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LOMITA CHURCH NOTES

The morning service was in honor of the little ones of the Cradle Roll. The photographs of one hundred and five babies and young children were placed in three glass framed groups, and presented to the Sunday school by the photographer, Mr. A. Thornton, without charge. The pictures were accepted on behalf of the Sunday school by the pastor. Many of the parents answered "Present" for their little ones when the Roll was called by the Cradle Roll superintendent, Mrs. E. E. Clark. Special music was given. Katherine Hunter and Merle Richey were heard in a duet suited to the occasion. The Junior choir sang the familiar hymn beginning, "I think when I read that sweet story of old." Mrs. E. W. Brubpton sang sweetly the appropriate hymn "Jesus and the Children."

A short talk was given by the pastor from the text, "Take this child away and nurse it for me and I will give thee wages." It was shown that the love and tender care of infants and young children was Christian practice. Jesus was the discoverer of childhood. Socrates said at the grief of a mother weeping for her babe. Plato suggested that every town or city should select some distant hill-top and there build a pen for the exposure of unwelcome children. Aristotle urged laws making the drowning of weak babies compulsory upon parents. Modern heathenism is no better, since infants are so numerous in China that their death is little thought of while in Africa the birth of twins is regarded as an evil omen and they must be put to death. What a contrast to this statement we find in the words of Jesus: "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

In the evening the theme was Blue Laws and the 18th Amendment. It was shown that the 18th amendment had not been put into the national constitution without consulting the soldiers and sailors who went over seas. When the United States declared war against Germany in April 1917, nearly 26 states out of the necessary 36, had already enacted prohibition and many of the men who went to France came from those states. The charge that the enforcement of the 18th amendment has caused the prevailing wave of crime was emphatically denied.

Blue Laws is a term applied to certain laws alleged to have been passed by a colony in Connecticut, in a book written by Rev. Samuel A. Peters in 1781. Being a Tory sympathizer, he was compelled to flee to England and he wrote a book to ridicule that colony. Investigation shows that the laws were largely the creation of the author's brain.

There are no Blue Laws today, such as compelling persons to go to church and regulating the intimate and personal affairs of one's life. Laws that protect men and women and children as to hours, wages, and conditions of labor are not Blue Laws. Legislation for a rest day one day in seven is based not on the Fourth Commandment, but on the lesson of history that the human body needs such a rest day. Any community has the right to protect its children and citizens from amusements that are harmful and degrading. All good citizens should hold the view that the welfare of the people is the supreme law.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TORRANCE

During the absence of the Pastor, Mr. A. L. Ford, of Los Angeles, will occupy the pulpit.

CRADLE ROLL SUNDAY

At the eleven o'clock hour Sunday, April 17, the group picture of the babies on the Cradle Roll will be presented to the church and Sunday school.

A special service of an evangelistic nature will be held in the evening, the song service commencing at 7:30.

PRAYER MEETING

The Bible Study class will be suspended until April 27, and in the meantime the prayer meeting will be in charge of the Deacons.

"Jesus said unto him, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."—John 3:3.

CHICKEN HOUSE AFIRE AGAIN

The brooder house of A. Monroe, North Cypress street, Lomita, caught afire last Friday night for the second time. The Lomita Fire Department extinguished the flames in record time. The fire was caused by a defective lamp, which was afterwards destroyed.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"The Calico Cloak"

(Continued from Last Week)
(By Aunt Hannah)

The town of "Oakdal" was in anxious suspense. The young minister was expected on the evening train with his bride. The parsonage was filled to its utmost capacity with church members and friends. Flower decorations were grand and on the parlor tables many beautiful and rare gifts were lying, which displayed the love of the congregation for their pastor. At last the carriage arrived, bringing the bridal party that entered by a side door, which led to a dressing room. In a short time the pastor entered the brilliantly lighted parlor with his lovely bride leaning upon his arm. Introductions followed and all went merrily as a marriage bell. Ere the evening had gone many hearts were won by the sweet, gentle manner of the pastor's wife, and a pressing invitation was given her to attend the woman's auxiliary to the church on the following Thursday. Time passed rapidly. The Sunday morning service increased in interest as the young wife came to the front and sang in a clear and sweet voice, "The Lord is My Shepherd." On Thursday true to her promise she made her way to the Woman's Auxiliary to find about thirty members present. As the hour passed pleasantly on, one of the ladies asked her how she liked Oakdal. Very much, she replied. I find great improvement since I was here twelve years ago. O, then, you have been ere before? Do you remember any of the people? I think I remember you, Mrs. Britton. Oh, she seemed delighted to be one who had lived so long in the memory of such a beautiful character. What was your name? I don't think you would remember my name. I was familiarly called "The Calico Cloak." Breathless silence reigned for a minute. Then an elderly lady said, I remember the "Calico Cloak," don't you Mrs. Britton? You went to the Young Lady's Seminary at that time. The silence was painful, then Mrs. Britton arose with an air of triumph, saying I stand reproved.

