

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan

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LESSON OF FORTITUDE

During these last few days we have been concerned with the courage of a 16-year-old girl, and we have been able to rejoice in hearing a whole nation take to its heart this youngster who was the first to swim across Lake Ontario. The most heartening element in this shift of emphasis in the headlines is the fact that what we have been applauding, what has won all our hearts, is a virtue, the virtue of fortitude which (along with prudence, justice and temperance) is one of the "cardinal" virtues. These virtues are simply qualities of soul by which we habitually act with prudence, act justly, act temperately or courageously. These particular four qualities are called "cardinal" because they are the basic qualities of a sound moral life, and the other virtues of the good man are rooted in these.

As we followed Marilyn Bell across Lake Ontario, almost struck by stroke, what we were admiring was a manifestation of one of these key virtues; and our anxious hopes for her success, and now the generous tributes we have paid her, are simply a proof of the high esteem we have for this basic Christian virtue.

But we must remember that fortitude is not primarily a physical thing; it is more than the right combination of well-drilled muscles and brute strength. Fortitude is a quality of the soul, a determination of our will to overcome difficulties in the achievement of good.

Marilyn's feat was but one example of this virtue, and it is in no way lessens the honor we pay here to point out that there are other manifestations of courage, perhaps in our own lives, which

while less spectacular, are no less difficult and praiseworthy. Not many of us are given an opportunity to make such a display of courage as is required in swimming across Lake Ontario. But there is not one of us who is not forced to meet, in the living of our vocations, difficulties, temptations, crises, which demand a courage far greater in its nature, than that required in the display of physical endurance. There is little that is spectacular, for example, in the dedication to the vocation of marriage made by a young man and woman. Yet they undertake, by their exchange of vows, a lifetime of obligations and suffering which requires an unceasing exercise of the virtue of fortitude. From even a purely human point of view, marriage is a quest for happiness; but any real happiness is bought only at the price of sacrifice, and sacrifice demands courage.

From God's point of view, our vocation is the way we serve Him, the way we show our love for Him; and in proving our love for Him, He demands fortitude, and will allow problems and suffering which alone can be a test of that love. And the happiness we find in our vocation, the real success in it, is the result of passing those tests of suffering with courage.

Last week thousands of teachers returned to the classroom to face tens of thousands of students. The teaching vocation is far from spectacular; but when a teacher is truly dedicated to that life, it demands an exercise of fortitude that is heroic. The teacher rarely sees the flowering of the seeds of knowledge and virtue that he plants.

God and hymn "Once To Every Man and Nation" was sung. This was followed by scripture reading and prayer. The president introduced the new study book "The Church in India" and with the aid of map of India, Mr. Louis Cairns and Miss Mary I. Cairns gave a synopsis of that vast country, which is one half the size of Canada's territory and with a population 30 times larger than Canada. To find food is the no. 1 problem and many do not get enough to eat. Questions and discussions followed which were interesting and informative. During the business period 9 members answered the roll call. The annual supper was discussed and plans made to collect for same, as in recent years. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Archbishop's Views on TV

SASKATOON, (CP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury says that television is a most influential educational instrument but one which could make people "increasingly unable to be educated by anything at all."

Rev. Geoffrey Fisher told a Saskatoon diocesan luncheon Tuesday that the television bill passed by the British Parliament was "a lunatic arrangement." The bill permitted commercial television.

The archbishop, now on a western Canada tour after attending the world church council conference at Evanston, Ill., referred to television in the United States and reports American adults watch television an average of four hours a day.

"It's dreadful to think of it," he said. "What would television do to a person? he asked. It might 'educate him into something.' On the other hand, the viewer might sit completely impassive, 'a kind of pudding letting it flow over him.' When this happened the person would be 'increasingly unable to be educated by anything at all.'"

FREETOWN UNITED W. M. S. The September meeting of this auxiliary was held at the church. The vice president, Mrs. R. A. Profit presided and opened the meeting with a worship service. The theme was "A nation before

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NAME OMITTED. - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matthew's name was omitted in the floral tributes, in the Memorial of the late Wendell Gorveatt, Fairview.

