

Religion And Life

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"This is a free country." In jest and in seriousness this has been flung at us as long as we can remember.

For our people it means liberty to do as we please in certain situations. But for those entering Canada in flight from totalitarian tyranny it means freedom from fear, from repression, from an exacting overlord who insists on controlling mind and body and all life's relationships and activities. That such claims can be made and enforced is one of the astounding features of our time, and that intelligent people will advocate such a system and prepare to submit to it is more astounding still.

And yet no person is free to do what he likes everywhere and always. Even if he were alone in his world, the laws of his own complex nature would forbid his acting on every impulse. Then if one would live among others, their rights and feelings demand consideration at every turn, and we must fit our lives into theirs or be excluded from society.

In a striking address at the convocation of Emmanuel College, Professor Norman Smith of England warned that there are only two alternatives open to the nations—the totalitarian which brings all life under government control and enforces obedience, and the freedom which encourages every person to cultivate and express his own individuality. But, he added, that this freedom means the privilege of expressing the best in each person's nature; if we give free rein to the instincts and impulses of our lower nature they will, like us and others, destroy themselves. Freedom to express one's own best self is a precious privilege, but it is only the best in us to which that privilege is due.

What did Jesus understand by freedom? In the eighth chapter of St. John's Gospel we have these sayings: "He who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from Him." A little later He added: "I do nothing on my own authority, but speak thus as the Father taught me, and He who sent me is with me; He has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to Him." To Jesus, therefore, freedom meant discernment of His Father's mind and will and loyalty to it in word and deed. To teach the truth as the Father revealed it and to do the right and the good as He saw it in God was Jesus' idea of perfect freedom. (John 8:26-30.)

On another occasion, Jesus put it thus: "The Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing; for whatsoever He does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all that He Himself is doing." And again: "I can do nothing on My own authority, as I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I seek not my own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." (John 5:19-20 and 30.) There was unbroken communication between the Father and the Son; the Son's creative thinking was done in conscious union with the Father; perfect freedom for the Son was found in saying and doing what the Father revealed.

As Jesus said these things many believed in Him. Then to them He added: "If you continue in My word, you are My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." For the sons of men, as for the Son of God, knowledge of the truth and obedience to it is the way to freedom. Only as our lives are fitted into the eternal realities can they be free in mind and spirit and in their way of life.

This saying was a bit too strong for the Jews to whom Jesus was speaking and they protested: "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been in bondage to anyone. How is it that you say—You will be made free?" Then Jesus said something that hits us more directly than it struck them: "Everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin."

We know too many who are slaves of drink. We know many more who are in bondage to hurtful habits and, like an ancient worthy, the good that they want to do, they can't do, and the evil that they hate, they can't help doing. From this bondage Christ sets us free. As a Christian minister, I have seen many gloriously delivered from the evil in themselves and around them. Christ does it by linking men to Himself in obedience to the perfect good which is the Father's will. This is what He meant when He said to those objectors: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:31-36.)

What did Paul mean by freedom? He wrote to his Galatian converts: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1.) Some of his fellow-Christians had insisted that these Gentile believers must obey the old Levitical law as a condition of salvation; Paul replied that Christ alone was the all-sufficient Saviour and that faith in Him brought His saving grace into the soul. People thus renewed were no longer in bondage to an arbitrary law; they were free to follow the leadings of the Spirit.

A free man in a free country is free only to follow the best that he knows. The moment that he lets himself be dominated by self-interest or fleshly desire or lust for power, he clashes with the rights of his fellows, and society must protect herself against the marauder.

In the next few studies we shall consider different phases of the character of the man who is free in the New Testament sense, always keeping in mind the fact that the Christian's first concern is to be free in his own spirit and worthy of the outward freedom for which his fathers fought and died.

GAY-MACKENZIE WEDDING

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy MacKenzie, Garfield, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday, April 16th at 7 o'clock when their daughter, Marion Anne became the bride of Esrie G. Gay, Lower Newtown.

