

Religion and Life

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SPIRITUAL CONDITIONING

Probably Canada was never prouder of an athlete than she was the day that J. D. Morrow won the quarter-mile from a group of British athletes who were touring Canada and the United States. Up to that point the visitors had taken every event. The huge crowd looked on with both admiration and disappointment.

When the quarter-mile was announced the visitors were warned from the crowd that this was to be their Waterloo.

At the start of the race Morrow was pocketed, but soon got free, and when he came round the curve and down the home stretch easily ahead of all competitors that throng went wild, so did many throughout the land. Canada had at least one runner who could compete with the best the Empire could produce.

The eyes of the British Commonwealth of Nations have just been on Vancouver, host to the British Empire games. Each nation had its athletes trained and tested for the various events, and those were highly honored who were selected to carry the colors of their homeland.

A physical director of the Toronto Y. M. C. A. used to take his boys to the various events, and his parting word was: "Chin up boys, and give them all you've got."

We may be sure that every one in these last games gave all he had as he ran, or jumped, or strove in other ways for his country's honor. Each was committed personally to the principles of true sportsmanship before the events began, and we honor both losers and winners for observing them.

St. Paul always drew his illustrations from places where strength and skill were exercised to the utmost, and he insists that success in such tests does not just happen. The contest is prepared for long in advance.

To be in condition the athlete must exercise rigorous self-denial and put forth persistent effort. In his eating and drinking and sleeping and training everything is subordinated to fitness for the particular contest in view.

So the great Apostle writes: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are an imperishable. Well I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified" (I Corinthians 9: 24-27).

His reference is, of course, to the famous Isthmian games near Corinth, and his fear, as he applies the illustration to himself, is not of being ruled off the track; (win or lose, he is in the race to stay) but of being in such poor condition that he has not the shadow of a chance of success.

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He was an artist in that particular field himself, but he answered with thanks: "I dare not accept lest my being there prove a stumbling-block to some one whom I am called to lead to God." The spiritual athlete is like the soldier who must be ready for surprise attacks and ambushes as well as for battles planned and prepared for by all.

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life-work a thousand years from now."

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He was satisfied with the cause in which his life had been invested. As he went on he found three other grounds of consolation. He was in the race to the finish. In the race to which we referred in opening this study, one runner dashed to the front in starting at a pace which he could not keep up, and was behind at the end: Paul's supreme triumph was on the home stretch.

Second, he had observed the rules of the game. To win by trickery or at the expense of others was to him unthinkable. Third there was the victor's wreath awaiting him which Christ in person would bestow.

So he writes: "I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge will award to me on that Day, and not only to me, but to all who love His appearing" (II Timothy 4:7,8).

YORK W. M. S.

Mrs. Gordon Crockett was hostess to the York W. M. S., for their monthly meeting. The president opened the meeting with call to worship. The theme for the meeting was "Your Family and the World." The hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" was sung, followed by a prayer of General Thanksgiving.

Scripture readings were given by Mrs. Elmer Brown, Mrs. Leigh Vessey and Mrs. Elby Hardy. A reading by Mrs. Sproule and the hymn "For Around the World Thy Children Sing this song" closed the worship period.

The business period opened with roll call answered by nine members and five visitors with a verse of scripture. Twenty-five sick calls were reported. Mrs. E. Brown thanked the members for cards sent to Mr. Brown. The treasurer, Mrs. W. Cooke gave a report of the ice-cream festival. A goodly sum was realized.

Three visitors from Montreal were welcomed to our meeting. Miss Hamilton spoke a few words of greeting, and Miss Norris brought greetings from the Anglican Church in Montreal. She then gave an interesting and informative address on India, and the work being carried on there by the different churches. Thanks were expressed to the speakers the meeting was brought to a close by the Mispan benediction. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and a social time enjoyed.

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DEATH OF A FORMER ISLANDER — Word has been received by Mrs. C. W. Hawkins, Murray Harbor of the passing on Aug. 3 of her uncle, John C. Bell of Lockhart, Florida, formerly of White Sands, P. E. Island. He was the eldest son of James Bell and Elizabeth Leitch. He leaves to mourn his wife, formerly Leah Myrtle Sellar, two sons, James and Russell, one brother Ernest on the old home-stead at White Sands and recently a patient in the Montague Memorial Hospital, several nieces and nephews in U.S.A.

