

Lenten Meditation

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THE EMPTY HOUSE

When the empty house of Man is left empty, evil spirits come and take possession. That law, dramatically stated in the sayings that form the Gospel for the Third Sunday in Lent, has been verified in contemporary experience. Wars to end war have proved to be vain dreams. To fight those wars was a moral obligation in a sinful and disorganized world; but they brought inevitable disappointment. The attempt to expel the demon of aggression without a creative faith to take its place and guard the house threatens to bring in "seven other spirits more wicked than itself," so that the last state is worse than the first.

Only the finger of God can cast out devils. Our Lord himself healed patient, not diseases; and he healed them—or, as they said, drove out the demons—by awakening faith in the goodness of God. His principle, now generally acknowledged in the methods of curative psychology, was summarized in Seelye's well-known phrase, "the expulsive power of a new affection."

A man cannot by sheer force of will overcome evil compulsions and desires; he must be helped to identify the self with the positive desire for a new good, and organize his life round that centre. There is but one prescription against sin—to be growing in the knowledge and love of God. Discipline and purgation are but means to that end.

The law of the spiritual vacuum

is of more than individual application, and explains much that is happening on the world stage. Every civilization hitherto has rested on a religious foundation and the worship of the gods has been at the centre of it. The modern world is attempting for the first time to maintain a culture on the basis of a non-religious philosophy of life.

The fundamental problem for the free world is not so much the material strength of Communism as its own cultural and moral weakness. Mr. Douglas Hyde, in his recent book, "Believed," quotes a party member already beginning to be disillusioned, who said that she dared not face resignation because "I'm terrified of the vacuum which would be left in my life if I went."

"It is precisely," he goes on, "this vacuum which gives Communism its chance. Communism, I believe, has its origin precisely in that spiritual vacuum which exists all over what once was Christendom. . . . (It) has been able to make what is essentially a religious instinct and use it for evil ends."

If so, the only effective answer to the west to the challenge that threatens it is positive. Strategic resistance has been imposed upon it, and here and now that may be a duty; but of itself it offers no constructive solution. The positive answer is cultural and religious. The true resistance is to exhibit and to authenticate in action a better way through the witness of a Christian society.

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MEETING OF RESIDENTS of Spring Park in Hall, March 19th, at 8 P. M. under auspices of Community Club. Professor Frank MacMillan, Guest Speaker. Lunch and social hour.

LEFT FOR OTTAWA - Mr. F. M. Nash, district manager, Egg and Poultry Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, left by plane for Ottawa Saturday morning where he will confer with departmental heads of the head office. He is expected back the latter part of this week.

COUNTY MAGISTRATE'S COURT - A resident of Charlottetown charged with operating a truck that weighed in excess of the prescribed weight limit on a public highway pleaded guilty, and had his case adjourned for one week by the Queen's County Magistrate, Mr. Gilbert A. Gaudet Saturday. A resident of Bonshaw convicted of the same misdemeanor also entered a plea of guilty and had his case adjourned for one week.

SEEKING REPLACEMENT PLANE - Mr. Elton Woodside, "The Flying Farmer," who is associated with Mr. Paul Sharpe, of Paul's Flying Service, is presently

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Quebec Ready To Lift Restrictions

QUEBEC, March 15 (CP)—Premier Duplessis said today Quebec is ready to lift its meat restrictions if better methods of protecting its livestock from foot-and-mouth disease are found.

The Premier said this in answer to questions as to when the government plans to relax its meat and livestock import restrictions.

"The necessary" to protect the Province's livestock and public health in general.

"The Government will be happy to co-operate in the enforcement of other methods of protection, if such exist and as long as they offer the same guarantees as the current embargo," the Premier said.

In Halifax where he is negotiating for a replacement plane to use in the service now being given to the public. He is expected to return this week and will resume operations in answering the many calls made on the flying service this winter. In the meantime Mr. Sharpe has been piloting the plane on the "mercy" flights.

