

Religion and Life

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THE CAPTAIN OF SALVATION

"Say a good word for Jesus Christ." So said a Scottish mother to her minister son as he went out to his ordination and charge. He was also in the act of preparing his first sermon to his own people, and she was concerned about its message.

To resign — and with no partial way. Thoughtless must be slain that disobey."

We turn from His attitude toward conditions in our time to look at the Christ as portrayed in the Gospels. We see in Him a combination of humility and of majesty, of meekness and of severity, and therefore of mercy and of judgment. We see Him as the patriot who knew His own people as the elect of God, and the custodians of God's word, and yet His outlook was for the world, and it was for the world that He lived and died. We greet the Adventurer in the Jesus of history, who tore down the veil which hid the unknown and revealed positions which made all things possible to faith. The first word that we heard was that of a soldier in France in 1917 was one of content for the "safety-first" spirit. Jesus also was an adventurer who, in the teeth of a hostile world, committed His life to the realization in the lives of men of what He had found for them in the heart of God. Then, when the Cross was their response to His love, He accepted death as His weapon for a complete and final victory. It is no wonder that we sing: "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

The Christmas bells are ringing all over the land and the question persists: What good word have we to say for Jesus Christ whose birth they celebrate? We who have experienced His love, who know His power to save, who have had His presence with us all our days? It might interest the world to hear what we have found in Him.

As we look out on the world, we cannot but see Jesus over against the events of our time—the colossal figure towering above the dimples who live only to destroy, standing for peace based on justice and goodwill, and pleading for love, and love alone, as the end of all endeavor and the only means by which that end can be attained. For months we have stood trembling on the verge of a third world-war, mighty nations bent on conquest and their rivals as resolute in resistance, while above them all stand the Incarnate Love, immovable as "the Christ of the Andes," and by His very attitude pronouncing God's judgment on the prejudices and hatreds of men and insisting that Love is the only sovereignty to which man's allegiance can be given. He throws aside our weak compromises as trifling with the laws of God while He Himself gives absolute obedience to His Father's will and shrinks from none of the consequences of that obedience even when it involves the cross.

This is the Christ whose birth we celebrate, and it is well to remember in our rejoicing that: "When Jesus comes, He comes to reign."

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FUNERAL MONDAY—The funeral of the late Arthur McCarron, who died Dec. 8 at Boston, Mass., was held Monday from the Charlottetown Funeral Home to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. James Smith. The pall bearers were: Thomas Creighton, Charles Praught, Emmett Callaghan, Alfred Martin, Ernest Fardy, Dr. J. E. Corrigan. Interment was in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

HOW PROPER LIGHTING INCREASES PRODUCTION

Within the past 15 years, artificial lighting of laying flocks has been accepted as one of the primary requirements of a good laying flock operation. Poultry authorities now rate it along with good feed and good housing as being one of the things which help the egg producer get year-around profits from his flock.

As long ago as 1900, poultry authorities began to investigate the possibility of providing laying flocks with artificial lighting during the winter months. Their thinking was that the flock should be lighted at all times, for no other reason than that the birds would eat more and be more active, and consequently, produce more eggs.

While watching the development and observing the results of artificially lighting laying flocks, various poultry research men began to get interested as to exactly why the amazing results produced were produced. The natural assumption was that the birds were active longer and had more opportunity to lay eggs when they were lighted. Also, it was well known that the birds must eat more feed if they were to produce more eggs and tests were instigated to determine exactly how much more feed they consumed.

Out of this research, developed an entirely new idea as to why artificial lighting produced such good results. It was found that the birds ate very little more feed when they were lighted than when they were not. Also, they still sleep a good portion of the time. Consequently, something else must be causing the hens to lay more eggs. Extensive research found that the light rays had a definite effect on the reproductive organs, through the pituitary glands, of the hens. Either sunlight or light rays from incandescent bulbs produced the same results. It was found that if the birds did not receive these rays for a period of at least 12 to 14 hours a day, their reproductive organs would recede to the point where they would not lay eggs, or their production greatly curtailed. As soon as the lights were again put into effect and the 12 to 14 hour day simulated, the birds' reproductive organs responded accordingly.

Now the researchers had something definite to work on, and continued to observe chickens, both lighted and unlighted, and found that they produced the maximum of eggs around if they were lighted from 12 to 14 hours a day. Any more lighting than this did not have any further effect on their reproductive organs and consequently was useless.

While all research men agreed as to the benefits of artificial lighting, they did not all agree as to how it should be applied. Some men thought that light should be applied in the morning only, permitting the poultry house to darken at night normally and the chickens go to roost normally. Others thought that the day should be extended at both ends.

In order to do this satisfactorily, it was necessary to somehow get the chickens on the roost before the lights went out entirely. It was found that sudden turning off of the lights threw the birds into confusion and worst results were obtained than if no artificial lights were used. Consequently, they decided time control manufacturers to build a time switch which would provide a short period of dim lights at the time it was desired to have the lights go off at night, enough light to permit the birds to find their way to the roost but still dim enough to make them want to go to roost. It was found that this period should be about 20 minutes long. This did not present any particular problem to manufacturers and synchronous-motored controls were developed for this purpose.

It has now been definitely proven that it does not make any difference when the artificial light is applied, so long as a 12 to 14 hour day is provided. However, a number of poultry raisers prefer to use morning and evening lighting, as it is now called, simply because this gives them a regular working day throughout the entire year. Others prefer the morning lighting only since this eliminates the difficulties encountered in production.

KEEP THESE IN MIND!

