



## LOVING KINDNESS

Joan came running into the livingroom. Mother sat there mending Dick's socks. Joan's face was flushed, and her eyes were filled with tears. Mother looked up, quite surprised, and asked:

"Why, Joan, what is wrong?"

Joan wiped her eyes before replying: "I think the man who moved next door is just the most hateful person I ever saw!"

Mother laid down the sock she was mending, and said: "Joan, that is a very serious thing for a little girl to say—especially a Christian little girl."

Joan's face turned very red: "I'm sorry, Mother. I should not have said that; but I still think he is unkind. Yesterday I saw him go to that big pile of brush in his back yard and tramp through it. I wondered what he was doing. This morning I saw him chase away two dear little robins who were building a nest in the brush. This afternoon they were building again, and what do you think? He went out and chased them away again, and I heard him say, 'Now don't come back here again!' Isn't that cruel, Mother?"

Mother gave a little smile, then said very gently: "No, Joan—he would have been more cruel if he had let the birds build their nest in the brush pile."

Joan looked at her mother in surprise: "Mother! what do you mean?"

"I'll tell you, dear. That brush pile is just a heap of rubbish. I know that Mr. Brown intends to burn it soon, after he has trimmed his hedges, trees, and rose bushes. You know he would not want an ugly pile of brush in his yard all summer. Now, when he burns the brush, what would become of the little birds, their nest, and their babies?"

Joan's eyes were round with surprise: "Why, I suppose they would all be burned." She gave a little shiver, saying: "O Mother, that would be terrible, wouldn't it?"

"Yes, Joan, that would be very bad. So you see, what looked to you like cruelty to the birds is really a kindness. The birds will find another home for themselves, and will raise their babies in safety."

"I guess I was too quick to judge Mr. Brown," said Joan, looking a bit ashamed.

"Yes, that's right. Too many people jump to conclusions quickly, and often, angry words result as they say and do things which they afterward bitterly regret. People, especially Christians, should be very careful of their speech and actions. We read in the Bible—here, Joan, read it for yourself," and Mother turned to Psa. 141:3:

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips," read Joan, seriously. "I need to pray that prayer more often myself, Mother."

"We all do," replied Mother, softly. "I know that I do, myself; but God will surely help us when we ask Him. Look, Joan, from this

The King's Highway

## What are Churches For?

Have you ever paused long enough in your round of church-going (or nonchurch-going, as the case may be) to ask yourself, What are churches for?

When traveling through the country it is an inspiring sight to see here and there on country hillsides and in every village and town numberless churches. The fact that they stand there does not testify definitely as to their present condition or that of their supporters, but it does tell that somewhere in the not too distant past there were some men and women interested enough in their community and concerned enough about the spiritual welfare of their children to establish a church there.

Brick churches, white frame churches, churches with and without basements, towers, or colored windows—all kinds, shapes, sizes, descriptions and denominations! But churches, just the same. There are places where you could travel and not find this to be the case.

What are these churches for? If we had time to investigate we might find that many serve as a community club-house or gathering place or focal point for community interests. In some cases we would find an intense spiritual interest.

But what should a church be for? What is its purpose? The purpose of the church is two-fold. Perhaps neither one of these can be put before the other.

The church is a mother, bearing children; a home, caring for them; a school, training them; a laboratory, testing and developing saints. It may be a question open to argument as to which is the more important—the birth of the youngster, or his care, nutrition, and welfare, developing him into a stalwart adult. The same may be true of the church.

Our cry is, and needs to be, Evangelize! Unless Zion travails, the world will go unevangelized, the heathen will go untold, and the church will die out. But on the other hand, there is the necessity of saving the lambs. Of providing food, nourishment, and tender care for the newborn infants. This is the church's task.

The primary purpose of the true church, then, is not entertainment, nor to furnish a "place to go," nor to give the appearance of civilization to a community, nor to be a club or social center, but to bear and rear spiritual children. There are many institutions set up for the care of the mind and body—we have hospitals, colleges, universities galore. But to the church is entrusted the care of the soul.

