

Religion and Life

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THE CONTROL REALITY

Rudyard Kipling once wrote of a Suez where there ain't no Ten Commandments. It is all very well to smile at the poet's clever quip, but to live amid such surroundings is a different matter. Harold Begbie once told the story of an editor in just such a situation. He knew what was going on around him; he despised the practices of men whom he knew; he felt that he was so far above them that he was immune to their seductions. Then one day he found himself on the verge of doing something which in other days he would have loathed. He was shocked beyond measure at his own possibilities. Never before had he dreamed that he could descend to such depths. This led him to review his whole way of life. He had no belief in God, but as he thought over his personal problem, particularly in his case had to come from the outside. There was nothing in his own nature or in his environment that could enable him to stand against the influences around him. One morning at dawn he was startled out of a deep sleep by a presence, and suddenly realized that on that "rain drenched roof there stood the Son of God." And Christ took hold of his problem and solved it. After that encounter, following Christ was the whole of Christianity for him. The story of what his new allegiance led him to dare and do is a romance in itself. But the point of interest to us here is the new realm into which Christ lifted him and how he knew the world and could find help to overcome it only in the Son of God.

Water of Life and as the Bread of Life, and their answer was a plot to put Him to death. He faced them frankly with their plan to kill Him and traced their motives to their Satanic source, and explained their position in the words just quoted. He and they belonged to entirely different realms, consequently their minds could not meet. They were incapable of even understanding His message and His Mission because they were living in another world. Then He repeated this tremendous affirmation that it was only by belief in Himself that they could be lifted out of the lower into the higher.

Is this actual fact? It is happening all around us continually. The completeness with which a human being can be lifted out of all that constituted his world into another, the very opposite of the miraculous that men look at it in wonder and hesitate to believe. To illustrate this new creative act of God take Masfield's picture of Saul Kane in his poem "The Everlasting Mercy." I have recommended that poem to people who were so disgusted with Masfield's description of the sheer brutality of Saul Kane's early life that they refused to read on to the great change. But to the lowliest of the low that change did come. One night in a tavern he had insulted a Quaker woman who was so disgusted with present Christ to the drinkers there, and she had turned on him with a rebuke that had blighted as with a stroke of lightning all his past life. Staggered by the blow he felt something break within his brain. "As one by one the drinkers went I got a glimpse of what it meant— 'Twas someone waiting to come in— A hand upon the door-latch groping— Knocking the man inside to open. He opened the door; the stranger entered; and then "I knew that Christ had given me birth. To brother all the souls on earth And every bird and every beast Should share the crumbs broke at that feast." Then this new world opened before him: "O glory of the lighted mind! How dead I'd been, how dumb, how blind. The station brook, to my new eyes, Was babbling out of Paradise: The waters rushing from the rain Were singing Christ has risen again. I thought all earthly creatures kneel From rapture, of the joy I felt!" This is the old story. Saul of Tarsus turned from hate to all absorbing love, Augustine from sensuous passion to thought that met the issue of his time and overturned the thinking of Europe for a thousand years, Francis from a life of worthless frivolity to a career of service in imitation of Christ closer than any other known in history. These are historic, but we know many personally of whom the world has never heard who have been lifted by the same power out of the realm of darkness into the realm of light. New realities and powers, new interests and aims, new contacts and delights are in Christ for all who accept Him. He becomes the central Reality of His follower and He makes the whole man his own.

So often young people see around them factors and forces which would ruin them if for a moment they let down their guard. They assure themselves that they could never be trapped into actions so fatal in other careers. Then comes a moment when they find themselves on the edge of that kind of action. Alexander Pope's warning is always in point for citizens of the world: "Vice is a monster of such hideous mien That, to be hated, needs but to be seen; Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

What is the first need of a person whose "daily round and common task" brings him or her within range of such influences? That man's answer that it is of someone who will lift him clear out of such an atmosphere into another where he breathes the air of God.

In the bitter controversy recorded in the eighth chapter of St. John's Gospel, Jesus makes one assertion that bears on this problem. He said to his critics: "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins unless you believe that I am He." Jesus' sheer courage fairly catches our breath. He was standing among men eager to take Him. They had actually brought stones into the temple to stone Him to death. He had just offered Himself as the Light of the World, as the

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IN MEMORIAM In Loving Memory of our father, THOMAS HOGAN, who passed away November 25, 1934. His memory is as dear today As in the hour he passed away. Inserted by the Family.

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HONORED BY STAFF. — Members of the staff waited on O. M. Murray at his home in Halifax, to honour him on his appointment as Personnel Representative for the National Armoured Depot, and presented him with a mahogany desk set and fountain pen. The address was read by Lieut. A. C. Millar. Orville comes from Cornwall, P. E. I., and has been in Halifax for the past five years.

Personale

Mrs. G. C. Craddock and two young children left yesterday morning for Ralston, Alta., after spending the summer and fall with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hughes, Brighton Road.

