

# Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan  
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The readers of current literature cannot fail to note that there is in the minds of people today an appalling uncertainty. The characters in our novels show this all-too-well. The writers of non-fiction are in the same dilemma. Some in despair have put themselves on record as saying that this is the inevitable condition of man. They maintain that it is the price we must pay for progress. They feature themselves as the leaders of the new spirit. They refuse to accept the purposefulness and the meaning that religion gives to life and shrink from being human or religious men. We are supposedly in the period of growing up and away from religion.

Without agreeing in any way with this view we can at least be aware of this fact. The great and opposing philosophies of life today are religion and irreligion, theism or atheism. We have witnessed some of the outrages against human persons and human dignity that are the work of the forces of irreligion. Even the irreligious people of this continent shudder when they think of what will happen to the world if these forces ever achieve their avowed aims.

In final analysis the only cure for our bewilderment, the only thing that will enable us to live in peace is to strike the enemy of civilization at its roots, get rid of atheism and return wholeheartedly to religion. This would be a revolution of major proportions because of the way it would have to be brought about. You don't shove religion down people's throats. It must come forth from their hearts, and hearts that are enlightened by minds.

Their own ideals. They, at least the most intelligent among them, frankly admit that without God man is forever unquiet and in mental anguish because he has nothing to give meaning to his life. They admit they long for something. What this is they do not know.

A recent writer has very aptly expressed the debt that men owe to God. He compares God to the power plant by which a modern city is run. If the power plant is stopped all things in the city come to a standstill. If God went on strike nothing in the world would work. We owe it to God that we can do our best as well as our greatest acts.

Men should cultivate God. There is no obsequiousness or craven servility in this cult. It is the most enlarging and glorious experience that is open to mankind. Every man to be happy must dedicate himself to something, or better, to someone. Wholehearted religion means dedication to God. We are a generation which prides itself on being realistic and yet we seem reconciled to accepting substitutes. There are many things for which we can find reliable substitutes. There can never be a substitute for God.

## Mrs. W. C. Hoyt Returns From New York

Mrs. W. C. Hoyt of Hoyt's Beauty Salon returned this week from New York City where she attended the International Hairdresser's Convention and took three instructional courses under the supervision of noted hairdressers.

The convention was held at the Capitol Hotel from September 18-23 and Mrs. Hoyt was the only hair-dresser from this province to attend.

Louie, noted artist in haircutting and cold waving was her instructor in one course. His idea of hair-cutting, Mrs. Hoyt explained, is to find the least bit of natural wave and cut the hair to its naturalness so that it will be easy to manage. Cold waving is done very soft and natural.

Mrs. Hoyt also took a course from Charles, another noted permanent wave and hair stylist. In heat permanent waves he uses a certain processing method which leaves the hair soft as a cold wave. His idea of styling is practical — the hair is waved with not too many curls. This style requires a good hair cut.

While there Mrs. Hoyt took a Post Graduate course in electrolysis from Madam LaQuere, a specialist for the removal of superfluous hair on the face.

## NOT BILINGUAL

CAPTOWN—(CP)—A customer who bought a parrot from a pet shop wishes to sell the bird. The man protests that despite coaxing by his entire family the parrot refuses to change from Cockney to Afrikaans.

## SAME ALL YEAR

Temperatures in Malaya and British Borneo show little variation throughout the 12 months.

## CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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DR. W. L. MACDONALD, Radiologist, will be absent from the P. E. I. Hospital and the Charlottetown Hospital from October 1st to 15th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and all Children's Workers will have a unique opportunity of meeting with one of Canada's leading Children's Workers, Miss Ada Adams, on Tuesday, October 2nd, at the Baptist Church Sunday School Hall (Charlottetown) at eight o'clock. Miss Adams is a graduate of Columbia University, majoring in Education and Leadership Training. She also attended the famed Oberlin Training School. Miss Adams spent a number of years in the Mission Field in Formosa, supervising Church Schools and the training of Sunday School Teachers. This outstanding leader also served with the Children's Aid Society in Toronto, and with the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society of Canada. She is presently engaged with the Maritime Religious Education Council as their Children's Work Secretary. In this capacity Miss Adams will direct a Leadership Training Course on Tuesday evening. She plans to use the new Leadership Training Audio-Visual Kit, followed by group discussion. She also brings an interesting display of teaching material which will be on exhibit. It is to be hoped that a large number will make good the opportunity of hearing and meeting with this outstanding leader.

## Personals

Miss L. M. Passmore, Upper Hillsboro St., has returned from Calgary, Alta., where she spent the summer.

Mrs. L. A. MacDonald, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Doyle and Miss Isabel MacDonald, left by plane Saturday morning on a two weeks visit to Boston and New York.

