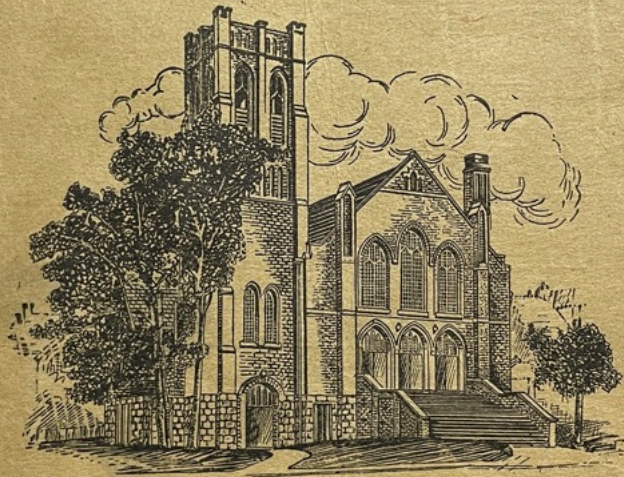


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The Landmarks of Life

The prophet Samuel never did a greater thing than when he raised a memorial stone as a landmark of God's dealings with His people. You may call it sentiment if you will, but who can deny its value. Without sentiment life remains cold, formal and friendless. There is no light in life apart from sentiment, no cadence, no charm, no glow, no landmarks, no red-letter day, in the story of our sojourn on earth.

The simple fact is every life has its landmarks of one sort or another. We may raise no monument to commemorate them, but they are there just the same. For example, there is the landmark of Bethel, the place where a young man or a young woman wakes up to the reality of a living and loving God. There is the landmark of Peniel, the place where one wrestles with God in prayer and prevails. There is the landmark of Mara, with its well of bitter waters, where the heart is strained with some great sorrow almost to the point of breaking. There is the landmark of Elim, with its fountain of sweet waters and its kindly shade of three-score palm trees. There is the landmark of Pisgah, with its vision of the Promised Land. There is also the landmark of Ebenezer, which has a place and a well-defined place on the map of every human life that has any experience of God. When starting out in the new year we should all erect this landmark as we exclaim: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Like the ancient people of God, we, too, are on the march, and one of our helpful resting places is Ebenezer, where we erect our monument to God and identify our lives with the things that count. Ebenezer as a landmark in the soul's life is a good place from which to look back. It is the place where we say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," for this "Hitherto" covers all the past. This means perspective, and helps one to understand the years that are gone. What a story this old stone

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of Help had to tell of the wonderful dealings of God. It looked back on the patient work of Samuel, who for twenty years had been leading the people homeward to the God of their fathers. Twenty years of quiet, unobtrusive toil, like that of the coral insects building from the ocean bed until at length the palm-clad island appears. It looked back on that memorable convocation of Israel at Mizpeh, when their idols were cast away, and when water was poured out before the Lord, which in the language of Oriental symbolism meant that their souls were poured out in tears and humble confession to God. Above all, it looked back to that memorable moment, when as the Philistines drew near to battle the Lord thundered on them with a great thunder and discomfited them so that they were smitten before Israel." If that old monument had a memory it would never forget that great victory witnessed between Mizpeh and Shen. It would recall to them the fact that on the same spot some twenty years earlier there had been fought the Flodden Field of Israel in the great battle of Apek, where the people of Israel had been stricken into the dust before their foes. What living encouragement there is in all this for us to-day! Some of us now may be traversing battlefields marked by defeat. Our hopes have been dashed to the ground. We have been overthrown by some besetting sin. Yet as we review the past we are called to take heart and be of good courage. At the very place where we have fallen we may conquer.

Ebenezer as a landmark in life is also a good place from which to look up. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Not long ago some one was commiserated on the smallness of his garden, when he replied: "You are quite mistaken; it may not be very long, and it may not be very wide, but it is infinitely high; it goes up to the very heavens of God." That was surely a fine answer, full of rich suggestion and spiritual significance. So although Samuel could only look back on some twenty years of leadership and fifty years of existence, he could look up to Heaven and realize that ever with him was the everlasting, ever-living and ever-loving God. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." To our Divine Helper let us here look up. It is this sense of the Divine Presence that takes away the sting from all life's disappointments and defects. The years may pass, but He abides. Life glides away "like a brook forever changing," but He remains.

