

Religion and Life

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Try Christianity. Try Christianity according to Christ. A youth once repeated the trite remark, "Christianity has failed," and his friend retorted, "Christianity has never been tried." Dr. Stanley Jones is credited with the saying, "India is accepting Christ but rejecting Christianity." That is to say, Christianity as organized and practiced in the so-called Christian lands is not true to the mind of its Founder and not adapted to India's needs. Sweeping statements such as these are more likely to be startling than true, but there is enough truth in them to challenge attention. Many people have tried Christianity but have you? Then why not give Christ a chance.

Jesus said "Follow me." One of His converts held that this is the whole of Christianity. It is not as simple as it seems. It is not as easy to follow Jesus up the slopes of Calvary. By taking that course Jesus saved the world. By following Him in it we join Him in His sacrifice. Why not venture with Him?

Lesson For Lent
What strikes you in that story of Jesus' passion? The whole Christian world turns back to it in Lent, but what does it suggest to you? Is it not the absoluteness in every phase of Jesus' personal religion? He was absolute in His obedience, in His faith and in His love. We allow circumstances to deflect our obedience; Jesus never did. We allow the nastiness of men to stifle our love; Jesus loved the unlovely and, in cases without number, He loved them into life. With us circumstances dominate our faith, with Jesus faith conquered circumstances.

We make a mistake, however, in putting the difficulty before the privilege of following Jesus. With those original disciples following Jesus meant companionship with Him, and the comradeship was established before the difficulties arose. More according to John, it means a vital union with Him—in Christ and Christ in us. This places His resources at the command of faith just as the resources of the Father were at the command of the faith of His Son. Peter Marshall, once the beloved chaplain of the American Senate, whose early death deprived the church of

one of her choicest spirits, wrote: "Can you and I really have communion with Christ as we would with earthly friends? Can we personally know that same Jesus whose words are recorded in the New Testament. He who walked the dusty trails of Galilee 2,000 years ago? I don't mean can we treasure His words, or try to follow His example, or imagine Him. I mean is He really alive? Can we actually meet Him, commune with Him, ask His help for our everyday affairs? The Gospel writers say yes. A host of men and women down the ages say 'yes.' The church says 'yes.'"

Tremendous Fact
"To say that John Smith, working in an office can directly and in full possession of his faculties, get into communication with God sounds almost fantastic. But that is precisely what I do mean—that the housewife standing in her kitchen, the motorman ringing his bell through the city traffic, the lonely one in the hospital ward, can be in direct communion with God. That is exactly what this imaginative faith involves. Since this is true, do we realize what a tremendous breath-catching fact it is for you? It means that no single event in your life will ever have to be faced alone—neither sorrow nor bereavement, pain or loneliness, joy or laughter, pleasure nor pain. The gospel writers say that at the beginning of Christ's ministry, He chose 12 men . . . that they might be with Him. They were very ordinary men."

Family Problems
You have a problem in your family. Due to some defect somewhere, there is a wound that will not heal. Again, have you tried Christianity? You feel that the other party is to blame: Are you entirely blameless? Why not be Christian through and through? No matter what the other is or does, you follow Christ—in patience, self-control and love. You say, that means suffering. You are suffering, anyway and you will suffer still more if this thing goes to smash. Why not suffer in Christ's spirit and for His objects in your home? Christ will accept responsibility for the outcome when you follow Him step by step.

Why not try Christianity in world affairs? Jesus said, "They who take the sword will perish with the sword." Dr. Adam Shortt once called this "the principle with a comeback." Leaders of the World Council of Churches have pointed out that this applies to threats of the H-bomb. Whatever it may do to an enemy, it cannot but destroy the nation that uses it. Is this not a time for a fresh expression of limitless good-will? Following Jesus here does not mean experimenting with a system; it means committing your cause to Him. When all is said and done, He and He alone is the Lord of Destiny, and He co-operates in all things for good with them that love Him.

