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Church Attendance

THE QUESTION of church attendance and influence is much under discussion these days and Protestant churches in Prince Rupert as well as elsewhere throughout the country are gravely concerned and wondering what to do about it.

In a national survey of youth made for the Canadian Youth Commission, fifty-eight percent of those questioned said they usually attended church at least once a week, another fifteen percent said they went two or three times a month, thirteen percent said they went less frequently than that. Only five percent said frankly that they never went at all. Eighty-nine percent of young Roman Catholics in Canada said they go to church every Sunday, but only thirty-eight percent of young Protestants make this claim.

Which indicates, whether we may like their ways or not, that the Roman Catholic Church has something that the Protestant churches have not and is doing a better job at the dissemination of the Christian Gospel and the maintenance of its influence than are the Protestants.

Dr. W. J. Gallagher, secretary of the Canadian Council of Church, prescribed four things that needed to be done at once to meet the inadequacy of the Protestant Churches' influence:

A careful study of the Canadian situation should be made.

2. We must strive to state and present the Gospel in terms revelant to our situation and the understanding of the people.

3. Old and new methods of evangelism must be examined, tried, evaluated, and used in the service of the Gospel.

4. The church must be strengthened and quickened for her evangelistic task. This involves many things: the organization and functioning of the church, the training of the ministry, the devotion and the activity of both ministry and laity, the worship and fellowship of the congregation, the Christian nuture of youth, the support of the ministry both spiritually and materially.

HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN

MITH THE challenging slogan "2 out of 3 can We be cured", sheets of colorful Easter seals are being mailed to every home in British Columbia, in the drive to raise funds for aiding sick and crippled children. Funds realized will go entirely into the expansion of hospital space and facilities for treating handicapped children throughout the province.

At present, space and facilities in our children's hospitals fall far short of provincial needs. However, splendid results have already been achieved. Returns from Easter seals over the past two yars were sufficient-along with government grantsto build a new wing to the Crippled Children's hospital at Vancouver, doubling its accommodation. In addition, the following received substantial financial aid: Vancouver Preventorium, Queen Alexandra Solarium, V.I., and St. Christopher's Home, North Vancouver. All these instituations administer to handicapped children on a province-wide basis. This year the Spastic Paralysis Society of B.C. has been added to the list of beneficiaries.

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5th Ave. E. at Young St. Minister: Rev. Fred Antrobus

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 4th Avenue East

FIRST UNITED 636 6th Ave. West Minister: R. A. Wilson, M.A.

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ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN Seal Cove Archdeacon E. Hodson Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. (Blue 827)

5th Ave. at McBride St

Pastor: E. Soiland

COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL East End Hall, 2:30 p.m.

RESERVISTS PLAN

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have been out of the question

in pre-war days. All have armament more powerful than existed in the R.C.N. afloat or ashore, in 1939. Single mounted 4-inch weapons are supplied as well as smaller cannon such as Boffin, twin and single Oerlikon and other gunnery items like Bren guns, rifles.

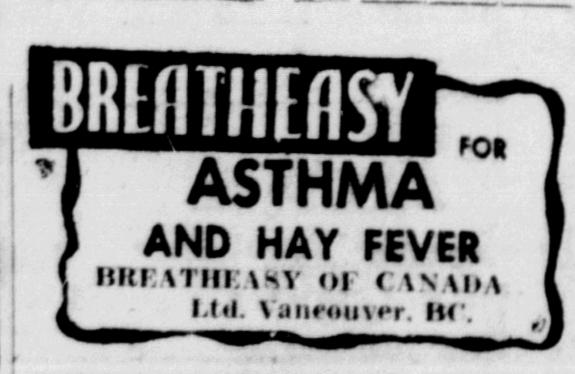
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scientific wonders of radar, as- and destroy the greatest of all dic, loran and other electrically music and sculpture of rare operated "senses" by which beauty and worth. Why hasn't modern warships feel their way the Bible been destroyed? Bethrough night or fog, probe the cause you can't destroy God, ocean depths with invisible fin- and it is God's Word, and you gers, or locate their positions can no more destroy God's Word hundreds of miles at sea with- than you can destroy the God out recourse to the sun or stars, that spoke the word. will find all this type of equip- I believe the Bible to be God's division's facilities.

included in the equipment.

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SATURDAY SERMON

WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE

(Howard Patrick, of Long Beach, California)

(This is a prize-winning essay on this theme, by a senior in High School, and one of the leading debaters in Southern California)

In this age of the skeptic and the infidel, in this age of doubt and reason, and a belief in the natural over against the supernatural, it is necessary for the Christian to know definitely why he believes the Bible to be the true, inspired Word of God. This is an age when men want a reason for the hope that is within

thing in all the world is religion. The Christian life is the normal life, another life is abnormal. For those who search and observe facts, there numerous evidences that the Bible is the true Word of God.

