

Lenten Meditation

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"NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE."

Few English hymns are more widely known or better loved than the hymn that begins with a prayer, repeated as a refrain at the close of each stanza, "Nearer, my God, to thee." By a strange coincidence the centenary of the death and burial of its authoress, Mrs. Sarah Adams, on August 21, 1848, occurs within a few months after the centenary of the death of Henry Francis Lyte, the author of the yet more beloved and famous "Abide with me."

Born in 1805 at Harlow, Essex, Sarah Adams's maiden name was Flower. Her father, Benjamin Flower, was a journalist and editor of the Cambridge Intelligencer. In 1834 she married William Adams, a civil engineer; and in London, where they lived, she became with him a member of the congregation of the Rev. W. J. Fox, a Unitarian minister.

A few years later she contributed 13 hymns to a collection of "Hymns and Anthems," which he published in 1841 for use in his chapel, and among these was "Nearer, my God, to thee."

In its original text the hymn contains five stanzas. The last of these, beginning, "O'er the joyful wing cleaving the sky," is usually omitted from modern hymn-books. Several additional stanzas have been composed and published for doctrinal reasons, not to mention small verbal alterations, some good and some bad.

Most of the imagery of "Nearer, my God, to thee," is derived from the Bible story of the patriarch Jacob at Bethel. The first stanza contains a distinctively Christian reference ("E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me"); but the hymn quickly passes on to express a parallel between the life of the spirit and homeless Jacob asleep on his journey to Padanaram, assured in his dreams of the abiding presence of God.

All experience is a stairway to heaven ("There let the way appear steps unto heaven"); and "darkness" and "stony griefs" are the common stuff of life; but, known by faith to be "in mercy given," they become the means of growth and discipline in the practice of the presence of God.

The last stanza, not so well known as the others, changes the imagery from climbing to flight ("On joyful wing . . . upwards I fly").

The hymn has much in common with the spiritual experience expressed in many of the Psalms: "When I awake I am still with thee." Without that presence the soul is homeless and unfulfilled; but there is not, and there cannot be, frustration for those who find it.

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WINSLOR PASTORAL CHARGE, Services, Sunday, March 30th, are as follows: Highfield 11 A. M. Winslow South 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. R. Skinner, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, Divine Service, Sunday, March 30th, Harrington 11 A. M. Marshfield 3 P. M. Mt. Stewart 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. V. Crawford.

NEW GLASGOW CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHARGE—March 30th. Services: At New Glasgow at 11.00 A. M. Fredericton at 3.00 P. M. Breadalbane at 7.30 P. M. Rev. M. Watterworth, Minister.

MURRAY HARBOUR PASTORAL CHARGE—United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, March 30th, 11 A.M. Murray River, 3 P.M. Little Sands, 7.30 P.M. Murray Harbour, Rev. D. Wallace MacPherson, Minister.

CAVENDISH UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE—Sunday, March 30th. New Glasgow 11 A. M. Cavendish 3 P. M. Rev. George Gough, Minister.

TRYON—BONSHAW GROUP OF UNITED BAPTIST CHURCHES—Church Services Notices. On Sunday, March 30th, the services of the above-indicated pastorate will be as follows:—Bonshaw, Public Worship, 11.00 A. M. Westmoreland, Public Worship 3.00 P. M. Tryon, Sunday School, 11.00 A. M. Public Worship 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. G. Killam.

ZION CHURCH—The Teaching of the Presbyterian Church on the Holy Communion. Do we believe in the 'Real Presence' of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament? This will be the subject of an address by Rev. T. H. B. Somers, M. A., S. T. M., at Preparatory Service in Zion Hall at 8 o'clock this evening. Session will meet at 7.30.

CORRECTION—In the reference to H.M.C.S. Cayuga in yesterday's paper, it was stated in error that the Commanding Officer of the Cayuga was Lt. Commander Alan Cosh. The Commanding Officer is Commander James Plomer of St. John and Victoria. Lt. Commander Cosh is Executive Officer of H. M. C. S. Cayuga.

