are all gone aside, they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord?

There were they in great fear, where no fear was. Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor; because the Lord is his refuge.

Oh that the salvation of the Lord were come out of Zion. When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad."

The Ten Commandments: "Hold fast to the form of sound words."

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them; for I, the Lord, thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.

5. Honor thy father and thy mother: for this is the first commandment, which is the first promise, that if thou doest these commandments, it shall go well with thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

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THE REV. DR. AND MRS. THOMAS J. B. HARRIS CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

At Their Home, 93 Englewood Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey

Friday, August 9th, was a date made memorable in the happy experiences of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. B. Harris. It marked a quarter of a century of married life for those two people. More than 200 guests assembled and did honor to the celebrating couple. The house and lawn were teeming with chattering friends who were thrilled with the joy of this festive occasion.

The visitors were received by Mrs. Gertrude Mills, Leonia, N. J. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. J. Byers, New York City; Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Halley B. Taylor, Washington, D. C.; Rev. John Lee White, Durham, N. C. Rev. White and Taylor were college and seminary class mates of Dr. Harris, and Mr. Byers a college classmate.

A brief program consisting of short talks and musical numbers was presented under the direction of Mrs. Heppie Ross and Mrs. Emma Gover, of New York City. Among the speakers were Dr. A. C. Garner, pastor of Grace Congregational church, and Dr. T. J. Smith, minister and physician, both of New York City; Rev. H. B. Taylor, D. D., pastor of Fifteenth Street church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Wm. A. Byrd, pastor of the Community Congregational church, Jersey City, N. J.; and Professor A. H. George, John C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Emma Gover and Mr. Gerald Wiggins with Mrs. Ross at the piano.

The catering service was directed by Mrs. Sadie Gladden. The presents were many and beautiful and showed a variety of tastes.

Dr. Harris is the pastor of Rendall Memorial Presbyterian church, 61 W. 137th Street, New York City, a graduate of both college and seminary of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., and has done post graduate work at New York University. He has been in the present charge for eight years. During the period of his ministry he has been successful as both teacher and pastor. He purchased his family home at Englewood during the time of his 12-year pastorate of Bethany church. Mrs. Harris is an unassuming woman of charming qualities and personality. A daughter of Scotia Seminary, she is a past President and charter member of the Scotia chapter of New York and for the past ten years has served as the President of the Missionary Extension Society, of New York and New Jersey, as well as being the efficient social worker in connection with their church work.

One daughter, Gladys Elizabeth, graces the home, and is of outstanding promise for a future career.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Harris come from families long established at Charlotte, N. C., and prominent in church and community life.

Among the many guests were to be seen the outlines of church and organization work, clearly defined and bearing silent witness to the far reaches of their influence and activity. Letters and telegrams of congratulations from friends, who, because of absences on vacations or other reasons, could not be present, were numerous. We hope to look at this couple at their 50th anniversary.

OBSERVER.

We have seen selfishness and jealousy shrivel and embitter men, and cause them to be shunned.—The Star of Zion.

THE PLEA OF ABYSSINIA

By Dr. Kelly Miller

After the lapse of nineteen hundred years of the Christian dispensation we have the anomalous spectacle of one Christian nation threatening the despoilation of another. The Lion of Judah, Emperor of Abyssinia, claims unbroken descent from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. His people have professed Christianity since apostolic times. Ethiopia is now stretching forth her hands to be saved from the greed and rapacity of the Italian nation whose national spirit is typified by the Catholic Church in whose keeping was vouchsafed the keys of Heaven. Mussolini, who essays the role of Julius Caesar, is now striding the world like a huge Colossus. His avowed purpose is to restore the grandeur that was Rome and the prestige of the ancient Empire. Abyssinia is the easiest first step in his mad career. No greater stigma could befall the ancient Roman army than that it should be made to go under the yoke of an inferior tribe. The Italian army has been made to dip colors to the Ethiopian flag in a previous conflict. Mussolini is smarting under the stigma of this disgrace as well as being spurred on by the ambition and avarice of conquest. The lion always accuses the lamb of muddying the water below him in justification of his intended assault. Of course, Abyssinia is responsible for the impending conflict. The moral blame must always be placed on the weaker man.

Mussolini is an anachronism. He represents the survival of the fittest in the age of conquest, at a time when aggrandizement is put under ban by the most advanced nations of the world. All the great nations have passed through this stage which they have not yet wholly outgrown. England has built up her world-wide dominion over palm and pine by going up and down throughout the earth seeking what feebler folk she might devour. Her imperial purpose was the only justification deemed necessary. She picked a quarrel with feebler nations whose possessions she coveted, and then destroyed them for daring to resist the might of the British arms. Our own country has not escaped like unethical procedure. The national conscience would like to forget the method by which we acquired Texas and our far-Western possessions from Mexico. The way we secured Hawaii, the Philippine Islands and the Panama Canal certainly does not contribute to our national easement of conscience. But nations have a way of paying little heed to sermonical admonitions if they stand in the way of their imperial policy or purpose.

