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BARABBAS SPEAKS

"By what strange whimsies is a man's fate swayed— I free to go, while He goes to His Cross! I know His life! no evil has He done; For many a day in towns of Galilee, Have I stood in that crowd that swarmed him round While His fingers healed the leper with their touch, Or at His word the devils fled away. And man knows my life, all my evil fate— Now I stand free while He goes there to die! What was there to this man that Annas feared, And that that Roman with oily face? He would be king? Nay, rather he would not! Such men as he would never bind with crowns And all the stiff exclusion of a throne Their right to mix with men. Some deeper thought Lay in that false priest's brain. Could it have been, He feared the words He spoke about High God. About men grown to stature of God's sons, One brotherhood that banished self from earth? No priest could gull a race that held such thoughts, Nor was there place for Pilate in such pain, Nor for Barabbas! No wonder Annas feared A word he could not mold for his own gain. And does he think to end him with a cross?"

William E. Brooks.

Elmsdale and Vicinity

The Elmsdale Women's Institute held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Emmerson Hardy with a fair attendance of members and some visitors were also present. In the absence of the President, Mrs. David Matthews presided. After the regular business a splendid demonstration of Soap Making was given by Miss Veronica O'Connor. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Miss O'Connor with Garden Hints as the answer to the Roll call.

The monthly meeting of the C. W. L. unit of Alma - Elmsdale met Thursday at the home of Mrs. John A. Callahan, with the convenor Mrs. John A. Wallace in the chair. The meeting opened by Prayer, which was followed by reading of minutes of previous meeting. Correspondence was read and discussed. Plans were made for the candy making for St. Patrick's Play, and it was decided to meet at the home of Mrs. Austin O'Brien on Monday, March 16, to fill the bags of candy. Another quilt was completed and much knitting done for the Red Cross at this meeting. Meeting closed by Prayer for Peace.

L.A.C. Edward O'Halloran spent a brief furlough at the home of his sister, Mrs. Austin O'Brien.

The many friends of Mrs. Basil McNeill are pleased to learn she is recovering from her recent illness.

After receiving treatment in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, Mrs. Roach O'Brien has returned home, much improved in health.

Mrs. Wallace Bradshaw of Summerside spent the week-end at Elmsdale at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Basil McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griffin of Lot 7, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Callaghan.

A host of friends in Western Prince were shocked and saddened to learn of the unexpected death in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brookline, Mass., on March 9th of Mr. James H. Kinch, aged 64 years. The late Mr. Kinch was a highly respected and successful farmer of Alma and had gone to spend the winter months with members of his family in the U.S.A. Four sons and one daughter accompanied the remains home. The funeral was held on Sunday March 16th from the home of Mrs. Kinch, 64 years. The Rev. Dr. W.V. Monaghan, P.P. conducted the funeral ceremony. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. Frank Kinch, W.B. McEllan, James Dunbar, J.W. O'Brien, John Smith, and John P. Wallace. The following sons and daughters are left to mourn a kind father who tenderly reared them, though his wife, had died when the family were young children— Mrs. Mildred Walsh of Dorchester, Mass.; Mr. Joseph Kinch of Chicago; Mrs. Shirley Bown, Lester and Chester of Brookline, Mass.; Omar of St. J. N.B. Earl of St. Lawrence P.E.I. and Andrew at home.

Mrs. J.A. Callaghan and nephew, Master Regie MacLellan, spent the week-end visiting friends in Summerside and 48.

Newsy Notes

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In St. Petersburg he stayed at a hotel where he made friends with a Russian officer, a general in the Engineers, and had a long talk with him about India. "You English," said the general, "are always thinking that we want India; but you are apt to forget one equally important point, which is that some day the natives of that country may wish to govern themselves. I study the course of events in India very closely, and what do I see? Why, that you are doing everything you possibly can to teach the inhabitants their own strength. You establish schools; you educate the people; they read your language; and many of them even your newspapers; and the leading men know what is going on in Europe just as well as you yourselves. But the day will come when some agitators will set those thinking masses in motion; and then, what force have you 'o oppose them. If ever there was a nation determined to commit suicide it is England. India is a vast country herself allows, by force of arms, and yet she is doing everything in her power to induce the conquered country to throw off the yoke." Burnaby doubts that there was a good deal of reason in the officer's argument, but believed that the extension of India's education would lead the Hindus to prefer England's domination to that of Russia; but that still left open the question of whether they might prefer to govern themselves, which he undoubtedly would be the case. And the same day is here and now!

