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Annual Meeting of Presbyterian of United Church

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Presbyterians of the United Church of Canada met in the Kensington United Church on Wednesday, Jan. 23, with the President, Mrs. E. F. Woodson, presiding.

The theme for the sessions is "Forward in the Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom," and the theme hymn, "Take Time to be Holy."

The opening worship service was led by Mrs. S. M. MacKay, Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Dawson, their theme being "Rededication to Christ."

A very hearty welcome was accorded to delegates by Mrs. Murray, and on behalf of all present, Mrs. Frank Outcliffe graciously replied to this welcome.

The President then opened the Presbyterial for business, and in a few words she introduced the very vocal programme which was nicely arranged and printed by Miss Enid Marson. She also stressed the meaning and purpose of the Crusade of Christ, and urged all to rededicate their lives to His work.

She spoke at some length on the treatment which has been meted out to the Japanese Canadians by the Canadian Government, and pleaded with her listeners to study the situation, and take some action, so that those Canadian-born Japanese get justice from the hands of Government leaders.

Miss Louise Callbeck, returned missionary from Japan, then spoke in very feeling terms as to the treatment given Christian Japanese citizens of Canada, and felt it would have a very adverse influence on the work of our missionaries who return to Japan.

Committee Reports
After the minutes of last Presbyterial were adopted, the personnel of the various committees were read.

A roll call of auxiliaries showed an attendance of 136 members present, also 9 representatives from Evening Auxiliaries, 5 from Mission Circles, 3 from Mission Bands, and 10 from affiliated C. G. I. T. groups.

Mrs. T. J. Humphrey, as corresponding secretary, then gave an excellent report, showing a total membership of 1490 members. The study book and the Missionary Monthly were reported as widely used.

Mrs. MacAusland reported for the Community Friendship. She was very pleased to report an increase in the activities of this very important work. She stressed the greater use of the "Renovated Ship" a real link in welcoming new members to churches and communities.

It was reported that Mrs. Neil Darach was unable through illness, to be present, and her report was read by Miss Mutart.

Mrs. L. M. Murray then very effectively introduced and sang the hymn "He Never Said a Humbling Word." The stanzas with which it was received, was quite evidence of the appreciation of the author.

An African Blavier or a forum on Africa was then presented. The literature secretary, Mrs. Hazen Howard, reported the missionary books having been read, than in previous years, a total of 856 books. The Bloodfield Auxiliary and the O'Leary Mission Circles won the awards for the best read organizations.

Mrs. MacAusland then gave a review of the book "Big Ben," a true story of the singer Paul Robeson. Mrs. Roy Vessey then reviewed one of the Eagle books, "Roll on Wagon Wheels," another very interesting true story, from the African Bookshelf.

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Mrs. Roy Vessey reported for the Commission of the Missionary Monthly and World Friends throughout the Presbyterial. She reported an increase in the copies ordered, but urged that even more subscriptions be ordered for next year. See to it that every child has the World Friend magazine.

F. Easton gave a report of the Christian Stewardship, which showed that Christian Stewardship is well understood. A Christian Stewardship forum, with leadership on the stewardship of time and talents, given by Mrs. J. F. Easton, and the stewardship of material possessions by Mrs. J. A. Nicholson, was a direct challenge to the members of the various organizations, to accomplish even better things in 1946.

Mrs. J. Clarke MacQuarrie, as press secretary, pleaded with all press secretaries, to write for publication interesting items from the various meetings of their auxiliaries, and so pass on to others.

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The Mulberry Bush

by HELEN TOPPING MILLER

XVII
A raw wind was blowing off the

potomac, bringing the first blizzard threat and cold weather as Virginia went out and she turned her collar up to her chin and bent her head against the gale, almost colliding with a man who was coming in.

"Hello," said Bruce Gamble, steadying her. "I was just coming up to see you."

"Oh how are you, Bruce? I've been so frightfully busy lately, but I'm trying to get my act together."

"I wasn't going anywhere at all. As a matter of fact, I was coming on an affair that I've been putting off for some time."

"Mrs. Harrison is pretty sick?"

"She's critically ill, though she doesn't know it. She may never be well again."

"I'm sticking to my bargain. We're friends. Isn't it a friendly act—to feed a woman on her tracks?"

The financial report, a very excellent one, was given by the treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Nicholson. The total giving was \$13,957.23, an increase over last year of \$683.34.

