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WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

Democracy is an experiment in the art of government. It is far from being new however, in the earliest days of the Hebrew Nation they had a Theocracy, which is almost identical with our conception of a Democracy. Again, Christianity applied to business, and labor would bring in the golden age of a glorious Democracy.

So what is Democracy? Democracy is a cooperative government, it is a government by representation. Theodore Parker said that Democracy meant not that I am as good as you are, but you're as good as I am. Abraham Lincoln defined Democracy as a Government of the people and by the people and for the people.

Personally, I feel, by times, that Democracy is idealism in a hard and selfish world. I would to God that it was practical, and I hope that sometime we may have climbed the steeps and attained the high lands of Christian Democracy.

Democracy, my friends, is an impossibility where sin abounds, where selfishness has the upper hand, where classes are underprivileged, where hate is in evidence, and dis-satisfaction runs rampant and unchecked. Such is the deplorable condition in America. Let one and all be warned. This is a sign that Democracy is on the wane. The hand already poses for the first stroke marking our doom as a Democracy. Our liberties are slipping from us as sand runs through the hour glass.

Now, why should this be? Because we do not love each other, because we are not united, because

tares have been sown among the good grain by an enemy, because men destroy men to gain the dollar, because the Nation has forgotten God. That means they have lost the narrow road.

This Nation is pleasure mad, snarled with infidelity, has neglected her old age, disregarded the claim of youth for work and home, and now would plunge head long into the abyss of war.

Democracy is not a state of lawlessness, it is not to be unruly, it is not a freedom to do as one pleases, it is rather a state of civilization so fine, so worthy that it would ride above the law. Love, yeace, kindness, truth, honesty, faithfulness, etc. need no law.

A Democracy never was, nor never will be, an Utopia where all exist on the same level, a socialism or a communistic state with no incentive to achieve. Men's minds are not equal, neither their strength or talents. But sometime, if the race advances, each and all must be a brother, each must be considerate of the other rather than prey upon the other.

A Democracy is a government which is opposed to aristocracy. Therefore, of necessity, the sympathy, the care, the consideration for the people comes not from the King but out of the ranks of the people. Therefore, in the final analysis, a Democracy is a band of people, small or large, bounded on every side by solicitude and helpfulness the one for the other.

Jesus, the man mighty in word and deed, advanced this plan as no one in history has ever advanced it. Hear Him, Matthew 5, "Blessed are the meek. Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are the

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peacemakers. Ye are the salt of the earth. Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

A Democracy is a Christian state glorifying God and doing good to man.

GEO. M. HULME

BIBLE STUDY LESSON JUNE 22

Printed Text—Acts 15: 6-21.

Golden Text—But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in like manner as they. Acts 15:11.

After a time, there arose dif-

ferences in the church which resulted in a conference in Jerusalem. These differences were caused by strong convictions concerning the Word of God, with which the Jewish Christians were thoroughly familiar.

I wonder if we Christians today know enough about the word of God to honestly acquire any strong convictions by which to bolster up each other's faith?

The question raised concerned the Jewish circumcision and whether it should be required of Gentiles, also eating of meat that had been offered to idols, and the immorality of the pagan religion, which was not regarded as sin by these people.

Peter answered by pointing out that Cornelius and all his house was saved and had the joy of the Holy Spirit—and that without circumcision. Therefore it seemed God did not demand such a practice of them. The law when searched from cover to cover presents too big a burden to be followed in all its detail.



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Sunday, June 29th

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The Chapel at Brown and Vine Streets; Carl Burnham, Pastor.

Services nightly at 7:30 o'clock. You are invited.

TEXT-SERMON

In his morning sermon last Sunday Rev. Hulme choose the text from Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." These words of Jesus are in answer to a murmured comment of the Jews who saw Jesus going as a guest to the house of Zacchaeus, a sinner.

Three outstanding pictures of the lost are given by Jesus in the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son, Luke 15. In the case of the lost sheep and the lost coin it should be noted that the search continued until the lost was found. So it should be with the human soul that is lost in sin.