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lacks the absoluteness of Jesus' obedience to the Father's will. True, you want to get free from the hateful thing at this moment, but you might want to enjoy again the old indulgence at some future time. Jesus can do nothing for you as long as you leave loopholes like that for the return of an old temptation. Jesus died to make your salvation possible: He lives to make it effective in the case of everyone who trusts Him. The moment you put your will into His hands, determined never again to consent to the re-entry of that evil into your life. He will conquer in you.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.— Advertisers are reminded that their copy must be in The Guardian no later than noon the day previous to insertion. Those who telephone classifieds, etc., should particularly bear this in mind.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.— A congregational meeting will be held in Wood Island Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 23rd, at 10 o'clock P. M. to discuss Mars and other business. A full attendance is requested.

Central Guardian

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RECEIVING HOGS at Crapaud each Tuesday until 11 A. M. Where roads are passable our trucks will pick up as usual. Robert Dawson.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND of the Protestant Orphanage has been increased by \$2,000.00 from the Estate of the late Mrs. Wanda LeMontreal.

CITY POLICE COURT.—The only case to appear before Stipendiary Magistrate K. M. Martin Saturday was that of a man charged with being drunk and disorderly who was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

RESERVE MARCH 30TH for Recital by Mrs. Davison and Mrs. MacRae, assisted by the Girls' Choir and Loren MacLellan, at the Baptist Church. Sponsored by the Men's Association of the Church.

Friends of Mrs. A. E. Wilkinson are sorry to learn she has entered the P. E. Island Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. J. C. A. Gordon sailed on Thursday from Halifax aboard the Empress of France for the United Kingdom where she will spend some time on holiday. In Scotland she will be the guest of Mr. Douglas Gordon and Mrs. Gordon, Edinburgh, going later to Wales, England and the continent.

CORNWALL NOTES
Mr. Golding Smith has been quite ill for several weeks and his friends wish him continued improvement.

Miss Marian Flood of Melville spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Harold Donahue of Cornwall.

Mr. Howard Murray of Mead-owbank has been very ill. His many friends wish him a speed recovery.

The Cornwall Mission Band met in the school on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. George MacMillan and Mrs. Herbert Scott as leaders.

Friends were glad to see Mrs. Harry Hyde out after being confined to her home for several weeks because of illness.

Mrs. Gifford Bain entertained the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church on Monday evening with the President, Mrs. M. K. Charman presiding.

Mr. William Murchison is teaching music in Cornwall school and the pupils are studying the Festival music.

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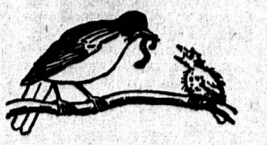
Mrs. Homer Provencher of Appin Road spent the week-end in Cornwall at the home of her sister, Mrs. Elmer Frizzell and enjoyed the skating in Cornwall rink on Saturday night.

Friends will regret the illness of Mr. Archie McEachern who has been suffering from a severe cold; he and his son William are now visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Reggie MacEwen of York Point.

The Cornwall school boys hockey team and the Cornwall Sisters were conveyed to Long Creek rink on Tuesday night through the kindness of John Gillespie. The Cornwall Sisters played to a 1-1 tie with the Long Creek Beaver Sisters, and the Beavers defeated the Cornwall boys.

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

WINIFRED E. WILSON



OUR DUCKS

With its three-sided coast line and extensive waterways, Canada is an excellent breeding ground for Ducks. We have all kinds: river and pond, diving and sea, and fish Ducks. Unlike song birds, Mallards and Black Ducks went through the performance of courtship and mating in their winter quarters as long ago as January, and by now many species have paired and are on their way back to Canada. It was because of this early pairing and readiness to settle down to housekeeping on reaching their destination that spring Duck shooting was prohibited by law in both the United States and our own country some years ago.

Most of our Ducks wintered in a fairly restricted area of the southern states, and will breed in a belt that stretches across central Canada. They travel by four main flyways. Pintails, Baldpates, and others heading for the west coast use the Pacific path. Northwestern Ducks and many bound for the prairies take what is known as the central flyway, which brings a few from Central America or even farther south. In eastern Mexico and Texas they are joined by others, and proceed almost due north. On reaching our southern border the flyway extends from the Rockies to Manitoba. The route used extensively by the majority of our Mallards, Pintails, Ring-necked and prairie-bred Ducks is called the Mississippi flyway because it follows the great valley of the Mississippi River. It then fans out to Alaska on the west and Baffin Island on the east.

