

Lenten Meditation

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DIVINE INITIATIVE

It is almost a commonplace that there are two main types of religion, for one of which all turns on man's effort to reach God, while in the other the initiative is from the divine side. The superiority of the second type is shown by the fact that it can include the first within itself and do justice to it. Man must still seek God, but he does it now in the assurance that God has long been seeking him.

There can be no doubt to which of these two types the religion of the Bible belongs. It does not believe what man does, but it sees this always as the response of gratitude for what God has already done. "When thou saidst, seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek."

When Israel is spoken of as the chosen people, this does not mean that they were in any sense superior to others. It means that they acknowledged that they owed everything to what God has done for them. In the Gospel parables, the story of the prodigal son is preceded by those of the lost sheep and the lost coin, since they contain what is lacking in it—a picture of God as going out to seek and to save. The message of the Early Church, and the secret of its life, are contained in a single sentence: "We love, because he first loved us."

Only if full justice is done to the divine initiative can the Christian doctrine of forgiveness be understood. It is often assumed that there can be no obligation to

forgive where there is as yet no evidence of repentance on the part of the offender. That may be true, but the grace of God does not work within the limits of exact obligation. Whereas in human relations a strained situation may be continued indefinitely because neither party is prepared to take the first step towards ending it, God is not so hesitant. He offers his forgiveness in advance of man's repentance, in the hope that by so doing he will evoke the penitence that will make possible a restoration of the broken relationship.

The whole conception of prayer, too, is transformed once it is thought of as a response to what God has done. He has a purpose for each individual life, to bring it to the highest of which it is capable in fellowship with himself; and for humanity, to draw all men together as members of his family. So he enters each human situation with the call to men to use it for these, the noblest of all ends.

They do not bring to him their good intentions and trust that he will fulfil them; rather do they in prayer wait on him to know what he would have them do. Therefore all prayer should contain gratitude, the wondering acknowledgment of God's goodness in the gift of life and the splendid opportunity of being human. It should contain also self-examination—the soldier's inspection of his equipment and weapons before the campaign in which he has been chosen to serve.

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Mr. Lawrence Bradley made a flying trip to the City recently.

Mr. Clarence Curley, Raymond Sturdy and Francis Carragher were recent visitors to the City on business and pleasure.

Mr. Louis Hagen, Kay McAleer, Joseph Coady and Ralph Smith were recent visitors to the City.

Mr. Willie Monaghan and Victor Trainor celebrated St. Patrick's by attending the play in Emerald.

The Kelly's Cross Red Wings battled to a 3-2 win over the Green Road Meteors Saturday night.

Mr. Adrian Smith and Maurice Coady were recent visitors to the Victoria Rink where they witnessed one of the South Shore League games. Mary McDonald and Agnes Trainor were also in attendance.

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CAVENDISH UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE—Sunday, March 23rd, Stanley Bridge 11 A.M. North Rustico 3 P.M. Rev. George Gough, Minister.

THE BIG CITY—A Gay Nineties Musical Review. The annual Y's Men's show, Prince Edward, April 21, 22 and 23. Tickets available from all members April 1st.

ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. Newton Mayhew, North Tryon, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris Elaine to Cecil Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Poy, Tryon, P. E. I.

LEFT FOR HALIFAX—Another representative group of Islanders left yesterday by Maritime Central Airways for Halifax for their final documentation on joining the Canadian Active Army Force. Leaving here were R. J. Brich, West Devon; W. J. Macdonald, Coleman; B. D. MacEachern, Hopfield; F. Byers, St. Peter's Bay; C. W. Wainwright, St. Royalty; F. B. Harper and A. G. Dockendorff, Charlottetown.

FUNERAL TUESDAY—The funeral of the late Robert A. MacKenzie was held on Tuesday afternoon, March 18 with a short service at the home followed by a service in Cavendish United Church. The Rev. George Gough conducted the services. The pall bearers were: Eric Stevenson, Olaf Stevenson, Frank MacKenzie, Lorne MacNeill, Alfred Moore and Foster Sellar. Burial in Cavendish cemetery.

Persons

Rev. Eric Robin, Parish Priest at North Rustico, is at present confined to bed with illness.

Mrs. John E. Trainor, of Kelly's Cross, spent the past weekend in Charlottetown, the guest of Mrs. Frank Flood, Chestnut Street.

Mrs. John Kelly, of Stanchel, is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. W. C. MacLeod, of Kensington, is visiting in the city, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hollis Warren, and Mr. Warren, 158 Prince Street.

