

Religion and Life

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OPEN TO THE SOURCE

Some of us—very few of us, I fear—will remember the sensation caused by an address entitled "The Religion of the Future" given by President Eliot of Harvard University in 1909. My recollection is that this was about the time of Dr. Eliot's retirement from that high office. The orthodox were scandalized by the address. One popular preacher in the far west pictured Eliot being brought before his huge congregation for cross-examination. Every paragraph of the sermon was introduced by "Mistah Eliot! Stand up!" Then the imaginary figure would be challenged on some point of his "new religion."

He had not time to explain his full meaning, but we know that the personal faith which brings Christ into our lives is the driving force behind all social advancement. True religion applies to the whole of life; in so far as it is genuine, it hollows every relationship; therefore, it must bear on all social, national and international problems.

But our hearts and minds must be kept open to the source—the love of God in Christ; only so can the river of grace flow full and free.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Both among civilized and uncivilized races the hair has been invested with an importance which probably originated in its having been considered as a substitute for its owner. Thus in accordance with a wide-spread custom, a lock of hair has from time immemorial been regarded as a much prized love token.

The natives of New Zealand hang locks of hair on branches of trees in their cemeteries to ward off evil spirits that might harm their dead.

On St. Andrews Eve in Germany, girls desiring marriage practice a curious custom. Towards midnight the young lady takes hold of the latch of the door and calls out three times, "Gentle lover; if thou lovest me, show thyself." She must then open the door a little way and thrust a lock of hair into her future husband's imaginary hand.

Again, owing to the respect paid to the hair may be attributed the common superstition that it is unlucky to throw it carelessly to the wind. On this account many persons neither leave nor dispose of the smallest piece of hair. If birds should pick up any stray threads of hair for building their nest why that would be just too bad for the person who carelessly tossed it aside.

In Ireland the swallow is known as the "devil's bird," for the strange belief that, on every human dome there is a particular hair, which, if the swallow can snatch it away, dooms the wretched individual to eternal damnation. Nor will the Irish burn a piece of hair, however small, always taking care to bury it. This is a superstition founded on a tradition that, at the resurrection, the owner of the hair will come in search of it. Similar notions prevail on the continent, where human hair is often identified with witchcraft, for if a bird should make away with a single strand of hair the person from whose head it was fetched will gradually grow bald, or the witches may catch him if he doesn't watch out. Again cut hair should never be thrown into the street as it may be picked up by a witch who, by possessing it, can bewitch the one to whom it belonged.

Among the formalities connected with cutting the hair is the attention paid to the time. Thus Friday is considered by many as unlucky for having the hair trimmed, and Sunday for shaving the face; hence the following couplet:

"Friday cut and Sunday shorn, Better never have been born."

The same antipathy to Friday also exists on the continent of Europe, but curious to relate in Denmark it is regarded as the best day for cutting the nails. Looking through a book on Devonshire folklore I came up with this: "The hair and nails should always be trimmed during the waning of the moon, and that if this rule is adhered to many beneficial results will follow."

This supposed influence of the heaven's night lamp, may be noted on the affairs of daily life enters very largely into the superstitious belief of our own and other countries, being one of those astrological doctrines which has kept its place in modern popular philosophy.

Too, there are many curious superstitions relating to the growth of the hair. For example, a Yorkshire belief has it that when a woman's hair grows in a long point on the forehead, it is supposed to presage widowhood, and is called a widow's peak.

A heavy head of hair is said to indicate a lack of brains—that is, no reason for getting bald early, though—a belief embodied in the well-known proverb "Bush natural, more hair than wit." The sudden loss of hair, on the other hand, has from time immemorial been regarded as a highly ominous sign, being thought to presage the loss of children, health or property.

"My hair stands on end," has become a trite expression to denote fear. But the hair never stands on end when we are frightened nor does it ever turn suddenly white through intense grief. Numerous tall tales have been told to support this theory, but none of them stand up well.

Yellow and red hair in years gone by was regarded with ill favor. Well, so folkore for the story of hair and its folklore and superstitions.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS invited to Guide—Brownie Rally at P. W. C. Monday, February 22nd, 7.00 p. m.

MAMMOTH square dancing party Community Centre Saturday, Feb. 27. All square dancers welcome.

GUIDE AND BROWNIE RALLY at P. W. C. Monday, February 22nd, at 7.00 p. m. Parents and friends of Guiding invited.

CONGREGATIONAL meeting in New London Presbyterian Church Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2 p. m. Everyone urgently requested to attend.