Ebenezer is, further, a good place from which to look forward. If this stone has a retrospect, it has also a prospect. It looks not only backward, but forward. It says to us, "As God has helped us, so He will help." The "Hitherto" is changed into the "Henceforward." Indeed it is very little use our looking back or looking up, if we are not prepared to look forward.

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Ebenezer is therefore the starting point of a new and better experience. It is the soul's trysting place for a new stretch of the road. Let us use the present opportunity to make our tryst with God. He says: "My son, give me thine heart"—"Ye are not your own ye are bought with a price." Do not forget that a new year on the calendar may be the same old year in the heart. But He who from the throne says: "Behold I make all things new," can give you a new nature and new ideals so that 1925 may be a real landmark for God in your pilgrimage of life. God grant that it may be so.

The Bulletin

Sunday Services—
January 18th—Second Sunday after Epiphany—
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—The Rector.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer—The Rector.
January 25th—Third Sunday after Epiphany—
8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—The Rector.
7.00 a.m.—Evening Prayer—Holy Communion—Rev. W.
J. M. Swan, M.A.
February 1st—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany—
11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion—The Rector.
4.15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer—The Rector.
February 8th—Septuagesima—
8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Rev. W. J. M. Swan, M.A.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer—The Rector.
February 15th—Sexagesima—
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—The Rector.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer—The Rector.

Parish Notes

The annual Vestry meeting will be held on the fourth Monday in January, 26th inst. All members of the congregation should regard it as a matter of duty to attend the annual business meeting of their parish. Reports of the year will be presented and discussed, and officers elected for the ensuing year.
The Church is supported by voluntary contributions. Mem-

bers and regular attendants are asked to take a package of envelopes for the year. Application for these may be made to the Wardens or Sidesmen at any service. It will be of great help to the Wardens if those who have taken envelopes will sign the enclosed card therein, stating the amount they intend to contribute. Begin now.

Strangers are cordially welcome. The Rector will call if they so desire.

Everyone in the Church is urged to take some part in the work. You will find the list of organizations on another page.

We believe that a church ought to be a praying church, a witnessing church, a Bible reading and Bible studying church, a soul-winning church, a giving church.

Let us make 1925 a banner year in the Master's Service.

The annual Christmas entertainments are over. There were three of them, and they were all most enjoyable. The children were delighted and made no secret of it. The programmes were the best ever, and the attendance certainly was larger than in former years. Parents and friends of the "little tots" were simply carried away with the bows, songs and recitations. The evenings for the intermediate and the main school were a decided success. A large number of prizes were given for attendance and class work. The pity of it, from the S. S. scholars' point of view, is that Christmas comes but once a year.

Our deepest sympathy is extended at this time to the Rector in the loss of a brother, and to Mrs. Needler and family in the loss of a dear husband and father.

The Sunday School is increasing steadily and its work is being handled very efficiently by a capable staff. They have reached their objective of five hundred dollars for the Building Fund.

The Choir are to be congratulated on their work at Christmas. Their carols and Christmas anthem were excellently rendered.

It is not too late to wish all our readers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

The members of the congregation and their friends are asked to reserve Tuesday evening, Feb. 24th, for the Choir concert, to be given in the Church Hall on that date. Proceeds in aid of New Church Building Fund.

The Sanctuary

THE NEW YEAR.

"New mercies, new blessings, new light on the way;
New courage, new hope, and new strength for each day;
New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of delight;
New praise in the morning, new songs in the night;
New wines in the chalice, new altars to raise;
New fruits for thy Master, new garments of praise;
New gifts from His treasures, new smiles from His face,
New streams from the fountains of infinite grace;
New stars for thy crown, and new tokens of love;
New gleams of the glory that waits thee above;
New light of His countenance, full and unpriced;
All this be the joy of thy New Year in Christ."

