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Mothers' Day Observed by Fraternalists

No other group of organizations among men and women observe memorial days and holidays quite so religiously as the fraternal societies. Every one of the two hundred fraternal sets aside one day in the year for serious thought on the certainty of death, the immortality of the soul, and in memory of those whose names have been stricken from the early roster and enrolled on the Book Over There.

The National Fraternal Congress has called upon all member societies to observe Mothers' Day, May 13. Suggestions are made that on that day fitting programs be given by all local lodges, and that mothers be the special guests of honor; that each mother be presented with a white carnation, the floral token of the day; that orations, songs and appropriate talks be a part of the program; that proper decorations be used, and that as a grand finale a tableaux with mother as the central figure be presented.

There came to the editor of "The Shield" during his service overseas in the World War many incidents emphasizing the influence of mother—some of them so intimate, so personal, so sacred, that to publish them would seem irreverence toward a holy thing. We learned then that mother love is the most beautiful thing in all the world, and mother influence the most potent thing in the world.

It is a fact of record that the American army overseas was the best behaved army ever mobilized. The reason? It was because practically every boy over there knew that back in the dear home land was his mother who believed in him, who loved him, and who was praying for him. We all, down in the deepest depth of the heart, want to live up to the standard our mothers set for us.

After we had received Generals Foch and Joffre of France, Admiral Batty of England, General Diaz of Italy, and other notable warriors of Europe, H. J. Neal said:

"Now that we have welcomed the foreign generals, given them great receptions and showered them with gifts, let us turn to the greatest general of them all—Mother.

"Without a uniform, to adorn her bent old shoulders, without martial music to stir her old heart, without the din and excitement of battle to urge her on, she fought her battles in the lonely home. Waiting and waiting for that letter from her boy, searching time and again through casualty lists with fear in her heart, she was all a soldier could be and then at times a victory was won when that letter arrived, and she needed not the cheering of the populace to bring her supreme happiness. Perhaps the letters failed to arrive and casualty lists disclosed no news of her own, still she 'carried on' hoping against hope that victory would come. Sometimes the anguish and pain were too much for her to bear—but she will always live in the hearts of us all and although no great receptions will be arranged and we are afraid no grand gifts will be showered upon her in this world—she is bound to receive her reward for sacrifice, and so its 'hats off' to the bravest soldier of them all—Mother."

Mothers' Day is a fitting recognition not only in this age, but such loyalty and devotion can be traced back centuries, where our great women and men have publicly acknowledged the blessings and guidance of their mothers.

Abraham Lincoln was a great admirer of his mother. Once he wrote:

"All I am, all that I hope to be,

I owe to my angel mother—blessings on her memory! I remember my mother's prayers. They have clung to me all my life."

Another great president, who idolized his mother, was John Quincy Adams. He wrote:

"My mother was an angel on earth. She has been a spirit from above watching over me for good. Without her the world feels to me like a solitude."

Maculay, in dealing with this subject, hands us this masterpiece in English:

"In after life you may have friends, but never will you again have the inexpressible love and gentleness lavished upon you which a mother bestows."

And Carlyle's much quoted sentence is a wonderful tribute to mother; he penned these fair words:

"If I had all the mothers I ever saw to choose from, I would have chosen you, my mother."

Another great man, Charles Lamb, had this to say on the subject:

"What would I give to call my dear mother back to earth for a single day, to ask her pardon on my knees for all those acts by which I grieved her gentle spirit."

We could quote hundreds of extracts from wonderful themes dealing with mother. The subject is perhaps better crystallized by the following verse:

God thought to give the sweetest thing

In His almighty power
To earth; and deeply pondering
What it should be—one hour
In fondest joy and love of heart
Outweighing every other,
He moved the gates of Heaven
apart

And gave to earth—a Mother!
And these enduring few lines,
which stir our sentiments to their highest:

There came one day to join the angel through
A woman, bowed through serving
off in pain;
But as she meekly stood, her form
grew strong.

And long-lost youthful beauty
dawned again.
Yet more was given; for all, with
wonder fraught,
Bent low before the sweetness of
her face,
Crying: "What marvel hath this
woman wrought,
To be thus clothed by such sweet,
mighty grace?"

Then one of seraph tongue made
answer low:
"One talent only hers—a faithful
heart,
And she abroad but little could
bestow;

So much was needed for her
mother's heart;
And this with love she always
made so fair
That she became an angel un-
aware."

IRON HOTEL NEWS

Recent arrivals at the Ironton Hotel include Fred W. Casaday and W. W. Lewis of Selma; J. L. Scobey, Anaheim; L. R. Wright, Fullerton; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Faught, Mrs. J. W. Faught, Maricopa; Miss Florence Rogers, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Groves, Huntington Beach; B. G. Terry, Long Beach; George Hill, Azusa; John McFarling, Sydney, C. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunsden of La Habra have assumed entire charge of the culinary department of the Ironton Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moyer of Long Beach and Paul Potter of Columbus, Kansas, were entertained Sunday by Harry Deems, manager of the Iron Cafe. Mr. Potter is an old school chum of Mr. Deems and is touring Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allan are entertaining Mr. Allan's sister, Mrs. A. L. Lawson, of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown were week-end guests of friends in Taft.

Mr. and Mrs. Day Finley of Whittier were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allan.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Noland and daughter Gretchen were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bershoff of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kidder were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sutch of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Si Rappaport were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rappaport, of Los Angeles.

McKINLEY INN NEWS

E. Booe of San Bernardino is a new member of the McKinley Inn family and is employed with the Pacific Electric Company.

Mrs. May McKinley spent Sunday with friends in Los Angeles.

Messrs. W. C. Holley and Charles Ross of Beaumont, Texas, are recent arrivals at the Inn.

C. W. Crocellus and Russell Martin, who have been at the Inn for the past several months, left Tuesday by motor for Rock Island and Decatur, Illinois, where they will visit relatives and friends.

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