ALL PARENTS of mentally retarded children in the Province interested in re-organizing, please attend meeting at "X" Tuesday, 8 p. m.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Macmillan, North River, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Mary Isabel, to Colonel Edwin James Van Horn, United States Army, Retired, of Alexandria, Virginia. Marriage to take place in Washington, D. C., in July.

RECEIVES CORONATION MEDAL—Among the recent recipients of the Coronation medal is Mr. D. Hooper Essery, veteran letter carrier of this City. Mr. Essery began his service with the Postal Department 38 years ago last fall, and feels as though he has a good many years of service left. A postman's jaunt in that period of time would ordinarily take him the distance of four or five times around the earth's circumference.

PERSONALS

Marsha Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland G. Taylor, is a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital.

His many friends will be pleased to hear that John Nantes is making satisfactory recovery from a recent appendix operation and will return to his home in Maplewood in the near future.

The many relatives and friends of Mr. Longworth MacMillan will regret to learn of his serious illness in Calgary, Alberta.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. D. H. MacPherson who passed away February 22, 1953.

We remembered our dear loved one Always so thoughtful and kind She tried to do her best for all A truer friend you could not find.

God knew that she was weary And her work on earth well done. We know the joys she missed while here She will find in her heavenly home.

Remembered by her husband and family.

ability, or as Robert Burns put it:

"The rank is but the guinea-stamp; The man's the good for a' that."

For centuries all shoes were made by hand, and shoemakers came to this Island with the first colonists. For many years the shoemakers travelled from family to family and made shoes of leather as each family had in its possession, the shoes desired. When the Island became more thickly settled, the shoemaker located in a small shop and his customers came to him. The man who could make a pair of shoes in a day was considered a first-class workman.

Garrison Chaplain Appointed At Fort Osborne Barracks



WINNIPEG, Man. — Appointment of Captain Walter Anthony Mann, C.S.S.R., formerly of Nelson, B.C., as Garrison Roman Catholic Chaplain of Fort Osborne Barracks here was announced today by Headquarters, Prairie Command.

Captain Mann returned recently from the Far East where he served four months at Kure, Japan and then in Korea as Chaplain to the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Born and educated in Toronto, Captain Mann attended St. Michael's College and later St. Mary's College, Brockville, Ont. He studied for the priesthood at St. Alphonsus Seminary, Woodstock, Ont., and was ordained June 13, 1944.

Following his ordination, Captain Mann was assigned in parish duties at Charlottetown, P.E.I., and Nelson, B. C. He joined the Royal Canadian Army Chaplain's Corps in January, 1951, and was posted to Whitehorse, Yukon Territories as Catholic Chaplain Northwest Highway System.

Ferguson-Balam Wedding

A quiet wedding was solemnized at 7 p. m. January 26, at the home of Rev. W. E. McDonald of St. John's United Church, Winnipeg, Man., who united in marriage Mrs. Thelma Balam, a daughter of the late F. W. B. Chappell of Arwana, Man., and Everett Ferguson, formerly of Hampton, Prince Edward Island. They were attended by Mrs. E. S. Mahan and Miss Lily Gilbert. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson will reside at Arwana, Man.

Nelson-Proctor Wedding

At St. Paul's Anglican Church, Charlottetown, at eleven o'clock Saturday morning, February 6, marriage vows were exchanged between Miriam Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Proctor, Charlottetown, and Allan Horatio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert E. Nelson of Montague, P. E. I.

Rev. Canon J. T. Ibbott was the officiating clergyman. The wedding music was under the direction of Mr. Paul Cudmore, church organist, who also accompanied Miss Betty Jean Beers as she sang "The Lord's Prayer" during the signing of the register.

Bouquets of lilies, yellow and white chrysanthemums were placed in the Chancel. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Keir Proctor as matron-of-honor and Miss Joan Rogerson as bridesmaid.

Mr. Donald Campbell, a friend of the groom acted as groomsmen while Mr. John Shaw, cousin of the groom and Mr. Keir Proctor, brother of the bride ushered the guests to the pews which were marked with white satin bows and baby mums.

The young bride chose a floor length gown of white nylon tulle over taffeta. The strapless bodice was topped with a chantilly lace jacket with Queen Ann collar and lily point sleeves. The skirt was fashioned in bouffant style with a matching lace panel extending to the hemline. Her finger-tip veil of tulle illusion fell from a Juliet cap of lace with clusters of orange blossoms. Her only ornament was a strand of pearls, the gift of the groom. She carried a cascade of Happy Days roses from which fell white streamers caught with rosebuds.