I believe the Bible because of its strength over attack. literature, no book, has ever been attacked as the Bible has been. From the first of its existence until the dawn of the present century the Bible neen fought by skeptics, atheists and infidels. Many of whom possessed keen intellect and silvery tongues, and yet this precious book has weathered all storms, and its pages are still brighter than gold.

Did you ever stop to think what a task a man would have who would undertake to cestily the Bible? God has been so careful to guard it that He has woven it into every fibre and fabric of human history. The man who seeks to destroy the Bible must buy up one hundred million copies of the Book, printed in eleven hundred languages, and circulated through the world. He will have to go into the libraries of the world, upon the shelves of which are books in which the Bible has been quoted and referred to. He must carry his destruction into Visitors who have read of the the art galleries of the world

ment among the "tools" of the inspired Word because it is the naval reservist's trade. Wireless key that unlocks all human telegraphy and telephony, too, mystery. Four of the biggest is also well represented in a questions that anyone can ask his soul are these: Who am I, Seamanship gear in the form Where am I? Where did I come of Carley floats, lifebuoys and from? and Where am I going? compasses; navigational and Science cannot answer them. plotting instruments; ship and Scientists fail to tell the origin aircraft models for developing a of human life. The Bible is the man's "spotting" accuracy; mo- only Book that gives the world tion picture projectors and films an intelligent origin. What does that bring the trainee, without it say? "In the beginning God leaving the lecture room, an al- created the heavens and the most full scale experience of earth;', that is enough, that many shipboard details, are all 'In the beginning God'; and we have here the most intelligent The floating equipment with origin the world ever heard

to the visitor except where it The Bible is beyond human has been removed from its na- invention. The Ten Commandtural element for the winter, ments, for instance, have never been improved upon in all the world of law. The Bible is also the finest of all literature. I believe it is divinely inspired because it satisfies the human

heart as nothing else can do. Far stronger numerically than As Carlyle has said: "It is the one book wherein, for thousands AND SHIPYARD of years, the spirit of man has found light and nourishment,



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TONIGHT, 8 p.m.-Youth Rally. Mrs. Arthur Vickers, the speaker.

Sunday Services as follows: 11 a.m.—Holiness Meeting. 2:30 p.m.-Directory Class 3:00 p.m. Sunday School. 7:36—Gospel Meeting.

Tues., 7:30 p.m. - The Home League will meet at The S.A. Girls' Home

Wed., 8 p.m.—Soldiers' Meeting. Fri., 8 p.m.-Holiness Meeting. (Conducted by Brigadier and Mrs. T. Gillingham).



First Prestry terian Church

Fourth Avenue East Rev. Allan M. McColl, Minister Mrs. E. J. Smith, Organist

MARCH 7, 1948

believe the Bible to be the in- Morning Worship, 11 a.m. spired Word of the only God, Young People's Choir-"Who is this in Yonder Stall. Whosoever believeth in me Sermon, "The Goodness of God

shall not perish but have ever- Sunday School, 12:15

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The Bible is our hope. What

have we to live for if it is not

to live again with Him? He put

us here and gave us a guide-

book, a stepping-stone, that we

who gave us the promise:

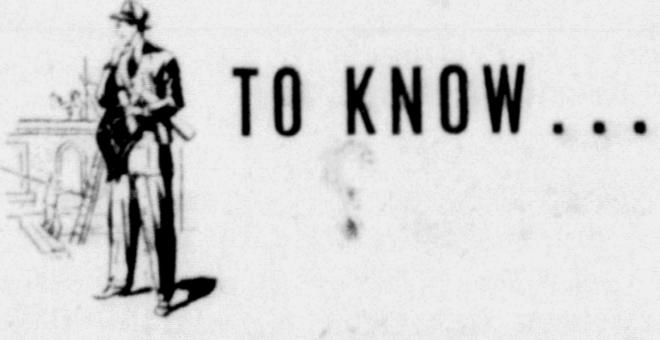
may not falter or stumble.

Sunday, March 7, 1948 "Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found." Is. 55:6 12:15 p.m.—Sunday School.

7:30 p.m. Gospel Service. (Prayer Praise Testimony) Speaker::

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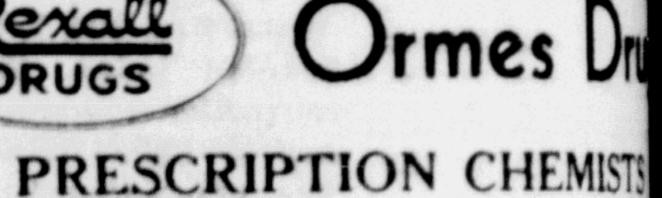
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