Some of the early signs of cancer are: A lump in the breast. Unnatural bleeding from a body opening. A sore that does not heal, particularly of the skin, face, mouth or lips. Any persistent change in bowel habits — such as diarrhoea or constipation. Many Canadians are enjoying life today because they found that early cancer can be cured. Keep these danger signals in mind and see your doctor if one appears.

TORONTO ROAD SCHOOL The following is the report for Toronto Road School for the month of November: Grade VIII—1. Helen Gallant; 2. Kenneth Gallant; 3. Martin Doiron. Grade VII—1. Edwin Peters. Grade VI—1. Pearl Blaquiere; 2. Norma Gallant; 3. Gloria Peters. Grade V—1. Mary Gallant. Grade IV—1. Elmer Doiron; 2. Walter LeClair; 3. Doris Gallant and Betty Blaquiere. Grade III—1. Ellen Gallant; 2. Elizabeth Gallant; 3. Muriel Blaquiere. Grade II (A)—1. Billy Blaquiere. (B)—1. Carol Doiron; 2. Linda Gallant; 3. Ray Gallant. Grade I—No tests. Teacher—Pauline Arsenault.

as well, but they know it and are extra careful."

From his experience, our friend from the Police Force states the case for women drivers exactly as more scientific research has shown it. One study, made in Ohio, found that, "In general, the men were superior in handling apparatus, while the women were more careful in making stops. Women seem, according to this report, to be more conscientious but less skillful drivers."

What about accident repeaters? (We understand that this and other driving problems are being investigated locally). In one study in New York of 1871 accidents by 1294 taxi drivers, it was found that over 50% of the accidents were caused by 20% of the drivers. Another 20% had no accidents at all. An interesting angle in this study was that accident proneness or a tendency to be accidenters in industry follows about the same pattern as among automobile drivers.

When accident repeaters were given the same tests as the non-accident group, it was found that the non-accident group did 99.5 better than the accident group in stopping time on the dummy automobile. However, there was little difference between the two groups in handling the brake and in the tapping test. "The better drivers

were in general more active as shown by the fact that they turned the steering wheel 76.5% more in making stops than did the poor drivers."

What is the greatest cause of accidents? The studies analyzed by Walter C. Varnum whom we have been quoting in these discussions, find that, "general nervousness is a major cause of accidents. This is particularly dangerous when coupled with poor motor-coordination."

Can testing programs for motorists reduce automobile accidents? It can. For one thing, it brings to the attention of the one tested, a defect of which he may have been unaware, and "any one defect may be very largely compensated for by the driver, if he knows of the defect."

A testing program was set up for the drivers of the Yellow Cab Company of Chicago, and it is claimed that in the following year the accident rate of the company was reduced to less than one half its former amount.

In addition to the testing programs, drivers' clinics were set up in many states sponsored by the Harvard Traffic Bureau and carried out with the cooperation of the local police departments or state motor vehicle departments.

All the apparatus needed for a complete testing program was mounted on a truck and moved from location to location.

These clinics showed that drivers need to be educated on "at least four points": 1. Drivers need to know the serious consequences of defects in themselves that offset their driving ability, and in their car.

2. Drivers must know that similar consequences follow from lowered efficiency caused by intoxication or fatigue. 3. Drivers need more knowledge as to the effects of slippery or unusual road conditions and also of the possible behavior of pedestrians.

4. Drivers need to be aware of the effects of age or poor maintenance upon a car's performance.

Let us conclude this series by a purely local touch. Our friends from the Police Department think the greatest traffic problem at present is our favorite Old Timer angle!

"Some of the older men," he said, "are worse than the youngsters. They think traffic lights and traffic rules are a lot of nonsense. They still won't bother with them. They still go on as if there were only a half dozen cars on the street—the way there used to be not so long ago."

We And Our Neighbours

by Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank

LAST WORDS ON DRIVING PROBLEMS

"A woman driver! Wouldn't you know it! Lady make up your mind!" These are similar exclamations, conveyed in tones varying from deep disgust, to good-natured masculine indulgence, the general idea that as drivers—well, women are good cooks!

How true to fact is this general impression? We met a genial and understanding member of our Police Department and asked him what he thought about women drivers.

"They're not bad at all," he said. "They don't always know what is under the hood of their car. And maybe they're a little slow. But we have mighty few women drivers on our accident rolls."

Does that mean in proportion to the mileage? we asked. And he said they had no figures for that, but anyone could see there are a great many women drivers on the Island. Saturday nights many of the cars that come in from the country are driven by women, and in town, of course, women drivers are everywhere.

"They're all right," he concluded. "They don't always handle a car

Bonshaw W.I. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Bonshaw W.I. was postponed until December 1st and held at the home of Mrs. Stephen McLeod. In the absence (due to illness), of the president, Mrs. Milford Buchanan presided.

The meeting opened with the singing of a Christmas Carol, followed by repeating the Creed in unison. Roll call was responded to by ten members each paying her dues; two of which are new members. Subscriptions to "Institute News" were also paid by several members.

The minutes of the last annual meeting and the previous regular meeting were read, approved and signed. Reports were received from the secretary-treasurer, school committee, sick committee and hall committee.

Following are the officers for the coming year: president, Mrs. Stephen McLeod; vice-president, Mrs. Andrew Crosby; secretary-treasurer, (re-elected), Mrs. Neil K. Salmon; auditors, Mrs. Milford Buchanan, Mrs. Alan Stewart.

Plans were discussed for speeding up the renovations to the hall so the building can be cleaned and ready for the annual school concert. It was decided that "treats" would be given the "sick and shut-ins," also the school children.

The place of meeting for the month of January will be announced later. Roll call is to be answered with "What I am looking forward to in 1953." The meeting closed with singing "The Queen," after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.



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