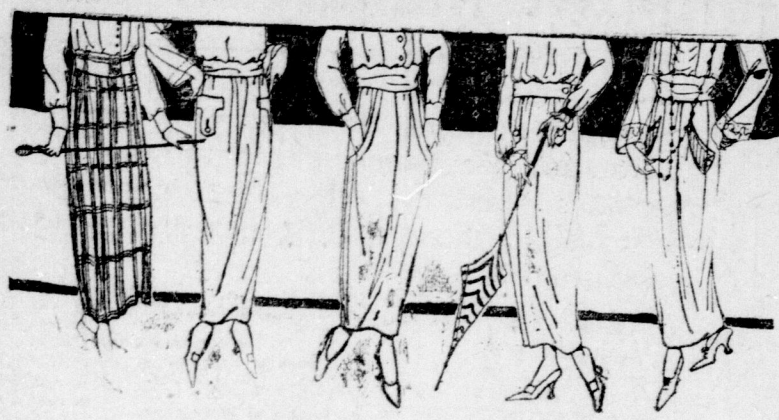


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## WINIFRED BLACK

Writes About "Matchmaking Mothers."

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Winifred Black

What in the world is the matter with all the mothers and all the daughters? This last week I have had at least a dozen letters—no, there were 16, to be exact—every one of them telling me that they simply cannot live at home one day longer because their mothers insist on trying to marry them off to somebody or anybody, no matter who, just so long as they are married.

They are all girls between 18 and 24. All of them intelligent and apparently good, honest, sensible, modest girls who are ashamed to be hawked about to the highest bidder like so many horses or cattle.

Almost every one of them belonged to a well-to-do family, that's the queer thing about it, so it wasn't money that was the matter.

Three out of the 16 of these girls say that they intend to commit suicide if there is no other way out of their misery.

One writes: "I have a lovely home, a good mother and a kind father, but my mother blames me so I wish I were dead. She dresses me up and parades me around and introduces me to every man she can find, and then she begins to tell him what a good girl I am, and what a fine wife I would make some man. If that doesn't work, she hints to him that my father is well-to-do and that some day I'll have a nice bit of money of my own."

"No matter what I say to her, she keeps right on, and she will discuss me and my chances as she does them right before my face, with her friends and my relatives. I have begged and implored her not to do this, but she

doesn't seem even to hear me. I have made up my mind if she does not stop to read such letters, they look to me like she is making a fool of me. I would rather scrub floors and live on almost nothing a day than be tormented like this."

Another writes that she's growing to hate her mother because of just such cruel and senseless persecution.

Hard To Believe. I can hardly believe my eyes when I read such letters. They look to me like pages out of some queer old, almost obsolete book. Who are these mothers, and where do they come from to treat their daughters like this?

They might as well dress them in Turkish trousers or hoop skirts and send them out to parade the streets and be laughed at from one end of town to the other as to talk about them and to them in any such way.

These girls don't marry their daughters off these days.

Men don't like girls whose mothers try to marry them off.

Any man worth while wants to do his own choosing. And the very way to keep a girl from being married is to let her second let her friends see that she is a wedding in the house and that she is a wedding in the house.

I thought all of these old-fashioned women were dead and buried 40 years ago.

I believed that the woman who thought marriage was the "be all and the end all" of existence was out of date and a dodo, and as impossible to meet in a day's walk as a llama from Tibet on Broadway, New York.

Can't these women see that marriage isn't the only thing in life for girls nowadays?

Can't they understand that the modern girl has a mind of her own and a will of her own and a heart of her own, and that she intends to dispose of these properties as she thinks best, not as somebody else thinks best for her?

Mistake? Well, what if she does make a mistake? It's her mistake, not yours; it's her life, not yours; her happiness, not yours, that is at stake. When will people learn to mind their own business and keep their hands off other people's affairs?

Matchmakers? Why, they're criminals, every one of them!

As if there wasn't enough misery in the world without putting your meddling fingers in the pie and running the risk of making more of it.

If daughter marries unhappily out of her own folly or her own weakness, then she has herself to blame, and no one else.

It Can't Be Done. What do you think daughter is, any boy?

A free-born, honest, intelligent, modest, self-respecting, right-thinking girl? Or a slave, giggling and ogling in a harem?

