NOW AND THEN

A PRAYER FOR A GARDEN

Lord of all gardens, by Thy grace
Illuminate this garden space,
Protect the plants that in it grow
And save them safe in frost and snow
That so, though dead they may have lain,
Each root and bulb shall flower again,
And we in their rebirth are shown
A resurrection of our own.

Bless all the work of those, we pray,
Who labor here, and every day
Be with the sick and helpless near
Who find this place a joy, and cheer
Their patient eyes with the delight
Of clustering blooms and blossoms bright.

Bless all the little pattering feet
That stray across the greensward sweet,
And every bird that wings its way
Into this garden day by day.
Bless every bush and every tree
That raises up its arms to Thee.

And grant new hope and pain's release
To those who come for rest and peace
Within its bounds. Bless all who share
Some part of willing labor there,
And over all let peace and love
Ever be showered from above.

—Reginald Pelham Bolton.

Our neighbors garden. What a lovely place it is! A circle of glowing tulips with the old sun dial in the center, the rock garden, the many plants, vines and the green grass adding beauty and grace to the scene while the flow of the inland river gives a fitting frame to the picture. Yes! one is near to God's heart in a garden, which is full of the works of His hands.

Thornton Wilder surely deals in imagination. Ever since he wrote, "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" he has been an interesting person to his readers, and when they heard that he was writing a play "Our Town" in the McDowell Memorial, in the mountains of Vermont they have been anxious to see it, knowing that it had run on Broadway for such a long time. Well a great many of his admirers had the chance last Thursday in William Smith Hall at the College. The actors were amateurs, mostly college students, but they did their parts wonderfully well, while the announcer was most enlightening. There was no scenery, no costuming and as the curtain came up the stage was bare with only two plain tables.

But the announcer began to describe the town, and, as he talked, the audience saw the town, the village streets, the churches and the homes. When the house wives came in to get the morning meal, though there was nothing to suggest food, one saw the family eating a hearty meal, and when they began to shell beans, though there were no beans in sight, yet the spectators saw the beans dropping in the buckets. It was imagination's utmost stretch. Truly Mr. Tolles should be congratulated, not only for his lucid explanations, but also for the way he had trained the cast.

FORSYTHIA

How beautiful it has been this spring! It was William Forsyth, an English horticulturist who went to China and brought from there the flower that now bears his name. Then it was brought to America. Flowers of sunshine that were to rise as a glowing memorial to a man of vision and faith.

Forsythia, glorifying gardens of rich and poor alike. Spilling over the greensward like fountains spraying gold. Vying with yellow daffodils to reflect the early sun. Along the roadsides and in the public parks. Clumps in old-fashioned gardens. Brightening homes with radiant cheer. Holding tryst with hope.

China's gift to the good earth. Golden Bells of the Orient announcing the time of buds and birds to the distant Occident. The East heralding the West with promised bright renewal. Putting on the ageless roster of those who have loved their fellow men, William Forsyth, man fo peace.

ROYAL BIRTHDAY

"Somewhere in England" last Monday the heiress-presumptive to the throne of the empire on which the sun never sets celebrated her fifteenth birthday. The Princess Elizabeth was guest of honor at a modest tea party given by her parents, King George and Queen Elizabeth. She saw motion pictures, including some of the royal family taken by herself. Following the tradition observed on the fifteenth birthday of the King's eldest daughter, she received the turquoise and diamond necklace, brooch and bracelet set that once belonged to her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

Since the war's outbreak "Lillibet" as the Princess is affectionately called, has been closely guarded and her whereabouts often kept secret. Yet she has played a part in bolstering the morale of her people. She has knitted socks for soldiers, aided the Red Cross, learned artificial respiration, baked for charities, visited the wounded, broadcast a message of cheer to evacuated British children, entertained New Zealand airmen at tea. Of all these activities the Princess keeps a careful diary.

NEWS ITEMS OF KENT CHURCHES

Christ Methodist Church
W. P. Roberts, D. D., Minister

10 A. M., Sunday School. T. D. Bowers, Supt.

11 A. M., Worship. Holy Communion.

6:45 P. M., C. E. leader, Miss Isabel Younger.

7:30 P. M., Worship. Subject, "Tried and Proved."

Monday—Men's Chorus rehearsal.

Tuesday—The Official Board will meet at the parsonage at 7:30 P. M.

The Triangle Club will meet as usual.

Wednesday—The Union Prayer Meeting will be held in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church with Dr. C. L. Atwater in charge.

The Sunday School Board will meet after prayer meeting.

Next Sunday—A. M. Subject, "The Influence Of a Godly Mother."

P. M. The Children's Chorus will sing.

"Your religion should judge you rather than others."

First Methodist Church
Paul E. Reynolds, Pastor

Where there is no hunger or thirst for righteousness man is spiritually sick.

