

Religion And Life

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We must not think of the Divine Love as an abstraction. Love is always personal; it has no existence apart from persons. Love is the devotion of persons to persons. The love of God is of this type. The verse that Luther called "The Little Gospel" sets this forth: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). The truths here contained are simply tremendous. The worth of Christ to God is the measure of God's love to men. As was said long ago, "man even at his worst, is a being of priceless worth in God's sight as a moral personality." The parable of the Prodigal Son makes this clear. The Father wants to live in personal union with His child, heart to heart. The Father's life is incomplete while His son wanders in the "far country." Christ's aim is that He did and suffered was to make that union possible; He stands ready always to bring each person who will trust Him into this conscious union with God, and He goes all lengths to bring it about. Years ago Henry Drummond said this story: "There was once in Glasgow University a medical student, a giant in strength and as gentle and lovable as he was strong. He was always on the football team, and no cricket match was considered complete without him. He took trophies after while attending the Royal Infirmary. The physician in attendance saw that the end was near and spoke to him about Christ. The youth asked eagerly: "But don't you think, Doctor, that it would be mean to accept of my last gasp? One whom I have rejected all my life? Yes, my dear fellow, it would be mean, but it would be far meaner not to do it. He wants you to accept Him, for He has been waiting for you, and it would be doubly mean to reject a love which has followed you down to death." The dying man saw the point, and apprehending the excess of that exceeding love, he launched his soul on the ocean of it. "Christ aims to be to each one of us a Person and a Presence, a Reality and a Power. Recall the number of times in man's religious history, when God has broken through the veil which hid Him from our sight and entered a human soul with life-giving energy. Moses at the burning bush, Isaiah in the temple, Paul on the Damascus road, Augustine with his moral impotence, Luther and Wesley with their longing for soul satisfaction—these were the creative moments of history when the Divine entered the started movements of the people

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BIRTHDAY PARTY—A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farrell, Sturgeon, in honor of Mrs. Arthur Kenney, Rumford, Maine, who is visiting on the island at present. During the course of the evening a two-tier decorated cake was presented by her niece Miss Josephine McInnis of Springfield, Mass. At the conclusion of which a buffet lunch was served. Mrs. Kenney in her gracious manner extended her grateful appreciation to all present.

FAMILY PICNIC—On Monday afternoon, June 11th Mr. and Mrs. H. Rodd, their family, consisting of sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren motored to the lovely picnic grounds at Stanhope Lane for an enjoyable outing and family picnic. On arrival the children and grown ups were immediately enjoying themselves on the lites, swings and slides provided. On the beach while some indulged in surf bathing the men busied themselves with a game of cards. There were five tables were laid and a delicious supper of salads, chicken, ham, rolls, pies and sweets was heartily partaken of by all, after which all returned home feeling the afternoon was well spent and hoping to meet again at a similar gathering next summer.

POST-NUPTIAL SHOWER—On July 13th a post-nuptial shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacDonald, Chelton. The gifts were carried in a car by Mr. Ivan MacDonald, Little Miss Laura Dowell and Master Hazel Sherry carried in the heavily-laden basket of gifts, which were opened by Miss Nora Rogers, Mrs. Edna Outway and Miss Margaret Rogers arranging the gifts on the table. Mr. MacDonald, on behalf of his bride, thanked all for their lovely gifts and extended a cordial welcome to their home. Music and games followed and a dainty lunch served by Mrs. Walter Gould, Mrs. Harold Gould, and the Misses Nora Rogers, Margaret Rogers, Edna Outway brought the happy gathering to a close.

POST-NUPTIAL SHOWER—Mr. and Mrs. Clair Campbell, nee Miss Irene Paynter, were tendered a post-nuptial shower at their home in Irishtown, on Wednesday evening, when friends and neighbors waited upon the popular young couple, who had recently returned from their honeymoon. The bride and groom were escorted to the living-room by Mrs. George MacLeod, sister of the bride, and Mr. Ingham MacNeill, a cousin of the groom. The gifts were carried in a car by the Misses Mary Campbell and Eleanor Mann and opened by Miss Anne Campbell. The accompanying names were read by Mrs. Keith Ramsay, Clair, on behalf of his bride, thanked their friends for their generosity and extended an invitation to visit them at any time. Refreshments were served by the groom's mother, Mrs. Thomas Campbell, assisted by several of the ladies.

