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THE WORLD'S DAY OF PRAYER Service for New Dominion and surrounding churches will be held in New Dominion Church, Friday, February 24th, at 3 P. M.

PERSONALS

ENGAGEMENT. — Mr. and Mrs. Harris Boulter, Albany, Prince Edward Island, announce the engagement of their daughter Jean Winnifred, to John Hubert Thompson, formerly of Yorkshire, England. Marriage to take place in Toronto on March 11th.

The many friends of Mr. Jack Beaton will be sorry to learn that he has been operated on for appendicitis and is now convalescing at the P.E.I. Hospital.

TRINITY Y. P. U.—The weekly meeting of Trinity Y.P.U. was held in the Social Hall. Meeting opened with a short business period followed by devotions under the direction of Evelyn Matheson assisted by Doreen Mercer and Earle Jewell. The members then retired to the following classes: First Aid led by Miss Mabel Matheson, leathercraft, led by Marjorie Munn. Recreation for the evening was led by Wilma Wicks.

Mrs. Peter Dolron of Charlottetown left on a trip to Montreal to visit his daughter, Noreen, who is taking her first vows on Thursday at the Congregation of Notre Dame.

CITY POLICE COURT — At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, a young man convicted of taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent was awarded a one year suspended sentence on two sureties of \$500 each. The case was the result of a car which was taken from in front of Trinity Church on Sunday evening, February 11th. A woman charged with being drunk and disorderly was remanded until the 23rd, while a man charged with being drunk and incapable was fined \$5 and costs or 10 days.

Mrs. William O'will of Kingston and Mrs. Max Ferguson, Stanley Bridge, were visitors to the city on Tuesday attending the races.

NEW SPRING COATS, DRESSES AND SUITS ARRIVING DAILY AT THE FASHION SHOPPE.

Mr. Harry J. Wonnacott formerly of Charlottetown arrived Monday evening from Winnipeg and Toronto and is visiting his sister Mrs. Harry Barr, 98 Elm Avenue for a few days. He leaves Thursday for Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Mr. Bruce Pound, Manager of New Method Cleaners Ltd., left Monday by plane for Moncton, from there he will make a tour of the Maritimes and visit many of the leading dry cleaning plants. Mr. Pound expects to be away about two weeks.

Brilliant Scholar Appointed Professor St. Stephen's College

The Rev. Lawrence E. Toombs well known to Charlottetown people, has recently been appointed associate professor of Old Testament Language and Literature at St. Stephen's College, Edmonton, Alta., which is a United Church theological college attached to the University of Alberta. Mr. Toombs will take up his duties there in August, 1950.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Toombs, 310 Kent St., Charlottetown. He attended Prince of Wales College, where he distinguished himself scholastically and made a contribution to the life of the college as President of the Student's Union and member of the staff of the College Times. He studied at Acadia University for two years, and received the degrees of B.Sc. and B.A., both in chemistry.

After doing research on explosives for the government at the University of Toronto, he became attached to the R.C.A.F. as a meteorologist, where he served until the end of the war.

Mr. Toombs decided to join the ministry, and attended Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Halifax for three years, where he had a brilliant record and was awarded the George S. Campbell travelling scholarship for post-graduate work. He received his B.D. degree from Pine Hill.

At present he is studying at Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N.J., working towards a Ph.D. degree in Old Testament studies and Semitic languages under Dr. John Paterson.

IN MEMORIAM

ME. ALEX H. MacDONALD

There passed away in Charlottetown on February 6th in his 61st year, Mr. Alex H. MacDonald, formerly of Kinross. The funeral service which was largely attended was held in the Orwell Head Church and conducted by the minister, Rev. A. C. Fraser. Because of his lovely Christian character, his devotion to duty, his friendly neighbourly qualities and his support of all worthy causes, the late Mr. MacDonald was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He is survived by one sister, Miss Lizzie MacDonald and a nephew, Mr. Monty MacDonald, both of Kinross.