The matron-of-honor wore a full-skirted gown of daffodil yellow nylon net over taffeta with a brocade taffeta bolero. Her flowers were a nosegay of roses and baby mums.

The bridesmaid's floor length gown of Nile green nylon net over taffeta with a scalloped bolero of matching taffeta. She carried a nosegay of mixed flowers with yellow satin streamers. Head-dress of pleated tulle and tiny clusters of flowers completed her costume.

The bride's mother chose for her daughter's wedding a gown of Queen's blue crepe and lace, navy accessories and squirrel neckpiece. Her corsage was of pink and white carnations.

The groom's mother was attractively attired in mauve crepe, black and white accessories and a corsage of white mums.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Charlottetown Hotel. The bride and groom were assisted in receiving the guests by their parents and bridal attendants. The bride's table, with its attractive arrangement of mixed flowers and lighted candelabra was centered with a three-tier wedding cake. Rev. Canon J. T. Ibbott proposed the toast which was responded to by

Announcement Of Winners In National Temperance Course

Winners in National Temperance Study Course are as follows:

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

1—Marion Stavert, North Bedouque; Linda Stetson, Freetown; Keith Haslam, Kensington; Winston Ye, Central Lot 16.

2—Carol Bradshaw, Bedouque; Marilyn Carruthers, North Bedouque; Beth MacFarlane, Bedouque.

3—Douglas Johnson, Margate; Sandra Rayner, Central Bedouque; Grace Rachel Lyle, Central Lot 16; Douglas Bradshaw, Bedouque; Judith Cousins, Kensington.

4—Byron Burns, Freetown; Ralph S. Carruthers, Kensington; Carl Champion, Kensington.

5—Shirley E. Reeves, Emerald R.R. 2; Harley B. Harper, Cape Traverse; Linda Ann Woodside, Margate; Margaret Cairns, Cape Traverse; Raymond Cairns, Cape Traverse.

Seniors (10, 11, 12 yrs.)

1—Sandra Jardine, Freetown; Grant Francis, Freetown; Colborne Clow, Freetown; Donnie Stavert, N. Bedouque; Jean M. Murray, Kensington; Barbara Smith, Tryon.

2—Ray Haslam, Kensington; Doreen Baker, N. Bedouque; Ernest Stavert, N. Bedouque; Gloria MacLean, Central Lot 16; Gail MacLean, Central Lot 16; Jeanette V. Myrns, Albany R.R.; Alice Bagnall, C. Bedouque; Gail Drummond, Freetown; Nora Seales, Freetown.

3—Alan Carr, Central Lot 16; Marlene Paynter, Freetown; Sheila Simmons, Lower Freetown; Kathryn Jeffery, Lower Bedouque; Edwin Johnson, Margate; Jean Carruthers, N. Bedouque; Nancy Simmons, Lower Freetown.

4—Libby Shuman, Kensington; Elizabeth MacCaull, Carleton Siding; Donna Carruthers, N. Bedouque; Lorne Platts, Searlestown; Carl Murphy, Kensington; Roger MacMillan, Kensington; David MacKlaine, Bedouque.

5—Marilyn Best, Tryon; Clare Muttart, Bedouque; Beryl Murphy, Carleton Siding; Gail Quigley, Carleton Siding; Alma Winchester, Central Lot 16; Marjorie Anna Woodside, Margate.

Intermediate (13, 14, 15 yrs.)

1—George Murray, Bedouque; Ellen Stavert, N. Bedouque.

2—Catherine Chebeck, Bedouque; Myrna Cousins, Kensington; Carmen Paynter, Freetown.

3—Eric Jeffery, Lower Bedouque; Thane Drummond, Freetown; Albert Haslam, Carleton Siding; Gordon Myers, Albany R.R.; Shirley James, Freetown; Audrey MacEachern, Freetown.

4—Eleanor Clark, Kensington; Elaine Rayner, C. Bedouque; Irwin Drummond, Freetown; Arlene Reeves, Lower Freetown.

5—Jean Murphy, Carleton Siding; Garnet Lowther, Bedouque; Arlene Sturdy, Cape Traverse; James Stewart, Cape Traverse; Evelyn Crozier, Kensington.

Seniors (16, 17, 18 yrs.)

1—Elizabeth Brookins, Kensington.

QUEEN'S COUNTY

1—Ronnie Godfrey, North Wiltshire; Gwyneth MacLean, North Wiltshire; Barry Balderston, North Wiltshire.

2—Donnie Higgins, Charlottetown.

