

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan

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Of all the virtues, the one most talked about today but least understood is justice. Children who have not yet gone to school demand things as being due to them, being theirs in justice, although they may not use the word itself. It does greater harm to a man to say that he is unjust or unfair than to say that he is unkind.

This, of course, has its foundation in our human nature. We know instinctively that we have certain rights, and everything in use rebels when these are violated. We know, for instance, that if our neighbor pays a certain price for a commodity, we should not have to pay a higher price. We know, likewise, that we have a strict obligation to pay our debts, and that if we harm someone or as we move often think of it, if someone harms us something should be done to compensate for the injury.

In a broader field, we know that we are entitled to certain benefits from the government and from employers. But, it must be remembered that such benefits imply certain duties on the part of individuals and employees. We speak of just wages and just taxes of "just demands," on the part of not workers and employers. It is here that justice becomes vague. For while it begins as a reason for getting what we need, what we need becomes confused with what we want, and justice becomes one more weapon used by the advocates of both sides of a question. It is then simply a slogan or hollow symbol and no longer a virtue which should make possible more human living.

For the reason it is very important for us to grasp the notion of what is meant by "social justice." If it is the real foundation, for our claims for what we require to live a better life—whether higher or lower wages, higher or lower rents, greater or fewer restrictions—we can only hurt ourselves by using the term without understanding it fully.

The term "social" is used with justice to distinguish it from individual justice. What is later we are all familiar: if one man buys something from another he is bound to pay for it. If one man works for another, the employer is obliged to pay a just wage, and the worker on his part to do a fair day's work. But obvious difficulties will arise.

Let us suppose an employer simply cannot afford to pay a "just wage." If he were to give a commensurate salary, he might be considered bankrupt. What must be done in that situation? Justice does not compel a man to do the impossible. It is precisely here that social justice comes into the picture. If something in the whole system leads to unjust situations, and individuals by themselves can do nothing to change them, they are then bound, not by individuals but by social justice, to act together and strive to correct the system. Individuals cannot excuse themselves by pleading the hopelessness of the task; if they themselves can do nothing they must co-operate with others in finding the solution to their problems.

To take an example: every effort must be made that fathers of families be paid enough for their domestic needs. But if this cannot be done under existing circumstances, social justice demands that changes be introduced into the system as soon as possible, whereby such a wage will be assured to every adult workingman. The necessary changes will depend on the particular circumstances. In this case, family allowances through government assistance certainly help; various employers might also band together and arrange some way of avoiding cutthroat and unlimited competition.

The particular act commanded by social justice will not be as easy to discover as in cases of individual or particular justice. But the obligation to act is just as strong in both cases.

Today there is an increasing tendency to leave all such problems up to the government. We deride the dictators of the world as the arch-enemies of freedom and democracy, but at the same time we continually feel that it is up to the government or to someone else to help us. Through our selfish desire to make someone else do everything for us, and through our concurrent shirking of personal responsibilities, we have distorted the whole notion of justice. For many justice has become a "one-way" street. This is one of the chief obstacles to the

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FORMER ISLANDER DIES—The death was recorded in Great Falls, Montana, on June 28th, 1951, of Hugh A. MacKenzie in his 54th year. Born at Springfield, P.E.I., a son of Mrs. Annie Bruce MacKenzie and the late Mr. Angus MacKenzie, he went west when quite young. At nineteen he returned to Canada and served overseas in World War I, later returning to the west. He is survived by his aged mother who is in her 91st year. Two brothers, Dan S. Tacoma, Wash. A. Bruce MacKenzie, Clearwater, Cal. three sisters, Florence (Mrs. C.R. Jackett, Gt. Falls, Montana), Marion (Mrs. J.B. Godfrey, Seattle, Wash.), Christine (Mrs. Alex. Scott, Halifax, N.S. Interment in Great Falls.

Personals Mrs. Ernest Newby and son Wayne of Montreal are visiting in Albany, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green.

Mr. Daniel Matheson left Friday morning for Fairview, N.S. after spending a few days at his home in Bristol.

hymns accompanied by Mrs. Earl Macdonald.

Following the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home to immediate relatives and special friends. The toast to the bride was proposed by Father Croken and responded to by the groom. Father Macdonald and Mrs. McGowan also made a few fitting remarks. The young couple, later left by car on a short honeymoon trip to points of interest throughout the Maritimes. For travelling the bride chose a navy blue tailored suit with white accessories and a corsage of orchids. Previous to her marriage the bride was tendered showers by the staff of People's Credit Jewellers, Moncton, where she was employed and by her friends in Cardigan, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Livingstone.

On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick will reside in Montserrat where the groom is a valued employee of McGowan Motors Ltd. (Patriot Please Copy)

Leaves For Sask.



Pictured above is Lieut. Otis M. Ford, son of Mrs. Mary Ford, 73 Spring Park Road, City, who arrived home June 28 on a brief furlough. Lieut. Ford has been appointed to Meadow Lake, Sask., where he will resume his responsibility at the local Corps July 16. His many friends join in wishing him every success in his ministry as a Salvation Army Officer.

Strange But True

By F.H. MacArthur

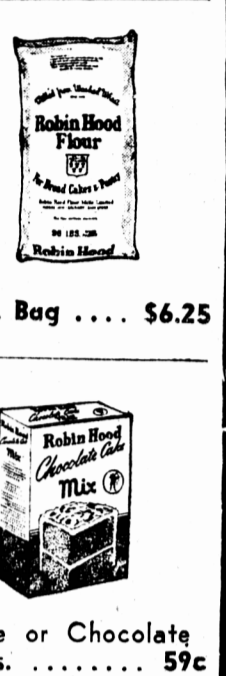
Brimstone and sulphur was the first chemical element discovered and used by primitive man. The ancient Greeks used it to fumigate against various pests. An examination of current newspaper files indicate that Friday is the favorite day in the United States for the execution of persons condemned to capital punishment. Friday is popularly known as hangman's day.