NEW PREGNANCY TEST

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP) — A new test to detect pregnancy early, within three weeks after conception, is reported in a new medical journal, Fertility and Sterility, published today. The test also gives warning of the danger of abortion and loss of the unborn baby. It was developed by Dr. Edmund J. Farris of Philadelphia. The test gives its answer in 24 hours, he said. Urine from a woman is injected under the skin of immature female rats. If the woman is pregnant, the rats' ovaries become red, and filled with blood.

Lenten Meditations A CHRISTIAN DIRECTIVE (London Times)

"Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. These things will be added unto you. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you." — Matthew 6: 25-34

What is forbidden is not forethought, but that distracting anxiety which renders forethought almost impossible. Anxiety is thus the enemy of efficiency. By its obstruction of personal concern it destroys a right sense of proportion. Nor is this sense of proportion achieved by careful planning. It comes from accepting a basic loyalty in life. No man can be the slave of two masters. The split personality which under the intimidating name of schizophrenia has become a fashionable modern disease, is the product, exactly enough, of divided loyalties, or of the drifting life which hardly knows a loyalty at all.

Those who have accepted the service of God are like men who view a landscape from a high hill. They did not create the proportion of the fields and woods and roads which lie before them; that is all given; it is waiting there for them to see. What they have to do is to make the effort to climb the hill. The Christian life demands a similar effort, a decision, not once in a lifetime, but day by day, to put God first. On many days the landscape may be clouded; it may even be lost in the mist. But the Christian knows it is there. If he will but go steadily forward, or at least hold on to the position already gained, in time the winds will freshen to drive the mist away, revealing both the immediate way ahead and a wide view of the country in which his life is set.

The landscape is, for the most part, human. It is made up not so much of problems to be discussed and solved—though they provide, as it were, its geological foundation—as of men and women in need. It was to people in need that Jesus came. To them also his followers must go. Many are in grave physical need, calling for forethought and sacrifice on a scale that cannot be limited. The need for help is a material question said Bernard: "The need for my neighbour is a spiritual question." Many are in spiritual need, hungry for a purpose which will make life worth living. To them the Christian goes with the eagerness of one who has found the way of life and ever seeks new companions for the journey.

That was religion at its finest. It won my belief and strengthened my faith. I knew that the spirit of truth had been in that church with us. When I asked what it was that turned my mind toward the making of great Biblical motion pictures, I again traced back through the years to find the influence that first awakened my mind to the spiritual power of Biblical scenes. I have always been aware that the Bible was a "best seller," that more human beings have been interested in Bible stories than in any other stories on earth.

Listened To Father

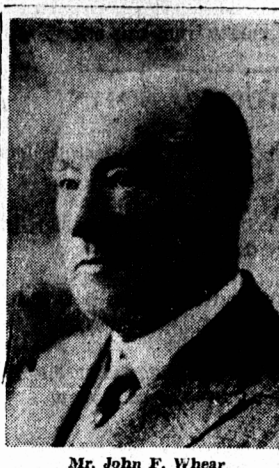
As a boy, however, I used to sit on the arm of a big leather chair every evening as my father read two chapters of the Bible, one from the Old Testament and one from the New. It was a family custom. My father, having been a writer of note in his day, read anything well, but he especially liked to read the Bible. He made the words come alive; the characters moved and breathed before our eyes. It seemed to us he touched the beauty and drama in every story, and our eyes glistened with excitement, then were wet with tears. My father's great vulnerable point was that he loved to have his head rubbed. We children knew of this weakness and used it to our advantage. So absorbed did we become in the Bible stories that we had to have to him stop. So, I used to sit on the arm of his old leather chair, by prearrangement with the other children in the family, and rub his head as he read. So soothed and relaxed did he become that he would forget the hour and go on reading extra chapters to us as we sat intently around his chair.