The solemn ceremony was performed in the presence of relatives and friends by Rev. R.S. Quigley of Belfast. Miss Helen MacKenzie, sister of the bride, played the nuptial music.

The young bride who was given in marriage by her father, looked very winsome in a dress of light blue with black accessories and corsage of pink carnations, and was attended by her sister, Margaret, who chose an ensemble of deep rose taffeta with contrasting accessories.

Mr. James Halliday of Eldon was best man.

The home for the occasion was decorated with pink and white streamers and after the wedding ceremony a wedding supper was served the guests after which a most enjoyable evening was spent in music, dancing and good fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay will reside in Lower Newtown on "The Old MacDougall Homestead" where Mr. Gay is one of the district's promising young farmers.

The Guardian with a host of friends join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Gay a long, happy and prosperous married life.

New Waterford Signs Two Boston Players

NEW WATERFORD, N.S., May 8 (CP) — New Waterford Athletics of the Cape Breton Colliery Minor Baseball League tonight announced signing of two Boston University players. They are third sacker Larry Boudreau and shortstop Charlie Rickson. Signing of two other Boston performers, Dave Barr and John Hatfield, was announced earlier.

WARSAW, May 8 (Reuters) —

Professor Stanislaw Grabski, 78, Polish vice-president from 1944 to 1946, died here Saturday. Grabski helped negotiate the 1921 peace settlement of Riga after the war between Poland and the Soviet Union.

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NOTICE.—Our mill will be closed each Saturday at 12.30 during the months of May, June, July, August and September. William Condon & Sons, Charlottetown.

ATTENTION COMMUNITY CONCERT MEMBERS.—Next concert "The Revellers" will be held in P. W. C. on Wednesday, May 11th. Please note change of date from May 9th.

CORRECTION — In the account of the meeting of the Presbytery of P.E.I. the date of the next meeting was given as June 15th. This should have been July 15th.

WRONGLY PLACED.—Miss Shirley MacDonald who sang in the Musical Festival in Class 40 girls' solo, low voice, appeared as coming in 3rd place. Miss MacDonald came 2nd. She made a mark of 78.

MR. M. BUELL, manager of the Lawry Potato Co., Charlottetown, left Saturday morning by plane for Rockville, Conn. Mr. Buell expects to be away for several days on business in connection with the firm.

VERA HYNES of Charlottetown, Musical Festival winner whose name was omitted in yesterday's competition results placed second in the piano solo for twelve years and under, class 73. She tied for second place with Herbert Crockett of Summerside.

A MEETING of the Marshfield-Dunstaffnage rural telephone company will be held in the hall at Marshfield, Monday, May 9th, 8 P.M. All shareholders are urged to be present as it will be decided at this meeting what will be done with the line.

ARRIVED IN ENGLAND — Mr. Ernest Carter, Suffolk, has received word of the arrival recently in England of his brother Robert after 40 years spent in the oil fields near Leduc, Alberta. Mr. Ernest Carter himself was a resident of Leduc for several years before enlisting in the 51st Battalion in 1914.

CITY POLICE COURT — At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court, Saturday three men charged with breaking and entering the establishment of R. E. Mutch and Co., Queen Street, on the night of April 21st, each had his sentence suspended for two years on recognizance to keep the peace in the sum of \$500 with two sureties for \$250 each, and were remanded until May 10th for the completion of the recognizance. A drunk and incapable also appeared and was fined \$20 and costs or 30 days.

HAZELBROOK AND VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pippy and family motored to Bellevue on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Irvine MacKie, New Glasgow, N.S., was a recent visitor to Hazelbrook.

Miss Freda Bennett spent the weekend in Hazelbrook visiting her cousin, Miss Ruby Pippy.

The Hazelbrook Women's Institute held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, May 3rd.

Miss Sue Jones has resumed her duties as teacher of Earncliffe school.

Mr. Buddy Ings has returned to his home at Mt. Herbert after attending the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Howlett motored to Clyde River on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. J. MacInnis has returned to her home in Earncliffe after a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. Austin Coody.

