

Religion and Life

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ABSOLUTE STANDARDS NEEDED

A prominent educationist in the Canadian West made this remark the other day: "The greatest need in our social life is absolute standards of right and wrong." "In education," he continued, "these moral standards should be taught and should be supported by religion." In many other quarters we heard public men emphasizing the need of religious faith to inspire high ideals of citizenship, and to move men toward their realization. When one reads in the press the frequent accounts of dishonesty in public and private enterprises, he is thrown back on the teachings of the Bible on this subject. They are practical and direct in their bearing on the wrong-doings of each writer's time, and they are also ultimate in the authority behind them. The sacred writers trace all law back to the moral character of God. To them such laws as we find in the Ten Commandments are the expression of the nature of God.

They cannot see God expressing Himself in His dealings with men without opposing the evil practices there forbidden, and without requiring justice, goodness and truth in all the dealings of men with men. To God the rights of men are sacred; God Himself will not violate the rights of anyone, not even if those who defy Him. But men's duties are an obligation equally sacred, and to fail to meet one's obligations to others is to disobey God. Now this is a time when men's rights are being loudly overlooked, and their duties over-looked, which means that each claims what is due to him and wants to forget what he owes to others.

The newspapers have been telling about the increase of crime on this continent and the figures are alarming. More alarming still are recent stories of wrong-doing in high places which shows that law-breaking is not confined to criminal classes, but that many men who have been trusted with large interests are betraying their trust. Now when one looks back to the Bible teachings in which the virtuous Western life is rooted, the seriousness of such wrong-doing is forced upon him. It is not merely that these practices are forbidden by divine law, but also that God hates them, and that He will punish them.

Take, for example, the sayings of Amos, the rugged prophet from the wilderness of Judea. He was sent with a message of doom to Northern Israel at the time of her greatest prosperity. Jeroboam II was a mighty conqueror and brought his people a measure of victory and prosperity above anything they had known for centuries. But victory brought wealth, and wealth wrought luxurious living, and luxury bred vice, while the increase of the riches of the powerful only enabled them the more cruelly to oppress the poor. Amos tells them plainly that they are turning justice into wormwood and are casting righteousness down to the earth. It is easy for people to be religious when they are prosperous, and in those days costly sacrifices were

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ENGAGEMENT - Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Taylor, Rocky Point, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Sophia to Frederick Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stretch, St. Catherine's. Marriage to take place July 20th.

PERSONALS

Mrs. William Bell, New Glasgow, N. S., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Myers of Charlottetown.

At the same time there is much more to commend in these days than there is to condemn.

It is true that, when evil is around, we must not, ostrich-like, hide our heads in the sand, but we notice wrongs to correct them. The passing of the Very Rev. James Endicott, second Moderator of the United Church of Canada, has removed one of the most ardent and able servants of Christ in our time.

When he retired from active service, he gave a brilliant address to the General Council on the theme: "Were those days better than these days?" The picture that he painted of the advances made during his period of service not only in missions but in our whole way of life, was an inspiration never to be forgotten.

We are going forward all along the line. Evil is strong but the good is stronger. It is true that "Love does no wrong to a neighbor" and that "Love is the fulfilling of the law." The advances made in social service both in church and state will mark our age as one of the

most constructive in the history of human progress. So while in the war against evil "eternal vigilance is the price of safety," in our efforts to realize the Christian ideal in personal and corporate life we are being blessed with success.

OTTAWA REPORT

by Patrick Nicholson

Sir Winston Churchill always enjoys visiting Ottawa as much as Ottawans enjoy welcoming him. Relaxed by our remoteness from world problems, he becomes humorous, proud and sentimental. Humorous, because Canadians re- proud, because he admires our past achievements and future promise; and sentimental, because he looks upon Canada as the treasured wedding ring linking his Fatherland with his American mother's land.

Last week, an unusually large welcoming crowd gathered at Ottawa's airport to greet our distinguished visitor: Cabinet Ministers, Diplomats, honor guards, and just plain Mr. and Mrs. Ottawa with the sun-suited kids.