To be saved as Jesus would have us saved, we must find the spiritual life. Though he kept

all the commandments the rich young ruler was lost when he refused to go the whole way and sell all he possessed and follow Jesus. Matthew on the other hand was saved. When requested by the Master he dropped his business and followed Jesus immediately.

Some of the scriptures bearing on the state of being lost quoted by Rev. Hulme are:

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul." Matt. 16:26.

"He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 10:39.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

LADIES CLASS NOTICE

The Ladies Bible Class meet at the home of Mrs. Stout on West Arndale this next Tuesday evening.

MITE BOX COLLECTION

Dr. Henry — chairman of the money raising committee for Church Improvement suggests that a member of each class be appointed to collect and record the mite box gifts. These he tells us will be due the last Sunday of this month.

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WEDDING

In an open church wedding on Thursday evening June 26th 7:30 p. m. at Stow Community church Miss Helen Egger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Egger, 185 Oak Rd. and Mr. Don Stein, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stein, 149 Hudson Rd., Stow will be united in marriage. Miss Dorothy Egger, sister of the bride elect, will be Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids are Mrs. Forrest Rennie, Miss Betty Twyford and Mrs. Richard McCloskey. Robert Stein, brother of the groom, will be best man. Ushers will be Richard McCloskey and Forrest Rennie. Rev. George M. Hulme, pastor of Community church, will perform the ceremony, immediately following which a reception for the newly weds will be held at the home of the bride's parents. After a honeymoon trip throughout southern Ohio, the young folks will be at home at 185 Oak Rd., Stow. The bride elect is a graduate from Stow high school and the Akron City Hospital School of Nursing. Mr. Stein is also a Stow high school graduate and is associated with the Stow Dairy.

PICNIC

Boys Bible Class No. Seven meet this Saturday, 2:00 p. m. at the church, from whence they will adjourn to one of the Metropolitan Parks for an afternoon picnic.

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And may it ever wave,
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An emblem of the brave.
The Stars and Stripes forever
I love them every one.
Yes, I'm very patriotic
Till you ask me for my son.

Each day I read the papers.
And I hear it o'er the air
About these warring countries
And we know it isn't fair.
I'd like to get old Hitler
And I'd send Great Britain
guns,
For I'm very Patriotic
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But I am just his mother
And of course I have no say,
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CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day Program at Community church will be held this next Sunday evening, 7:30 p. m. in the church auditorium. Mrs. Foote, Supt. of the Primary Department and assistants are busy this week training the little folks for this event.



PERSONALS

A. B. Holley, Ritchie Rd., Stow, has a new 41 Dodge.

Free Kittens—See Kate Temple, Ellsworth rd., Stow. (Adv.)

James Starner is working for the Herman Machine Co. in Tallmadge.

Community Sale this Saturday, 10:30 a. m. sharp at town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards of Maple Rd. have moved to Mississippi.

Mrs. Harold Brandon, Darrowville, entertained her sewing circle from Akron last Thursday.

For Sale: Dining Room Suite—Italian Oak. Eight pieces. Good condition. Call OV-8764.

Betty Monteith has returned home for the summer from Mt. Union college at Alliance.

For Sale at Bargain: Five piece Bed Room Suite. Call OV-8570. (Adv.)

Helen Louise Bush, Darrowville, is now employed at the Akron Credit Bureau.

Wanted: Girl for general housework, go home nights. Call after 6:00 p. m. OV-8923. (Adv.)

Mrs. Catherine Huff has returned to the A. F. Stein home after spending several weeks at Fresno, Ohio.

Willard Davis of Ellsworth rd., attended the Grotto picnic at Rex Lake last Saturday.

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We were glad to have Mr. Swanson present at Bible school last Sunday to lead the singing.

Boats. From \$17.00 to \$35.00. F. A. Coffeen, 227 North River st., Kent, Ohio. (Adv).

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cross are buying a lot on Castle drive, Munroe Falls. They expect to build soon.

Broilers. Leghorns, 25c lb.; heavies 28c lb. Also heavy hens. Dressed free. Damons, OV-8781. (Adv).

