

Religion and Life

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There is an interesting touch in not live in vital union with the St. John's first letter that at this time we ought not to pass by. He is discussing Christian love, and evidently the thought came to him that some might ask: What do you mean by love?

John was writing in a period of persecution. The Roman Empire was then committed to the extermination of Christians, and at any moment a believer might be called upon to renounce his faith or die for it. The records of martyrdom contain many examples of humble men and women who put their lives between their loved ones and danger as Jesus did when He was arrested.

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At this moment the bearing of the appeal for the Community Chest strikes us. Here is one of the most comprehensive plans for practical service before the Christian public. There may not be examples of dramatic sacrifice of life on behalf of the underprivileged, but there are many, many examples of the far more difficult sacrifice—life-long self-giving in tireless ministry to the sufferers and needy of the hour.

We were amazed the other day by the proposition of the fund that we set apart for children—many of the pathetic little sufferers denied the activities that children love, and others crippled in character by their circumstances and in the way to delinquency.

The forms of service supported by this fund are too numerous to mention, but all of them are led by trained experts giving themselves to serve their fellows on the highest plane. One is often distressed at the number of persons who have abundance to spend on their own luxuries but nothing for philanthropy, but this does not lessen the obligation of those who have the heart to help and count it a privilege and opportunity.

There is an aspect for this call for help more important still—the gift is the symbol of the devotion of the giver. Once St. Paul was writing about some poor people whose giving surpassed his expectations, and he added: "And this, not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God."

A contribution to the support of a good cause can never be a substitute for personal service. Christ depends chiefly on persons for the promotion of His cause. There is need of money, but all that money can do is support persons who give full-time service in the name of God and humanity. Those leaders are indispensable, but they need followers. The work of Christ's Kingdom must be done chiefly by volunteers.

One cannot look at any of these departments of social or religious ministry without noticing the crying need for more helpers. The love of God in human hearts expresses itself in serving men; it is His will and the promptings of His spirit that we carry out in our practical ministries. We cannot

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ART CENTRE. — Classes for adults in figure drawing, oil painting, watercolor painting and clay modelling will begin in the evening next week at the Art Centre. The class is for both beginning and advanced students. For the present, instruction in the various media will be given on the same night, but if registration should be more than can be accommodated in the one evening, a second class, which will meet on another night will be formed.

MARITIME BUSINESS — The Business Review of the Bank of Montreal for October says: In the Maritimes retail trade generally was about equal to last month and compared fairly well with last year. However, buying resistance is still evident in some lines and there has been no appreciable improvement in sales of automobiles and electrical appliances during the month. Most wholesalers report volume up slightly over a year ago but hardware dealers report a further decline, chiefly in building materials. Collections are fairly well paid. Cotton mills continue to operate on a reduced scale; woollen mills and foundries are operating at capacity. The harvesting of potatoes is well under way. The New Brunswick potato crop is estimated down about 30% from last year and, with a substantial drop in United States production, prices have risen sharply during the month to around \$3 a barrel as compared with 90 cents a year ago. The Annapolis Valley apple crop is small and little exporting is expected. West Indies demand for salt fish continues firm with prices steady. Labour relations in the coal and steel industry are strained although the men have returned to work and slow-downs have eased.

PERSONALS Mr. Peter McGuigan has returned to work at Oshawa, Ontario, after spending a month's vacation at his home at St. Mary's Road West. Mr. Edwin C. Johnstone, District Rotary Governor, accompanied by Mrs. Johnstone, left on Saturday for Nova Scotia. He will spend a week visiting Rotary Clubs there.

FOR THE ENROLLMENT by Mrs. Hutcheson, a former Tishish and Second Class Guide, Helen Marie McCormick, presented for enrollment, Ila MacDonald, Florence Bushy, Maureen Wood, Mary MacLean, Helen McPhee, Margaret Pierce, and Belle Roach. Florence Bushy presented Betty MacIntosh, Joyce Jarvis, Rose MacAulay, Anne Gillespie, Norma White presented, Catherine MacPhee, Margaret McCarron, Irene Creamer, Joan MacIntyre, Ethel MacEwen, Dorothy Poole and Helen MacDonald. Maureen Wood presented, Catherine MacDonald, Anne MacIntyre, and Joyce Cheverie. The ceremony was carried out with the responses being made perfectly by the recruits, who received much credit on the training received for their leaders, and all were highly complimented by the visiting Commissioners. The meeting closed with all joining in a rousing Camp Fire Evensong and Taps.