## ONE-DAY STRIKE

LONDON—(CP)—Milk delivery men went on strike for one day because, they said, they couldn't stand abuse from housewives about the milk shortage. More than 2,000 families had to go without milk.

FRETTED FOR MASTER BRISBANE, Australia—(Reuters)—After stockman Colin Bell committed suicide, his favorite horse hattered himself to death against a post. The horse, Toby, an eight-year-old chestnut, had fretted since returning to Bell's homestead alone.

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## Girl Guide News



### GUIDERS MEETING

Guide and Brownie Leaders met on Thursday evening and discussed Winter Programmes and plans for the Royal visit. The President, Miss Elaine MacDonald conducted the meeting and welcomed the many new Leaders present.

Discussion of second hand uniforms was a matter of interest to all and Mrs. Jean MacLean suggested that each Church appealed for any used uniforms of past Guides or Brownies. This suggestion was approved. Should any parents of former Guides have a uniform in any condition would you be kind enough to send to your Church Guides or Brownie Leader or to Mrs. F. S. Jenkins School Street, or we would be happy to collect.

Guiders were asked to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Girl Guide Association and to assist as usher and serving table date to be announced later. The Mossborough and Brownie Shield competitions were discussed and suggestions were to be considered and forwarded to the Executive Members. The possibility of another variety concert by the Guides and Brownies in February was to be considered and could be a money-raising project.

Mrs. Jenkins distributed Food pamphlets obtained from the Dept. of Health and Welfare which were to be used in the Second Class Test. These will help Leaders and Guides and can be obtained from Miss Hazel Rowland of the Health Dept. or Mrs. Jenkins. Miss Rowland was to be invited to speak at the October meeting.

Mrs. Ralph Dumont, Charlottetown Commissioner was present and assured the Leaders of her willingness to help in any way possible and urged them to call her when necessary. Regret was expressed by all at Mrs. Marie McKay's illness, and a speedy recovery was hoped for.

## BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND



Weeks ago, many bird families broke up, fathers, mothers, and children scattered, and are now separated by hundreds of miles. When the nesting period was over, other families continued to stay in little, private groups through the remainder of summer and early autumn; now they are still sticking together, even though they may have joined friends to form a large company.

Throughout September and for the first ten days or so of October, it is not uncommon to see a flock of over 500 Warblers, composed of perhaps eight or ten varieties. Sometimes as many as 400 Myrtle Warblers help to make up one of these big flocks, and the fact that often a large percentage is young birds leads us to believe that many families travel together.

Although juvenile Yellowthroats are now two or three months old, full grown and perfectly well able to look after themselves, their parents have stuck by them. The little olive green birds all cruise around near their old nesting grounds, drawing attention to themselves by their wren-like talking, until time to join other Warblers and fly south. Yellowthroats' actions also are wren-like.

They keep low in the bushes, but if you are able to catch a glimpse of the black mask worn by the head of the family you will recognize him. His appearance is as unmistakable as his "witchity, witchity, witch" song, which you still have a chance of hearing if he is in your vicinity and you are awake at 5:30 in the morning. Lacking this mark, his wife and children are inconspicuous, but their yellow throats, white bellies, and brownish sides are good distinguishing marks.

There is a vast contrast in just about every way between small Yellowthroats and Canada Geese which are 6-12 times as large. Yet they have this in common: the parents stick by their children from birth, hunting with them, and finally migrating with them. The Warblers leave by mid-October, the Geese not until two months later.

These handsome grey Geese with black heads and necks can be identified as they fly by their white chin patch and the white V over their tails. Honking frequently causes us to look skyward at a flock of 500 or more, migrating in V formation. Noted for faithfulness to their mates, they are also

## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

I might be penning this column in the "Kingdom" of Canada instead of the Dominion of Canada, had the first name offered by Sir John A. MacDonald been accepted by the British big wigs.

The elimination of the word "Kingdom" was not made until the 6th draft of the Canadian Constitution at London, 1867.

The 7th and final revision contained the name, "Dominion of Canada," which Mr. MacDonald later offered as one of several suggestions sent in. The name "Dominion" is borrowed from the Bible, Psalm 72:3. Authorized Version: "He shall have dominion from sea to sea." The Canadian motto: "A mari usque ad mare," from sea to sea, also alludes to this country and is copied from the Latin Psalm 72:3.

On Sunday, July, 1915, Miss Evelyn Henry of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, became the first person to swim the turbulent Northumberland Strait, a distance of approximately 9 miles.

Travelling at 240 M.P.H. at 13,000 feet, a large transport airplane eats up 96 gallons of gas per hour.