Burnaby was that rara avis — an English linguist. He spoke French and Arabic and had some knowledge of Russian; all of which stood him in good stead in his journey. He meditates on education in his day, as follows:—"There is a general opinion in England that Russians are good linguists because their own tongue is so difficult that others become easy to them afterwards. This, he explains gravely, is an entire fallacy. "The child (in Russia) has an English, French or German nurse as soon as he is able to speak, and he learns the foreign language at the expense of his own. The pronunciation first acquired is the one to which he generally adheres to. By the time the child is ten or eleven years old he often speaks the foreign language fluently, and their grammar is studied as he gets older.

"One in England," he says, "we fall into the opposite extreme and usually neglect the modern languages, and even omit the study of our natural tongue. We occupy the whole of our boy's scholastic and college career with the study of Latin and Greek, imagining that we are laying a good foundation for the lad to learn modern languages in life and when he leaves college. But this is a hopeless task; after twenty it is very exceptional to find anyone who can talk a new language. The result is, that we are as a nation the worst linguists in the world. . . . As it is our schools are kept up for the advantage of the masters, who, having to teach in a special branch of study, would be criticised if any other system of education were insisted on by the parents. The masters benefit, the boys suffer. If at our school, the Greek and French were made to change places, . . . with French and German many lads on entering life would learn modern languages more readily than they do now. The building merely laid the foundation of an edifice which they will never have time to complete. English boys do learn modern languages now because of the sharp business deal cut by Burnaby and his associates.

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May He rise anew in all our hearts today, that we may be strengthened for the new day of glorious opportunity for the followers of Christ—after this darkest hour before the dawn is over.

This drama was staged in the upper room. That room was a place dedicated by sacred memories. It has been hallowed by the presence of the Master who had met with His disciples within its walls. The events that had happened in that room had for ever consecrated the place. In this holy atmosphere each of the disciples would have his own thoughts. There was no other room in the whole of Jerusalem quite like this one in the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark. Here they could console their sad hearts with stories of the past, and as they would sit and talk, the very presence of Jesus would seem to haunt the place.

The night that this drama we are considering was enacted the disciples were meeting in the same place, for they had been drawn together by a string of strange and perplexing events. Startling stories were being circulated. Most of them had heard something, some had seen something, and they had all heard the whisper that by now had gone the rounds so they were drawn by this strong magnet of expectation to the same old room, for they felt that they must try to fathom the mystery if possible.

The series of incidents they had to relate were so unexplainable and yet completely irresistible that they naturally gravitated to the old place to talk things over. All would be quiet there—there would be little chance of interruption so they could thrash the thing out carefully and discover from what people had said, and they themselves had seen and heard, what really was true. Some of the disciples were convinced that He was alive while others, of the Thomas school of thought, could not see how He could be. Here in the quiet place of the upper room they attempted to thrash everything out. Peter and John would be adamant; Thomas would have nothing to do with the fanciful idea. So human discussion could get no further.

As they talked each man became conscious of Another Presence. No one would say anything to his neighbour, but the sense of that presence became so strong that everyone was convinced that he saw a form and as they gazed feeling it too good to be true, each heard a voice speaking words they had often heard before. "Peace be unto you." The sound of that voice quelled any doubts that might have arisen in their minds.

But Jesus was not satisfied that they were completely convinced, so He did something more than speak. "He showed unto them His hands and His side. This was done so that they would never again doubt that He was alive. He strove to give them as much external evidence as possible so that when they examined it away from this sacred atmosphere, they would still believe that it was not hallucinations born out of a disordered mind or self-deception brought on by wishful thinking. Jesus meant it to be evidence that could not be gained or disproved.

Need of Religious Education, At

Women experts On Coast guns

CAPE TOWN, April 1 (CP)—South African women on active service in the strictly combatant sense are proving themselves as fine soldiers as their brothers and husbands and fathers engaged in battle of Libya.

