

Religion and Life

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A DEED - GOOD OR BAD IS SEED OF YOUR HARVEST

"If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well." So said Shakespeare's MacBeth as he contemplates killing the king and seizing the throne. But the deed was not done when it was done.

"Whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

So said Jesus as He closed His instructions to His disciples as they were sent out for the first time with the greatest message ever given to men.

No words can depict the depth and width of the chasm separating these two sayings. Between them there is all the difference between Heaven and Hell. But they are alike in this — the possibility wrapped up in a single deed.

Just take these two as examples. MacBeth conceived a wicked deed and his wife's fierce ambition drove him to do it.

His royal master, to whose service he was bound by the most sacred vows and to whom he owed every opportunity, he stabbed to death in his sleep — and when he was under MacBeth's own roof.

But one crime led to another. Banquo, a comrade, saw through his hypocritical pretense of anger and grief, and so Banquo also had to die by an assassin's hand.

THIS LOYALTY
Macduff's loyalty to his King made him the enemy of the King's murderer, and when Macduff was out of reach, his wife and children also had to die.

And so on, until remorse was like a fire eating out his moral vitals and the horror of his crimes raised up forces against him which destroyed him.

A deed is a seed and it produces a harvest according to its nature. It is eternally true that what a man sows he shall reap, and that you cannot gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles.

Jesus was just sending His disciples out on their first mission when He spoke the word just quoted. He commissioned them to make the tremendous announcement: The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

He taught them that the powers of the Kingdom were at their command and authorized them to work wonders in His name.

He warned them of the opposition they would meet, and He insisted that selfless love was to be the law of their ministry.

Then He brought His instructions to a climax by showing them the inherent worth and the fruitfulness of a deed of kindness done to a child in His name. No action can be simpler than giving one a drink of water and one hundred times more valuable than giving one a drink in Jesus' name is of value to God who will never forget it.

ITS OWN QUALITY
Every deed we do has a quality of its own and a career of its own. When once it has gone forth from the doer he has lost control over it. It has gone into other hands and has started motions and vibrations of its own type, and now it takes hold of it for new ends.

"What have I done!" many a man has exclaimed as he watched the process of evil going forward which had been set in motion by some act of his own. To stop it has been beyond his power. Besides this, he had committed himself to the evil principle by embodying it in action and put himself under the influence of others so that he has no longer free to do the good he once he loved.

Often a young person goes out into the world with certain principles as his law of life. But along comes the tempter in serpent guise and suggests that the ideals of the old home no longer apply, and that, if he will try this thing just once, he will then know from his own experience the way he should go. But when the evil deed is done he finds himself committed to it.

Fondly he fancied, as he listened to the siren voice of the betrayer, that he would be the same after the deed as before it, but the same again. The deed was reacted on the door more deeply than he knew and proves to be a fruitful seed producing harvests of its own character.

The same thing is true of a good deed. Nothing can be more productive than a kindly act.

No saying of the wiseman of the past is truer to the facts of life than this: "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days." Some years ago there was a novel entitled David Harum that was immensely popular. The centre of the plot was a dime given and a kind word spoken to a roughly clad boy on the street head of the hour.

Out of that act sprang a career of exceptional human interest and success, and one of its results was the restoration of the fortunes of the family of that lad's benefactor. As Longfellow has written: "When'er a noble deed is wrought, there'er is spoken a noble thought or heard in glad surprise."

Two New Aquatic Rafts At Brighton Shore



Two new rafts (above) each measuring 40 x 15 feet were placed in position yesterday off Fort Edward in preparation for the aquatic sports to be held on August sixth. Entries have been received from HMCS "Stadacona", HMCS Cornwallis, and outstanding swimmers from Sun. is under construction for use on the same location and near Paul's wharf was used so enthusiastically by the mittee who have the whole matter in hand, decided to Red Cross Society, Water Safety Division, Angus MCL.

Islander Heads Music Workshop

Special lecturer at the Church Music Workshop at Mount Allison University this year will be the Rev. Lewis Murray of Kensington, Prince Edward Island. Rev. Murray is very well known in this province for his work in the recruiting and instructing of church choirs and church junior choirs.

Other features of the course, which is being held from July 25th-30th, will include the usual comprehensive display of church music publications, performance by the Workshop choir and mutual instruction in choral training under Professor Geoffrey B. Payzant of the Mount Allison Faculty.