Playing his expected part, Mr. History was smoking a large cigar and raising two fingers in his famous V-salute as he stepped from the Canadian V. I. P. aircraft which had brought him from Washington.

He was followed from the plane by his huge personal retinue. Mr. Anthony Eden, his dapper heir-apparent; "The Prof", Lord Cherwell, the former university professor who is his adviser on atomic matters; the white-haired General like "Doc", Lord Moran, who is his personal physician; "Dopey" and "Sneezy", two baggy-eyed hard-worked aides; a young duplicate of Charles Laughton who is his son-in-law and Parliamentary Assistant; Christopher Somers, an ordinary-looking girl stenographer, private detective and valet. Sitting beside Mr. St. Laurent, high on the back of one of the government fleet of shiny new Cadillac Convertibles, Sir Winston was driven through crowded streets to the Château Laurier Hotel, where he was to stay.

It seemed somewhat improbable that Canada's million dollar guest house for important visitors, Government House, was closed, and the Governor General away at Stratford, listening to Shakespeare's apt phrase: "Thereby hangs a tale" in "The Taming of the Shrew." It was a pity that Sir Winston could not be invited to stay at the Prime Minister's official residence, which the taxpayers provide for such hospitality. So it was lucky that that was not filled with the usual horde of conventioners.

Churchill will not have press conferences in his own country, but here he conformed to the custom of the country. And at the moment moving such occasion most of us can recall, he gave us a rousing message to all Canadians.

After answering many questions about world affairs, in a manner unusually lighthearted for him, Churchill was asked whether he planned to return to Ottawa some day.

We knew the answer, and he knew that we knew. So he replied with this great compliment to Canada, rising to his greatest heights of emotional oratory as with a catch in his voice he de-

MRS. LLOYD PERRY

The death occurred suddenly at the home of her father, George Power, Prince's Lodge, N. S., on Feb. 13, 1954, of Helen, wife of Lloyd Perry, aged 28 years. Her unexpected death came as a shock to her parents, husband and members of her family. She was in perfect health, but took ill suddenly and passed away before medical aid could be reached. She was a kind and considerate person and had a cheerful disposition, always ready to lend a helping hand and never complained of any duty placed upon her. She leaves to mourn her passing a loving mother, her daughter, Judy, her husband, Lloyd, who was in Clinton, Ont., at the time of her death. She also leaves her father, two brothers, Bobbie in London, England and George in Shearwater, N. S., in the R. C. A. F., and three sisters, Marion, Mrs. Stanley Myers, Edmonton, Alta., Colleen, Mrs. Robert Gass in Toronto, and Eileen at home. Two sisters and one brother predeceased her some years ago. The Pallbearers were: Messrs. Kenneth Oldham, Robert Shelborne, John Perry, Cyril Dolron, Ray Perry, and Emanuel Lafferty. Reception High Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Halifax, where the funeral was held to the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Rev. Father Toomey, conducted the services at the grave. May her soul rest in peace.

FLOWERS

Pillow

Husband and daughter, Judy.

Cross

Mother and Dad.

Wreaths

Shirley White, Halifax.

Colleen and Gail, Toronto.

Sister Marion and Stan and family.

Gerald and Alma Gray and family.

Mrs. Doubleday and Girls, Halifax.

Una and Bob, Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Skelhorn.

Basil and Marion Morrison.

Mrs. Harding, Mrs. MacIsaac.

Mrs. Napier, Mrs. E. Watson.

Mrs. Goble, Mrs. H. Burguin.

Family Allowance Social Club, Halifax, N. S.

Marie and Elva, Tignish, P.E.I.

Kay, Earl and Edna.

Raymond Drake, Halifax.

Corporals and Aircraftman's Maritime Air Comm.

Sprays

Joan Ferguson, Halifax.

Brother George.

Robert Gass and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lafferty, Halifax.