They are the women specialists attached to the Coast Artillery batteries in the Cape peninsula. Their handling of the delicate and complicated instruments on which depend the efficiency of the big guns guarding the coast has elicited the highest praise from South Africa's best artillery men.

Enlisting More

So efficient, indeed, have these women proved themselves that authorities have decided to enlist a further 300 or 400 women for training in this work, which is of a secret and highly important nature.

English newspaper quotes an Army Chaplain as saying that "only 5 per cent of the men who join up, know the Lord's Prayer. 85 per cent have never been in a church in their lives. . . . The essential need in the Army today is religious education."

It is submitted that the time for religious education is when the children are attending primary school. They will then acquire inspiration (shall I call it?) to carry them, over the fateful years of adolescence, till their observation shall tell them that a world without religion is a world in chaos. The man who obstructs or denies religious instruction in school is preparing a sharp weapon against all branches of the Christian Church.

EAST END UNION

Property loss from automobile accidents in Canada is reported as about \$3,000,000.00.

"This, however," said Mrs. Grevel, "does not estimate the hospital expenses of the injured, and the economic value of the lives of 1,545 Canadian citizens. From investigation it was reported that at least 40 per cent. of all accidents involve liquor."

"The problem that confronts us," said the speaker, "is how we can prevent these accidents."

Canada has 736 provincial and Dominion representatives in all, whose total salaries amount to \$1,910,000. These are the men who have the responsibility to legislate for Canada's 12,000,000 population. Members were thus urged to bring the matter to their local representatives.

GEORGETOWN CARNegie CLUB

The Carnegie Club presented in the Town Hall on Friday, March 20th, a public demonstration of the work taken up by the club members. This reading club was organized four years ago by the Librarian Miss Genevieve Solomon. The President, Myrtle Prosper presided in a very efficient manner. In her opening remarks she explained the object of the club, its many advantages and stressed the importance of creating a love of good literature in the youth. She also told of the wonderful library system on the Island, and why more people should take advantage of it.

After the singing of "O Canada" the members recited their club creed "Children of the Empire". The first number was the story of "Hiawatha" told by little Paul Donovan of Grade 3. This was followed by pictures shown of Hiawatha. Little Red Riding Hood was dramatized by junior pupils. The following is the cast: Gladys Martell, Cullen DeLory, Frances Prosper, Doris Roche, Wanda Jay and Mary MacConnell. Filmslide, "The Passion and Death of Christ" Rose Llewellyn told the story of "Little Women" and the following, Zeida Jay, Marion Burke, Virginia Grant and Eleanor Hobbs portrayed the characters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy (with very large book as a background).

The guest speaker was Miss May MacGregor, who gave a very interesting talk on the life of our Island author, L.M. Montgomery. The last number was an educational filmslide entitled "All Over the World". As each picture was shown, the club members recognized and gave the names of the pictures.

Mr. Gordon Douglas, principal of the school was called on for remarks. In reference with the filmslide he explained the introduction and stressed the importance of visual education. The usherettes were Gladys Fouchere and Lois Bushy; stage managers, Gerald Solomon and Gerald Doyle.

The club members were very much pleased in having such a (Continued on page 10, Col 3) large, appreciative audience.

CORNWALL - YORK POINT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting of the Cornwall-York Point W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Bert Warren with thirteen members and six visitors present. Meeting opened by singing Ode, followed by Creed. Roll call was answered by presenting a flour bag. Tickets were sold on a quilt donated by the York Point women. Drawing for quilt to take place at next meeting. Six committees reported plants sent to two sick members. Sewing committee reported six quilts, and one afghan were completed for Red Cross since January. Correspondence was read and discussed. It was decided to

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Grade IV-1. Reuben MacDonald; 2. Josephine MacInnis; 3. Leonard MacKeena.

Grade II-1. Martin MacNeill; 2. Joseph Gillis; 3. B. J. O'Hanley.

Grade I (A)-1. Floyd Gay.

Grade I (B)-1. Mary Gillis; 2. Billy MacInnis; 3. Ardelle Gillis.

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—Teacher, Mary Quinn. (Patriot please copy)

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