The body and mind are temporal, but the soul is eternal. This makes the church's task all-important. What about YOUR soul? Are you doing your best for it? Are you making any plans for the next life?—

—Wesleyan Methodist

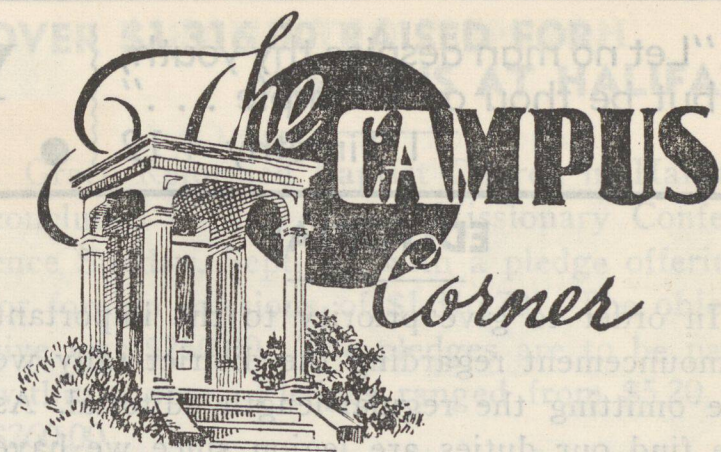
"Faith is a higher faculty than reason."—Bailey.

window—do you see the robins now?"

"Oh, yes, Mother," cried Joan, joyfully. "They are building a nest in the old apple tree in our yard! They will be safe and happy there!"

"Just as safe and happy as we are, in God's loving care," said Mother.

—Velma B. McConnell, in Exchange.



## BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE BEGINS ENCOURAGING YEAR

The ninth annual registration of Bethany Bible College held on Sept. 9th, revealed that the progress of the last few years is being steadily maintained. Fifty-eight full time students have been enrolled in the school's two departments, forty-two in the High School and sixteen in the Bible Department. There are twenty-two students representing each of the Maritime Provinces and the State of Maine. Six denominations are represented in the student body, Reformed Baptist, Primitive Baptist, United Baptist, Nazarene, United Church of Canada and The Pentecostal Church. Already we have observed a fine spirit of fellowship in the various phases of the school life.

Wednesday evening the opening service of the Fall Convention convened with Rev. F. A. Watson as the special speaker. Mr. Watson will serve as the college pastor for the ensuing year. Later in the evening a reception for new students was held in the dining hall.

A new member has been added to the faculty in the person of Mr. Douglas Mitchell, a native of Fredericton, New Brunswick. Mr. Mitchell served as Principal of the rural High school at Taymouth, New Brunswick, for three years, and will soon receive his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of New Brunswick. Mrs. Mitchell, a native of Newcastle, New Brunswick, is teaching in the school at Pembroke.

Each year new improvements have been made on the buildings and grounds. Last year a new central heating plant was installed, which has given great satisfaction. The Administration Building is now being repaired and painted, adding much to the appearance and value of the property.

Faculty members and students alike seem to possess the confidence that Bethany Bible College will enjoy a year of outstanding achievement.

## "EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER"

A Christian group wanted a certain piece of land on which to construct a church edifice in the village of Nagaram, India. The owner, a Mohammedan, was unwilling to sell. The district superintendent of the denomination related the affair to a member of the church's Board of Missions. The Board of Missions advised that the matter be made a subject of prayer. The people of Nagaram and villagers elsewhere went to praying. Three months later the district superintendent paid another visit to the Moslem, and, over a cup of tea, again asked to purchase the land. This time he received the reply: "I do not like to part with that land at any price, but, somehow or other, I am forced from within to give you what you ask for. I will give you, free of charge, enough land for your house of worship."—Christian Conservator.