ALL MALE CHOIR - An innovation in church services was initiated at St. James Presbyterian Church yesterday, when at the Vesper service the music was led by an all male choir of men and boys under the direction of Miss Lillian MacKenzie, Mus. Bac. There was a large and appreciative congregation and the minister, Rev. T. H. B. Somers, M. A., S.T.M., gave a fine exposition of the 2nd Epistle of St. Peter and the Epistle of St. Jude.

SONG SERVICE - The Trinity Young People's Union held their regular Sunday Song Service last evening in the social hall following the church service, when the singing was led by Leith Stetson and Donnie Wood, with Mary Morrison at the piano. Unfortunately the guest for the evening, Les Alexander, was not able to be present, but the group was entertained very capably by Miss Betty Beers who sang, "Jesus Took My Burden" and "Saved By Grace," and by Mr. Raymond Player who sang "Think On Me" and "Round Me Falls The Night," with Mrs. Keith Rogers playing the piano. The meeting closed by singing "Jacob's Ladder," the offering and the benediction led by Mr. Irwin.

PERSONALS
The many friends of Mrs. F. C. Dollan, Brookfield, regret to hear of her continued illness in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Mr. Emmett Francis, son of the well known sportsman, "Shonna" Francis, has been taken on strength of the 21st Armored Brigade R. C. A. C., as lieutenant ordnance officer. Lieut. Francis was formerly in the C. O. T. C. at St. Dunstan's University.

Erin's Sons Prepare For Big Celebration

(By Canadian Press)
Out come the green ties and shamrocks again as the sons of the Old Sod prepare to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Monday.

One of the biggest celebrations in Canada, that of Montreal Irishmen, will be held Sunday afternoon when the United Irish Societies hold their annual parade. Impressive floats will be dotted among the long line of marchers from parish groups, military units and many Irish organizations of the city and surrounding municipalities.

Smaller celebrations will be held in cities and towns across Canada Monday when Canadian Irish and Sons of Erin in the world over commemorate the death of the saint who brought Christianity to Ireland.

Among special events this year is a British Broadcasting Corporation program direct from the ancient St. Patrick's Memorial Church at Saul in County Down. The church stands on the spot where St. Patrick preached his first sermon after landing in Ireland in A. D. 432.

After being a prisoner of a marauding chieftain in Antrim for six years he went to the continent, where he established his religious reputation and was commissioned by the Pope to work in Ireland.

Great Missionary
He preached and taught, organized parishes and built churches, he founded probably 300 churches and baptized 10,000 persons. Among his converts was his captor of earlier years.

He banished the snakes and he made the shamrock the immortal emblem of Ireland, using the tiny plant as a representation of the Holy Trinity.

St. Patrick's day was decided on only after a lengthy Irish argument which according to legend ended in a truly Irish compromise.

It is said that one faction in Ireland claimed the Saint died on March 8, while an opposing party held that March 9 was correct. A Solomon-like Irish priest, Father Maloney, is said to have settled the argument by the addition of eight and nine and March 17 has stood to this day.

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan (Copyright)

Addressing the Royal Canadian Institute some time ago, the President of the University of Toronto expressed anxiety about the effect upon citizens of India of the impact on their country of the materialism of the West. When he passed this remark, President Smith had just returned from a tour of the universities of India where he had personally experienced a little of the conflict between the forces of the West and East. He was far from sharing the unthinking Westerner's all too boastful confidence that the whole world has only to come to know the West in order to embrace spontaneously its way of life.

There has come about in the west, I am afraid, an almost complete separation between the theory of living and its practice. In theory it is Christian and rational, in practice it is predominantly materialistic. At some time in the past we effected this divorce between reason and practice, and now we have finalized the divorce by quieting the reason. This President Smith could rightly lament the "shoddy sentiment" and the distorted values that are unthinkingly embraced by the majority of our fellow citizens.

If the soul of our new, unreasoning, twentieth-century society could be adequately examined, how would it appear? I suppose we can only speculate on this, but the view suggested by a recent book by Professor McLuhan of St. Michael's College is not unconvincing.