The teacher and pupils of Hazelbrook school held an enjoyable Mayflower picnic on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Farquharson has returned to the U.S.A. after an enjoyable vacation at her home in Cross Roads.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our father, James E. Adams, Sea View, who passed away May 9th.

A loving father so kind and true
Our proudest possession in memories of you.
We loved you so much, and think of you often,
God bless you dear Father you are not forgotten.
Fondly Remembered by Sons and Daughters.

BEAUTIFICATION PRIZES — In connection with this year's Rural Beautification competition two prizes are again offered in each County for the care of farm road frontage. This year these prizes for road frontage are thrown open to all farmers and not confined as last year to those entering the general home improvement contest. The farm road frontage prizes are \$25 for best in the Province, \$16 for best in each of the other counties and \$7.50 for second best in each county. Anyone who improves the road frontage of their farm by planting of trees, spaced thirty, forty or fifty feet apart, or by planting along lanes leading from road to house, improvement of entrance bridge, gateway, mail box, special farm sign, fencing, back sloping or general tidying up, has merely to notify the secretary of the society or one of the three county judges to be eligible for these roadside prizes, and that can be done any time before the judging is finished. This is the best week for tree planting. Island native hardwoods are hard to beat for roadside while lilacs and wild roses, available in abundance, are fine for the approach to the house.

Personals

Mr. Alfred A. Foy, of North Tryon, has entered the P. E. Island Hospital for an appendix operation.

Miss Margaret MacEachern, R.N., of the staff of the T. B. Hospital, Halifax, will arrive in the city today to spend a short holiday. The guest of her mother Mrs. Angus MacEachern, Richmond Street, and to attend the graduation of her sister Katherine MacEachern from the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

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		392 Count		4 tins	1 00
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		Large tin		Red APPLE JELLY	1 00
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		Or Baby Cheese, 5 to 6 lbs. each		PURE MARMALADE	1 00
		PEACHES	1 00	3 large jars	1 00
		4 tins		PORK & BEANS	1 00
		CHERRIES	1 00	8 tins	1 00
		3 tins		Avlmer's KETCHUP	1 00
		PEARLS	1 00	5 large bottles	1 00
		4 tins		Fancy MACKEREL	1 00
		PLUMS	1 00	4 tins	1 00
		8 tins		PURE LARD	1 00
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Heavy Fire Loss At Hollywood Track

INGLEWOOD, Calif., May 8 (AP) — Wind-fanned flames swept through Hollywood Park's big racing plant today, and officials put the loss at upwards of \$6,000,000.

The spring meeting, scheduled to start May 17, will be moved to Santa Anita, in nearby Arcadia, and will get under way May 24, said chairman Lloyd Wright of the California Racing Commission. He said it will run the full 30 days.

At least 300 horses, including such stakes stars as Honey-moon, I Will and War Trophy, escaped injury as stiff breezes carried the flames away from the stable area.

D.M. Jessup, the track controller, said it would cost "from

\$6,000,000 on up" to replace the turf club, clubhouse and grandstand sections — a quarter-mile long on the west side of the oval—burned out by the early morning blaze.

DONAGH SCHOOL

Report for April:
Grade X-1. Elaine Trainor.
Grade IX-1. Rita Koughan.
Grade VIII (A)-1. Phyllis Higgins; 2. Veronica Brazil; 3. Clifford Trainor.
Grade VIII (B)-1. James Koughan;

an; 2. Freddie McAdam; 3. Lawrence Koughan.
Grade VII-1. Joseph Koughan; 2. Gerard McNally; 3. John Smith.
Grade VI-1. Vincent McAdam; 2. Mary Smith.
Grade V-1. Catherine Koughan.
Grade III-1. Earl Koughan; 2. Freda Driscoll.
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Highest average in senior grades — James Koughan.
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This vital educational work must go on, because statistics prove that most of our people can be saved from cancer if their symptoms are recognized and treated in the earlier stages. Some citizens may not be reached by direct canvass, but will wish to support this worthy cause.