Class members surprised their newly married teacher, Mrs. Gilham with a party at her house on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Phelps spent last Sunday in East Orwell, Ohio, visiting at the home of Mrs. Phelp's sister, Mrs. W. R. Stansberry.

Plowing and fitting with Allis Chalmers tractor. Reasonable price. Cash. Louis Griggy, Ritchie Road, Stow. (Adv)

Visitors over the last week end at the Davis home on Ellsworth rd., were Mr. Davis' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Shoults of Fremont, Ohio.

Garden plowing with New John Deere tractor. All attachments. Call B. B. Mineard, River road, OV-8904. (Adv.)

Last Friday was the thirteenth. It was Mrs. R. M. Temple's birthday and on that day one of their cats gave birth to three black kittens.

Keep the flies out. Screens of all sizes and kinds made to order. Trellises and garden fences. Segelhorst, 734 Hudson Road, Stow. (Adv.)

Bob Schlarb working for the Douglas Aircraft corporation near Los Angeles California expects to be home in August to visit his parents in Darrowville.

Light Hauling, rubbish or anything up to 1½ or 2 ton, local or trips. Call O. L. Cook, WA-8121. (Adv.)

Birthdays celebrated at Bible school last Sunday were those of Mrs. Ermal S. Dunn and though he did not appear on the scene, Bob Stein.

Mrs. Donal Edburg and baby daughter of Sandstone, Minnesota, are visiting this week at the home

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Miss Charlotte Killian of Darrowville attending Ohio State university at Columbus is home for the summer. Miss Killian who will be a senior this coming year is majoring in Diatetics.

For Sale—Nice light oak kitchen cabinet in good condition, also Climax coal and wood range in very good condition. Price reasonable. Enquire Mrs. G. A. Ruggles on Call Rd. East. (Adv.)

As a matter of historic interest it should be recorded that the broken tile on the roof at Community Church has been replaced and that copper gutters and spouting are now being attached to the eaves.

Mrs. Howard Straley and daughter Betty have returned to their home in East Palestine last Tuesday after a week's visit with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodring, Stow.

New officers elected last Thursday night at the Stow Community Council are Oakley Spaght, President, Judson Russel, Vice President and Mrs. Mills, Sec'y.-Treas.

For Sale—Frigidaire all porcelain refrigerator, six cubic ft. capacity, A-1 condition, will deliver, price \$65.00. Remington Electric Shaver, never used, \$5.00. Porcelain table top \$2.00.

Call OV -8726. (Adv.)

Will Large had to have one stitch taken in the palm of his right hand recently. He didn't stop pushing on the handle of a soldering iron soon enough after the same had been split and broken.

Jimmy Slusser and his mother Betty Cross Slusser of Hudson, rd., spent last Saturday visiting Jimmy's grandmother, Mrs. Cross, of River Rd.

Sherbourns in Miami, Florida, write their former neighbors on Ellsworth rd., Stow that they are doing a lot of swimming and that it is now getting quite warm there.

For Sale: One five burner oil range with good oven. Very cheap. One 29-4-40 new All State tire and tube less than half price. Pure cider vinegar made from Golden Delicious apples. Twenty cents per gallon. Inquire J. W. Goodenberger, 200 Ritchie road, Stow. (Adv.)

Charles Starner and brother Eddie are taking an extended vacation in the west on a motor "bike". Cards to friends tell of visiting Yellowstone, the Big Horn mountains and other points west.

Two hundred and two tickets were sold for the Father-Son banquet held on Tuesday evening of last week at the Stow Church of Christ and it is reported many more could have been disposed of had they been available.

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Stow Church of Christ And Childrens Chapel

PROSPECTUS FOR CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AT STOW, OHIO

We take pleasure in presenting the architect's drawing of the new Children's Chapel which is being built on the lot adjacent to the present building of the Stow Church of Christ.

Those who are familiar with Stow will recognize the main part of the new building as the Old Town Hall, built in 1837, which stood for more than a century on the corner diagonally across from its new location. Much local history was made in this building. It is the last landmark of what was once a famous stop-over on the stage coach route between Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Naturally there was strong sentiment, especially among the older residents against having the building destroyed. The feeling is unanimous that the building should be preserved for future generations, and the community as a whole is cooperating in a fine way in converting the building into a place of worship.

