

Religion and Life

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THEY'VE LISTENED WITHOUT RESPONSE

Some years ago we were introduced to a prominent lawyer in Washington, D. C., commended to us as a citizen of the very noblest type. Morally and intellectually he was above the partisan spirit; the clichés and hatreds of political controversy had no meaning for him. No matter which party was in power, the authorities looked to head any commission they appointed to deal with a burning issue of the day. He was also a devoted member of his church and interested in religion on the highest level. One of his friends was surprised to find him supporting one of Billy Sunday's campaigns and asked Sunday, "Why?" He answered: "Well, my nephew. He is a graduate of Harvard. Take him to hear Dr. Jowett and he will appreciate every literary reference and be quick to point out any weakness in the preacher's logic. But it ends there. What he needs is someone to hit him on the head with a brick. And that is just what Billy Sunday does."

The evangelists in the public eye today are very different from the one he named, and we say this without criticizing either. But the object in all their special appeals is the same — to startle the indifferent into action and what they are doing is to arouse them to their need of God. The "Gospel-hardened" are the hardest of all classes to reach and move. No matter what their parentage, they have grown up within sound of the Gospel. They have listened without response to the most wonderful story ever told. If any emotion was ever stirred within them, it was promptly suppressed.

They heard the Author of our being calling us into union with Himself, but did not heed. They were told of His love, but put it aside as the parent-love which men of the world forget. The news of His sacrifice for their personal salvation had no interest for them. What can move anyone when that story fails?

THEY FORGET

Such people forget that while love is stronger than death, love repelled turns to judgment. Isaiah has a saying that shows the consequences of scornful spurning of the love of God. He was called to prophesy in a vision of everpowering splendor, and sent with a burning message to Israel. The divine messenger said: "Go and say to this people: 'Hear and hear, but do not understand; see and see, but do not perceive.' Make the heart of this people fat, and their ears heavy and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." This is one of the sternest mes-

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OPENING MEETING of the Parkdale Home and School Association, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m., in the Parkdale Hall, Mrs. Gordon MacDonald will be guest speaker at the welcome and get acquainted evening for both teachers and parents.

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J. E. I. HOSPITAL JUNIOR LADIES' AID

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior Ladies' Aid of the Prince Edward Island Hospital was held on Monday afternoon at the Cundall Home, with the President, Mrs. F. W. Jelks, in the chair.

The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison, after which the minutes of the last Annual meeting were read.

The president welcomed the following new members: Mrs. J. N. MacLeod, Mrs. Eric Tedford, Mrs. Sydney Stoad; Mrs. Loran Ramsay, as well as two former members, Mrs. William Henry and Mrs. Alan Johnston who are returning to the Aid. Regret was expressed in accepting the resignations of Mrs. T. M. Gillies, Mrs. Loran McLellan and Mrs. Lloyd Hawkes.

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Sees Attack Via Alaska Route Possible

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—The possibility of a ground attack on the United States by way of Alaska cannot be discounted, a top-ranking Canadian defence official said here Friday.

Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton told a press conference at Alameda air force base the probable form of attack on the U. S. and Canada would be by air, but the two countries must be able to cope with any "subordinate" form of attack.

McNaughton, former overseas commander of the 1st Canadian Army, now is chairman of the Canadian section of the permanent joint board of defence.

Dr. John Hannah, chairman of the U. S. section of the board, said it would be very difficult to do serious damage in a ground attack over the frozen terrain of northern and western Alaska.

McNaughton and Hannah were among a group of top military and

War Veteran, Noted Marksman Dies

MONTREAL, (CP)—Lt.-Col. P. M. Knowles, 64, veteran of two world wars and noted marksman, died at Queen Mary Veterans

defence strategists who conducted an inspection tour of the Distant Early Warning (DEW) radar lines now under construction across the Arctic.

Hospital Friday

He went overseas with the Royal Canadian Engineers in the First World War and made a major contribution to the development of non-permanent active militia before the beginning of the Second World War, in which he served as brigade engineer officer of the internal security force. He was a frequent competitor at the Quebec provincial and Dominion shooting championships.

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A choir of several hundred voices will be heard at the inaugural meeting of the National Stewardship Crusade. Province-wide representation is assured and preliminary plans call for accommodation of some 5000 people. The Charlottetown meeting marks the opening of the nation-wide crusade and has been arranged by the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, the United Church of Canada.

THIS INAUGURATION MEETING WILL BE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF --

REV. E. V. FORBES

PRESIDENT OF THE MARITIME CONFERENCE

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THE RT. REV. GEORGE DOREY
MODERATOR OF THE UNITED CHURCH

REV. J. S. BONNELL

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DR. H. E. D. ASHFORD

SECRETARY OF THE MISSIONARY AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED CHURCH — FORMER MINISTER OF TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, CHARLOTTETOWN.

The national appeal has to do with all phases of Christian endeavour in the United Church. It is designed primarily to point up and promote the all-important role played by the laity in individual congregations and the Church as a whole. This meeting in Charlottetown is the opening one of a series to be conducted across Canada, the theme of which is "an expanding Canada expects an expanding Church."

This is an open invitation to everyone to attend this historic gathering.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall know their strength."