These last two flyways overlap in our northern lake district. The Atlantic route is travelled by Black and many prairie Ducks, Redhead, Scaup, Teal, and Scoter. In late March, April, and early May great numbers of Ducks, ranging in size from the little Green-winged Teal of 14 1/2 inches to the 28 inch Pintail, pass overhead at night and spend the hours of daylight in favourable locations resting and feeding. Some diving Ducks that submerge when in danger occasionally journey over water by day and land at night.

Largely due to government restrictions, bird sanctuaries, and the efforts of the organization called Ducks Unlimited, there seems to be a slight increase in Duck population. If this is to be maintained, the public must be educated in conservation. Water pollution by oil is a modern danger to our waterfowl against which we must guard.

Where do Phobos nest?

New Exhibition At The Art Centre

A new exhibition went on display this week at the Art Centre. It is entitled "Swedish Museum" and was organized by the Swedish Museum Association by the Unesco conference held in Mexico City two or three years ago. Since that time, the exhibition has been shown throughout major galleries in United States and Canada. Its showing in Charlottetown has been arranged by Miss Frances Johnston, director of the Art Centre, with the co-operation of the National Gallery of Canada and the Maritime Art Association.

More than two hundred photographs, illustrating many features of the renowned museum facilities of Sweden provide useful information for Islanders who are interested in seeing a museum centre established in this Province.

This exhibition will remain on display in the Art Centre for approximately ten days and may be viewed by the public daily between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

REFLOATING COSTS

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—It cost the Navy \$130,500 to pull the battleship Missouri out of the Chesapeake mud—and the army got the biggest chunk, \$83,400 for use of a dredge. The figures were supplied to a House appropriations sub-committee by Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Michael J. Doyle, who passed away March 19th, 1949. Sadly Missed and Ever Remembered by Wife and Family.

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Kingston United Church Day Of Prayer

World Day of Prayer Service was held in Kingston United Church on Monday Feb. 27 in the afternoon with a good attendance. The theme of the service was "Faith for Our Time."

The first portion of the service was taken by Clyde River Presbyterian Auxiliary led by Mrs. John Gillespie.

Its theme was "Lifting Our Eyes To God." Second part was taken by Kingston Baptist led by Mrs. Grant Willis. Its title was "Looking at Ourselves." The third and fourth parts were taken by Kingston United led by Mrs. Owen Younker and Mrs. Lorne Smith.

The fifth part was taken by Hampshire United its theme was "Praying for Others" led by Mrs. John Clark with "Prayers" by Mrs. John Easton, Mrs. Hilbert Tremere, Mrs. George Kitson, Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. Clifford Proud. Offering was taken and dedicated by the president, Mrs. Lorne Smith. A most inspiring and interesting address was given by Mrs. George Dixon of Clyde River on the "Power of Prayer," and our duty of "Giving to Others," Mrs.

Merrill Green presided at the meeting.

Luncheon was served by Kingston United and a social time was enjoyed by all.

SEVEN MILE BAY, SUB-DIVISION C. W. L.

The March meeting of St. Peter's sub-division of the Catholic Women's League was held on March 5th in the Vestry. In the absence of the president, Mrs. A. C. Green first vice-president presided and the meeting opened with the League Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports from the different committees present, were heard. Correspondence was read as follows: A letter from Mrs. F. J. Trainor, convener of Education.

A letter from Miss I. Arsenault, re sale of photographs of the Holy Father, Pius XII.

A letter from Mr. Edwin C. Johnstone, Provincial Campaign Chairman of the Canadian Red Cross Organization. A letter of thanks from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Noonan for gifts received on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. A letter of thanks from J. E. MacMillan, President of the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau for donation

received.

A letter of thanks from Mrs. Jas. B. Blake, Provincial Treasurer for payment of National Fee and Diocesan per capita fee.

Moved and seconded to order fifty photographs of the Holy Father, Pius XII and that the convener in each district of the parish try and place a picture in every Catholic home. The following members were appointed as the nominating committee to slate officers for the ensuing year. Miss Mary McCarvell, Mrs. James Murray and Mrs. Wilfred MacCormack.

Receipts from a card party and a donation were received. Collection was taken up and the meeting closed with prayer by our Director, Rev. Wm. A. MacDonald.—8

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

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