Edie and Jim MacFarlane and Family.

Members of the R. C. A. F. Station.

Hazel Francis and Lloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Boyce and family.

Ray Perry, Halifax N. S.

Eileen Slavinson, Gerrie Tripp and Pat Poland, Toronto.

Cut Flowers

Gertrude Devaney.

Enrollments

The Society of St. Therese the Little Flower by, Merlin Mooney, Niagara, Ont.

Letters of Sympathy and Telegrams

John Doyle, Allison, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hughes, Avondale.

Mrs. Baker (Dick) Duffy, Antigonish, N. S.

Aunt Annie and Phill Ahearn, China, Maine.

Rita and Gerald Casey, Toronto.

Sister Mary Ignatius, C. S. M., Charlottetown.

Mrs. Joseph Mooney, Souris, P. E. I.

Mark and Eileen.

Brian MacCarran, Labrador.

Edna Power, St. John, N. B.

George, Wanie and Harold, Clinton, Ont.

Al Ahearn, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zorella, Brockton, Mass.

Roy and Noreen Closhey, Tignish.

lined this new spirit of the Commonwealth.

"When I came here fifty-four years ago for the first time, your population was just over five millions, and now its just over fifty million. And all that has happened in my lifetime. Extraordinary! Wonderful! I dare say by the end of the century it may be thirty or forty millions—or more."

"What a wonderful thing! What a marvellous thing! And what a work you are all engaged in, guiding up rapidly the life of this young community, so free and so buoyant, in this wonderful country, with its hitherto unmeasured possibilities, far beyond what you have already achieved."

"A wonderful range lies before you in the future; playing your part in serving world causes, and never forgetting the Old Country to which you owe so much of the civilization that you enjoy and are spreading throughout the world."

"We have rough times behind us, and many difficulties to face in our small island with our vast population. But nothing encourages us more to face these difficulties than the increasingly friendly and loving relations which are growing up between you and us and between the other great Commonwealth States like Australia and New Zealand. It really enables us all to face every problem with a feeling of confidence."

nish, P. E. I.

Mary Casey, Halifax.

Ruth and Bud Spence, Prince's Lodge.

Jean LeBlanc, Halifax.

Shirley and George Martin, Halifax.

Marshall and Anne Baker, Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Skelhorn, Halifax.

Albert and Helen Martin, Halifax.

Baba Davey, Murray Harbour.

Lloyd, Audrey and Lorna Pickerm, Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Teale, Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Walsh, Lakeview, N. S.

Sympathy Cards

Mrs. Joseph Mooney, Souris, P. E. I.

Don and Doris Tully, Sackville, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Power, Charlottetown.

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Hap and Joan Munroe, Halifax.

Charles and Emily Bower, Prince's Lodge.

Una and Family.

Bell and Jim and Boys, Avondale, P. E. I.

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John Gillis.

Mass Cards

Husband, Lloyd, Halifax.

Mother, Mrs. G. Power, Prince's Lodge.

Father, Geo. Power, Prince's Lodge.

Sister, Eileen, Prince's Lodge.

Brother, George, Prince's Lodge.

Sister, Marion, Edmonton, Alberta.

Sister, Colleen, Toronto, Ont.

Brother, Bobbie, London, Eng.

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Aunt Deal and Uncle Jack, Avondale.

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Uncle Brian (two) Labrador.

Uncle Fosse and Aunt Lena, Brooklyn.

Uncle Jerome, St. Mary's Road.

Grandmother, Mrs. Robt. McCarron, St. Mary's Road.

Aunt Margaret and Uncle John, Avondale.

Aunt Jennie and Uncle Jim, Avondale.

Mac Martin and Aunt Agnes, Avondale.

Uncle Nick and Aunt Mary Power, Charlottetown.

Raymond Perry, Halifax.

Marie and Franklyn Perry, Tignish.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Langlois, Halifax.

Carl and Mary Parks, Prince's (3) Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fitzpatrick, (3) Toronto.

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