9:45 A. M., Church School, Richard B. Groves, Supt.

11:00 A. M., Morning worship, Sacrement of the Lord's Supper.

6:30 P. M., Young people's meeting.

7:30 Evening worship, sermon by the pastor.

7:30 P. M., Monday, the Official Board will meet at the church.

7:30 Wednesday evening union prayer meeting in the Episcopal Church, Dr. Atwater in charge.

2:30 Thursday afternoon the Susanna Wesley Circle will meet at the home of Miss Belle Emory.

8:00 Thursday evening the Queen Esther Circle will meet.

8:00 Friday evening the Church School Board will meet.

St. James Methodist Church
Melvin Kay, Minister

10:30 A. M., Study of the lesson Mr. George A. Carroll, Supt.

11:00 A. M., Devotional Period.

11:30 A. M., Sermon by Rev. J. Earl Cummings, D. D., District Supt. All are invited to hear him.

Christian Endeavor at 7:30 P. M. The leaders are Mrs. H. S. Startt and Margaret Humphreys. The topic "An Evening of Religious Poetry."

Lynch Methodist Church
Melvin Key, Minister

7:30 P. M., Song Service led by the pastor.

8:00 P. M., Worship and sermon by the pastor.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Theodore H. Ernst, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:15 A. M.

Divine Worship at 11:00 A. M.

Sermon: "Life's Experiences." Numbers 21, 4.

Note the change in the time of our services. Worship with us.

Emmanuel P. E. Church
Rev. Chas. L. Atwater, D.D., Rector

Saturday, May 3—7 P. M., Confirmation Class (at the Rectory).

Sunday May 4, 8 A. M., Holy Communion.

10 A. M., Church School.

11 A. M., Holy Communion (Sermon by the Rector)

7:30 P. M., Short Evening Prayer (Music by the Junior Choir)

Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer. (Union Service)

Shrewsbury Church
Rev. Chas. L. Atwater, D.D., Rector

Sunday, May 4, 2:30 P. M., Evening Prayer (Sermon by the Rector)

The Sunday Schoo lwill be resumed in the Rectory.

Look Out Below

An object dropped from a cliff a mile high will take about 19 seconds to reach the earth.

HOT OFF THE GRIDDLE

Instantaneous coffees consisting of finely pulverized coffee which may be dissolved in boiling water are available for campers and those who want a quick cup of coffee.

Deep fat frying, next to baking, is another satisfactory way to retain most of the food values. The vegetables is sliced or cut into convenient form, dipped in egg and crumbs or batter, nad immersed in enough very hot fat to cover well. This permits quick cooking with little loss of food value.

Bread should be removed from the tins as soon sa it is taken from the oven, and placed on racks or crosswise of the tins so that air can circulate on all sides of it. Quick cooling prevents loss of moisture.

When carving at the dinner table, the carver should remain seated while carving and should carve enough for all who are at the table before he begins to serve anyone.

For a table of six covers, four candles or two candleabra are sufficient. The candlesticks are usually placed about halfway between the center of the table and its edge, but their position depends on the general form and design of the decorations. The candles are unshaped.

Canapes are made from stale white bread, cut in quarter-inch slices and then shaped with a cutter into circles two and one-half or three inches in diameter or cut into squares, strips, triangles or ohter fancy shapes. These portions of bread may then be fried in deep fat and drained on absorbent paper, or sauteed in just enough fat to keep them from burning, or toasted or set in the voen until they turn a delicate brown. When finished they should be nicely browned on both sides. They are then ready to be covered with the mixture preferred.

To saute kidneys—remove the skin from the kidneys, cut them into thin round slices, and soak them in salted water for about 30 minutes. Drain and wipe. Saute until tender in butter or other fat. Serve with brown or tomato sauce. If preferred cut the kidneys in half after skinning, remove the white tubes and fat and then slice the kidneys lengthwise.

A candy thermometer registering up to 350d F. is not expensive, and it will not only give you a higher average of success in candy making but will sav eyou the time and labor that must otherwise be given to testing the syrup.

Anyone who is dieting can quite easily prepare non-fattening mayonnaise by using mineral oil in place of salad oil in the recipe.

If you put a small piece of charcoal in the pot when cooking cabbage or cauliflower there will be very little odor.

When making frozen desserts, make all measurements accurately; especially when measuring sugar, as too much sugar will actually lower the temperature at which a mixture will freeze.

Keep soup stocks in a cold place as it spoils quickly if it is not kept chilled. Spoiled stock, like spoiled meat, is dangerous food.

If the stew you are serving is a little short of vegetables, the day can be saved by having plenty of good, brown gravy.

"WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?"
FRANCES R. HAVERGAL

Who is on the Lord's side?
Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers
Other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side?
Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for Him will go?

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