

Religion and Life

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"What good is there in the stand we are taking?" a young Christian asked the other day. "There are so few of us who believe what we believe and who live as we live." Many of the practices of the world around them these young people refused to follow and did not seem to them that their example was having any effect. Undoubtedly one of the discouraging features of the life of our time is the way in which leaders in society boycott those who refuse to drink or patronize questionable indulgences. St. Paul wrote to a still smaller minority: "Be not conformed to this world, and this injunction is just what these young people are obeying. History records the effects of such fidelity. The answer to this question given by prophets and apostles is the doctrine of "The Remnant." It began with Elijah. He had taken a strong stand on Mount Carmel against the idolatry introduced into the life of Northern Israel by Jezebel, the pagan queen. Up to that point she had carried the nation with her, and when Elijah took his stand, it was a case of one man in protest against the downward tendencies of the whole nation. But here, "one with God" was a majority, and the prophet was vindicated splendidly by the direct act of God. But no such miracle could move Jezebel, the pagan fanatic. She threatened the prophet's life and he had to flee. His complaint to God was this: "They have slain Thy prophets with the sword... and I even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away." The Lord answered with great patience, directed the discouraged prophet what to do in the circumstances, and added: "Yet have I left seven thousand in Israel, and the prophet that have bowed to Baal, and every month which has not kissed him." (1 Kings 19:18).

outward forms of Christian justice and love, wholly unaware that the origin of these principles and ideals was the presence of the living God in the souls of the few.
Need To Take Stand
It is the intensity of the Christian's spiritual convictions and loyalties that decides the depth and extent of his influence in his world. The need of a new passion for Christ and His way of life is very great. Consider the figures given in the daily papers on the number of arrests for drunkenness—19,788 in Toronto alone in 1950—and then ask if a stand for temperance in private life and public policy is not a prime necessity? The very fount of life is being defiled by the way in which the relations of the sexes is being travestied by many writers and public entertainers for their own gains—a stand for purity is to stand on guard against the enemies of the nation's life. This is not to be pessimistic about our own generation. One is filled with admiration at the way in which Christ's laws of life are being obeyed by a large proportion of our young people. But let no one imagine that personal loyalty to Christ in his daily living is fruitless; it is a source of all that is good in the nation.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Paynter, who passed away January 23rd, 1938, and January 29th, 1948.

January comes with deep regrets
A month we shall never forget
And those who think of them today
Are the ones who loved them best.

Sadly Missed by Francis, Christeno and Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Lucy A. Paynter, who passed away on January 29th, 1947.

Resting where shadows fall
In perfect peace, you wait us all
God will link our broken chain,
As one by one we meet again.

Ever Remembered by Dora, Wesley and Harold.

Always a Remnant
There are always more people standing for God and the right than is realized by those in the thick of the fight. They may be overcome for the moment, but ultimately they cannot be prevailed. To the superficial view the mass of men seem bent on evil, but there is always something in the depths of their nature which responds to the good and true. In the heat of the controversy the spirit of the mob carries them away, but when they cool down and reflect, their better nature asserts itself and conscience finds its voice and authority. This was so with the movement back to the worship of the God of Israel started by Elijah. Under Elisha and his successors the nation's faith in the God of Israel was re-established. Isaiah found the nation under a weak king yielding to Assyria in both politics and religion, and his answer was: "A remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God." (Isaiah 10:21). And the Apostle Paul, faced with his people's rejection of Jesus as their Messiah, recalled Elijah's experience and consoled himself with the fact: "So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace." (Romans 11:5).

As a matter of fact, every movement upward started as a despised minority. Modern missions are an example. When Robert Morrison went to China as a pioneer missionary he was ridiculed for attempting something absurdly impossible, and many who followed him met the same scorn. Wesley and the Wesleyans were often driven into hiding with sticks and stones. Farther back, the leaders of the Reformation died by thousands for their faith. Farther back still, St. Athanasius cried, "I Athanasius, against the world" as he found opinion in church and state running heavily against his contention for the truth of Christ's Divinity, on which the salvation of the world depended. Back farther still, the Apostles found the learning, the prestige and the power of the time against them as they proclaimed the Gospel, and far behind them the prophets. In all these cases, the future was with the minority. Pitifully few and weak as they seemed at first in the eyes of the world, they were majestic in their convictions of the truth and magnificent in their loyalty to it, and the descendants of those who rejected their testimony and persecuted them for giving it worshipped at the altars which they set up to the glory of God.

Never In Vain

No stand taken for God and righteousness is ever taken in vain. The number of those who discern the Divine will in their situation and are committed to it is no measure of the range of their influence. Jesus called His disciples "the salt of the earth"—the preservative that keeps the dead world from putrefying. The bulk of the salt is very small in comparison with the mass in which it is packed, but it is the factor which determines the future. Believers, who are the conscience of the community, may be few but they are mighty. The number of individuals in any generation who really entered into vital union with God and accepted unreservedly Christ's teaching as the law of their lives have been comparatively few, and yet they have succeeded to a great extent in establishing Christian principles in the laws and policy of the nations. For example, the Christian ideal of marriage, of social obligation, of charity and benevolence and active service, not to speak of justice, mercy and faith. Vast numbers of people who have no place for God in their personal lives have accepted those

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THE ANNUAL meeting of the Presbyterian Church of Glasgow Road will be held in the church on Tuesday evening, January 30th at 8:30 p.m.

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THE MONTHLY MEETING of the Confederation Wing R. C. A. F. Association, will be held in the Agriculture Room of the Vocational School, Grafton Street, Charlottetown, at 8 P. M. Thursday, February 1st. Ex-members of the R.C.A.F. are cordially invited to attend.

