

Strange But True

By F.H. MacArthur

"History shows no steady and systematic advance from barbarism to semi-barbarism, from semi-barbarism to lower, then to higher civilization, but a chronicle of brilliant beginnings that were but dreams, of splendid hope that turned to disappointment, of crises which heralded a great future and turned to decay."

The first thing we observe when we study the history of the Golden Age of Greece is their cruelty to slaves and prisoners of war. But who will dare to say that atrocities fully as great did not take place at the close of the Thirty Years' War, when the cold-blooded Massacre of Athenians by the Spartans took place, or again, during World War I, when thousands upon thousands of innocent persons were put to death by the powers which were then our enemies, Greed and jealousy appears to have been two of the chief causes of their troubles just as they are in modern nations of the globe.

It is quite possible that greed may have much to do with the international situation today. It also is obvious that nations which disregard the rights of other nations soon become intolerant and cruel. We look upon the statues of Wellington and Nelson with pride, forgetting at the moment the tears and the blood shed on their and on land. Darkness, gloom and hopeless despair has been the lot of millions of earth's inhabitants. The present age is no exception to the rule. While we have progressed in many fields, man is now demonstrating as clearly as in past ages, his unfitness to rule the earth.

The breeding of war seems to be a permanent human industry. Every government must be backed by an army. When the peace of the world is threatened the sword must decide the issue, as mankind has found no way to end wars; and every war grows increasingly destructive and terrible.

Man's efforts towards peace today are seemingly as vain as they were prior to the beginning of World Wars one and two. International conferences broke down; a World Court and the League of Nations brought relief to a troubled world. Much the same thing is happening today and may continue to happen, as long as human nature is what it is. Today the world is facing a new crisis. We are on the verge of momentous events, and man pleads to whom peace and full liberty. To whom shall we go for guidance and

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HOWARD MACINNIS FOOTWEAR at 175 Queen Street.

RESERVE Thursday, Feb. 22nd for Baptist Men's Variety Concert.

COMMUNITY CONCERT MEMBERS can renew membership at Concert Thursday night, Prince of Wales College.

ATTENTION COMMUNITY CONCERT MEMBERS. John Knight, pianist, Prince of Wales College, Thursday, February 8th, at 8:30 P. M.

CITY POLICE COURT - At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, a man charged with being drunk and incapable was fined \$10 and costs or 20 days. It was the only case heard in yesterday's Court.

RECEIVES WORD OF AUNT'S DEATH - Mrs. Daniel Macdonald, Stanley Bridge, has received word of the death in South Medford, of her aunt, Mrs. Emily (Martin) Beers, age 86 years who died suddenly in her home on Jan. 25 from a heart attack. She was born in Kinross, P.E.I. She leaves to mourn three sons, George and Wilbur in Medford and Albert of South Coventry, Conn., three daughters, Estella, Medford, Mrs. Mae Schober of Arlington and Phoebe Lockwood, Merrimac. Funeral was from the Reals Funeral Home, 29 Governors Avenue, Saturday, Jan. 26.

council in these troubled days? Or is there any solution to the world's problems?

'Sir Hall Caine, in a letter to the churches, thinks the way is plain if only the nations can be brought to see the Guiding Light. Here is how Mr. Caine sees things:

"If there is anything clearer than another, when we apply the principles of our faith to the present troubles of the world, it is that its salvation from the sorrow and loss of the late war, how its aftermath of poverty and suffering, from the race hatred and suspicion which are the bitter harvest of the battlefield, and from the still more frightful cataclysm which seem to loom on the forehead of the future, lies in religion, in the return of the nations to the moral ideas of Christ, in forgiveness, in the spirit of brotherhood, in mercy and 'utual sacrifice.'"

United Church Presbytery Meeting In Charlottetown

The Prince Edward Island Presbytery of the United Church of Canada convened in Hertz Memorial Hall at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 1951. The chairman of Presbytery, Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy, presided at both the afternoon and evening sessions. At the secretary's desk were the Rev. W. Burton Crowe, secretary of Presbytery, and the Rev. John MacKay, assistant secretary. The afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick, and the evening session with prayer by Rev. W. T. Mercer. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. R. Skinner.

The following representatives were present: Ministers, P. A. Fitzpatrick, W. B. Crowe, W. B. MacPhail, George Gough, H. E. D. Ashford, T. A. Wilson, S. J. Boyce, L. S. Woolfrey, Howard Christie, L. M. Murray, G. S. Stevens, A. D. MacKenzie, D. D. J. M. Sheen, W. T. Mercer, D. W. MacPherson, J. F. Mac-

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. - Alexander Church, Friday, February 9th, 2:30 P. M.