IMMUNIZING CLINICS, conducted by the Department of Health and Welfare, will be held on Monday, March 31st, at Prince Street School 1.30 P. M. Rochford Square School 2.30 P. M. Tuesday, April 1st, at Queen Square School 1.30 P. M. Notre Dame Academy 2.30 P. M. Wednesday, April 2nd, at Model School 1.30 P. M. Parkdale 2.30 P. M. Thursday, April 3rd, Spring Park School 1.30 P. M. West Kent School 2.30 P. M. Infants and Pre-School children, from 3 months to 5 years will be protected against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

WILL SERVE IN C. B.—Mr. Rennie Cameron, B.A., student at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, N. S., will be the student Minister of the United Church of Canada at Loch Lomond, Cape Breton, for the spring and summer months. His wife (Miss Joan MacPherson) and infant daughter, will join him. Mrs. Cameron and little daughter Anne spent the fall and winter months in O'Leary the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan MacPherson. Mr. Cameron whose home is in Sydney, N. S., and is a veteran of World War II will graduate in theology in 1953 and will be ordained to the Ministry of the United Church by the Maritime Conference in Sackville, N. B. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Cameron served on the Thompson, N. S., student field, near Oxford, N. S.—AZ.

Personals

Mr. Richard Fleming has returned home from the P. C. Hospital much improved in health.

Miss Mary MacKay, teacher in Marshfield, spent the past week-end at her home in Stanley.

Miss Ellen Buchanan spent a recent week-end at her home in Fredericton.

Mr. Elijah Bryant, Spring Valley, was a recent visitor to Stanley. He visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coles.

The friends of Mrs. William Gunn, Stanley Bridge, will be sorry to learn she has been in bed the past two weeks with a virus condition.

Mr. Albert Fletcher, Stanley Bridge, has entered the P. E. I. Hospital for treatment. His friends hope he will have a speedy recovery.

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Next Wednesday, a Penny Parade is to be held in the auditorium. The money will go to the Red Cross for overseas aid. For the class which wins the parade, each member will receive a free ticket to either of the two Charlottetown theatres, good any time of the year.

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HAMPTON UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE.—Services Sunday, March 30th. Victoria 11 A. M. Hampton 3 P. M. Bonshaw 7.30 P. M. Rev. L. S. Wonsfrey, Minister.

NORTH RIVER UNITED BAPTIST PASTORATE.—Sunday, March 30th. Fairview 11.00 A. M. North River 3.00 P. M. Long Creek 7.30 P. M. Rev. H. Barber, Pastor.

TRYON PASTORAL CHARGE.—United Church Services will be held Sunday, March 30th, as follows: 11 A. M. Tryon. 3 P. M. Cape Ray. 7.30 P. M. Crapaud. Rev. R. L. Bacon, Minister.

UIGG—ALEXANDRA—HAZELBROOK.—Services for Sunday, March 30th. Uigg 11 A. M. Alexandra 3 P. M. Hazelbrook 7.30 P. M. Lic. Thomas Poole, Minister.

MURRAY HARBOUR BAPTIST CHURCH—Service Sunday, March 30th, at 3.00 P. M. Murray River at 7.30. Special singing. Louis Harris.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.—Services for Sunday, March 30th, as follows: Cardigan 11 A.M. Lorne Valley 2.30 P.M. Montague 7.30 P.M. Montague Sunday School 10 A. M. Rev. F. N. Young, Minister.

ENGAGEMENT.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbert Morgan of Trenton, Ontario, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Margaret to Flying Officer John Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilfred Craig of Middleton, Prince Edward Island. The marriage will take place in King St. United Church, Trenton, on Saturday, April 19th, at 3 P. M.