Japan has done and is doing to China precisely what Mussolini proposes to do to Abyssinia. The League of Nations and the Kellogg Pact to which Italy, Japan and Abyssinia are signatory powers, expressly forbid the violation of the territorial integrity of any of the covenanted nations. Japan and Italy are not only guilty of bad faith, but of poor sportmanship. The indignation aroused on the part of other signatory powers against the aggressive intent of Italy and Japan is not so much due to their moral superiority over their condemned fellow nations—for they all have been tarred with the same brush—as to the fact that such aggressions are calculated to upset international poise and peace of mind. If Italy should be allowed to control the head waters of the Nile, England's suzerainty over Egypt and her sway in the Orient might be greatly jeopardized. France likewise is not wholly devoid of international

jealousy; for she herself possesses African colonies. In the meanwhile Germany is standing off with jealous aloofness, not caring to see any one of her rivals gain too much headway. Our own strenuous objection to Japan's aggression in China, is dictated, not so much from pure moral considerations as by the fact of the covetous eye which will not tolerate Japan closing the open door.

The conduct of Japan may be explained on the ground that she is actuated by the ethics of one heathen nation dealing with another. But Mussolini and the Lion of Judah are both professed followers of the Prince of Peace. That Ethiopia does not belong to the white race cuts little figure. Italy is known to have a more sympathetic and generous attitude towards the darker breeds of men than any of the Nordic nations. It is primarily a question of greed and imperial aggression. It is assuring, however, that the nations of the earth which are not immediately involved in the benefits to be derived from this aggression, are stoutly opposed to the policy of Italy and Japan. Should moral suasion or some other more effective international sanction fail to check the intended onslaught of Mussolini, only one result is predicted. The naked hand cannot contend with the mailed fist. However, we all admire the spunk and courage of Haile Selassie who defies Mussolini to his teeth. Courage and valor have their own rewards. It is to be hoped that the conscience of the nations of the world will become so far developed that they are now ready to apply the Ten Commandments to international dealings. Thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not kill.

HAINES INSTITUTE IS READY FOR BIG YEAR

Haines Institute, in Augusta, Ga., operated under the auspices of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., was founded in 1886 by Miss Lucy-Craft Laney. The fact that it is outstanding is due in a large degree to the sacrifices and toils of this great woman. During its existence it has maintained a uniformly high standard and has secured a sure and abiding place in the hearts and affections of a great mass of people, graduates and friends. In the basement of Christ Presbyterian church with six pupils Haines had its humble beginning and the first money given was that with which the present site on Gwinnet Street was purchased. With keen vision and firm faith in God, the school has grown constantly and now boasts of an enrollment of four hundred students and fifteen teachers.

It is a standard high school and its graduates are accepted in the leading colleges.

It is co-educational and accommodates both city and boarding students.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in May, it was decided to reopen the boarding department and to operate it as it was operated in the years prior to 1933. Every effort has been made to render the accommodations comfortable and attractive. Some renovations have been made in the buildings and the boys' dormitory has been completely renovated and fitted with showers.

Haines Institute was built upon prayer and missionary efforts and dedicated to God. Sunday school, prayer meetings and Sunday services are required for boarders, while all students are required to attend chapel services.

Rev. A. C. Griggs, recently elected Principal, organized the Lucy Laney Bible class among a group of young people in the city in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Bible printed in the English tongue by Miles Coverdale. The group meets weekly and is now studying enthusiastically the history of the Bible.

With the life of Miss Lucy Laney, the founder of the school, ever set before them as an example, students are trained in habits of sharing their small means with others. Last Christmas the school undertook to provide for one family on the role of the Family Welfare Society when the society's fund was too low to care for its pressing load. Students and teachers contributed to a fund which brought happiness and comfort to a mother with nine children nearly starving. Each year when the Red Cross roll is called in Augusta the teachers enroll and students contribute liberally to the cause. Students give liberally to the upkeep of their Alma Mater, and teachers, though laboring under hardships and reduced salaries, have contributed their part. Besides other gifts, each high school and junior college teacher gave one month's service free while in the elementary and primary departments, they taught two years without definitely stated salaries. Their only pay came from the small amount of tuition which the small children paid and small donations given them by friends.

During the first commencement season following the passing of the sainted founder, the graduating class of 1934 expressed its gratitude to the school and Miss Laney by erecting a monument to her memory. The monument now stands at the head of her grave which lies on the school campus. During her past season the graduating class of 1935 expressed its gratitude by donating a marble slab to be placed over the grave. Ever since the death of Miss Laney, alumni and friends have been responsible for the raising of teachers' salaries, the Board contributing only to the general maintenance fund of the school.

NEW HOUSING PROJECT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington—(CNS)—The Public Works Administration has just announced a new low-rent housing project for Washington, D. C., which provides some 323 living units for low-income workers. An allotment of \$1,600,000 has been designated for the development.

The site, now vacant, faces an extensive new Negro community, and is being acquired through direct purchase of three contiguous plots located on Benning Road.

The project, which will be known as Kingman Terrace, will utilize only around 20 percent of the total site for buildings, the remainder of land being devoted to lawns, open areas, recreation space, etc. It will offer a variety of types of living quarters. Present studies call for construction of 92 three-room flats, 21 two-room apartments, 43 three-room apartments and 167 four and five-room row houses.

The project is the third PWA project to be announced for Washington. Other PWA housing projects in the District of Columbia consist of the War College development, a \$3,000,000 slum clearance development and the Anacostia Terrace project, a \$3,000,000 low-rent housing development, both for whites. The combined projects will provide modern, well equipped living quarters for slightly more than 1,500 families who up to this time have

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