PLAN TO ATTEND P. E. I. Red Cross annual meeting at Charlottetown Hotel, Monday, February 12th.

RACK OF DRESSES going at \$7.00 and \$8.00 including some new and large sizes at Suters Ladies Wear.

CORRECTION - The article in yesterday's issue on "The Pageant of History" was from the facile pen of Mr. F. R. Sayer, public relations officer of the C. N. R., Moncton.

RED CROSS Blood Donor Clinic at Charlottetown and Summerside, week of February 27th, 850 donors required-be one!

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SPECIAL GOSPEL Meetings are being continued in the Gospel Hall, Upper Prince Street, each night except Saturday at 8 P. M. Speaker are, Robert MacCracken, Moncton, N. B., and Albert Ramsay, Free transportation if desired. Phone 1228-L.

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CARD PARTY - A most successful card party sponsored by Mermaid Women's Institute was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lacey recently. Fourteen tables were in play and the following were the prize winners. Ladies first, Mrs. Annabelle Waters, ladies consolation, Mrs. Gerold Power. Men's first, Mr. Joseph Doyle, men's consolation, Dr. Tom Veront. During the evening a rose wool blanket was played for Louis Bradley being the lucky winner. Delicious refreshments added to the enjoyment of the party. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and dancing.

Kay, A. S. Weir, James Cross, S. R. Prince, R. A. MacLeod, W. B. Corkum, R. L. Bacon, J. R. Skinner, John Douglas, and E. S. Weeks. Laymen: Murray Gordon, Ralph Calbeck, Jesse Burns, B. C. Hardy, John M. MacFadden, Charles MacKay, Wilfred Pickering, Hudson Prichard, Addison Coffin, J. W. MacLean, Wilfred Furness, Austin Smith, Justice George J. Tweedy, E. C. MacKay, C. H. Black, G. D. Steel, G. M. Avarid, and D. J. MacLeod.

The chairman welcomed to the court the Rev. J. K. Campbell, who since the July meeting of Presbytery had been inducted in the North Bedouin charge, and the Rev. E. Haslam, who had been inducted in the Margate charge. He welcomed also Rev. Dr. Godfrey, Superintendent of Missions, who last June was elected president of the Maritime conference.

Rev. A. S. Weir, treasurer, reported that the Presbytery Fund had a balance of \$960, on hand, and appeared to be in a satisfactory condition. In adopting the report, Presbytery authorized travelling expenses hereafter at the rate of eight cents a mile. The assessment for this fund is to be apportioned as in previous years.

Rev. H. E. D. Ashford presented the report of the Missionary and Maintenance Fund. The fund will show an increase in givings for 1950 of over \$2,000, but will still be short of its allocation. He urged the ministers to do much more that can still be done to reduce this shortage. As the objectives for 1951 remain unchanged from those of 1950, there should be good prospects of reaching the objective for this year in full. The Presbytery instructed the secretary to express to those churches that had made definite advances in their giving the appreciation of Presbytery for their zeal in this work.

Mr. Gordon Avarid, at the request of Rev. Mr. Ashford, spoke briefly on the work of the M. and M. Committee in Trinity Church, Charlottetown, where some 87 per cent of those using the duplex envelopes, contribute to the M. and M. Fund.

Home Missions

Rev. W. B. MacPhail, in presenting the report of the Home Mission Committee, advised that many of the ministers as could attend the conference for ministers of rural congregations to be held in Sackville, on the eighth of March next. A number of outstanding speakers including Mr. John Fisher, the C. B. C. wandering observer, will be present, and the conference should prove of great value.

Mr. MacPhail pointed out that by instructions of General Council the salaries of ministers on mission charges had been increased by \$200, in 1950, and would be increased an additional \$200, in 1951. The minimum salary for a married clergyman on such charges will thus be \$2,400, with an allowance for travel. He then read the recommendations of the committee for grants to the various charges receiving aid. These were all approved by Presbytery. He also read a list of the grants recommended for certain independent marginal fields, where the salary falls somewhat below the minimum recommended on the charges regularly receiving aid from the Home Mission Board.

He suggested as a motto for the years ahead, "Every charge a self-supporting charge." Rev. Dr. Godfrey pointed out that the two sources of revenue from which the grants must come are the Board of Finance of the Church in general and the aid-receiving charges themselves. In both cases the need for increased giving by the members and adherents is clearly indicated. In anticipating extension work for the future in the larger cities of Canada and elsewhere an additional sum of \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000 will be needed by the United Church.