Why is the Adam's apple more prominent in men than in women? Recently I put the question to a medical man but he was stumped for an answer. There's an old belief, however, that when Adam ate the forbidden fruit, which is reputed to have been an apple, part of it stuck in his throat. It still is a 504 question. Putting several small crosses at the end of a letter to signify kisses, is believed to have originated at the time when the cross-mark took the place of an oath. In Anglo-Saxon times in England the mark of the cross was required following the signature of those who could write as well as after those who could not write. During the Second World War the British Government issued regulations forbidding sailors to sign letters with the traditional "love and XXX's" on the ground that such marks might be used by spies for code messages. In 1942, American military censors forbade soldiers stationed outside of the U.S.A. to use such symbols in letters to their people at home.

The oldest scientific instrument known to man is the Astrolabe, invented by the Greeks 2000 years ago. This curious gadget was used for telling the time and latitude. The sundial and water clock are of more recent origin. The marvel at the extraordinary memory of some men, Homer could recite his Odyssey and Iliad word for word; Macaulay seldom forgot a face and never a name. Among the Eskimos are tale-tellers who can narrate for whole nights all the tradition and myths of their people. The Indians of North America had their chiefs who could quote from memory the entire history of their races. Indeed, these famous story-tellers belonged to no one tribe, yet to all of them. They were safe in war or in peace, for they were too important a part of social life to be killed. Those having the gift of speech, have from the beginning of the world, been concealed creatures. The story teller soon set himself up as a god among his fellows—demanding and getting what he wanted. So it was with the priests,

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WINIFRED E. WILSON



NOISY NESTLINGS

Birdland's babies are by no means equally well behaved. A pair of Chestnut-sided Warblers can, unknown to you, bring up a family less than a yard from your window; but, by the time they are a few days old, Purple Finches draw your attention at a distance of 25 yards. Most young birds begin to call as soon as they become aware of an approaching parent, and stop once they have been fed and are left alone. Purple Finch nestlings seem to cry, "Ch-wee, ch-wee, ch-wee," nearly all day long, at the pitch of their lungs. Fortunately, this commotion lasts only about a week, and though loud, their call is musical. This must be inherited from Papa. He ranks high among bird choristers, his song combining the gladness of the Song Sparrow's, and the richness of the Rose-breasted Grosbeak's. And so it is a joy to have him near, in spite of his noisy nestlings.

Their home is generally 10 feet or more up, on a branch of an evergreen tree, and is built of rootlets and grasses. The parents both help to feed the children on buds, small fruits, and some seeds. Their family characteristics are an extra stout bill, and the richness of the Rose-breasted Grosbeak's. She resembles a Sparrow with a very much streaked breast, and the children all take after her. Mr. Purple Finch is not really purple. He has been well described by one bird watcher as looking like a Sparrow that has been dipped in raspberry juice. His colouring is more intense each summer. But he requires sunshine on him to bring out his best points. Then you will be amazed at the brilliance of his majestic head, which is slightly crested, and the bright, rosy pink of a spot on his back just above the tail. His breast is a soft pink. Watch out for him sitting on the very top of some tree near his home, while he sings his best. That will be until the end of July. Once the children are able to fly he is not heard as frequently, nor is his song as prolonged. But he has taught his little sons to sing a different song, and by autumn they will be able to whistle, "Pea-wee-toe-toe." This is quite unusual in Birdland.

Are Cedar Waxwings fluffy?

Card Of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Doctors and Nurses of the P. E. I. Hospital and Rev. J. H. Bishop. Also those who sent gifts, flowers, cards and those who visited me during my recent illness. Mrs. Russell Bell.

Fitzpatrick-Sullivan Wedding

The wedding of Mary Rose Sullivan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sullivan, Cardigan, and Raymond Basil Fitzpatrick, Woodville Mills, was solemnized in All Saints Church, Cardigan, June 18th. Rev. Harold Croken officiated at the Nuptial Mass. The bride, given in marriage by her father, entered the church to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March. She looked charming in a floor length gown of ivory slipper satin, fashioned on princess lines. Her shoulder length veil of exquisite lace was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. She wore a three-strand pearl necklace, gift of the groom and carried an arm bouquet of red roses. She was attended by her sister, Stella, who wore a sky blue taffeta gown with matching halo and mitts and carried a colonial bouquet of mixed flowers. Louis Fitzpatrick, brother of the groom, acted as best man. Ushers were Urban and Eugene Sullivan, brother of the bride. During the Nuptial Mass the girls choir rendered appropriate



hymns accompanied by Mrs. Earl Macdonald. Following the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home to immediate relatives and special friends. The toast to the bride was proposed by Father Croken and responded to by the groom. Father Macdonald and Mrs. McGowan also made a few fitting remarks. The young couple, later left by car on a short honeymoon trip to points of interest throughout the Maritimes. For travelling the bride chose a navy blue tailored suit with white accessories and a corsage of orchids. Previous to her marriage the bride was tendered showers by the staff of People's Credit Jewellers, Moncton, where she was employed and by her friends in Cardigan, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Livingstone. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick will reside in Montserrat where the groom is a valued employee of McGowan Motors Ltd. (Patriot Please Copy)

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