I was a young thoughtless girl, thinking only of a good time, but I've learned my lesson. At present there is a poor but worthy lad, who is an only son of a poor widow, that is working his way through college, by doing the janitor work. He wears poor, but clean, well patched clothes. He is often taunted by the boys and is always called "Patchy." Now, I want to help this worthy lad win out in this race, and to prove it, I will be the first one to start a subscription for his benefit. Here goes \$10. Who will be the next. It is needless to say that over \$100 was put into the treasury for "Patchy." Good clothing from hat to shoes were purchased, and the balance left to draw upon.

"Patchy's" name was dropped, and his true name, David, was placed in the Auxiliary. His tuition was paid and at the end of two years, David stepped out upon the platform to receive the highest standard in scholarship.

The Auxiliary was very proud of their charge for his ambition and true worth had conquered. Shall we not say that Mary Lark was an instrument in the hand of God to carve the future of a great man? For he became a wonderful character. Prov. 22-27. "Seest Thou a Man Diligent in His Business, He Shall Stand Before Kings!"

TAXING BACHELORS

Bachelors have reason now for climbing on the anxious seat. Wisconsin is preparing a law to tax bachelors, and it is apt to spread as to include every bachelor in every community in the good old U. S. A. Ten dollars annually would be the price levied on those who have failed to take unto themselves a wife, and it would go to the school fund. Still another bill proposed is to tax them \$100 the first year and increase that at the rate of \$100 a year for each succeeding 10 years; they persisted in remaining single. And this money would be used to erect and maintain a home for maiden ladies of 35 or over who had no visible means of support. Personally, we're not going to express an opinion regarding such legislation. But on top of the present high cost of living maybe the prophet of old who wrote in the good book that it was not well for a man to live alone could see a whole lot farther into the future than some people have credited him with being able to see.

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BOY SCOUTS



(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America)

SCOUTING AND CITIZENSHIP

In general human beings may be roughly classified into two divisions, the kind who throw banana peels and waste paper on the sidewalk and the kind who not only refrain from such acts of selfish irresponsibility themselves, but pick up banana peels and waste paper from the sidewalk and deposit them in the proper receptacle. It is the difference between the spirits of good citizenship and bad citizenship.

It is the glory of the scout movement that it is inculcating all over the country the spirit of responsible citizenship in its growing boys. Out in Ogden City, last winter, a boy scout quietly posted himself at a dangerously slippery point on the street where a great many persons had been falling to the huge amusement of a guffawing crowd of by-standers, warned people of the danger, and helped women across. Nobody told him to do it. He just did it because it was somebody's job and he made it his, as a responsible citizen.

Another significant little story is told of a group of scouts who had for weeks been taking care of a dangerous street crossing near a school building, guiding smaller children across in safety, day in and day out. Nobody knew they were doing it, nobody asked them to do it. They were not looking for praise from anyone for doing it. It was a job to be done by somebody and they were glad to take it on because they were scouts and therefore responsible citizens.—Scouting.

TO BE A SCOUT.

He wasn't a scout, tho' he wore the pin,
For the scouting program had never soaked in;
He claimed a troop and a registered name,
But he never had learned to play the game.

He tied the knots and he ran the pace,
He knew the code and kept a smile on his face;
He built his fire, he boiled the pot,
But that is just as far as he got.

He learned the oath, its parts he knew,
But the inner meaning had never soaked through,
For if it had and he meant what he said,
He'd have been our pride like the sacred dead.

You can't be a scout by joining a troop;
It's more than a club and some to boot.
You'll have to do something not every boy can,
For you've got to begin to be a man.
E. B. D.
—The Scribe, Bay City, Mich.

NEW INTERNATIONAL SCOUT MAGAZINE.

At the first international scout congress held in London last summer it was voted to establish a permanent scout magazine, the first of which, entitled The Jamboree, has just been published. The magazine is printed in English, French, Spanish and Italian, the same text being rendered in all four languages.

In his introduction of the new Journal Baden-Powell, founder of the scout movement, says:

"A field of immense possibilities has become opened to us. While, therefore, we are building up, each for the good of our country, our own individual national associations of boy scouts and girl guides as a school of young citizens, let us keep ever before us the still greater aim of promoting the comradeship with our brother scouts in other lands. In this way we may help in no mean degree to bring about that mutual unity and good will which will make the world an assured home of peace, happiness and prosperity for all."

"This journal, although starting in a humble way, holds the honor of being the first of its kind, and it may become the instrument for bringing untold results in this direction of high endeavor if it receives the support which I earnestly and confidently hope it will receive from my brother scouts throughout the world."

MUMPS ATTACK MANY

The mumps are raging in Lomita several new cases being reported each week. Alva Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dawson has been seriously ill with the malady for two weeks.

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