In a fairly general survey of the fields of popular art, dress, advertising, entertainment, journalism, marriage and burial customs, he has left the impression that we are fundamentally shallower than we care to admit. Our reading, for example, if circulation statistics are a real indication, is largely "pre-digested" pap, spooned out with confidential nudges. Like "a crowd of enthusiastic kids lining the curbs," we gaze upon the pictures and innocently absorb the chatter as "time marches on." We read Books of the Month, not of our own selection, or flashy reprints of sadistic sex novels and think that by doing as our neighbors do we are demonstrating that we, too, are cultured and sophisticated.

And so for the other aspects of life. It is the passing inclinations of passion or the dictates of capricious sentiment that determine what we shall accept next from the fashions of our sordid culture.

An interesting but equally convincing, variation of this view of society appeared recently in Leo Cherne's analysis of television programs for the New York Times Magazine. Mr. Cherne, executive secretary of the Research Institute

of America, was asking whether the "debate" programs of "Town Meeting" were not in reality a danger to the nation. They are programs intended primarily as entertainment but based usually on very serious issues. They purport to present in some twenty minutes both sides of some important controversy.

As Mr. Cherne says: "Deciding the issue of the Marshall plan in thirty minutes is difficult indeed. Saving Asia from Communism between the commercials is an impossibility. Finding the means to head off inflation in thirty minutes is an economic daydream."

The disturbing factor, however, is that such programs distort the real issue. In the interest of entertainment value, they present the two sides of the case as though they are clearly defined and sharply distinguished. But no genuine debate can be accurately recorded in black and white. There are all kinds of extenuating circumstances and modifying considerations to be taken into account. It is here that human reason comes effectively into play. It is at this stage that the audience might become truly human by exercising its most human faculty. But in the interest of purchased time and entertainment value, this has to be sacrificed. Is it any wonder that people sometimes find it difficult to understand? Indeed, do we really understand ourselves?

What does this imply? Surely that, as a people, we are not really free. Our tastes, our sentiments, our ideals, our notion of what is good for us, are all dictated by the materialistic principles of our so-called modern culture. Again, it implies that we are immature, that we are quite incapable of taking the full view of any issue confronting us. Maturity and freedom do not come by mechanical means. They are concomitants of reason.

When we really start to think, when we become human beings, then do we achieve natural maturity and basic freedom.

Yet most of us are afraid to think. And why? Because on those only too rare occasions when we have tried to do so, it seems to have got us nowhere. Our thought was like the unfinished wall of a beautiful building. The builder had begun the wall but had been unable to complete it, with the result that the last row of stones remains jutting out, like the teeth of some gigantic gear, awaiting the hand of a second builder.

Our thought was much like this and we were disturbed. We did not seem to realize that all thought, all thinking is bound to be incomplete. It is like the unfinished wall calling into the void for something to complete it. What completes it, of course, is divine faith. Faith the

"Aye, Aye Sir" Correct Phrase

OTTAWA, Mar. 15—(CP)—"Aye aye sir" is the traditional reply of a rating to an officer in the Royal Canadian Navy, and any other phrase is frowned on.

That's what the navy said today. A naval spokesman said though no general order stipulating the use of the phrase has been laid down, a "reminder" was recently posted at H.M.C.S. Stadacona, the naval station at Halifax, reminding ratings that "aye, aye sir" is the correct nautical phrase.

The spokesman didn't know if the ratings in Halifax had been diverging from the traditional practice to cause the notice to be posted there.

But, he added, it is a fact that "aye, aye" is traditional in the navy—adding "sir" when replying to an officer—and anything else such as "OK Sir" just isn't proper.

second builder takes up where the first builder, reason, had to give up.

But our sophisticated age does not dare to believe. It looks on faith as childish, too unutterably silly. It has long since given up the habit of faith. How can it now be expected to carry on with its thinking? And thus are men left the playthings of their animal senses and passions. Is it any wonder that western man is no longer attractive, no longer comprehensible, to people on the other side of the world?

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