Send her over to Turkey and shut her up behind barred walls, and buy a husband for her, if you can't get over these medieval ideas. Don't try to make a market place for women here. It can't be done.

Western Ontario Women's Activities

Address News For This Column to the Editor of Woman's Page.

CAINSVILLE W. I. The Women's Institute met at the home of the Misses Brooks and was exceptionally well attended. Mrs. Lowe of Toronto, the provincial delegate, was present and delivered a very helpful address on the "Treatment of Tuberculosis Sufferers" and during her address threw out many helpful suggestions. Miss Brockhill of Chippewa, who is home on furlough, gave a delightful description of the City of St. Augustine, Fla., where she spent the winter.

Another interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation to Mrs. A. B. Rose, the retiring president, of a beautiful cut glass vase. Mrs. Russell Fugger read the address, which was full of gratitude to her for her faithful and untiring effort in behalf of the Institute in the past years. Mrs. George Fox made the presentation and Mrs. Rose made a brief but feeling reply. Before the meeting was dispersed ice cream and cake was served.

EMBRO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. The Women's Institute meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. H. H. Clark, was attended by twenty members. President Miss Marion McLeod was in the chair. A paper was read by Miss A. A. McKinnon, her subject being "Unexpected Company."

"Where Are We?" both papers were read to great interest. Miss McKinnon rendered two piano selections. The next meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. H. B. Atkinson, when Miss Grant will be present to address the meeting.

EMBRO W. M. S. The women's missionary meeting, which was held at Knox Church, was attended by 48 members. At the meeting there were visitors from the missionary societies of Brookside and Braemar. President Mrs. Kent was in the chair.

After the devotional exercises the visitors provided the program, which was as follows: Piano solo by Miss Healey; papers by Mrs. Fraser of the 10th line, Miss G. McDonald and Mrs. Thomas Rutherford of Brookside. A very dainty lunch was served and a social time spent.

LANGFORD W. I. The Langford Women's Institute meeting for June was held in the Langford Church, the president, Mrs. E. H. Langs, in the chair. After the roll call and the regular business and the report for last year, Mrs. Lowe gave a splendid talk, which was very instructive. Afterwards the president gave a fine paper on "Community Welfare." At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

SCOTLAND W. I. The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. E. R. Murray, Mrs. Stevens of Huntington, Que., gave an excellent address, after which lunch was served.

WOODHOUSE W. I. The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Darling last week.

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The church was beautiful with palms and flowers, and the section for guests was roped off with white ribbons. As the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. J. Bottomley was beautiful in her nuptial robe of ivory tulle, embroidered in all-over pink georgette. Her veil, embroidered with pink and white, was caught with orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

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At the close of the meeting the committee met with the captains for a short time.

## Page of Interest to Women

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Harley Bellows of London, was a week-end visitor at Brantford.

Mrs. Gordon Wright is in Regina, attending the National Council of Women meeting there.

Miss Isobel Cowan, Miss Jean Balfour and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCrimmon have been in Stratford attending the Carlyle-Davidson wedding.

Miss Blanche Pamplin and Miss McKie of London, spent the week-end at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. D. Shellington of Harley.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales installed as grand master of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, early in June.

The King and Queen intend spending some weeks in the city of Balmoral, and will have the Duke of Connaught as a guest. This will be the first visit paid to Balmoral by their majesties since before the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fawcett of Princeton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude Henderson, to Mr. Wm. A. Tobey, of Owen Sound, the wedding to take place the last week in June.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Ruse of 88 Ridout street, city, are bringing the engagement of their second daughter, to Mr. J. Edward Weir, also of this city, the marriage to take place the latter part of June.

The marriage of Miss Alice Meyer and Mr. Emmerson Otto, both of South Eastport, was solemnized on Thursday last in the Evangelical parsonage, performed by the Rev. C. R. Kauth, pastor of the church. The young couple left for Toronto and other points east for their honeymoon.

Walter Jordan, editor of the Revel, who is in the city, was accompanied by Mrs. Jordan, were guests last Wednesday at the home of the latter's father, William Jordan, of London. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, who have also been in the city, were guests of the latter's brother, A. E. Sadler, of London, who is on the 22nd for their home in British Columbia.

