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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

**MARCH 23**  
WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD.—And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.—Matthew 4:23.

**MARCH 24**  
GREAT POWER FROM GOD.—Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.—Luke 10:19.

**MARCH 25**  
REPENT, REPENT.—John the Baptist came, preaching, saying, Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.—Matthew 3:1, 2; 4:17.

**MARCH 26**  
GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES.—Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.—2 Peter 1:4.

**MARCH 27**  
A COMPLETE SALVATION.—The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Thessalonians 5:23.

**MARCH 28**  
THE CHRISTIAN'S MISSION.—Preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received freely give.—Matthew 10:7, 8.

**MARCH 29**  
THE HIGH CALLING.—Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.—Matthew 5:48.

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### OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM

E. W. Robinson, M. P., Says Present Public School System Does not Develop Individuality.

(From the Ottawa Citizen)  
School children of today were turned out almost "machine made" from a common mould, which did not in any particular develop the individuality of the child, said Mr. Ernest W. Robinson, B. A., M. P. of King's county, Nova Scotia, in an address before a meeting of the Unity Club at the Church of Our Father (Unitarian) last evening. Mr. Robinson delivered an able and well argued address in which he attacked the present school system, which he said, through the grading system and its supreme leaning towards memory tests, turned out a graduate who "would not go around the corner to see the world explode." The graduate had lost all his curiosity and eagerness to learn. Mr. Albert Horton presided over a good attendance. Following Mr. Robinson's speech, a general discussion took place.

In the opening, Mr. Robinson stated that he wished to correct an error which had crept into the advertisements of the meeting. He was not a former professor of Acadia University, but simply a graduate of it.

Mr. Robinson went on to point out that the problem of the public school had arisen through the system which developed big cities, gathering large groups of children together, so that a teacher had as many as 40 or 50 pupils in a class. It was the teacher's duty to pass these 40 or 50 through her hands each year to the next higher class. The curriculum, as a result, was an arduous one and left no time for the development of the individual in the teaching. They were turned out in a common mould by a machine method. The teacher's time was taken up "hearing lessons" and therefore, did not have any time to teach.

The fault of the grading system, said Mr. Robinson, was that it was based on memory tests. Too much emphasis was laid on written examinations which did not produce good results. No proper idea could be formed from a written examination of the pupil's aptitude for learning in any particular. The perfect system would have a method of bringing out the best part of pupil's ability and developing it in such a way that he could turn energies to that at which he could do his best.

Subjects that should be taught in the public schools were, Mr. Robinson said, as follows:

First, a thorough training in reading was essential. This should be given in such a way that the pupil would be able to reproduce in his words the articles he read.

Writing would not be taught as purely mechanical forming of letters but so that the pupils would write their own thoughts, clearly, grammatically and properly punctuated. Arithmetic could be reduced to a thorough understanding of the four fundamentals of that subject. There were at present, in the modern presentation of this subject, too many puzzles and riddles.

Geography, instead of the memorizing of rivers and boundaries would

consist of instruction in trade routes, climates, products, exports, imports, etc., with more reasoning and less memory work.

In history the teacher would give instruction in early customs, habits of eating and living, lessons learned through history, and such material instead of the memorizing of battles and dates.

While Mr. Robinson did not believe that every pupil could be made into an artist, nevertheless drawing was an important part of any school program. Each pupil should be taught to reproduce what he saw with his eyes and also should be taught to draw to scale and read plans.

One of the crimes of the grading system, contended Mr. Robinson, was that it "killed curiosity." When the pupil had been through the public school grind, he had got to a condition such that he would not go around the corner to see the "world blow up."

Education, said the speaker, should consist of the instilling of right habits of thinking and acting; and should develop the life of the child to the highest.

Proper teaching as he had outlined, said Mr. Robinson would result in: punctuality, method or system, industry, cleanliness, morality. Mr. Robinson thought that religion should be eliminated from the school curriculum and the teaching of elementary morals substituted and habits such as these which would give the pupil a chance to be the greatest good to himself and to his fellows.

### NEGLIGES FOR SPRING STYLES

It is a simple silhouette that is to prevail for spring negligees this year. The familiar lines of the wrap robe for the boudoir or of the Japanese kimono, slightly modified to bring it up to date, are to the front. There are a few slip overs, which have details that make them quite different from those of previous seasons.

As usual, the number of fabrics employed is large, and one of the chief claims to originality lies in the combination of different materials. One of the room robes, for instance, is of old blue brocade crepe, lined with rose chiffon, the collar of rose taffeta. The same thing in old gold and jade is interesting. This order is reversed in another instance, where a taffeta coat is completed with Japanese sleeves of Chiffon. The taffeta collar is veiled in chiffon which gives it an interesting cast. There is a narrow gold lace edge on the collar, and wide bands of applique cut lace in gold on the sleeves.

A formal version of the wrap robe is developed in a crinkly crepe in Lanvin green, on the usual lines except for two falls of black lace that start at the raglan shoulder seams, and incidentally form a complete arm covering.

Lace is generously employed and this season promises to see all sorts, including metal laces, black, and tinted laces. Besides the treatment mentioned above there is a model with the top of black lace over flesh, and the bottom of black satin, the silhouette being drawn tight over the hips. Tinted lace is to be used in much the same way, that is, as the top of the garment, and here there is a chance for interesting combinations of color.

Wide bands of lace are used in such a way as to give a particularly graceful line. Black and silver are used in two

distinct instances, making a sort of yoke across the back of the garment, and at the front either falling straight to the floor or crossing surplice fashion. The chiffon, of course falls from these lace bands, with various distinctive drapes. Besides individual draping, there are girdles and ornaments to lend character. Some of these models are like capes, to be worn over slips that match or contrast, others are made with a foundation of their own.

There are, as has been said, several slip-overs, and these have a youthful character. There is one of a brocaded chiffon material, straight and short. One unique feature is the banana like collar, and the other is the lack of balance

between the sleeves, one being a long chiffon drape, trailing on the ground, through which the arm is thrust, and the other being a chiffon drape that covers the arm. A sleeveless slip over is made with margot lace yoke. At each side there is a jabot, of pleated silk bordered in lace, that is almost invisible except when the wearer moves.

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From all reports at hand, owing to low prices experienced the past years, a large quantity of growers in all districts both in Canada and United States are discouraged, and the tendency is they will plant a smaller acreage than usual. This probably means that potato prices next Fall will be on a much more remunerative basis.

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