This Workshop has, since it was first established three years ago, taken a prominent place in the musical life of the Maritime Provinces.

Unemployment Seen Too High In Canada

LONDON, (CP)—The Financial Times says Canada's ratio of unemployment is "slightly bizarre, and too high for too large a part of the year by British and European standards."

The newspaper, commenting in its own special report from Ottawa on Canadian public spending, says Canada is developing a new domestic financial policy because it is judging the unemployment situation "increasingly" by British standards.

At its highest point in March, the number of jobless in Canada was 7 1/2 per cent of the total labor force.

The news story from Ottawa says: "The government now is veering round to the view that Canada's growth in population requires and justifies free spending on public projects even at the cost of increasing debts."

One school of thought, The mes ads, suggests that Canada's concentration on her basic industries has made the economy dangerously lopsided... balance has been sacrificed, to sheer

Preparations Proceeding For Provincial Exhibition

The finishing touches are being applied to the Jones Livesoc. Pavilion (Coliseum) on the Exhibition Grounds in readiness to Old Home Week which opens on Monday, August 15 and runs through the week until Saturday, August 20.

Hon. R. H. Winters, Federal Government Public Works Minister, will officially open the 1955 Old Home Week on Monday evening, August 15.

Workmen have been busy on the interior of the pavilion for months to provide Manager H. J. Kennedy and his associates with a structure that is second to none in the Maritime for exhibition, vaudeville, entertainment and sporting purposes.

A visit to the building yesterday morning in company with Mr. Kennedy revealed that a tremendous amount of preparation had been made this year on the interior. Seats have been built to accommodate 4,000 people and they have been built in a manner to allow unhindered vision of any part of the pavilion.

WILL BE SHOW CENTRE

The entire cattle and horse shows will be held in the pavilion. The vaudeville show will also be presented on a special stage in the building.

Underneath the seats and between the backs of the seats and the walls are display booths. Altogether there are 28 such booths and they have been booked for weeks by merchants and others wishing to advertise their products.

Between the booths and the walls there is a 12-foot space for those working around the building. Altogether it is estimated that the building will hold from 6,000 to 7,000 people.

During Old Home Week the "growth."

One consequence of "breakneck" growth is that the Canadian economy is oriented outward, with a dependency on the United States market that makes the export trade "highly vulnerable to forces right outside Canada's control."

Announce Plans For New Cement Plant

MONTREAL (CP)—St. Lawrence Cement Company of Quebec Tuesday announced plans to construct a new cement plant at Clarkston, a Toronto suburb.

The plant, scheduled to have an annual capacity of 1,500,000 barrels, will be similar to the company's new plant in Quebec City. The estimated \$15,000,000 cost of the plant will be financed by Swiss interests.

Bristol

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hooper of Boston, Mass., have arrived here to vacation with Mr. Hooper's brother Gordon and Mrs. Hooper, at the old Gordon homestead. It is many years since Doug Hooper left this vicinity as a young man to reside in Boston, where he has carried on business for twenty-five years.

Visitors here last week were Mrs. Margaret O'Brien and her daughter Doris, from Toronto. They resided in Charlottetown for many years before moving to Toronto. Mrs. O'Brien is the widow of the late William J. O'Brien, who was fatally injured in a railway accident at Souris while serving with the C. N. R. 29 years ago, when Doris was only two months old.

Quite a number from this vicinity will leave here Monday morning for the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec. Mr. Maurice Martell, who has made the trip every year since he was cured there a number of years ago will head the party from here, while Rev. Phalen McKenna will be director for the Island group, as he has been for a number of years. The Father will join the pulman train at Moncton.

Mrs. Minnie Sharkey of Boston Mass., along with her son and daughter-in-law, were visiting here last week as guests of Mrs. Sharkey's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Whalen. Mrs. Sharkey was a former resident of the vicinity but had not been here for 37 years.

Mr. Herb Kenny, like so many farmers who now have to go to the city for machine parts for hay machinery, was a business visitor to the city on Monday.

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Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

After collecting and analysing 31,375 misspelled words, Deana T. C. Pollock of New York University found the most frequent to be "their, they're. Second and third places went to "to, too, two."

The only herd of white deer in the world romps in a 63-acre park about 10 miles from Cheltenham, England.

The white deer have been there for 100 years. Legend has it that when the wife of a local squire neglected to come home he looked all over the world for her. Not finding her, he returned home with a pair of white deer he collected.