Reverence And Respect

I have no doubt that father's vivid reading of Biblical stories played in my impressionable mind a reverence and respect for the Bible, perhaps even a sense of its dramatic values, which in subsequent years was to turn me to the Great Book for themes to thrill motion picture audiences. It was always a battle to get support and backing for Biblical pictures. Producers feared them on the basis such pictures would not yield enough to pay the enormous

Legislative Memories Of Half A Century Ago Recalled By Mr. Whear

In the corridor of the Provincial Building, just inside the main entrance, there may be seen a large group picture of the members comprising the 8th General Assembly of this Province after Confederation. The general election took place on December 12, 1900, and resulted in the return of twenty-one Liberals and nine Conservatives with Hon. D. Farquharson as Premier; but Mr. Farquharson resigned a year later to contest a by-election for the House of Commons at Ottawa, in which he was successful, and Hon. Arthur Peters became Premier and Attorney General, so that the Government was known as the "Arthur Peters Administration." The Legislature included in its membership many of the prominent business men and political leaders of the Province, such as John MacLean of Souris, Malcolm MacDonald of Cardigan, Daniel Gordon and Archibald J. MacDonald of Georgetown, John A. Matheson, who then represented Murray Harbour, Hon. Benj. Rogers of Alberton, James W. Richards of Bideford, Peter MacNutt of Malpeque, James H. Cumiskey, George Forbes, H. James Palmer, George E. Hughes, Robert C. MacLeod of Summerside, and others.



Mr. John F. Whear

Strenuous efforts at that time helped to produce the increase subsequently received, and in that respect they were not without reward. The delegates to the 1903 conference at Ottawa were Premier Arthur Peters, Hon. Benj. Rogers and myself. "The greatest achievement in legislation was the formation of a Department of Agriculture, with the appointment of a Commissioner and of a Professor of Agriculture, also provision for the establishment of a Farmers' Institute in every District. It was considered that these steps would give an impetus to our chief industry. "As for the Institutes, they seem to have died out, probably due to lack of sufficiently trained leaders. However, the idea was a good one and was a start in the establishment of subsequent farmers' organizations for the improvement of agriculture. "A Dairy Act was also passed and measures were proposed to strengthen the hog industry; but these latter failed to get the support of a majority of the members.

Queen Victoria's Death

"On the 22nd of January, 1901, the news was flashed to the world that our good Queen Victoria had died. This caused universal mourning, and suitable resolutions of sympathy and condolence were passed by the Legislature here and appropriate messages forwarded to the Royal Family; also renewed expressions of loyalty and fidelity were sent on the succession to the Throne of King Edward VII. "The Coronation of the latter was set for July, 1901, and representatives assembled in London from all parts of the world, including our own Premier. It was to be an event of great pomp and glory, but the King took sick and the Coronation had to be postponed. This caused great disappointment because a large number of the delegates could not await the postponed date. They returned home, including Premier Peters. "Other events of much importance took place during the term of this Legislature, chief of which was the prosecution and the successful conclusion of the South African War, by which large territories were added to our Empire. "There was a visit to the Province by Lord Minto, the Governor General of Canada, and Lady Minto, and a visitation by the Prince of Wales to Halifax, at which representatives from this Province were in attendance. "Mr. Whear was an active member of this Legislature, serving on many committees. He was appointed a Cabinet member following the death of Hon. Malcolm MacDonald of Cardigan. He was acting Attorney General for a two months' period and, as above noted, was a member of the important delegation to Ottawa in 1903. He resigned as a member of the House in February, 1904, on his acceptance of the position of Postmaster of Charlottetown and Inspector for the Island.