NEW LONDON SCHOOL

The report for the months of October and November for New London School is as follows:— Grade X.—1. Hodge MacEwen; 2. Jessie MacEwen. Grade IX.—1. Eric Mayhew; 2. Audrey Mayhew. Grade VIII.—1. Louise Carr and Evelyn MacEwen; 2. William Cole. Grade VII.—1. David Bernard. Grade VI.—1. Anne Carr; 2. Ruth MacEwen; 3. Beverley MacAllister. Grade V.—1. Isabel Campbell; 2. Eida MacEwen; 3. Sinclair MacKay. Grade IV.—1. Elizabeth Adams. Grade III.—1. Beverley Anne MacEwen; 2. Sheila Somers; 3. Wayne Adams. Grade I. A.—1. Avis Bernard and Barrie MacEwen, (equal); 2. Monty MacEwen; 3. Dean MacEwen; (B), 1. June Cole; 2. Phyllis Somers; (C), Eric Roberts (no tests). Highest average in senior grades: Hodge MacEwen, 96%; highest average in junior grades: Ava Bernard, Barrie MacEwen, 97%. Mary K. MacKay, teacher.

MARYPORT, England — (CP) — Miners in this Cumberland town waited years to see modern baths finally installed at the pithead at a cost of nearly £2,000. Now the town board says it cannot afford to supply the 11,000 gallons of water needed daily for the baths.

IN MEMORIAM In fond and loving memory of MRS. T. H. McMANUS who died November 25th, 1950. Lovingly Remembered by Husband and Family.

IN MEMORIAM In fond and loving memory of Kentford F. L. Walte, who passed away November 25th, 1931. Today recalls sad memories, Of a dear one gone to rest, And the ones who think of him today, Are the ones who loved him best. He giveth his beloved sleep. Always Remembered by His Wife and Family.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of Grace Anderson, who passed away November 25th, 1950. Two years ago dear Sister, Since Jesus called you home, We loved you well, but Jesus Loved you best, in Heaven We will meet to part no more. Ever Remembered by Brother and Sisters.

ANY TIME — it's time for KING COLE TEA



HIGH AND DRY—A trick of the tide at Rustico Harbor, P. E. I. has left this dry high and dry in a sea of grass. An anchor thrown out

astern has its fluke sunk in the soft soil as though to prevent the craft drifting away.—(CP Photo).

CLINTON, Ont. — (CP) — Mr. and Mrs. Aaron C. Fisher celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the farm to which the groom brought his bride 50 years ago, and which they still operate. Their four sons and five daughters came home for the big occasion.

IRON SPRINGS, Alta. — (CP) — The Alberta Highways Department has authorized construction of a 25-mile highway linking Lethbridge, Picture Butte and Iron Springs. It will serve sugar beet growers in this area.

Roll call will be answered with a parcel for the sale valued at 50 cents. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Philip Matheson. After adjournment a delicious lunch was served.

STILL WORKING

LINKS FARMS

FARM HORSES

North River W. I.

Annual Meeting

The North River W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Harry Scott on Monday, November 3. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode, followed by roll call, when 14 members paid their dues, and one new member joined. Minutes of the last annual and regular meetings were read. East Wiltshire school committee reported buying supplies to the amount of \$110, which was paid. The sick committee reported sending a card to one sick person in hospital. Ten members renewed their subscriptions to the Institute News.

Following is the slate of officers for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. George Yeo; vice-president, Mrs. Sterling MacKinnon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Fred Jewell; directors, Mrs. Dan Jewell, Mrs. Bruce MacKinnon, and Mrs. Ernest Laddner; auditors, Mrs. Stanley Thompson, and Mrs. Sterling MacKinnon; press reporter, Miss Eleanor Younker; Red Cross, Mrs. Harry Scott.

The new sick committee for the next three months will be Mrs. Bruce MacKinnon for East Wiltshire, Mrs. Bob Vickerson for Warren Grove and school committee, Warren Grove, Mrs. Ernest Laddner, East Wiltshire, Mrs. Dan Jewell (re-elected).

Mrs. Harold Younker kindly offered her home for the December meeting, when the lunch committee will be Mrs. Edson Mutch, Mrs. Fulton Warren, Mrs. Fred Jewell and Mrs. Roy Bruce.

Collection for the evening amounted to \$148, cash on hand to \$139.85. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the committee in charge, and a social hour spent.

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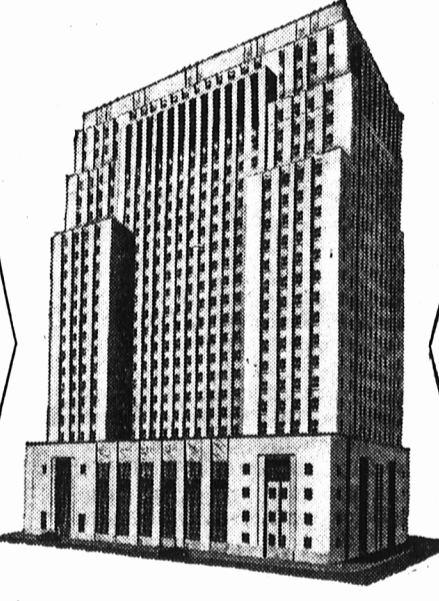
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