Famous Destroyer Is Recommissioned

HALIFAX, March 19—(CP)—A name famous in Canadian naval history will be back in circulation when the Tribal Class destroyer Haida recommissions Saturday under the command of Commander W. Dunn Lantier, 35, of Montreal.

In reserve since 1950, work began last year on the destroyer to equip her with more modern armament.

Haida made her name in 1944, when she took part in eight engagements before September. She assisted in the destruction of four enemy destroyers and 10 other vessels and major damage to three other destroyers. She also helped destroy a submarine in the English Channel.

Cmdr. Harry G. DeWolf, her commander in those days and now a Rear Admiral, the Navy's Vice-Chief of Staff, became the most decorated permanent force officer in the R.C.N.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to thank the Doctors, Father LeClair, the Nurses of the Prince County Hospital who were so kind to me when I was a patient there. All kind friends who sent cards and fruit.

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Reviews Record Year In Butter Production

"The manufacture of butter during the early months of last year was less than that of 1951, but from June to the end of the year an increase was reported every month," stated Mr. H. J. MacDonald, dairy superintendent, in his annual report at the Dairy-men's Association meeting. "Good pastures prevailed throughout the summer and fall, and production was maintained at a very high level."

By the end of November more butter was made in 1951 than during the whole twelve months of 1950, and as the end of the year approached our annual output had surpassed all previous records. The total pounds made was 5,002,292, an increase of 429,028 pounds, or approximately 9.4 per cent. The gross value of butter was \$3,198,368.18. Average price received for butter was 63.93. Average net price paid for fat was 66.57 per pound.

The cheese production last year was also higher than that of 1950 with 877,307 lbs. being manufactured which was an increase of 164,882 lbs. over the previous year. The average price of cheese was a little more than 38 cents. The net value of each 100 lbs of milk sold was \$2.89. Mr. MacDonald said, with 10.49 lbs. necessary to make one pound of cheese.

The main reason for the substantial increase in last year's butter and cheese production was the exceptionally good pasturage, he said, which in turn resulted in a more or less steady supply of patrons throughout the summer months. Mr. MacDonald said the present outlook for good cheese prices is poor. Canada has no cheese contract with Great Britain and is not likely to secure one under Britain's present austerity program.

Another Problem

Canada's cheese industry, he said, is confronted with another grave problem since large quantities of New Zealand cheese are now being imported into Canada at prices lower than the Canadian cheese. Moreover, much of this New Zealand cheese is being processed thus interfering twofold with Canadian cheese sales.

Mr. MacDonald referred to last year's cheese experiments carried on by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. Forty-two 30-pound squares were made at one factory and cured for about seven and a half months. The cheese was then cut into prints of one-half pound and pound sizes and wrapped in designed Pliofilm. This cheese met with a good demand and further processing of this kind is to be continued.

Students are urgently needed, Mr. MacDonald said, to attend the dairy courses at Guelph. Unfortunately, young men are not taking advantage of this course because of the higher wages being paid in other occupations were shorter hours.

Prizes

The directors of the Dairy-men's Association generously voted money for prizes to factory managers for work well done during the year. To the Creamery Manager getting the highest percentage "Excellent" in the Yeast and Mould analysis: 1.—Mort Larkin, New Glasgow. 2.—John Pippy, Pure Milk Company, Charlottetown. 3.—Lloyd Rogerson, Crapaud.

SOUTH GRANVILLE W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Granville Women's Institute was held at the home of the treasurer, Mrs. Wellington MacInnis, on Wednesday evening, March 6th.

The president, Mrs. Stirling Corbett, capably presided and the meeting was opened by singing the "Institute Ode" and repeating the "Creed" in unison. Roll call was responded to by ten members with Irish jokes which were greatly enjoyed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were then read, approved and signed and the reports of committees were given and discussed. The following new committees were appointed:

School, Mrs. Fred Chappelle and Miss Alexandra Keir; sick, Mrs. Fred Chappelle and Mrs. Wellington MacInnis; programme, Mrs. Sheldon Abbott and Mrs. Stirling Corbett; lunch, Miss Annabelle Keir and Mrs. Wellington MacInnis.

Bills amounting to \$1.80 were on motion paid and Mrs. John H. MacLeod read Lesson No. 1 on "Home Nursing" and correspondence was read by the secretary, Miss Alexandra Keir, which included a letter from Red Cross Campaign, and Miss Christie Mac-

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Meeting adjourned with "God Save the Queen", after which lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge.

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Fresh Smoked Fillets, lb. 41c
Boneless Digby, lb. 39c

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Florida (for juice) Oranges, 2 doz. 65c
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