BACKWARD—FORWARD.

"I stand upon the threshold of two years,
And backward look, and forward strain my eyes;
Upon the blotted record fall my tears,
While brushing them aside, a sweet surprise
Breaks like a day-dawn on my upturned face
As I remember all Thy daily grace.
Thou hast been good to me; the burdened past
Thou hast borne with me, and the future days
Are in Thy hands; I tremble not, but cast
My care upon Thee, and in prayer and praise
Prepare to make the coming year the best
Because of nobler work and sweeter rest."
—Selected.

BE A GOOD COG.

"I'm but a cog in life's vast wheel,
That daily makes the same old trip.
Yet, what joy it is to feel
That but for me the wheel might slip!
'Tis something, after all, to jog
Along, and be a first-class cog!"
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The Children's Corner

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

"I am the little New Year, Oho!
Here I come tripping it over the snow,
Shaking my bells with a merry din,
So open your doors and let me in!
Blessings bring to one and all,
Big folks and little folks, short and tall;
Each one from me some treasure may win,
So open your doors and let me in."

IT IS NOT EASY.

"To apologize for a wrong,
To begin all over again,
To forgive and forget,
To control a bad temper,
To keep a high standard,
To remember that the sun will shine,
But it always pays."

A LITTLE PRAYER.

"Lord, help me tell Thy story sweet,
To troubled ones around me;
Help me with smiling face to meet
The duties that surround me.
Grant unto me the strength to do
Each day the task before me;
And then at last, lead Thou me through
The mists that hover o'er me."

Women's Guild

It is with a great deal of thanksgiving and pleasure that we report the result of our annual sale of work for 1924.

The members of the Guild deserve a great deal of credit for their untiring work, but we must not overlook our splendid friends who come and patronize us, and the ladies of the congregation who so generously donated various articles for our sale, thus making that day the success it was. The proceeds of same will be in the neighborhood of \$1,200.00.

The ladies in the tea-room served a luncheon this year for the school teachers in this district. There was a splendid showing of teachers, who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the luncheon provided.

Again we would remind the ladies of the congregation and

their friends that our Guild is planning to visit the Toronto Wet Wash Laundry during the week of January 26th, 1925. For one hundred ladies registered during that week we receive twenty-five dollars. All these donations help wonderfully when added together at the end of the year.

In spite of the fact that we have a roll call of sixty-five members, with an average attendance of thirty, we would urge more of our ladies to come and help us in this work. Come and do your share. There will be room for everyone, and it will help and encourage the new officers, who will be working hard to make the ensuing year even a greater success than the past one has been.

The Annual Meeting was held Tuesday afternoon, January sixth, when reports for the year were read and approved and officers elected for the coming year. The ladies were very pleased with the year's work and heartily praised the convenors and helpers of the different departments. The retiring president, Mrs. Fell, in a very eloquent address, thanked the ladies one and all for the support they had given her, and was justly proud of the money raised and cheerful co-operation of the workers, who are indeed sorry to lose such a capable president. Rev. Mr. MacNamara then took the chair, and in a very impressive address summed up the year's work and all it meant in the life of the church, and urged all to renewed consecration of time and work to the service of God. Then followed the installation of officers, as follows:

Hon. President—Mrs. MacNamara.
President—Mrs. Miller.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Jones.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Farwell.
Secretary—Mrs. Deyman.
Treasurer—Mrs. Hannington.
Convenor of Work—Mrs. Wordley.
Hospitality—Mrs. Elliott.
Visiting—Mrs. Neville and Mrs. Howatt.
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The Women's Guild would like all the ladies of the congregation to feel they will be cordially welcomed at their meetings, and hope to have as many new members join as possible during the coming weeks. Our meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays, at 2.30 p.m.