THE PLAN OF THE BUILDING

The plans call for enlarging the present structure by adding additional rooms to the rear, which

will more than double the size of the original town hall. This addition will provide parlors, office and minister's study, and a limited number of small class rooms for Sunday School use. A basement will be placed under the entire building.

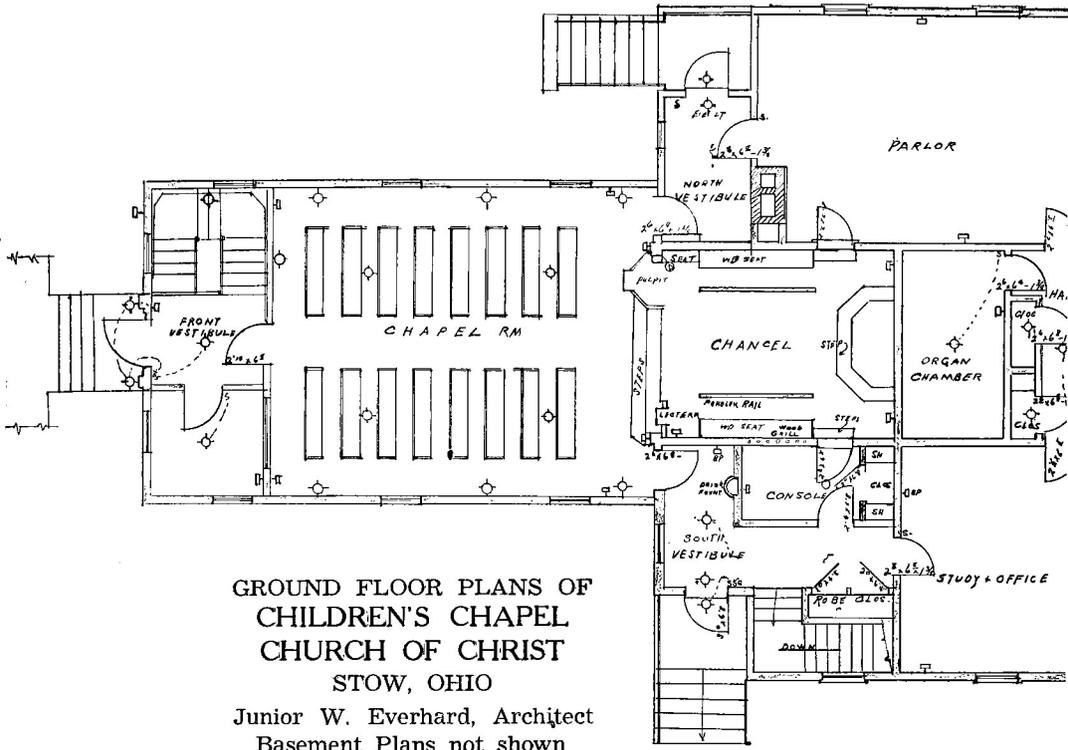
The interior of the chapel auditorium will be of the New England style and will be beautiful in its simple dignity. The pulpit will be to one side of the chancel, elevated above the chancel floor, and will be entered by a series of steps. The lectern will be opposite the pulpit. The communion table will be in the rear center of the chancel. The interior, including all furnishings will be finished in white.

A graceful steeple, with its slender spire pointing heavenward will be topped with a cross. At the base of the steeple there will be lights for illumination.

The new building will be connected with the present church edifice by an underground passage, thus making it possible to pass from one building to the other without going outside.

THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW BUILDING

For some time it has been apparent that the present church building, although commodious and beautiful, is lacking in facilities for small group meetings, and an appropriate place in which



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STOW, OHIO

Junior W. Everhard, Architect
Basement Plans not shown

the children could worship. Additional room is also needed for Sunday School development. Of these various needs perhaps the greatest is a chapel for the worship service of the children. It is impractical to alter the present building to meet this need.

THE METHOD OF SECURING IT

An initial gift of 1000 by Mr. and Mrs. Bridgwater in memory of their son, David, has inspired our people to undertake the task immediately, completing the work only as funds become available.