FUNERAL SATURDAY — The funeral of Joseph McRory was held Saturday morning from his late residence 193 Kent St. to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Right Rev. Patrick McMahon, Deacon and sub deacon were Rev. Clarence Roche and Rev. Reginald Pielan. Rev. Dr. Bernard Gillis assisted in the choir. Pall bearers were Captain Jack Downing, Edward Cullen, Wilfred McKenna, Richard Vessey, Douglas Hill and William Beer, interment took place in the family plot in the Catholic Cemetery.

FUNERAL AT HOPE RIVER — The funeral of Elizabeth Trainor was held Saturday morning from her late residence in Millvale to St. Ann's Church, Hope River where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. F. X. MacAulay, Pastor of St. Ann's Parish, Winnipeg. Seated in the sanctuary were her pastor, Rev. Earl Dalton, and Rev. Leo Herrell. The pall bearers were Alexis Murphy, John Redmond, John Doyle, Emmet Trainor, Louis Walsh and John Walsh. Interment was in the church cemetery, where service was conducted by Rev. Leo Herrell.

PERSONALS

Sgt. and Mrs. C. A. MacDonald and family have recently returned to Ottawa after spending three weeks vacation in Charlottetown.

Mrs. W. O. Fyfe, Boston, Back Bay, returned to her home Saturday after an enjoyable visit with friends and relatives in Charlottetown.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Decorating is a challenge to a woman's creativity, especially if she is proud of her artistic talents. She realizes everybody is expecting a lot of her and that other women may relish mistakes she makes. Some women therefore never quite finish decorating their homes, or else do the job all over again every few years.

Ever stop to think as you walk down the street whether your heading north, south, east or west? Probably not, but that's the blind person's problem. Direction is one of the most important things he must remember if he is to get along at all.

And did you know that Canada has a "navigation instructor" for the blind of this country? He is E. W. Green and instructing the direction of the blind has been his job for many years. A blind person has to have a mental image of the city or town he lives in so that he can get from place to place, and remembering directions is the only way.

The trouble comes when he or she turns around to go to the other way, because then everything is reversed.

And strange but true, Mr. Green is blind himself, but he has been teaching the blind to see with their canes and ears and noses for almost a quarter of a century. He travels all over Canada for C. N. I. B. and over the years has taught many hundreds the way of light, so to speak.

Of course there are many other guides, besides a sense of direction that are used by blind persons in the streets. The cane is, of course, the one with which most persons are familiar. Although few of us know this, the cane is used in conjunction with the feet, and not alone.

There are shops of a certain type which give off odors peculiar to them. A blind person's sensitive nose usually can pick these out and then of course he knows his position to a certain degree at least. A blind person will also cock his ears at the sound of high-heeled shoes, knowing the wearer to be a woman. And so a blind person can orient himself by various sounds.

"We learn something new every day," Mr. Green said, and that applied especially to persons who must get along minus eyes.

The ablest student of this technique is Miss June Lanson, darkroom technician at Victoria Hospital under Miss Margaret McMillan, who is practically blind herself.

So you see, navigation of the blind rests on remembering directions.

Sees Reds Making Every Effort To Woo British

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.

This column is presented as an indication of American reaction to major world events.

Associated Press News Analyst. The Kremlin is acting toward the British these days like a press agent acts toward a city editor. In their efforts to obtain a separate peace with Britain, isolating the United States, the Russians have done just about everything except open their state functions with "God Save The Queen."

First it was in the field of trade, with Andrei Gromyko being taken away from the United Nations to conduct a great campaign as ambassador to London, in which he was partly successful.

Since the Indo-Chinese "Munich at Geneva," plain old-fashioned backslapping, after the fashion of a typical promotional cocktail party, has become the motif.

When China's Chou En-lai stopped in Moscow on the way home from Geneva British Ambassador Sir William Hayter was given a great play at the ensuing functions.

CARPETS LAID OUT. Now the red carpets have been rolled out and the vodka has been flowing for the party of British labor party leaders which stopped en route to Peking on a mission, at Peking's invitation.

The backslapping reached a high peak Wednesday night, producing the comment from one of the British party that Malenkov was earnestly seeking peaceful settlements with the West. That's the regular line the Soviet propagandists have been trying to sell in their effort to prevent formation of the European Defence Community.

