



BETH'S FIRST CAKE

Beth hustled downstairs one Saturday morning and ran to the kitchen. She was all excited because she had a big idea. She called her mother, but there was no answer.

"Good!" sighed Beth, with relief. "Mother's gone, and now I can bake that beautiful cake to surprise her for her birthday tomorrow. She surely will be happy!"

Eagerly, Beth took Mother's recipe book off the shelf. She picked out the prettiest and fanciest cake she could find. It was a luscious-looking chocolate cake.

Beth had often watched her mother bake cakes, so she had a good idea of what to do. She got all the ingredients from the shelf; then she took out the cake pans.

"Here I go!" said Beth to herself, excitedly. "My first cake!"

She put three egg yolks into the large bowl; then she read: "One cup of sour cream."

"I don't like sour cream. I'll be smart, and use one cup of milk, instead—and I never heard of putting salt into a cake. That would taste awful. I'll just leave that out—I want my cake to rise high and be light, so I'll put in two more teaspoons of baking powder."

Beth was almost finished. She came to the egg-whites, and read, "Gently fold in egg-whites."

She thought, "Oh, I'll beat the egg-whites, to make the cake extra fluffy."

Into the oven went Beth's cake! She went into the living-room with the clock. Forty minutes later, she walked back into the kitchen. What a delicious odor she smelled! She pulled open the oven door, and exclaimed, "My cake! It's a failure! And I made it the best I could!" Her cake was hard and flat!

Later, she explained to her mother exactly what she did.

"No wonder," said Mother. "You didn't follow the recipe. If you do just what the recipe says, you'll have a perfect cake. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness, dear."

That evening, before Beth went to bed, Mother told her, "A lot of people do not obey God's Word, exactly. They think they can improve on it by adding a little here and taking away a little there; but no one can improve on God's way of salvation. There is only one way to go to heaven, and that is through Jesus Christ."

"Mother, that's a good lesson from my first experience in making a cake."—Sel.

REV. R. H. NICHOLSON'S ITINERARY

Sept. 16-23—Moncton, N. B.
 Sept. 27-30—Marysville, N. B.
 Oct. 3-14—Beals, Maine.
 Oct. 21-Nov. 4—Lineas, Maine.
 Nov. 7-Dec. 1—Norton, N. B.
 Home address: Sussex, N. B.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

Rev. W. L. Fernley has been in the Moncton, N. B. Hospital with phlebitis. He is now much improved and is staying at his wife's home. Let there be continued prayer for a complete recovery.

THE WORK OF FAITH

The world judges us by our outward life, God judges us by what He sees in the heart.

The world takes knowledge of our transparency in business. If we drive a close bargain and take advantage of men's ignorance and mere technicalities, if we resort to the tricks of the trade and excuse ourselves on the plea that business is business, we forfeit the confidence of worldly men, and religion suffers on our account.

If the world sees that we are more ready to make sacrifices for other objects than the Gospel; if we are not kept from our business by matters which keep us from the house of God; if our money goes freely for bonds and stocks, and reluctantly to aid the needy and spread the gospel, the world has a right to say—does say—we are not fruit-bearing Christians, if indeed we be Christians at all. These are the outward signs of the inward grace.

It is true that we may do these things when we have not the inward grace, but that does not change the principle. We may attend to these outward works without corresponding grace, but we cannot have the indwelling grace of God without doing these things. It does not prove that a man always has the grace because he does the outward works, but he who has not the outward works gives evidence that he has not the grace.—Heart and Life.

GIVE GOD A CHANCE

Want to do yourself a favor? Then, give God a chance in your life. You must admit you have yielded to a multitude of others influences through the years, so why not to God? Your parents or guardians had their chance, the public school, the neighborhood gang, the places of amusement. Perhaps some college, a branch of the armed services, or some organization had its chance. No doubt some religious representatives had their chance also. What has resulted? Have you found intense joy, inner satisfaction, hope for eternity? If not, give God a chance to give your life deep, full meaning. This does not usually come as an aftermath of one hour in counsel with a wise man of God, or one day a week in church, or one month of Bible study, although, it could. But, give God the chance you have given others; give Him your undivided attention, your unprejudiced co-operation, your simplest faith over a generous span of time. Go beneath the surface of religion, dig into its very heart, seek the persons and places who still preach "The Old-Time Way."

A life eternally worthwhile is the guarantee of the man who will sincerely give God a chance.

—Louise Hollett

OBITUARY

Edward Johnson

A funeral service was held for Edward Johnson, age 66, in the Reformed Baptist Church, North Head, Aug. 18th. Mr. Johnson passed away at his home after a lingering illness. He was a member of the North Head Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife; a son, Herbert, of Toronto, and a daughter, Mrs. Audrey Ingalls, of Ingalls Head. In the absence of the pastor the funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. D. Cann, assisted by Rev. George Billington. To the sorrowing family and friends we express our sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Merrill Griffin

A funeral service was held August 20th for Mrs. Merrill Griffin, age 30, at her home in North Head, where she passed away after a few months illness. Mrs. Griffin is survived by her husband, a son, Roberts Arnold, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green, Seal Cove; and three sisters—Mrs. Llewellyn Joyce, Swan's Island, Maine; Mrs. Albert Kelley, Halifax; and Alice, at home. Though young in years, Mrs. Griffin expressed desire to meet her Saviour. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. George Billington, assisted by Rev. A. D. Cann. To the sorrowing family and friends we express our heartfelt sympathy.

WEDDINGS

At the Reformed Baptist Church, Presque Isle, Maine, Saturday, Aug. 1, Ruth Margaret Harding, of Bridgewater, Maine, and Leslie Curtis Black, of Truro, Nova Scotia, were united in marriage by Rev. H. O. McGeorge assisted by Revs. Neill Rice, M. W. Bagley, and Lee C. Good.

On Saturday Aug. 4th at Fredericton, N. B. Marion Ella Saunders, of Fredericton and Charles Walter Lynds, of Truro, Nova Scotia, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. O. McGeorge.

Richardson - Justason

On August 5th, at the Reformed Baptist Church, Black's Harbour, N. B., Joan Gladys Justason and Clinton Calvin Richardson were united in marriage. Rev. F. A. Dunlop assisted by Rev. Errol Watson, performed the nuptial ceremony. This is a fine Christian couple and we wish them every good in life.

"The strong should bear, not bare, the infirmities of the weak."

DENOMINATIONAL DIRECTORY

For the information of our pastors and churches we list the names and addresses of some of our church officers:

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