A unique social event took place at the home of Mrs. E. R. Murray, of London, on Monday afternoon. Representatives from the different branches of the family, numbering about 100, were present, coming from Port Huron, London, Dorchester, Forestburg, Sarnia, Sarnia and other points.

Back Pte. Laurence Wilson of Forestburg, a member of the family, who returned from overseas with the 14th Battalion, Next year the reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Leach, of London.

One of the prettiest and most enjoyable of June functions was the party given on Monday afternoon by Mrs. E. C. Bowker at her charming home, Richmond street. About 100 guests exclaimed in delight over the bloom of the garden, a riot of peony blossoms, with exquisite roses beginning to blossom and other flowers claiming a very close second place to the lawn.

Seats were scattered invitingly about the lawn, and the numbers who gathered long, enjoying the comfort and beauty of the setting with friends.

Mrs. Bowker, who was receiving for the first time since her return from California, was wearing a smart costume of deep blue and white striped georgette with touches of silver.

Quantities of peonies, shading from pink to deep rose, lent a charming color touch to the drawing-room and sun-room, while in the dining-room snowy-white peonies were chosen for the adornment of the attractive table.

The Centennial Methodist Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday afternoon, when Irene, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gower, was united in marriage to Capt. G. S. Reid, youngest son of the late Lieut.-Col. Richard Reid, agent-general for Ontario at London, England. The Rev. H. T. Ferguson performed the ceremony.

The bride, who entered the church upon the arm of her father, was charming in a suit of midnight blue, wearing a beautiful bouquet of white roses, and carrying a shower bouquet of white roses.

The church was beautifully decorated with pink and white peonies, and at the signing of the register, Miss I. Somerville sang "Promise Me," Mrs. Y. Somerville sang "The Church Bells." After a dainty wedding breakfast had been served at the Tecumseh House, the happy couple left for the Thousand Islands and a tour of the battlefields of Europe. On their return they will reside at 177 Jubilee road, Halifax, N. S.

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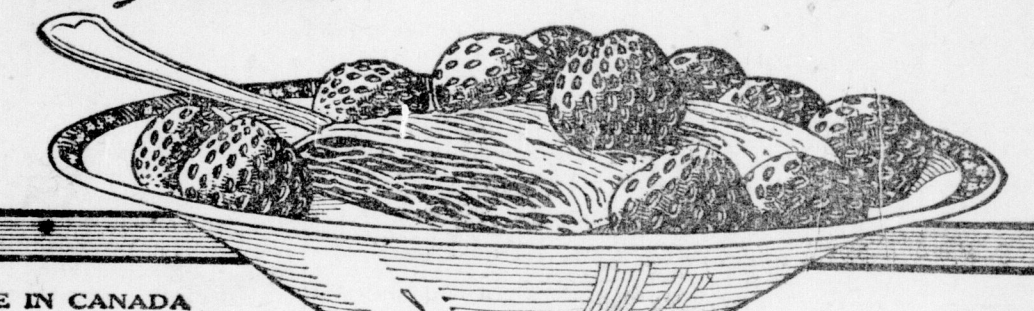
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## Daily Bible Question Club

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE UNIFORM LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1919.

ONE GOLDEN TEXT QUESTION.

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.

QUESTIONS FOR TODAY.

8. Verse 3—Would you say that some people give liberally, and suffer personal inconvenience, who have no real love in their hearts and if so, what is it that prompts them to these acts?

9. If a man gives when it can be seen, and does not give when it cannot be seen, is there any love in his heart, or any real merit in his charity? Why?

10. Should the church refuse to accept money for the needy, or for charity, from those who clearly give to be seen of men?

11. What benefit, or what injury, do those who give without love, but to be seen of men, reap?

Golden text—Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love. I Cor. xiii. 13.

HOPE IS GLAD EXPECTATION.

What we know of God's dealings with us is very satisfactory, and fills our hearts with thankfulness, but we know that tomorrow is always better than today, that the wonderful things which God has done for us in the past are but fore-runners of the wonderful things which are to come to us in the future. Hope is a wonderful grace; it paints to the eye the beautiful colors of the rainbow, sparkle in our hearts as they live. Standing upon the mountain of hope, we look over the deep sea of our expectation, and in the horizon ships coming to us with their loads of treasures untold.

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