TAX APPEAL.—The appeal of Swift Canadian Co. Ltd. vs. the Provincial Treasurer was heard before His Honour Judge C. St. Clair Trainor yesterday. Judgment was reserved. The company had paid under protest an assessment under the Licensing and Registration Act applicable to corporations operating chain stores. Mr. D. L. Matheson, Q.C. is counsel for the appellant. Mr. J. O. C. Campbell, Q.C. for the Provincial Treasurer.

P. W. C. News & Views

Monday night the new King of the Campus was announced as being Allison Mutch of 2C. After a secret campaign carried on by his supporters he was chosen by the girls to succeed the abdicating King Trites. The proclamation was issued at the Sadie Hawkins dance, the official opening of Co-ed Week.

The chief attraction at the dance was the "fashion show" conducted by the boys. They were dressed, to the crowd's pleasure, in what they termed as the ladies' styles of 1932. All members of this cast received a loud ovation as they came onto the stage. As a special attraction, Weston C. Armody, dressed in a girl's two piece bathing suit, gave an Arabian dance routine.

Besides this, Joe Hoyt, Briar Chandler, Rory Lantz, and Don MacNeil performed a song and dance routine which earned them many laughs.

The opening of "Co-ed Week" proved to be a great success. The dance drew a bigger crowd than when regular socials were conducted at P. W. C. Many missed the announcement for the last waltz which caused minor confusion for some.

Last night there was more entertainment at the expense of the girls. A first rate movie, San Francisco, was shown to all the students. This was a free movie, but the expense came in when the girls were obliged to take the boys to a restaurant afterwards.

The week will close with a Sadie Hawkins' dance at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night. The Y. C. A. working in cooperation with P. W. C. for "Co-ed Week."

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A Feature for Every Friday—

Among The Farmers

Federation Of Agriculture News

Farmers and The Legislature

On Tuesday the annual Federation Brief was presented to the members of the Legislature and discussed by both members and directors of the Federation.

This year's brief made no specific requests, but emphasized the importance of government policies relative to rural electrification, electoral reform, land settlement, marketing and co-operation, and the necessity of scrutinizing our educational system.

It is not difficult to point out the imperfections and shortcomings of education—to remedy the deficiencies is quite another matter. Educational progress depends to a large extent upon the desires and attitudes of the people and the financial limitations of a strictly rural economy. Too much of the urge for better education has been coupled with the belief that education could be a percentage of rural young people to leave the land, yet we should not be complacent when that movement results in vacant, undermanned, and indifferently operated farms.

We submit that the prosperity of the Province depends on keeping all our arable land producing at a high level. Efficient production is highly important but must be followed by efficient marketing, hence the concern of the Federation with the development of marketing co-operatives and interest on the part of all in the importance of aggressive policies to assist in obtaining maximum returns.

Clover

Every farmer is usually delighted with a good catch and a heavy crop of clover; too often, however, the end result of these crops has been indifferent, unpalatable, unsatisfactory hay.

This is where the making of ensilage can be of the most value and it is quite possible that all our heavy clover could be made into ensilage that the amount of real feed could easily be doubled.

The making of clover hay during bad weather is a discouraging and unsatisfactory operation, whereas, ensilage making gives greater independence from weather conditions.

Potato Movement

On March 25th, nineteen cars of potatoes moved directly from Maine to Canadian markets and the one hundred and forty odd cars moved from New Brunswick a substantial portion, possibly 50 per cent, were Maine potatoes.

New Brunswick supplies are getting low and as a result, dealers in that province are doing heavy business in Maine potatoes.

From the 1st of March to the 25th, four hundred and ninety cars moved from the Island and the supply of cars appears to be increasing. Indications are that demand will be kept for the one thousand odd cars left in the province, and while there may be some fluctuations in price from time to time, prices will quite likely remain high.

Fork Prices

For the past year pork prices at Moncton have been in line with Montreal prices and Charlottetown prices competitive with Moncton. However, as of March 23rd, the Moncton prices had fallen under the floor prices established for this price drop being the necessity of the packers protecting themselves against loss on a surplus.