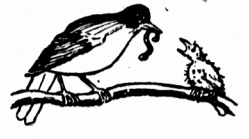
CHELTON SCHOOL On Thursday, June 30th a fine entertainment put on by the pupils under the direction of their teacher, Miss Agnes Duffy, marked the school year closing of the Chelton School for 1949. The program was followed with games which were highly enjoyed. A game of bingo was played by the pupils and teacher. Prizes were awarded to the lucky winners. A box of chocolates was lotteried and drawn by the teacher, and won by one of the pupils, Miss Eleanor Gaudet, at the close of the games. The school grounds took on the air of a big tea party when ice cream, cake and candy in liberal quantities were served, with plenty of soft drinks. Mrs. Waldo Doull assisted in serving refreshments. As a coincidence, while refresh-

ments were being served, the school supervisor Mr. C. B. Jolly happened to pass by and while apparently unable to stop off, gave the whole affair his approval with a hearty wave of his hand and a big smile which spread all over the school grounds. The teacher, Miss Duffy, had only finished out the term left vacant by her predecessor, but during this short term won the hearts of her pupils, for at the closing of the entertainment Miss Verna Rogers presented the teacher on behalf of the pupils of Chelton School, with a generous sum of money as a token of their appreciation and esteem for the service she had given them during her term in the school. Miss Duffy seemed deeply moved at this act of kindness, and thanked her pupils wholeheartedly for their kind remembrance, and assured them that they were the nicest and best-behaved pupils she had ever taught. Miss Duffy left on her holidays the same evening, leaving behind many new friends and pleasant memories.

MAPLE LEAF W.I. The Maple Leaf Women's Institute met in the club room at Traveller's Rest Hall, July 17 at 8 o'clock. The President, Mrs. Walker, presided. The meeting opened by singing O Canada and repeating the creed. Eleven members and four visitors answered roll call. Minutes were read and approved. Correspondence was read and discussed. Plans were made for the district convention which was held July 20th in Lot 16 Hall. It was decided to ask the school girls to cut the grass around the monument. Program committee for next month: Mrs. Jas. Champion, Mrs. D. C. Marchbank. Roll call: "Our

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

BY WINIFRED E. WILSON



YELLOW WARBLERS

Invasions are ordinarily most unpleasant affairs; but when they are carried out yearly in early May by tiny balls of golden feathers, nobody complains. Yellow Warblers seem to actually prefer populated areas in Canada. City parks and gardens are favourite nesting sites, but in late spring and early summer it is almost impossible to walk through any residential section of even our largest cities without hearing several cheerful little voices singing "cheew, cheew, cheew" from nedges or tree-tops. Strangely, the female occasionally sings also.

However, only a few days after their arrival there is great difficulty in spotting the musicians, because by then the leaves are fully out. Mrs. Yellow Warbler is particularly hard to find amidst the foliage, for she often has a greenish tinge to her yellow plumage. Her husband is usually a trifle brighter yellow, and the small red flecks which she generally has on her breast are less distinct than his. They are known to some people as "Wild Canaries", but they are smaller than those domestic pets: some under five inches.

The nest of our best known Warbler is a masterpiece of workmanship. As a rule it is discovered just above eye level, securely fastened to upright forks in tall hedge- or flowering bushes. Vegetable fibres have been neatly quilted together by the little pair, and a felt lining made of willow catkins, dandelion down, or other plant down.

Few kinds of birds are smart enough to outwit Cowbirds. But when the Yellow Warblers find a big tree which the Cowbird has surreptitiously laid among their own precious little ones, they promptly build another storey to cover all the eggs, and start again. Their "storey" houses are fairly common, and some observers have come across four-storey homes when Mrs. Cowbird has been foolish enough to try her tricks three times on the same pair.

Yellow Warblers should be welcome wherever they nest, which is far north as the tree limits and the habits of the species, these birds often begin again, and though the songs are not as long as in springtime, they keep it up to a certain extent until they leave us towards the end of August for Central America, Brazil, or Peru. Do Bitterns practise camouflage?

NICHOLSON - JONES

On Monday, July 11th at 9 a.m. a wedding of interest took place in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Toronto, when Elizabeth Eulalia Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Emerald became the bride of Allan Herbert Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nicholson, Cannington, Ont. Rev. H. M. Clark performed the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial mass. The bride who was given in marriage by Mr. Gerald Halliday of Toronto, was attractively gowned in blue sheer lace over nylon with white accessories. Her corsage

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IN MEMORIAM

Of Ralph J. (Laddie) McGarry, Southport, who died in France five years ago, July 25th, 1944.

In the quiet hours of thinking Thoughts of you are very dear But our hearts are filled with sorrow As it dawns another year. Sadly missed but greatly mourned by Father and Mother.

Impression of the Convention." Delegates to the annual convention: Mrs. Roy Walker, and Mrs. Percy Marchbank then gave us a very splendid report of the convention. Miss Emmeline Marchbank tendered these ladies a hearty vote of thanks for their report after which the lunch was served by Mrs. Geo. Waite and Mrs. Geo. Gunning. Meeting adjourned.