Trinity Brownies "Fly Up" Two Brownies of Trinity Pack flew up to Guides recently, Janet Perry and Pauline Johnstone, who proudly received their Wings and were accepted in the 7th Charlottetown Guide Company by Leader, Mrs. Jean MacLean.

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Mystery Of King's Gold Plate

Where Are The Articles Missing From The Royal Dinner Service

By Arthur Nettleton (Copyright reserved)

Allied occupation personnel scouring Germany for Nazi loot during the last five years have been keeping an alert eye for some of King George's property, too. Indeed, a handsome reward awaits anyone able to locate certain objects missing from the royal dinner service for about 200 years. The articles include valuable gold dishes and dish covers taken to Germany by George II, but which disappeared during his visit. Beautifully fashioned and exquisitely engraved, they would be valuable additions to the already priceless dinner service used on State occasions at Buckingham Palace. This collection of gold plate is so unique that much of it is never used today, but the most entrancing pieces are displayed on side-tables at State banquets and other important royal functions. Some estimates put the collection at more than £100,000, but the history and associations of the objects gives them a value which cannot be expressed in cash.

They include not only gold meat dishes, tureens, and fruit and coffee services, but also wonderful gold vases and candelabra. These last-named alone are worth a small fortune, being nearly 4 feet high and made of solid gold. The complete dinner service comprises more than 100 dishes and covers, each a superb example of the goldsmith's craft, and some of them have had a remarkable history.

A number of the articles date from Tudor times, and graced the table of the first Queen Elizabeth. Tradition says that certain others were salvaged from Armada ships wrecked off Britain's shores in 1588. Almost equally valuable are the ones used by Charles II during his exile, and which were brought back to England at the Restoration. There are also splendid pieces of plate hidden for the same monarch by Royalist sympathizers during the Commonwealth, though discovery of such royal property in their homes by the Roundheads would probably have cost them their lives.

One article of outstanding interest is a huge salt-cellar used by Queen Elizabeth Tudor. Built in two tiers and standing on an ornate pedestal, it towers two feet above the table. At the top a richly decorated canopy on three beautifully finished supports adds a final, enchanting touch to an object totally unlike any other salt-cellar in the world.

Research promoted by the late King George V established that this immensely valuable article was in regular use before Armada days. It probably graced the royal table when Queen Elizabeth entertained Drake and his fellow "sea dogs" in celebration of their victory over the Spaniards. Windsor Castle as well as Buckingham Palace sometimes sees this unmatched collection of plate. It is occasionally sent there for use or display at dinners attended by specially honoured guests.

This procedure is a reversal of the one followed in Victorian days, for at that time the royal gold plate was always housed at Windsor and brought to London whenever a banquet or State dinner party was to be held at Buckingham Palace. In fact, the collection is still officially known as the Windsor Gold Plate, though it is now kept at the King's London home.

The change was considered advisable in order to avoid the risks entailed in transferring the plate to and from the Metropolis, when Buckingham Palace began to supplant Windsor Castle as the main centre for State functions. During the war, however, the collection was again stored at Windsor in a secret strongroom safe from bombing.

Its great value necessitates special precautions to keep it in perfect condition. Scratches on such finely engraved articles would immeasurably reduce their worth, and an expert goldsmith supervises their care. Each article is treated separately, and they are cleaned simply by steeping them in boiling water. When they are withdrawn and placed in a draining rack, each piece retains enough heat to dry itself without wiping.

Special containers are used to protect the plate from dust and scratches during storage, and the same containers serve when the articles are being conveyed occasionally by road to and from Windsor Castle. Such journeys are now made with plain vans, undistinguishable from many others on Britain's roads, but they have steel linings and incorporate other security measures. This again is in direct contrast to the mode of transport used for conveying royal plate in Queen Victoria's reign. At that time the journey was a spectacular affair: the vans being drawn by Windsor boys, while riders on horseback provided an escort.

This priceless array of gold plate, for display or use at State functions, is not the only collection of its kind which Britain's royal residences can show. The King has a smaller but valuable private collection at Sandringham, though this consists of comparatively modern pieces, and a third collection of greater antiquity is at St. James's Palace, London. It is the ecclesiastical plate of the Chapel Royal, and includes gold dishes engraved with Biblical pictures, gold altar candlesticks once owned by James II, and some dishes of gold and silver combined. Some of these articles are used for public ceremonies. Certain valuable gold dishes, for instance, come into use when the King's Maundy gifts are distributed.

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