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Decoration Day

(Dileas Gu Brath)

ONCE again it is Decoration Day and under the leadership of the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire a memorial service will take place at the Soldiers' Plot in Fairview Cemetery with the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. parading.

And as the ceremony of remembrance is carried out one cannot but be impressed by the implications of such phrases as, "Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes" and "A thousand ages in Thy sight are but an evening gone." The setting of the service among the evergreen hills, the quiet of the surroundings, the words of the hymns, the considered message of the speaker, the poignant notes of the "Last Post" and "Reveille", all strike home with a force that hurts. Once a year!

Visions come back to us. The reeking fumes of poison gas at Ypres in 1915, June 1916 and the Somme in the fall, Vimy in 1917 and Paschendale with the morasses, the tenuous check in March 1918 before the turn of battle and the rout of the Germans in the summer of 1918 and then . . . Armistice Day. Each day had its tragic memories and its glories.

In 1939 began a similar series of unforgettable days, with tragic loss of loved ones and glorious deeds of heroism. At sea, in the air; on land, at Dieppe in Italy, at Caen, in Holland and in many another theatre of war. Unforgettable days! Are we honest about it? Are they not already forgotten? Has the memory of our comrades faded? Do we remember them "at the going down of the sun, and in the morning?"

Life has its daily demands and the hurry and scurry of life leave little time perhaps for a daily remembrance. But in our hearts we do remember and recall? We would again pay loving tribute to those who risked all that we might, still have freedom. It is well then that "once a year" we crystallize in a memorial service our thoughts and memories of those who served in the forces.

But let us not stop at that. The care of their dependents, the welfare of their children, the comfort of those "still suffering from sickness and wounds" must ever be our daily challenge. It is through the Canadian Legion that the persistent efforts on behalf of the veterans and their dependents are carried on. Without much display but in many hundreds of homes and through directed legislation the lot of many has been eased.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of safety," is true. It is not just a trite phrase for war effort. It should be a daily challenge to us, to so live and plan every day, to ensure that no enemy by any means may undermine the principles of freedom of thought, action, speech religion and personal living that we do not become slaves of a material and inhuman despotism. If we made the same preparations and sacrifices in the organized carrying on for peace as we do under the pressure of war there would be no war.

Let us then remember on Sunday this memorial service for those for whom one poet has written:

"When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow,
We gave our today."

What are we doing with our tomorrows for which so many gave their todays?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it; thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. Psalm 65:9.

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Services in the Church

SATURDAY SERMON

(By Rev. E. Solland, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church)
The Boldness of Love, based on I John 4: 16-21

Some day you and I are going to meet God face to face. Such a thought may be pleasant for some and unpleasant for others. Why? It will be a matter of LOVE. If you love God you will be glad to meet Him. If you do not love God, then it will be a fearful occasion when you stand face to face with Him. Since you

and I are responsible for the conduct of our lives, then we must give an account of how we have used them. This is what makes some people fearful when they think of the fact that they must stand in the presence of God.

John tells us that if we love God we will have boldness to stand in His presence on the day of judgment. Have you not noticed how a little child has no fear of his father, but rather enjoys his presence. Another child who cannot claim that father is afraid of him. The one loves the man and therefore has no fear, the other does not have that love and so is filled with fear. Even so it is between us and God. If you can claim God as your Heavenly Father you will have no fear of Him. If you cannot claim God as your Heavenly Father, then you will be afraid of Him. On the day of judgment, this fear will be intensified.

How can the love of God be developed? There is but one way. "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near." This scripture verse tells us that we must seek Him. He is found in His Word, the Bible. We learn of Him in church worship. So, if a person wants to learn to know God he will have to get acquainted with the Bible. That book not only tells about God, but it also gives the ability to receive God into your heart. The Holy Spirit is actively present in that book so that you come in contact with Him through the word.

He enables you to believe in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and establish such a union that you become a child of God. When you have thus become established in your faith, God continues to build up in you a true spiritual life which makes you grow in your love and confidence. This spiritual growth increases your love to God. It is that type of love that John tells us casts out all fear and makes us bold in the day of judgment.

Another reason why a child of God has no fear in the day of judgment is that God has already passed His judgment on such a one. The words of Jesus tell us that the words He has spoken shall judge us in the last day. They are "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned." If then we trust in God we have His gift of salvation. That means that there is nothing to fear beyond the grave. No pain, nor punishment, nor sorrow nor misery but only true joy in the presence of God our Saviour. It is a wonderful thought to meditate on when we remember that God tells us that perfect love casts out fear.

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Presbyterian Anniversary

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Prior to 1875, there were four separate Presbyterian Synods in Canada—the Canada Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Upper Canada and the Church of Scotland and the Free Church of the Lower Provinces in the Maritimes. The union of the four was consummated in Victoria Hall in Montreal June 15, 1875, bringing together 90,653 members and 634 members.

Tomorrow has been designated in special church orders as Rededication Sunday.

