

MOTHERS NEED GUIDANCE OF RELIGION NOW

Rev. W. A. Bowren Gives Warning

The Rev. W. A. Bowren, pastor of the First Baptist church, at Fifth street and Nebraska avenue, paid tribute to Negro mothers, using as his text the very last verse of Proverbs.

"Architecture," he said, "and walls, furniture, and appliances do not make a home." Some of the things that tend to destroy the home and change it into simply a house are these very appliances, in the opinion of the pastor. Electrical washing machines, electric irons, sweepers, and even more leisure time than they have ever had before. Many mothers are using this leisure time in the movies, the parks, with automobile rides, and other forms of pleasure, instead of making it an opportunity to their children. "The telephone," he said "is a modern convenience to better render a loving service, good in itself, but causes many a woman to neglect her family's needs, until on account of the lateness of the hour, she is forced to resort to canned goods, and the ready-to-eat food from the baker. The real mother puts love into her cooking, that no baker or food maker outside the home can do.

"To make a real home," said Rev. Bowren, "there must be a mother. John Randolph, the infidel, gave this testimony: 'I am termed infidel, but I can never shake off the restraining influence of a little prayer my mother taught me when a child.' "In this modern age, there are too many," the pastor said, "who are ready to come by the home to lead the children off to the movies, the parks, or even to houses of ill repute, but too few that want to take them to the Sunday school, the morning service, or to the B. Y. P. U.

The pastor also called attention to the handicaps the mothers of his race had to work under in the slave days. But, with these handicaps, they brought forth a Booker T. Washington, a Frederick Douglass, a Phillis Wheatley, a Harry T. Burleigh, a Nathaniel Dett, a Nannie Burroughs, a Henry O. Tanner, and others. The mothers of today also have their handicaps due to the problems of modern, complex life. Because of these complexities, the speaker warned, the modern mother needs the Christian influence even more than the slave mother. The enemies of the modern home are more numerous and more insidious. "To exert an influence in the home apart from Godly living, means a home without hope and God," he said.

"There is much to discourage present day mothers in their efforts to rear children," said the pastor, "but I believe there were heroic mothers in the slave days, so there will be still greater triumphs in the days to come. There will still be those mothers who hold their virtue and womanhood too sacred to trade with. 'God grant them sufficient strength, wisdom, grace and fortitude to accomplish

In Cast of "Milestones"



MISS BERTHA TATE BAILEY, Egyptian court scene. She also directed Brooklyn, N. Y., teacher of voice and piano at Western university, has the closing scene, the singing role of the queen in the



MRS. LELA GUEST sings the dirge in the impressive Colonel Young memorial scene.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wilhite, 1621 N. 7th street are parents of an 8 pound boy, born Friday evening, May 8. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sims, 352 Garfield entertained with a dinner party Sunday May 3 in honor of Mrs. Sims' mother and father. Mr. and Mrs. E. Larks who left for Paola, Kansas where they will make their home. Covers were laid for fourteen.



R. N. ROBINSON, has the part of the aged minister in the Evening Worship episode.

Dr. H. M. Brathwaite, 2017 N. 6th street left for St. Louis from where he will motor with friends to the Kentucky Derby.

C. E. Cannon, 1917 N. 3rd street entertained the Welfare league at his home Tuesday evening May 5. Thirty-seven members and guests were present. Mr. Stafford of the American Mercantile company and Mrs. Stafford were guests of honor. A talk was made by the president, E. W. Springs.