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Marineau-Hynes Wedding. St. Dunstan's Basilica was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding Wednesday morning, July 20th, at 10 o'clock when Rev. Patrick McMahon united in marriage Marquette Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Hynes, Charlottetown, and Dr. James J. Marineau, son of Dr. and Mrs. Alcide Marineau of Val d'or, Quebec. The winsome bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose for her wedding gown white nylon with tulle over dress, her veil draping gracefully from a beaded headpiece of silver and pearls. She carried an exquisite bouquet of red roses. Miss Elinor Hynes was her sister's bridesmaid, wearing a lovely floor length gown of ice blue lace with matching headpiece. She carried an arm bouquet of yellow roses. The groom was attended by the bride's brother, Mr. Clifford Hynes. The guests were ushered by Mr. Dennis Dowling and Mr. Walter Morrissey. During the ceremony bridal hymns were beautifully sung by Miss Bernice Murray with Mrs. Douglas at the organ. Following the ceremony, breakfast was served at the bride's home and in the afternoon the wedding reception was held, the guests passing a very pleasant time wishing the young couple many years of happiness.

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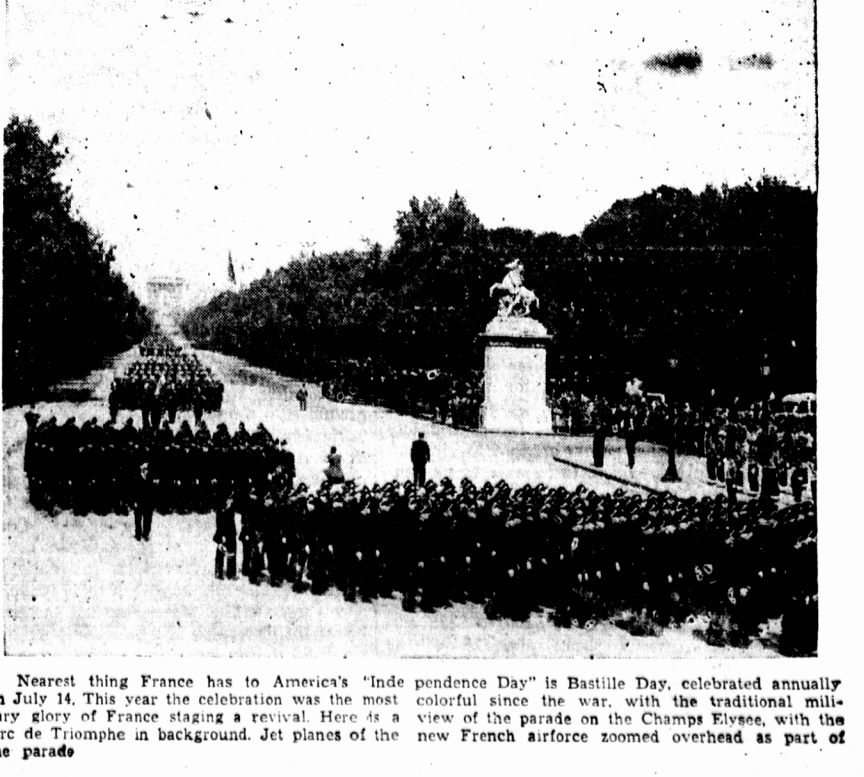
was of Better Time red roses and beautifully decorated three-tier wedding cake topped by a miniature bride and groom. The cake was cut in traditional style by the bride and groom. The toast to the bride was proposed by Rev. H. M. Clarkson to which the groom fittingly responded. Complimentary speeches were also made by Dr. S. E. Talbot of Toronto, the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Thos. Waterson, the groomsmen, Mr. Leonard Murphy, the bride's mother, and previous to her marriage the bride was tendered a miscellaneous shower by her friends in Toronto. Out of town guests included the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, the bride's mother, Mrs. Fred Jones and brother Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGlathie, Edgar and Orrie Nicholson, brothers of the groom. After the reception the bride and groom left for a wedding trip to P.E.I. On their return they will reside in Toronto where the groom is an employee of "The Pure Foods Inc." For travelling the bride chose a suit of blue garbardine with white accessories and wore a corsage of gardenias. On their arrival at Emerald they were given a wedding supper at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Claude Trainor. Their many friends unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson many years of wedded bliss.

Gov.-Gen. Takes Salute At Opening Of Scout Jamboree



About 3,000 Scouts from Canada, U.S. and Cuba are attending first Dominion Jamboree of Canadian Scouts, being held at Ottawa. Here Governor-General Alexander is shown taking salute at official opening of the nine-day jamboree.

As France Celebrated Bastille Day



Nearest thing France has to America's "Independence Day" is Bastille Day, celebrated annually on July 14. This year the celebration was the most colorful since the war, with the traditional military glory of France staging a revival. Here is a view of the parade on the Champs Elysee, with the Arc de Triomphe in background. Jet planes of the new French airforce zoomed overhead as part of the parade.