In his report on Missionary Education, Rev. R. L. Bacon referred to the fact that Rev. Dr. E. J. O. Fraser, of Seoul, Korea, is now on furlough in Canada, and is available as a speaker. The committee recommended that Dr. Fraser be invited to attend the May meeting of Presbytery, and that an itinerary for his visit to Prince Edward Island be arranged.

A committee consisting of Revs. W. B. Crowe, R. L. Bacon, T. A. Wilson, H. E. D. Ashford, W. T. Mercer, and Mr. Justice Tweedy, was appointed to consider pastoral relations on the Cornwall-Kingston-New Dominion charge. Revs. J. R. Skinner and H. E. D. Ashford were appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of providing oversight and services for some United Church families in Eidon. On motion of Mr. Ralph Calbeck, Presbytery went on record as expressing its regret at the passing of the Honorable Horace Wright, and its sincere appreciation of his life of devotion to the cause of right. A copy of the resolution was ordered to be sent to the family of the deceased. Presbytery also expressed its commendation of the "United Churchman" and its confidence in the editor, Rev. Dr. Munroe. Presbytery nominated Rev. Clifford Grant M. A., B. D., D. D., for the office of Associate Secretary of Board of Overseas Missions. Rev.

Lenten Meditations

THE RELEVANCE OF CHARITY (The London-Times)

The epistle for Quinquagesima is one of the most familiar passages in the New Testament. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth..."

The cadences of the Authorized Version so delight the ear that men are apt to forget that St. Paul was not writing with this purpose; that he was rather probing as with a lancet the diseases which marred the witness of the Corinthian Church; and that the first reading of his words may well have stunned their hearers into silence.

It is a shock also to many modern Christians to hear the passage in the every-day speech of Dr. Moffatt's translation. "Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never irritated, never resentful."

When the literary jolt has passed, a deeper amazement comes that this is how life was meant to be lived. "Love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. Love never disappears."

It is well that this standard is set up on the Sunday before Lent, for the coming season provides special opportunities for meditation and prayer, and for that repentance which means turning to God and examining life afresh in the light of his revelation in Jesus Christ. It is well also that it should be set up on the Sunday before an election.

A political contest might indeed appear to be more concerned with "sounding brass" and "tinkling cymbals", even with the gifts of prophecy and the faith which removed mountains, than with the way of love which Christ set before men. His own statement of that way was that a man should love God and his neighbour as himself.

Modern means of communication have made the world one neighborhood. A man's neighbours include, at least, those by whose labours he is housed and clothed and fed, the miner in the pit and the fisherman in the drier, the African growing cocoa and the Indian growing tea, the farmer in Australia and the farmer in his own country. How can he love these neighbours as himself?

He can pray for their welfare; he can provide them with the means of hearing the Christian Gospel; there are funds to which he can contribute as an acknowledgment of his dependence upon their toil. But, as the world is organized today, most of what can be done must be done through political action. Politics for the Christian, provide the supreme way of showing love at a distance.

W. Burton Crowe, B. A., for that of Assistant Editor of the Board of Publications, and Rev. A. S. Weir as President of the Maritime conference. It also went on record as urging the Government of Prince Edward Island to take measures to restrict the sale for beverage purposes of Bay Rum and other similar preparations. Rev. W. T. Mercer and C. H. Black were appointed a committee to arrange for the induction of Rev. J. T. Irwin, B. A., B. D., now of Lawrenceton, N. S., as assistant minister at Trinity Church, Charlottetown.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Husband and Father, JAMES McSWAIN who passed away February 8, 1950. He will never be forgotten, Never shall his memory fade, Sweetest thoughts will always linger, Around the place where he is laid. Lovingly Remembered by His Wife and Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of CARTNEY J. MACLURE Murray Harbor North, who passed away February 6th, 1944. Ever Remembered by His Wife.

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In loving memory of Mrs. John MacLeod who passed away on February 6th, 1950. Asleep in God's beautiful garden, Where there is no sorrow or pain. Some day when life's journey is over, We shall meet our dear Mother again. Ever Remembered by Husband and Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Hector A. MacKenzie who passed away on February 5th. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you." Lovingly Remembered by Rhoda and Gordon.

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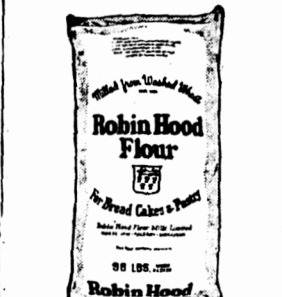
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