Every organization in the church and Sunday School is working diligently to this end. The Ladies Aid Society was one of the first to make a substantial pledge, and many of the Sunday School classes are actively interested. The children are buying building blocks for the erection of the basement walls.

In addition to these fine contributions there will be individual gifts and short time pledges. Many in the community who are not members of this church have expressed their interest and will contribute. Former residents who have moved away are anxious to see the old town hall preserved and will rejoice to have a part in strengthening the spiritual life of the community in which they once lived and which contributed so much to their own childhood and youth.

The church has retained Mr. Junior W. Everhard of Cleveland, Ohio, as architect. He is a man of wide experience, especially gifted in this type of architecture. He is an elder in the Franklin Circle Church in Cleveland, and out of his rich experience as a churchman is incorporating in the chapel the proper setting for a worshipful atmosphere.

A definite financial program is being worked out by a competent committee appointed by the

Board of Trustees for this purpose. Those desiring to make a contribution or some special memorial gift should address it to Mr. Charles R. Wilson, Treasurer Children's Chapel Fund, Stow, Ohio.

PERSONALS

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In a recent contest in Boy Scout troop 167 the Eagle Patrol, Bill Platt leader, won the most merit points. As a reward the six members of the patrol were given water proof match boxes. For being the most outstanding scout in the Troop Sam Mason was given a scout ax.

Selected for the service of Uncle Sam, George Cobb son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cobb left last Wednesday for the army. First to Cleveland and then to Columbus he has been assigned to the Coast Guard artillery at San Diego, California.

Did you know there is a newly organized 4-H goat club in Summit county. Dr. Burt Miller of Diagonal Rd. is their advisor and Mrs. A. W. Persons of the Blue Bell Goat Farm, Talmadge is the assistant advisor.

Pete and Russel Karas, farmers on the Streetsboro Darrowville rd. north-east corner of Stow township have a new automatic pick up baler. It picks up the hay in the field and bales it all in one operation. They figure it will be a great help in this day of scarce farm labor.

Last Friday Mrs. C. L. Foote of Diagonal rd., attended the twentieth anniversary and reunion of her high school graduation class at Piqua, Ohio. After twenty years Mrs. Foote stated she was the only one of the class who had changed so as not to be recognized by other members.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Woodring and family celebrated Father's Day and birthdays of son Archie and son-in-law Donald Riley with a dinner last Sunday evening at 130 Thorndale.

Miss Ina Wade of West Arndale rd., Stow, is home from Miami university at Oxford, Ohio, where she has been specializing in Music. She now travels each Friday evening to Cleveland where she is studying violin under the direction of Prof. A. J. Kurinsky formerly of Stow and Cuyahoga Falls.

The proposal of the community council that present voting booths be changed to the town hall won almost unanimous approval of Bible school members last Sunday morning. W. V. Smith pointed out that such a move would be contrary to law, however Dr. Henry said this difficulty had been considered by the council.

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Sour Cherries for canning, Berries, Fresh Vegetables, Poultry. Ford Bush, Darrowville. (Adv.)

Howard Worcester formerly of Stow now of Cuyahoga Falls is home from CCC camp in Utah. He reports enjoying his work in Utah. While there he visited many places of interest including the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City. He also went swimming in Great Salt Lake. Where the water is so heavy with salt that it is impossible to sink or even to dive into it.

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Too Long—Too Long. On account of the seven rainy days in the first two weeks of June it is reported that since Mr. Ralph Nichols, Baumberger rd., has a new car which is too long for his garage, he has recently spent considerable time holding an umbrella over the rear end or exposed portion of this same car. Kind neighbors suggest that possibly a larger umbrella or a four foot awning over the garage door would solve the problem.

Late cabbage plants in any quantity. W. H. Peck, Waterblest Farm, Hudson rd., (Route 91) Stow, Ohio. Phone WA-9771. (Adv.)