First Presbyterian Church



Fourth Ave. East
Minister: Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D.
Organists: Mrs. E. J. Smith and John Currie

Morning Worship—11 a.m.
Text: "That I May Know Him."
Church School—12:15.
Subject: "Our Heritage."
Anthems: "God is a Spirit,"
"Sun of My Soul."
Evening Worship—7:30 p.m.
"Our Heritage"

A cordial invitation is extended to any visitors in our city to worship with us.
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First United Church
536 Sixth Avenue West
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Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Sermon: Minding Our Own Business.

A Children's Story and an Anthem by the Junior Choir.
7:30—Evening Worship
Sermon: The Life We Miss.
Soloist: Mrs. Charles Roberts.

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Sunday Schools at First United: Junior and up at 10 a.m. Beginners and Primary at 12:15. Conrad United School at 12:30 p.m.

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And stab me through the spine.

Be patient, too, my brothers;
We no one know it all.
Unselfish love for others,
May save our very soul.
What measure we to others deal
Will on our shoulders fall.

Your better self would hardly
Stoop down to such abuse.
A coward's fear, and jealousy
Might be the real excuse.
Your throwing stones up heaven
high
Might crack a foolish pate,
And that of course, is suicide
And ends your noise complete

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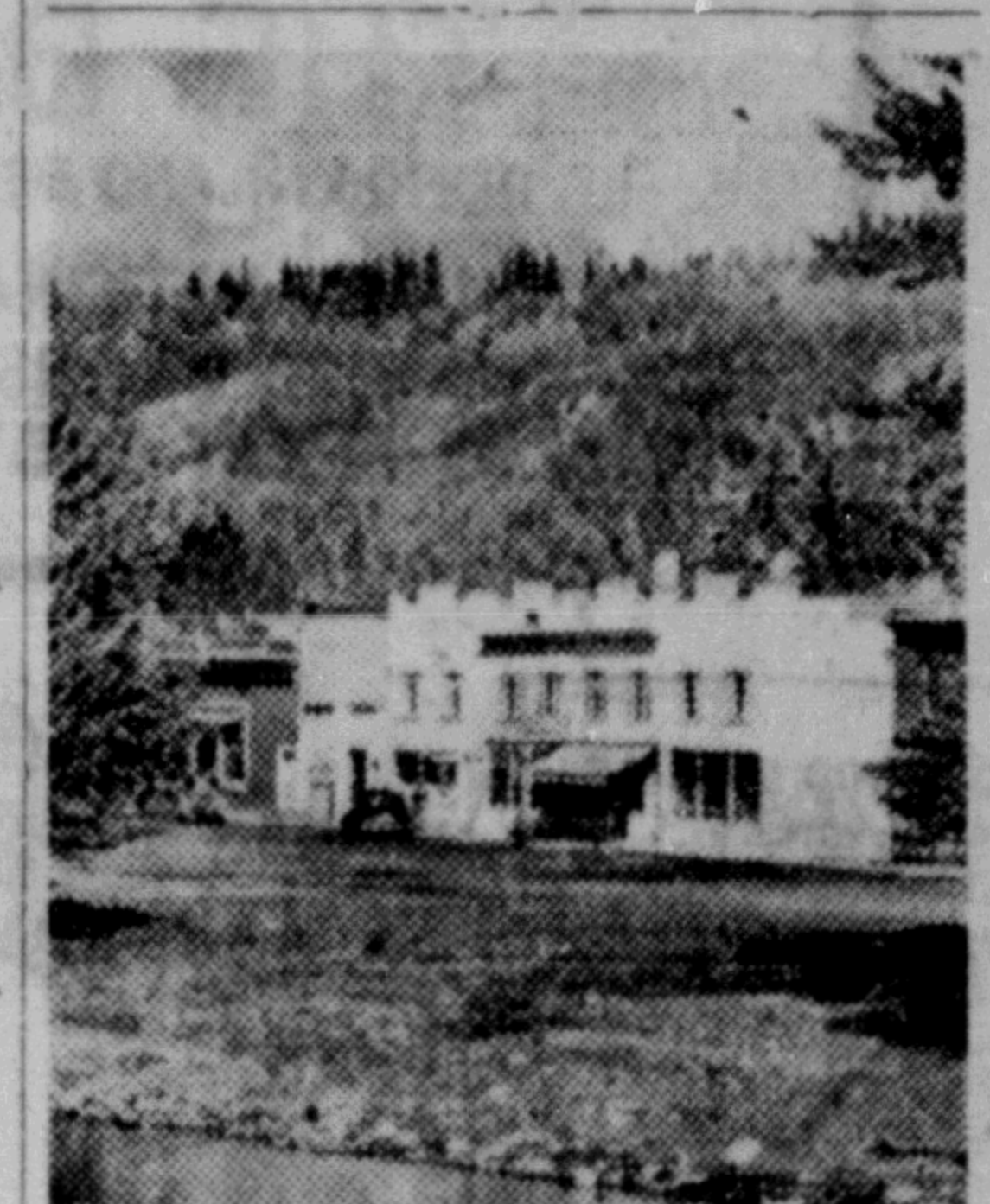
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