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No wonder China's Chou Kung was able to invent the compass. He had a swivel wrist on which he could turn his hand completely around.

"It is one thing to show a man that he is in error, and another to put him in possession of the truth."—J. Locke.

French pears are grown in Indiana.

ideal parents. As they often live to be 25 years old, we imagine that a flock is probably composed of many generations of the same family.

Do Cardinals migrate?

## Dress Rehearsal For Real Life

Want to know how to deal with difficult problems in life? Act them out before you have to face them, advises Stuart Chase in his best seller "Roads To Agreement", now condensed in October Reader's Digest.

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Mousilne believed that every man should have four wives; one to bear children, one for conversation, one to keep house, and the fourth to chastise as an example to the others. But Mousilne was wrong in a lot of things.

Mohawk troops—three companies—fought at Port Royal in 1710. They were recruited at New York and paid by the British. On the capitulation of the Fort, the warriors were promptly taken to their homes, as the Micmacs of Acadia were terror stricken at sight of their old enemies.

If you could turn back the pages of Time and walk into the old Mother's Church, you'd see the minister delivering his sermon wearing a long, heavy cloak, with hood and fur mittens. The worshippers managed to keep their feet from freezing by using live-coal foot warmers, heated stones, skins, containing hot water and live dogs that lay at their masters' feet.

Among the inmates at the Nova Scotia Hospital, Dartmouth, is an Eskimo who hasn't spoken for thirty years.

The patient was rescued from drowning by the R.C.M.P. at his home in Baffin Land, and brought to Nova Scotia. He possesses an Eskimo Bible and many fine photos taken in and around his native haunts.

## Literature And Life

By BOOKMAN

CHARLES LAMB AS A LETTER WRITER

Charles Lamb is one of the most delightful letter writers, taking his place beside such masters as Cowper, Walpole, Gray, Stevenson, Shelley and others.

Letter writing which properly dates from the fifteenth century is valuable as an aid to the study of history, as well as for the portrayal of the character of the writer. The high water mark in this species of writing was reached in the eighteenth century. There were reasons for this. Newspapers were scarce, postage was high, dispatch was infrequent, and life had not the rush of these later days, so that people were able to take pains with their writing.

A letter must not be an essay nor a sermon. It must be as natural as plain speech, frank to the others, but as much like ordinary conversation as possible. In one of his essays he says, "Epistolary matter usually comprises three topics: News, sentiment, and what he calls 'agreeable levities'."

He had well-known men among his correspondents—among them Coleridge, Wordsworth, Hazlitt, Carey (translator of Dante), Southey and other celebrities.

He began in 1796 and his last letter was dated December 22, 1834, and he died a week later. The last one was about a book that he had mislaid. The essays were not as early a product of his pen as "The Letters."

They tell many interesting things about his life. He gives his opinions about books and things in general. In fact we get to know the man by reading them. Every man's library has them in two neat volumes. They have fun and also deal with "the tears of things." Most pathetic is that dated Sept. 27, 1796, telling of the tragedy of Mary killing her mother at the table.

On the anniversary of her death 1797, he wrote Coleridge enclosing a poem about his mother—a very tender thing.

On January 30, 1801 he writes Wordsworth declining an invitation to Cumberland, saying he likes London: "Oh the lamps at night!" Then, "I know an alchemy that turns her mud into gold—the mind that loves to be at home in crowds." He was a true son of the city and loved its "populous solitude" and the sweet security of streets". He said that he hated to move to new places. "The very word 'moving' he declared had desolation compressed in it.

Scattered here and there are his opinions of other writers. When Byron died May 15, 1821, he was not much moved, for Byron according to him only moved the spleen", but a line from Wordsworth would lift the spirit.

Nor has he much use for Shelley. He agreed with Hazlitt that no one was ever the better for reading him. He sums up his estimate of Shelley by saying: "His poems are thin sown with profit and delight". He estimated Gray's Ode on Eton College as better than the famous Eley in the country Churchyard.

He complained to Bernard Barton that reviewers took no notice of his work, and says, "May you never know the miseries of subsisting by authorship. In his early years he was often hard up. The publisher of Elia, his essay was very dilatory in making payment, but Lamb says "he will pay his milk man".

In later years he was in comfortable circumstances and a pension helped him out so that he was able to leave a snug sum to Mary, his beloved sister.

When very ill he writes to Esward Moxon thus: "My bedfellows are rough and cramp and we sleep three in a bed." In May 1833 he walked one day a distance of sixteen miles. Those were the days of the pedestrian.

He died on Dec. 29th, 1834 and passed one of the most interesting and human characters in English letters.

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