Appeals To Ottawa

"Insufficient revenue meant restricted expansion, so every effort was made to receive additional grants from Ottawa. Resolutions were passed, delegations were sent to conferences at Quebec City and at Ottawa, and a strong case was made out for what was known as "the Fisheries Award." Ottawa would not agree, but said they would submit the facts to the Supreme Court of Canada. This was done, and the decision of the Court was adverse to our claims. However, they more than paid their way in both financial and spiritual benefits, and some are still playing in various parts of the world. I have been in Hollywood since 1913, during which time actors, actresses, directors and producers have passed in seemingly endless procession, some befriended by destiny, others lost in oblivion. In a maelstrom like Hollywood there are many reasons for failure and unhappiness. I believe the chief among these is the failure to realize that the purpose of this life is understanding of the spirit and not worship before the calf of gold. (From the magazine "Guideposts" and the book of the same name. Copyright 1950 by Guideposts Associates Inc., Pawling, New York.)

On being interviewed on his legislative memories of half a century ago, Mr. Whear recalled the names above mentioned and added: "As with all governments in that period, the lack of sufficient revenue to do things was the great drawback, and besides the pay and allowances given the civil servants for services rendered was very inadequate. In order to provide anything like efficient service it of course became necessary to increase the public debt, and this proved such a strong Opposition argument that in three by-elections held during the term, Opposition candidates were elected, namely: W. A. C. Morson of Cardigan, James McIsaac in Second King's, and Donald Currie in Second Queen's; but these proved to be only temporary reverses.

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Pioneer Days Continued from page 2 On Sept. 21, 1774, but did not reach here until a year later. A travelling gossip who paid the Island a visit in 1782, told the Rev. Mr. Black, a Methodist minister, then residing in Nova Scotia, this: "The people on the Island are very backward, and in many quarters openly profane." Black came to set matters right, but went away again without any marked satisfaction, although he preached several times in Charlottetown and at St. Peter's. Speaking of his attempt to Christianize the wild Islanders he had this to say: "I am sick at heart over the sins of Islanders. Sin seems everywhere to prevail." But he returned two years later for a brief spell and organized a society of 20 members, which leads one to believe that Mr. Black's opinion of our forefathers was not entirely well founded. It is not pleasant to remember that the first Methodist minister appointed to the Island met with little success in his chosen calling. His name was Bulpit, and he was sent here from the Old Country chiefly through the influence of Dr. A. Clark. This scribe cannot say how long he remained on the Island, but according to T. W. Smith, author of Methodism in Eastern British America, Mr. Bulpit's followers never swelled beyond the fifty mark. We must remember, however, that the struggle to carry the gospel amid the adversities of pioneer life in the forests of the colony was fraught with many hardships, dangers which none but the stoutest hearts could endure; so let us not doubt that the efforts of these early missionaries brought hope and inspiration to many a despairing pioneer. (Signed) A. Duggan. What Nerviline did for Mr. Duggan it may be able to do for you. Get a 35c bottle today.

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The Neighbors By George Clark He can do that bow-legged walk better than any man on the block.

Campbell-Bernard Wedding The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bernard, Long River, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Dec. 26th, when their daughter, Myrtle, was united in marriage to Eric Preston Campbell son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Campbell, Long River, in the presence of their immediate relatives. The living room was tastefully decorated with yellow and white streamers with a white wedding bell in the centre. The bride, who was gowned in teal blue with ivory trimming and wearing a pearl necklace, entered the room on the arm of her father to the strains of the Wedding March played by Miss Norma Campbell, sister of the groom. The young couple who were unattended, took their places, beside a gayly decorated Christmas tree. Rev. D. A. Campbell of New London performed the marriage ceremony. A jolly crowd gathered to characterize them and to wish them a happy voyage through life. Previous to her marriage Myrtle had given a miscellaneous shower in the hall, which had been decorated in yellow and white by her girl friends. In a becoming gown of Royal blue she was ushered in by her sister Evelyn. The gifts were placed beneath a Christmas tree and were opened by Mrs. Eustace Paynter and Mrs. Arthur Johnstone, the verses were read, by Mrs. Andrew C. Johnstone and Margaret Campbell. Mrs. Willard Constable and Joan MacLeod arranged the gifts on the table. In a pleasing manner, Myrtle, thanked her friends for the lovely gifts. A dainty lunch was served by the ladies.

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