

presence. There was in Him always an unselfish consideration of others, and that is the very foundation of a happy family life. His last act upon the Cross was to provide a son for His Mother and a mother for His best friend. Above all else, His thought of God was as a Father, of heaven as a home, of us all as sons. Joseph died when Jesus was a lad, but the Master's whole life and speech have left us a beautiful record of the relation He bore to His earthly father; and the unfailing gentleness He manifested towards His Mother has lifted her to a unique place among women. He was constantly revealing to His relatives higher planes of thought and action, so much so that at times He puzzled them; but ever He came back to lead them on in order that His wish might be fulfilled, "that where I am there ye may also be." All the pain and battle of His life intensified His desire to make the filial relation a holy and beautiful thing.

With these revelations in our mind, we can readily understand what His Birthday meant for the home and the community. We are sure