CARD PARTY - The ladies of St. Charles Auxiliary held another enjoyable card party last evening at the Hospital. The prize winners were: Door prize, Mrs. William Keizer; ladies' first, Mrs. Maurice Dart, Mrs. James Hughes; gentlemen's first, Mr. James Stewart; second, Mr. Walter Cusack and Mr. Leon Gallant. The freeze-out was won by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Mahar.

AUCTION FORTY-FIVES PARTY - On Friday evening, Jan. 19th, a card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Croken, FreeTown, with five tables of auction forty-fives in play. The first prizes went to Mrs. John Cash and Mr. C. W. Croken. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour enjoyed.

CARD PARTY - Mrs. Ambrose Curley, FreeTown, was hostess to three tables of auction forty-fives on Monday, Jan. 22nd. Prizes for the evening were: Ladies' first, Mrs. C. W. Croken; gent's first, Mr. Stan Sexton, Moncton, N. B. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. George Croken and Miss Janie Curley.

Thanks

I wish to thank all Box holders on R. R. 3 who so kindly remembered me with Christmas Gifts and Cards, and wish them all a Happy New Year.

Herbert Smith, Hunter River, P. E. I.

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ABT CENTRE DANCE, Clover Club, February 5th. Tickets \$1.00. On sale at Hughes' and Jenkins Drugstores.

ATTENDED PRESBYTERIAL - Among the large number of interested representatives, gathered from all parts of the Island, attending the Presbyterial held in Trinity United Church, Summerside, last Tuesday and Wednesday were the following ladies from Trinity United Church, Charlottetown: Miss Mabel Newsome, Mrs. R. E. Mutch, Mrs. G. M. Avar, Mrs. L. E. Bustin, Mrs. A. D. MacLennan, Mrs. A. B. Bagnell, Mrs. L. W. Saunders, Mrs. Stanley Thompson, Mrs. Willard Coffin, Mrs. Hanford Reeves and Miss Mildred Myers. From Southport were Mrs. Willard Kelly and Mrs. Wendell Mutch.

ROAD REPORT - All main highways on Prince Edward Island are open, but plows will continue to operate until drifting ceases. Due to the sudden freeze-up, gravelled roads are rough and travelling is heavy. Although driving conditions are difficult in places, all main roads are passable. Route 1 Summerside to Tignish—road open. Route 2—Charlottetown to Summerside and Borden—road open through to Borden. Plows will continue to work till storm in this area ceases. Route "A"—Charlottetown to Borden, via Boushaw—this gravelled road is rough and heavy. Route 3—Charlottetown to Montague and Georgetown, Murray River and Murray Harbour—pavement good, rough on gravelled portion to Murray Harbour. Route 4—Charlottetown to Wood Islands—good travelling on pavement—rough beyond. Route 6—Charlottetown to Souris—road open all the way. Route 13—Hunter River to Rustico—open all the way.

PERSONALS
Mrs. Henry Ford city, spent Sunday in Fredericton guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weeks.

Mrs. Archie MacLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Allison MacLeod and two children were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John T. MacLeod, Breadalbane.

Mr. and Mrs. Knud Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weeks, Fredericton, and Mr. John Nicholson, Glen Valley attended the Burns Concert Thursday evening.

Strange But True

By F. B. MacArthur

The ear exceeds all other senses in acuteness of perception. Ears which are well trained can distinguish between notes which differ less than one-hundredth part of a tone. Notes higher than 4000 vibrations per second are, however, distinguished with great difficulty. Why do animals cock their heads to one side when they are in the act of listening? Because changing the position of the head brings certain muscles into use, making the ear more open for sounds. In New York's Chinatown, apartments are so crowded on week-ends that whole families take turns using the same beds. The week-end congestion is due to the arrival of friends from outlying districts. An old Chinese custom still kept up in America's largest city, is serving employees both lunch and supper while on the job. Chinatown has a unique club; the altar of which is embossed in gold. It was brought to N. Y. C. from China, in 1870.

Many villages and small towns in the U. S. A. have large spruce trees growing in their squares, which are used for Christmas trees during the Holy holiday. If this custom was adopted in the Garden of the Gulf, I think it would, add greatly to the beauty of our picturesque rural centres. Bee production is a process only found in organized beings. Stones never reproduce their kind, but organized bodies have the power to create new beings like themselves; and this is the most wonderful phenomena of life.

Animals such as birds walk on two legs. Monkeys and various quadrupeds have been trained to walk on their hind legs, yet they do not stand erect like man. Why? Because, owing to their anatomical structure, the erect position is impossible. But scientific investigations have shown that the beast has reason as well as man. While most of us have 12 ribs on each side of our bodies, occasionally there are found 13 instead of 12 and sometimes only 11. There are 7 true ribs and five false ribs, strange but true! A woman's pulse beats faster than a man's—7 to 10 beats faster, to be exact. At birth the normal pulse rate is 136; from two to seven years, 97; fourteen to twenty-one, 76; seventy-seven to eighty-four, 71. The average rate of pulsation in males, from two to eight years is 73; that of the opposite sex is 82. Both Napoleon and Wellington had slow pulse beats, not averaging more than fifty beats a minute.

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The lowest pulse-beat on record is that of Stanley Shaw of Philadelphia, with a pulse of thirty-two. A curious case is given by a physiologist of a man who possessed such control of his heart as to be able to suspend its action for lengthy periods. On one occasion he remained for half an hour appearing as though dead. Several medicines were present.

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