Whether or not a surplus develops in the Maritimes we see little justification for less than the floor price being paid on the very substantial percentage of pork which will be used in the Maritimes. The packers are protected so far as the price on surplus products are concerned, therefore we fail to see why the price of pork consumed in the Maritimes should be less than the Montreal floor price.

Dairy Plants

For the past fifty years a dairy plant on Prince Edward Island has either manufactured butter or cheese, pasteurized milk, or perhaps added the manufacture of ice cream as an important sideline.

For the past few years in most provinces, the trend has been towards a plant which bought whole milk from the producer and from it manufactured either or both butter and cheese, powdered skim milk, powdered buttermilk, and also powdered whey.

This type of plant has on the average been able to return to the producer fifty cents more a hundred than have cheese factories. Powdered skim milk is a product which has been rapidly gaining in favor and use of which has been increasing by leaps and bounds.

The time has perhaps arrived when consideration should be given to the development of such a plant in this province.

Grain Varieties

Mr. R. B. McLaren, Cerealist with the Charlottetown Experimental Station, has recently released to the press an article on grain varieties; this article we recommend for the careful study of farmers.

The difference in returns from the newer recommended varieties can, in many cases, be so substantial as to make a marked difference in net returns.

Many of our farmers are still growing the older varieties without having given the new ones a chance to demonstrate their superiority. Disease resistance and improved yields are the main advantages of recently developed varieties of oats, barley and wheat.

Soil Survey

One of the most interesting books which we have seen for some time is "Soil Survey of Prince Edward Island" by G. B. Whitelie of the Experimental Station staff, Charlottetown. This booklet is a joint effort of Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture and contains a wealth of interesting information.

Of particular interest are the maps of each County showing the different soil types and their location. The author and the Department are concerned to be highly commended for this valuable publication.

Causes of War

The question—What Causes Wars?—is a matter of life and death for all of us. Farm Forums across Canada met for their final discussion with this topic for analysis. When P. E. I. groups were asked if they felt that hunger and poverty were the real causes of war, they put thumbs down on this suggestion and gave as basis reasons, "Political ambition and lust for power."

"One group," Nail Pond Forum wrote, "were all agreed that hunger and poverty are not the real causes of wars. In our opinion the real causes are political hatred and the lust for power." Kensington Farm Forum agreed saying, "Lust for power and greed on the part of military leaders—desire for wealth on the part of financial barons. The people who are hungry and poor do not cause wars. It's the military leaders who hide their devious plans behind these excuses. Rather worse hunger and poverty are the results of war."

The second question, How Can Wars Be Prevented? brought Burlington's answer: "Prevention of wars will require a more Christian approach to international affairs than has hitherto been, or at present is being entertained. When the countries of the world are prepared or forced to remember that each has a responsibility toward the other then, world food banks and all other international organizations of a beneficent nature will be enabled to do the most good." In fact, 60 per cent of local Farm Forums thought the only way to bring peace was, "To feed and Christianize the hungry."

Broadcast Series

Monday night concluded the popular panel discussions which were arranged this season by P. E. I. Farm Forum and Radio Station CFCY. Four secretaries of the groups meeting this winter at St. Dunstan's and two members of the Prince of Wales Farm Forum, made up the panel. Dr. George Fisher was chairman, and the Forum members from S.D.U. were Walter Reid, Floyd McGaugh, Arthur Fendegast, Joseph Roberts, while Phyllis McIsaac and Jean Campbell represented the Teacher Training Forum at P. W. C. During the year four broadcasts were arranged; the first had as chairman our National Secretary, Floyd Griesbach of Toronto, the second Walter Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, while Col. K. S. Rogers convened the panel on International Affairs.

PACIFIC DOMINION

New Zealand has a population of almost 2,000,000 in its total area of 103,000 square miles.