Note from the Church of Christ bulletin. Weddings: Mr. Gregory officiated at the following weddings: Thursday 6 p. m. Mr. Robert Taylor of Athens, Ohio, to Miss Carolyn Fisher of Canfield, Ohio, at the parsonage. Saturday 11 a. m. Albert Dunn of Salem to Miss Marilyn Hayden at the bride's home. Saturday 5:30 p. m. James F. Smith and Miss Lorena Maxine Kinney, both of Goodyear Heights, Akron, at the parsonage.

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L. H. Wade, one of our neighbors on West Arndale rd., who almost ruined his health by over work as head of cost accounting at Firestone during the last world war and who on that account was forced to rest and recover for a period of two years soon afterwards entered the business of mixing and selling concrete, will this next week start his largest job yet, a new warehouse for the Standard Oil Company at 185 Beaver St., Akron, Ohio. This job which runs nearly \$25,000 will be the eighth for the Standard Oil he has undertaken this year. Including subcontractors which put in most of their time on his work he furnishes employment to over forty men. Besides these outside jobs Mrs. Wade at their plant at the Falls manages a plant mixing business, that has a capacity of \$100 worth of mixed concrete per hour and what is most interesting this plant often runs at capacity or near capacity for hours

at a time supplying concrete for various industrial firms in Akron and vicinity. Mr. Wade tells us that this year he has been able to accept only 30 per cent of the business that came his way.

A lesson that may be gathered from this little story is that ver-



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Hail last Friday in Stow and Silver Lake according to Mr. Will Lodge life long resident of latter place was the worst he ever experienced. Mrs. Myrtle Justice

along with others report that all their garden plants were completely destroyed. Several hundred dollars worth of glass in the Silver Lake Greenhouse were broken. and Bill Bridgers tells us that hail stones knocked holes in the roofing on his stand at the corner of Graham and Hudson roads, so that it was necessary to apply new roofing. Folks in Darrowville on the other hand had no hail. Mr. Schlarb was of the opinion that the people in Stow did not live right. However it might be pointed out that on account of a high wind Darrowville lost some big trees this spring.

Mrs. Green's summer camp for children at her Summer Home at Madison-on-Lake Erie opens June 28 for one month. Make reservations now. Call WA-1589. Low rates. Transportation furnished. (Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown of Darrowville, natives of England but residents of the United States for the past thirty-seven years and of Darrowville for the past fourteen years have many relatives in England and often receive letters from them. One of these letters from her niece, Dorothy, Mrs. Brown was kind enough to let us read and be-

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cause of its interest and information on what the girls of England are doing during the war we pass it on to our readers. Incidentally a picture of the young lady as a captain of a girl's cricket team portrayed as clean, healthy, wholesome, and good-looking a group of girls as one could wish to know. The letter follows:

Dear Aunt Florrie:

How do you like my new address, I have joined the Women's Land Army and am living here with Irene and two Shipley girls. We wanted to do some kind of work and thought this would suit best so we arrived Easter Monday and have worked 4½ days. We are liking it very well. The Shipley girls are in the dairy farm and we are market-gardening,—the work we asked for. We have been very fortunate in being kept together and also in getting such a good place. Our boss is Lady Bingley, Lord Halifax's sister and she is president of the Land Army so takes a personal interest in us. Our caretaker is

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a widow and is very good to us, I'm afraid she is spoiling all of us, she is a grand cook and we get plenty of food. Our house is lovely, Irene and I share a bedroom and Madge and Margaret have another. We are a good way from an entrance and about 20 minutes walk to our work. We are very glad we are still in Yorks, it isn't too far from here.

So far the work is not getting us down but our foreman gives us some pretty tough jobs and we cannot always carry the loads he hands us but he doesn't grumble. We are on a months trial and if our report is not good enough or if we cannot do the work we will get the sack. The pay is very small but we are in one of the services so cannot expect much and so long as we stay here we cannot spend much. I suppose you will get a shock when you read all this but if you lived here you would not feel like doing a useless job when there are more important one's. The gardeners are all very nice with us (we are the first land girls here) one of them is a real gentleman, he helps us a lot. The boss is Scotch, also the foreman and two of the gardeners. You ought to see the gardens and greenhouses, I cannot remember how many,—the peach trees are in bloom now and we are busy planting onions and toma-

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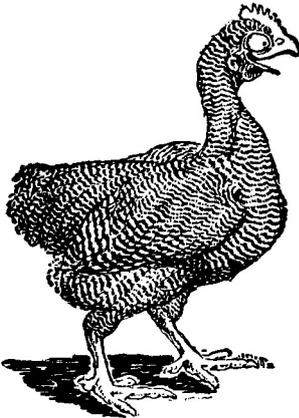
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toes, over a thousand onions in a line.