ENGAGEMENT. - Mr. and Mrs. Claud Reginald Barwise, announce the engagement of their daughter, Thelma Jayne to Joseph Alwin Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fredrick Duncan of Charlottetown. Marriage to take place in October.

ENTER SCHOOL OF NURSING - Two Prince Edward Island girls are among nine girls from all parts of the Maritimes, who on Sept. 2 began a one-year course in teaching and supervision in schools of nursing, at Dalhousie University's School of Nursing. The Island students are Miss Olive Murray, St. Eleanora, and Miss Flora Mae Crossman, Crapaud.

HONORED AT SHOWER - Tuesday evening the people of Woodstock gathered at the home of Mrs. John Finnan to shower Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Finnan whose marriage took place Aug. 25. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the bride and groom were escorted to the seat of honor by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arbing. The gifts were opened by Mrs. Edith Arbing, Miss Bernice Gallant read the accompanying verses, Miss Ethel Finnan ar-

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Saturday—Sept. 25th 8 p.m.: East Point Baptist Church.
Sunday—Sept. 26th 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Charlottetown Baptist Church.

Monday—Sept. 27th 8 p.m.: Montague Baptist Church.

MEETINGS OF INSPIRATION! ALL ARE WELCOME!

ranged the gifts on the table. Several musical selections were rendered by Mrs. Earl Palmer, Mr. Wallace McKinnon and Mrs. Felix Arsenault. Lunch was later served.

Personals

Rev. Francis W. Bolger, St. Dunstan's College left by plane on September 20, to attend Toronto University, Toronto.

Mrs. Bill Beer won the Ladies' Vice-President's Golf Trophy in a tournament held at the Charlottetown Golf Course on Tuesday afternoon. Runner-up was Mrs. Ron Parker.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mother and Grandmother, Harriet Jane Ford, who passed away September 23rd, 1952.

Ray, Helen and Boys.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all those who patronized me during my time in business.

Signed Clifford Murphy.

Morton-MacDonald Wedding

Baskets of gladioli decorated the First United Church, Bathurst, for the wedding recently of Miss Greta Lindsay MacDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. MacDonald, Bathurst, and William Roy Morton, Charlottetown, P. E. I., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Morton, Edmundston. Rev. E. R. Woodside, Bathurst, performed the ceremony. The guest pews were marked with tiny bouquets of sweetpeas tied with white satin ribbon. Mrs. Edgar Shirley played the wedding music. Mrs. Reid Scott was guest soloist. The bride was attended by Mrs. Scott Chalmers as matron of honor, Mrs. Hugh MacFarlane, as bridesmaid, and little Miss

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our infant daughter who passed away September 23rd, 1951.

Carol Aletha Sentner

Inserted by her Mother and Daddy.

Kathryn MacFarlane as flower girl. Jack Woods, Montreal, was groomsmen. Malcolm Hutchison and Scott Chalmers the ushers. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a waist-length gown with four-tiered skirt of nylon tulle over satin, flitted jacket of nylon lace, the long sleeves ending in lily points. Her shoulder length veil of bridal illusion fell from a coronet of pearls. She carried a bouquet of stephanotis centred with an orchid. Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. MacFarlane wore cocktail-length dresses of pure silk over taffeta, with matching model hats, in shades of Queen's Blue and raspberry respectively. They carried cascade bouquets of gladioli. The flower girl was gowned in rose-pink nylon over taffeta with flower bandeau, and carried a basket of summer flowers. Mrs. MacFarlane wore a two-piece dress of silverblue crepe with navy accessories, and a corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Morton was gowned in figured blue silk crepe.

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with mink neckpiece, black accessories, and shoulder spray of red roses. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. A toast to the bride was proposed by Edgar Shirley, the groom responding. For travelling the bride wore a two-piece suit of fine blue wool, fashioned on soft dress-maker lines. After a wedding ceremony, the bride and groom were on their way to various points in Upper Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Morton will reside in Charlottetown.

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