The Women's Auxiliary

Forty years ago next April a small group of women in Ottawa offered the services of the women of the church as an Auxiliary to the M.S.C.C. The offer was accepted, and the Women's Auxiliary was organized. Their services were at the same time accepted by the Lord Jesus Christ, who while on earth always graciously accepted the services of faithful women. His guiding hand and constraining love are manifest in the splendid achievements of that organization. Year by year it has assumed heavier responsibilities which have been successfully met, until to-day the women are no longer mere helpers of the M.S.C.C. but co-workers with them. The W. A. is a vital part of the Church in Canada. Yet there are some church members who must regard part of their work at least as unnecessary, for there are some who regard the support of missionary work as optional. There are some who would assume responsibility for home missions, but who profess not to believe in foreign missions. They appear to limit Christ's Kingdom to white people, as the Jews limited it to their own race. Yet a very superficial study of the Bible makes clear the fact that Christianity is a missionary religion. In the Old Testament God's purpose is seen to be missionary. He made the Children of Israel His chosen people that through them He might be revealed to all men. In the Gospels we find that Christ willed all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of this truth. His will is shown not only in the great command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to all creatures," but in His whole life, His teaching, and His prayers. He was proclaimed by Simon not only as the "Glory of Israel," but also as a "Light to lighten the Gentiles." The wise men who came to worship Him were Gentiles. He revealed Himself as the Messiah to a Gentile woman. He praised the faith of the Roman centurion. He made it so clear in His first sermon in Nazareth that the Gentiles would be admitted to His Kingdom that He roused the hostility of His fellow-townsmen. Many of his parables have a missionary significance. He taught us to pray for missionary workers. "Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." The Lord's Prayer commits us to missionary work. In His prayer to His Father, Christ prayed that the world might believe in Him. He calls on us to follow Him in His work of evangelizing the whole world. Shall we follow Him the whole way in this primary work of the Christian life, or shall we limit our efforts to our own neighborhood, leaving to the few the great work of saving the millions who have never heard, and so delaying the time "When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

The Kiselo Girls' Bible Class

The annual meeting of the Class was held at the house of Miss Muriel Linfoot, 150 High Park Ave., on Monday, Jan. 5th, 1925. The reports were read by the officers of the class and showed a very successful year's work. The meeting was a large and enthusiastic one, which foretells an excellent future. One of the main items of the evening was an election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Miss Mina Atton.
Vice-president—Miss Marg. Needham.
Secretary—Miss Lenore Cussan.
Treasurer—Miss Muriel Linfoot.
Social Conveners—Mrs. Harvey Bennett.
Miss Ruth Rawling.

The annual Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held on Monday, February 2nd, at 6.45 p.m. There will be a splendid programme, and an excellent evening is assured. A new feature of the work of the Class will be a missionary pageant, to be presented about Easter. An increase of over \$100 was shown in the Treasurer's report, making a total this year of \$350, of which \$200 was given to the Building Fund. The Class is making steady progress, and the year promises to be a banner one.

St. John's Cubs and Scouts

The past year was certainly one of advancement in the history of the 7th Toronto Troop, and its leaders have much cause to feel justified in the commendation of the Headquarter's Report, that it is the leading troop of the district. Many camps were held over the week-end during the year, at Limehouse and Thistleton and the big camp for sixteen days at Poplar Point on Beaver Lake.

Many outstanding "good turns" and public service duties were carried out by the boys. Not a worth-while event took place in the city during the past year which was of public nature without some members of the Boy Scouts being on duty.

Two headquarter's promotions came to members of St. John's Troop during 1924. Don Bogie having been promoted Acting Cubmaster of the 83rd Cub Pack at Runnymede Community Church, and the Scoutmaster to the rank of District Scoutmaster for the City of Toronto.

Another feature of the Troop's activities was the organization of the Cub Scout Mothers' Association, whose help has already made great strides in the advancement of the boys' work.

The Troop and Pack are planning a big year's work, among the chief events being the 15th Annual Banquet on Friday, Jan. 23rd, when the Dads will be the guests of the boys. It is hoped

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that every member's "dad" will endeavor to be present. Then follows "Parents' Night," in February, and the concert in April, when we hope to raise money for our camp fund. Already plans are on foot for the "big summer camp," which is to be held again at Poplar Point during August.