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"The oil fields, perhaps. Not definite yet. We're perfecting some new stuff for oil men—seismographic shells. Are you yearning to be rid of me?"

"Of course not, silly. I'm merely interested."

"I'm not enough to have dinner with me tonight? I'm staying in town."

"It's so hard to do, Bruce. I'm running the apartment and the only time I have for that is at night."

"Let it run itself for one night. I'll be ready. At my own apartment," Virginia said because she was too tired to think up an argument. And being with Bruce was restful. He was, she decided, one of the most restful people that she knew.

She went back to Georgetown and got out a dress that would do for dinner in town. A black frock with a pleated skirt and a little jacket that had a pattern of green sequins on the sleeves.

There was a knock at the door when she was brushing the small black hat that matched the dress, and she opened to a florist's boy, who presented a square box. Within was one green orchid, and on the card was written: "Just a friendly gesture—from a friend."

"That's lovely, Virginia," she said, and she opened the box. It was a lovely, fragrant thing with wings of mauve and hearts of mother-of-pearl. She had kept them fresh for two days in a glass on the table in her room.

"Where I'm going, they grow on the trees. I'll send you a bushel of them." She wondered if he remembered? Probably not. More than likely he had forgotten within an hour. Mercurial as the wind blew it.

At seven, promptly, Bruce Gamble knocked. "Is it proper to come in?" he asked, smiling at her as she opened the door.

"Perfectly proper. All my friends are admitted."

"I see I'm not the only man who is allowed in—or don't tell me you use this?" Bruce picked up a pipe from the table.

"That's been here a long time. He had left it there on the night of the storm. She said steadily, looking into the mirror. "That has been here a long time. The man who owned it forgot it and left town."

"Looks like an old-timer. I'll bet he misses it. It takes a lot of smoking to mellow a pipe like this." Bruce turned it in his hands, sniffed it, and he felt that he had lost an old friend if he lost this pipe.

"I'm ready," Virginia said abruptly. "Oh, yes—thanks for the pipe. I feel very elegant and expensive, wearing it. Shall we go?"

"Thank the girl in the shop. I asked her for a flower to suit a girl with hair like new pennies. She picked that one."

"It matches exactly — not the hair but the dress. It's perfect." "Any special place you'd like to go?" he asked, as he started the car.

"I think I'd like a gay place. Music, and dressed-up people, and a lot of noise and chatter. I've had so much lately of the other kind of thing—hypodermics and nurses going around on tiptoes, and at the office Mary Gargan's everlasting melancholy face."

"She's still plining?"

"It gets worse, I think. Why can't people put up with hopeless things—pick up their lives and go on? Why do they cling, when clinging is torment?"

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Dorothy Dix Says—

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Why they do this, goodness only knows. For it would seem that the stupidest man in the world would have enough gumption to know that there is no woman, alive or dead, that a wife wouldn't rather be like than her husband's first wife, and that she doesn't long to hear Number One's praises sung, or have the house plastered with her pictures, and that she would rather eat a ham sandwich in her hands than to use the first wife's solid silver.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I have been married a year now and I have gotten to the point where I feel that something must be done about correcting the way my husband behaves in public, and I don't know what to do. Whenever we go out to any party or even visiting friends, I am embarrassed and humiliated by the way he acts. He invariably puts his arm around every girl he greets and gives her a hug and a squeeze. Or if he sits near a woman, he puts his arm around the chair so that he is practically embracing her.

I can see the women look shocked and disgusted at his conduct. I hate to speak to him about it because he will think I am jealous, which heaven knows I am not. I am just ashamed. What can I do?

ANSWER: Correcting a husband's manners is about as dangerous as playing with dynamite, but nevertheless I think you should risk it because it puts him in such a repulsive attitude. It makes him look like an amorous adolescent who fancies himself as a lady-killer and who thinks that every woman he meets is dying for him to make passes at her.

The only thing you can do is just tell him perfectly frankly that women hate to be publicly manled by men, and even the most ardent petters like to do their petting in private and to choose the petter. It will make him furiously angry, but perhaps it will stop him from harassing every female who crosses his path.

GOLD COAST DEVELOPMENT
ACORA, Gold Coast (CP)—An industrial development board to assist the development of selected local industries is to be set up by the government in the Gold Coast. The board will operate on government grants and will initiate and build up commercially certain industries with a view to handing them over to local private enterprise.

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



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