Today there are 32 of them, including four full-grown stags. They are so wild that only recently have they been photographed. Fawns are born a pale cream color. At 12 months they turn white except around the neck. At two years — all white.

The man in the moon can't ever turn his back on us because the moon rotates just enough to keep the same side toward us.

Forty-one per cent of the moon is never seen from our planet. The sun's light, striking the earth, is reflected back into space. At new moon when there is only a small crescent of bright moonlight, we see the rest of the moon dimly, because it is illuminated by this "earthlight."

The radiation of old Sol is the result of the conversion of hydrogen atoms and helium atoms. This reaction is accompanied by the release of enormous amounts of energy.

Early in the month of January the earth reaches what the scientists call "perihelion" and is then about 3,000,000 miles closer to the sun than in July. This tends to make Northern hemisphere winters slightly warmer and summers cooler than would otherwise be the case. But the main seasonal changes are due to the tilt of the earth's axis rather than our distance from the sun.

And strange but true, the sun is just an average star — as far as size goes. Many stars we see in the night sky are thousands of times more luminous. But the nearest of them is some 25 trillion miles away.

Parish priest for both parishes here, will not take up his new duties until August 1st. The Father is serving at Rustico at present.

Friends here of Mrs. William MacDonald will be happy to learn she won the big bingo jackpot last week.

FAVORITE TOWN

The town of Rochester and county of Kent in England were the favorite English countryside of Charles Dickens.

LORD COOPER DIES

EDINBURGH (AP)—Lord Cooper, 63, Scottish lawyer and one of Britain's most vigorous advocates of capital punishment for murder, died Friday. He held numerous legal appointments in Scotland and was lord president of the court of sessions until last December. As Thomas McKay Cooper he was a member of Parliament from 1935 to 1941. He was created a baron in 1954.

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Grade VII.—1. Joan Hamilton; 2. Allison Green; 3. Freya Walsh.

Grade VI.—1. Eleanor Noonan; 2. Charles Murray; 3. Marleen Muttart.

Grade V.—1. Garth Murray; 2. Vivian Basset; 3. Billy Basset; 3. Sybil Noonan.

Grade IV.—1. Margaret Ann Warren and Alan MacCormac; 2. Vivian Basset; 3. Valda Noonan.

Grade III.—1. Margaret Ann Warren and Alan MacCormac; 2. Vivian Basset; 3. Valda Noonan.

Grade II.—1. Jean Basset and Nora Noonan; 2. Cheryl Butterfield; 3. Rowena Sherry and Sharon Walsh.

Grade I.—1. Joanne Green and Beverley Sherry; 2. Ivan Noonan; 3. William Delaney.

Perfect Attendance — Marilyn Noonan and Paula Green. Assistant—Frances Cairns.

PRACTICAL TRAINING

Cadets of the United States Coast Guard Academy, at New London, Conn., will make four voyages in the Bark Eagle, a square-rigged school for seamanship.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Dougall MacFadyen, who passed away on July 16, 1948, and son Archie on March 25, 1938, and daughter Catherine Mary in Sept., 1926.

They left us beautiful memories. Sorrow too great to be told. But to those who have loved and lost you memories will never grow old.

At home in the beautiful hills of God By the valley of rest so fair, Some day, some time when our work is done We shall meet our loved ones there.

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WITH URANIUM COMPANY—Mr. Lea Mutch, son of Mr. Roy Mutch, Earncliffe, is employed with a uranium mining company in Crocker's Well, South Australia. He has been in Australia for the past year, and in a letter received recently, states that although it is winter there now, the climate is nice and he enjoys life there.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of SF96508 Pte. P. W. Cavanagh, who was drowned July 18th, 1954.

Time speeds on, one year has passed Since death, no gloom a shadow cast. It entered our little circle bright And took from us a shining light.

A Husband and Father, loving and kind No friend like him on earth we'll find. For each of us, he did his best May God grant him eternal rest.

Ever Loved and Sadly Missed by Wife and Family.

In loving memory of SF96508 Pte. P. W. Cavanagh, who was drowned July 18th, 1954.

We who loved you, sadly miss you As it dawns another year Loved, remembered, longed for always.

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Hubert Rogers is an Islander now living in Massachusetts, who has sketched, and painted well known figures in Canada and the United States, and his collections include Island people and scenes.