The New Year's message of the leaders to the parents and friends of the Troop and Pack is, that they will do their best to help the boy maintain his interest in this worth-while work.

Our Sunday School

Since the publication of the last Magazine, God's plan has been working out in our Sunday School, and many things have been accomplished, for which our hearts rejoice.

The great objective in the Sunday School Building Campaign reached to the handsome sum of five hundred and eight dollars and ninety-five cents (\$508.95), which, after paying the expenses of the Campaign, left a net amount of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00), which was presented as an offering from the Sunday School at the evening service on the 4th of January, 1925. In achieving this objective, the following contributions are gratefully acknowledged: "The Kisele" Bible Class, \$100.00; "The Fabelo" Bible Class, \$50.50; "The Alert" Men's Bible Class, \$25.00, and the "Fidelis" Class, \$35.00.

The 100% Banner Class, for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1924, was that of Mr. C. G. Cameron. This Class will hold the beautiful, new Banner during the coming Quarter.

Christmas entertainments have occupied our attention of late. The Primary and Intermediate Departments' tea and entertainments took place on the 18th and 22nd days of December, respectively, and proved a great success, due to the excellent work of Misses' Williams and Boyle and their co-workers. The success of the main school and prize-giving, held on Friday evening, the 9th of January, 1925, was more than gratifying, and our thanks are due to those who kindly assisted in training those who took part in the programme, and generally making this occasion one of the greatest successes of our Sunday School.

It is with genuine pleasure that we see our Sunday School staff growing. We welcome most cordially the new teachers and workers to our School. We believe it is a worth-while service.

Our Sunday School has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Mr. Charles Needler, our esteemed Secretary-Treasurer. His many years' experience as a worker in the Church and Sunday School made him invaluable, and his kindly manner endeared him to every child in the Sunday School and adults alike. He was, indeed, "A devout man, and one that feared God."

The Choir

Many tributes have been paid to the choir's work during the past month, particularly in connection with the Christmas services. We thank our friends sincerely for their appreciation of our efforts.

The annual Choir Concert will be given this year on Tuesday, the 24th of February. Kindly keep this date free. The programme will consist of Madrigals, and both vocal and instrumental selections. The solo artists will be announced in the next issue of this magazine.

During the coming lenten season we hope to utilize the choruses from Sir John Stainer's celebrated work, "The Crucifixion" as anthems, and to give the complete cantata on Good Friday evening.

On the thirtieth ultimo the choir lost one of its most valuable and faithful members by the sudden passing of Mr. Charles Needler. Mr. Needler was a Christian gentleman of the highest type, who had a fine appreciation of music, and loved his work in this particular sphere of service. He was a general favorite with all and will be greatly missed.

The boys' section of the choir has developed splendidly during the past year. Dr. Hopkins has kindly donated and presented prizes as a reward for their good behaviour and attendance, which is greatly appreciated.

Anyone contemplating offering themselves for membership in the choir will please make an appointment with the writer at an early date, as the work for the concert and future events will commence at once.—Victor Arlidge, Musical Director.

Men's Association

Men of St. John's please mark your diaries now: "Second Thursday evening of each month, 'Men's Club.'"

The meetings to date have been very interesting and instructive. We have had such speakers as Canon Gould, W. H. Alderson, and Peter Grant, men who say something when they talk.

The idea of the Association is greater service to our God, to our community, to our Church, and consequently to ourselves.

Every member will be given an opportunity to do some practical work, and will be asked to perform it.

Our motto is: Do unto others as though you were those others."

Remember our next regular meeting, Thursday evening, Feb. 12th, 1925. EVERY man welcomed.

Church Organizations

Anglican Young People's Association.....	Fortnightly, 8.00 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Friday, 7.30 p.m.
Cubs	Tuesday, 7.00 p.m.
Women's Guild	1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m.
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