3—Marilyn Boswall, North Wiltshire.

4—Peggy Parker, North Wiltshire.

5—Grant Petersen, Wheatley River; Lorna Vessey, York.

Junior (10, 11, 12 yrs.)

1—Fred Davison, Charlottetown.

2—Dorothy Ann Parker, North Wiltshire; Kathryn Bowman, Hunter River; Helen Smith, Hunter River.

3—Irwin Green, Grahams Road; Mabel Sherrin, Charlottetown; Gloria Brown, Charlottetown; Ariel Rupert, Charlottetown; Muriel Elliot, Charlottetown; Carlene Llewellyn, Charlottetown.

4—Judy MacLean, N. Wiltshire; Phyllis Parker, N. Wiltshire; Connie Clark, N. Wiltshire; Marilyn MacLeod, Hartsville; Lois Ann MacLeod, Grahams Road; Beryl Miller, Charlottetown; Shirley Vessey, York; Eileen MacRae, Wheatley River; Rupert Buntain, Wheatley River; Grant Rackham, Wheatley River.

5—George Wendell Murray, Grahams Road; Edward Claire Hynes, Grahams Road; Ferne Vessey, York; Annabella Hardy, York; Erma Watts, York; Wilma Newson, York; Marjorie Lewis, York; Earla Ling, York; Albert Bernard, Hunter River.

The groom. Many telegrams of good wishes were received by the happy couple.

Miss Janet Douglas, cousin of the bride, had charge of the Guest Book.

Later the couple left, amid showers of confetti, on their wedding trip to points in New Brunswick and Maine, the bride wearing suit of mother-of-pearl wool tweed, white flower hat, navy accessories and grey kidskin jacket. A corsage of pink carnations completed her costume.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOSPITAL

Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation a public meeting of all contributors to the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in the class room, new nurses' residence, Charlottetown, on Thursday, February 25th, 1954, at 8 P. M. for the purpose of electing trustees for the government of the institution in accordance with the by-laws and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

J. ANDREW LIKELY, Secretary, Board of Trustees.

Intermediates

1—Myrna Ella Smith, New Glasgow.

2—Carol Tompson, Charlottetown; Hazel Vessey, York.

3—Marilyn Sellar, Wheatley River; Diane Jenkins, Charlottetown; Sylvia Clark, N. Wiltshire; Nellie G. Andrew, New Glasgow; Paula Good, Charlottetown; Beverly Anne MacGregor, Grahams Road; John Bruce Murray, Grahams Road.

4—Roddy MacLeod, North Wiltshire; Beryl Easter, N. Wiltshire; Francis Petersen, Wheatley River; Muriel MacDonald, York; Gail MacLean, N. Wiltshire; Joyce Ling, York; Elizabeth Watts, York.

Seniors

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2—Jean Chandler, Wheatley River.

3—Jean Campbell, N. Wiltshire.

4—John Chandler, Wheatley River.

PROVINCIAL HONORS

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. D. H. MacPherson of Bellevue who passed away on Feb. 22nd, 1953.

Just a tribute of love and remembrance. To her who was one of the best And the joys she missed on life's highway May she find in God's garden of rest.

Inscribed by a true friend.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my father, Jonathan Affleck, who passed away February 22, 1951.

Dear God forgive a silent tear A constant wish that he was here You've taken others, yes we know But he was my father and I miss him so.

Always remembered by his son Harold and family.

Clow, Freetown; Donnie Stavert, N. Bedouque; Fred Davison, Charlottetown; Jean M. Murray, Kensington; Margaret Murray, Kensington; Ray Haslam, Kensington; Gary Haslam, Kensington; Doreen Baker, N. Bedouque; Ernest Stavert, North Bedouque; Gloria MacLean, Central Lot 16; Gail MacLean, Central Lot 16; Jeanette V. Myrns, Albany R.R.; Alice Bagnall, C. Bedouque; Gail Drummond, Freetown; Paula Good, New Glasgow; Hazel Vessey, York; Gordon Myers, Albany R.R.

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IN MEMORIAM

AFLECK — In fond and loving memory of a dear father who passed away February 22nd, 1951.

We often sit and think of him When we are all alone. For memory is the only friend That grief can call its own.

Like ivy on the withered oak. When all other things decay, Our love for him will still keep green, And never fade away.

Stella, Lottie and Edson.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our father, Jonathan James Affleck, Mount Stewart, who passed away February 22nd, 1951.

Like falling leaves, The years slip by, But memories of you Will never die.

Ever remembered by his daughters, Gladys and Jean.

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