The girls from Shipley are just our type and we have lots of good laughs over our jobs. I don't know yet if I can send snaps to you but I will find out and let you have some of us in our uniforms, we don't wear it all the time. Lady Bingley is very nice and makes us feel quite at ease, she is about sixty. Lord Bingley is just the same type. They are very good living and are helping the war effort all they can although they are not rich as these big families mostly are. They used to employ 40 gardeners but there are only about ten now although this food growing is making a lot more work. I will write again soon, sorry it is short but I've about twenty to write to and that takes some time.

Love,
DOROTHY

MAGINOT LINES

Just a little over a year ago France was an independent nation, somewhat jarred by the invasion of Denmark and Norway, it is true, but nevertheless not greatly worried. Didn't her Maginot Line to the East stand as an unconquerable obstacle in the path of German aggression? Then Hitler struck hard in the Low Countries,, his tanks knifed through Paris's slacker troops at Sedan and France's collapse was only a matter of days. True it 's that many elements contributed to this downfall, but still the thought of that Maginot Line will not down with me, and believe that other proud nations of other times have fallen behind their

Maginot Lines.

China once was beset by troublesome peoples who harassed her northern frontier. The Chinese being a peace-loving people sought a means of ridding themselves of the never-ending job of beating back these invaders and thought they had it when they had built their Great Wall. Apparently the Chinese needed the constant spur of these raids to keep them on the alert, for they soon became self-satisfied, and the Great Wall of China probably had a major part in bringing about the static civilization that we associate with the Chinese.

Athens built her city walls, which included even the harbor. Sparta, foreseeing the psychological effect of a wall, decreed that her wall was to be the brave hearts and strong bodies of her young men. Sparta conquered Athens.

During the aggressive period when her army was ever on the offensive, did Rome need a wall about her empire? It was centuries afterward that she went on the defensive, built walls and sought to hold what she had conquered. The end was in sight.

We Americans also have a tendency to build walls, walls of various kinds. One such wall we built was the Prohibition Amendment. How can this be called a wall, if you remember correctly it took the best efforts of millions of unselfish people to create the sentiment that made the Prohibition Amendment possible. When the Amendment was passed, what did the backers of Prohibition do? That's just it. What did they do? What became of the titanic efforts of schools, churches and other organizations against alcoholic liquors? They had the law; what more need be done? So they left

their Maginot Line unguarded; the enemy broke through successfully.

Another Maginot Line comes to mind—one this time that touches my own profession, teaching. I'm afraid we have put too much confidence in our certification laws. It was once the business of everybody to check up pretty carefully on what our teachers were thinking, saying and doing. Since the requirements for certification have been raised, we have had a tendency to rely on that law to take the place of that scrutiny to which earlier teachers were subjected. And unless we look beyond college credits in selecting our teachers, we are in danger of losing such sterling teachers as honesty, truthfulness and the desire to rise above our fellows. Yes, I believe that we would have a greater faith in America and her destiny at this crucial hour if we had put less faith in the credits of our school teachers.

I would not have us stop building Maginot Lines. The trouble lies in our depending on them to do a job which only eternal vigilance and attention to duty can do for us. I would not have our certification laws repealed, but I do say that you have to look beyond semester hours when you select proper teachers for your children. I wouldn't have the law repealed prohibiting the killing of birds for their plumage, but I do want a wideawake organization working toward an enlightened public opinion that makes slaughter of birds for that purpose impossible.

It is not the Maginot Lines that are wrong; it is our reliance on them to do unpleasant but necessary tasks for us. May we ever watch to see that we sleep not behind our Maginot Lines.

JOE A. MITTEN