The Supreme Soviet, Russia's rubber stamp Parliament, has extended an invitation for a visit by a British parliamentary delegation for the first time since the cold war began.

The Russians have produced this new program toward Britain at a most favorable time for them. The revelations of what hydrogen bombs can do sent Britain into a great flap. Already well aware of what could happen to her in a modern war, she has just about reached the attitude of no war at any cost. It causes her to gasp at homes of explosives.

But there's one thing wrong with the Russian backslapping program, aside from sheer cynicism. Britain is not the city editor of the Western alliance. The United States is. The United States insists on deeds, not backslapping.

FIND RELICS

STOCKHOLM, (CP)—About 300,000 archaeological relics have been mapped in seven of Sweden's 34 provinces during anation-wide inventory being drawn up by the office of custodian of ancient monuments.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. THOMAS MILLS

Friends and relatives of the late Mrs. Thomas H. Mills were greatly saddened to learn of her sudden passing from this life on April 29 at her home, 41 Prince Street, Charlottetown.

The late Mrs. Mills was the former Helen Maria Thorne. She was born in Charlottetown 67 years ago, the daughter of the late Alfred Thorne and his wife Elizabeth Waughan. In 1907, she married Thomas H. Mills and resided all her life in Charlottetown. Mr. Mills predeceased her on January 13, 1947.

The late Mrs. Mills was a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother, unselfish in her manner and will always be remembered for her many acts of kindness. She was a faithful member of Trinity United Church and attended regularly until her health began to fail several months previous to her death.

There are left to cherish her memory the following children: Gordon and Roy, Charlottetown; Frank, Parkdale, Ben, Central; Royalty; Elsie (Mrs. Howard White) Milton; Helen (Mrs. Robert Stewart) Spring Park; Mary (Mrs. G. M. Simcoe) Winnipeg, Man.; Fern (Mrs. Carl Crosby) West

soply, and 19 grandchildren. Besides her immediate family, one brother and three sisters survive: Stephen, Charlottetown; Ida (Mrs. William Daisiel); Maude (Mrs. Jack Beaton) Charlottetown; and Florence (Mrs. Gordon Mutlow) Parkdale. Two daughters and two sons predeceased her: Lois, Vera, Lloyd and Harry, also several brothers and sisters.

The funeral, held May 2 from her late residence, was largely attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Frank MacLean, during which the Trinity Church Choir sang, "Take My Life And Let It Be," and Mr. George Johnston sang a solo, "Face To Face," accompanied by Mr. George Thompson, organist of Trinity United Church.

The many beautiful floral offerings and messages of sympathy received, testified to the high esteem she and her family are held.

Interment was in the People's Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Messrs. Robert H. Roberts, Leith Stewart, Roy Cudmore, Fred D. Small, Stanley Matheson, Harold Moore.

ENGLISH ORIGIN

Shorthorn cattle originated in England and first came into prominence in the late 18th century.

The Guardian

Monday, August 16, 1954

Cable Pioneer Died Tuesday in N. Y.

NEW YORK (AP)—Thomas F. Foley, 78, cable pioneer and the first man informed of the discovery of the North Pole, died Tuesday at his Brooklyn home.

He was a veteran of 56 years' service in the communications industry and retired seven years ago as division traffic cable superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Co.

Foley received the first information of Admiral Robert Peary's discovery of the North Pole April 6, 1906, in a personal message from a close friend, Capt. Robert Bartlett, who accompanied the expedition. Foley gave the news to press associations which released it to the world.

Foley was born at Brigus, Nfld., and worked for a number of telegraph companies before joining Western Union in 1911.

MOSCOW INVITATION

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Farm of J. W. MacKenzie and Son, Rose Valley, August 20, 2:00 p. m. sharp. Speakers: R. C. Parent, R. Snazelle, S. C. Wright, J. E. Campbell, J. D. E. Sterling, F. M. Deacon.

A tour will be made of the Illustration Station fields and fertilized pastures, meadows, mixtures for hay and pasture, cereals, root and potato crops will be observed. The experimental work active on the Illustration Stations will be reviewed and discussed by W. N. Black.

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W. N. BLACK, Agronomist, Illustration Stations, Prince Edward Island.

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