

Religion and Life

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The election is on. The air is full of protests and promises, condemnations and condemnations as opponents and parties present their policies and claims to the nation's confidence. Actually it is a tremendous claim that they are making to the privilege of administering Canada's resources, guarding her interests and honor and leading her people in the world's forward movements through the critical years just ahead. The urgency of the nation's need is the measure of the men we require as rulers "in a time like this."

It is a sacred privilege that is ours—government of the people, by the people and for the people. It is blood-bought. It is denied to hundreds of millions of our fellow-men in different parts of the world. A question we must ask ourselves is—are we worthy of so great a privilege and qualified to bear so great a responsibility? At any rate we are called to put conscience, judgement and real devotion into the choice we are called to make on August the tenth.

It was the dream and longing of ages past that they might have a just and merciful ruler, who would not only do justice but also be justice done. For example, Isaiah wrote as follows of what such a prince might mean to his people and do for them: "Behold a king shall reign in righteousness and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

As prophets and people dreamed thus of the ideal earthly prince, their visions merged into their hopes for their Messiah, on whom the Spirit of the Lord should rest—"the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord." Their expectation of "the anointed of the Lord" may seem to us impossible of realization among weak human beings, but they do show how much government that is wise and good can do for a people.

Power beyond all ordinary calculation is entrusted to them, and their exercise of that authority in wisdom, justice and mercy can do more for the happiness and prosperity than any other earthly influence. How important, therefore, are the choices that our citizens must make in the next few days!

Voters elect representatives: We do not send delegates to Ottawa under instructions to act thus and so. On the different issues that will come before him the representative will consider the wishes of his constituency, but he is not bound by them. His own judgement and conscience must direct his action. He may feel that the opinions of many of the people who elected him to his high office are against the interests of the country as a whole; if so, it is his duty to oppose them. He may feel that there are world-wide interests to be served and high ideals to be realized that

the average voter does not understand; he should endeavour to lead them to the higher levels of patriotism. At the same time he must not forget the interests of his constituency; in important particulars he is their guardian; but the interests and honor of the nation are also entrusted to him and he must never lose sight of them.

In a word, the man in a position of power is responsible to God for upholding the absolute right and good, and the measure of his statesmanship is the clearness with which he discerns those values in the changing situations of the years, and the resoluteness with which he refuses to let personal or factional considerations interfere with the support he gives them.

The personal character of the candidate for public office commands consideration. It has happened too often among us that the local political party has presented to the voters a man of doubtful moral principle simply because he could argue for the party's policies. To turn down such a candidate is a moral obligation and a duty to the state. Questions are sure to arise through the years which call for wise judgment and conscientious action, and only men of sound moral principle can be relied on to do the right thing in the circumstances.

But it is not enough for a ruler to be a good man; he must also be clear-sighted and strong. A great editor of days gone by remarked: "Some of the worst things in the city's history have been done under mayors who were good men, but underheads."

In a position of authority, a good man who is weak and who lacks discernment may become the tool of the self-seeking. Party loyalty may have the same effect. It was said of a political leader whose personal integrity was never questioned: "He will fight his enemies to the last ditch but he will not fight his friends." Many a political leader, who was personally incorruptible, has been ruined politically by that type of "friends."

Integrity in our representatives must have, but, as they are leaders and rulers of men, they "must rule well their own house," before they are fit to bear public responsibility.

The statesman's policies are important. Great issues are before the nation today. "The conservation and development of our resources, the unity of our people and the welcome we owe to "new Canadians," call for goodwill and peace among the nations, the urgent need for the strong to help the weak and for the privileged to help the underprivileged are obligations that rest upon Canada, and our statesmen must rise to them.

But citizens must bear this in mind—the policy of a free people must represent the average of the people's convictions on the matters brought before them. If the policy is above the average there will be a greater weight of conviction against it than for it, and it must come down. If the policy is below the average, there will be a greater weight against it than for it, and it must come up. But it is the demand of the hour on the churches and on our educational institutions and on every agency of goodwill to raise the average of the people's intelligence and moral standards and sense of public obligation.

The nation has character as well as the individual, and only genuine religion can generate the moral energy that will make it a power for good in a confused—and needy world.

Talk On Agriculture Highlights Meeting

July meeting of the Bedeque United Church Men's Association was held in the church vestry July 28, with president Ralph Calbeck presiding. A delicious supper was served by the ladies of the Bedeque W. M. S. and Y. W. A.

A sing-song was led by Miss Mildred Calbeck at the piano. Mr. W. J. Reid introduced Mr. Walter R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who was the guest speaker of the evening. Mr. Shaw gave an interesting talk on agriculture, furnishing statistics of 40 years ago in comparison with agricultural production of today; showing that in the Maritimes some had produced more than the farmer of today, but the cash value was a great deal less. He also pointed out some alarming figures of the money that was being sent away from the Maritimes annually for fertilizer, feeds, machinery, trucks and autos.

As this was the annual meeting the following slate of officers was elected: Hon. pres., Rev. George Ward; president, Ralph Calbeck; vice pres., Arnold Henderson; secretary, Cyril MacFarlane; treasurer, Henry S. Calbeck; entertainment committee, T. J. Inman; supper committee, Ivan Dawson; attendance committee, chairman, Vernon Craig, Bedeque; Horace Wright, Lower Bedeque; Alexander B. MacFarlane, Fernwood; Heber Myers, Carleton; Kenneth Muttart, Searletown; Essie Wright, Middleton; Henry Calbeck, Central Bedeque; A. A. MacInnis, Bedeque; Alexander Green, organist and Davis Murray, song leader. Nearly all the members answered the roll call and there were six visitors present.

Poetry Contest For Maritimers

It is hoped to have entries from every part of the Maritimes in the poetry contest now being sponsored by the Nova Scotia Centre of the Poetry Society, in conjunction with the publication of the Centre's third Chap Book. Following are the rules of entry in the contest:

1. Any person may submit one or more poems provided that a fee of fifty cents accompany each poem.
2. Poems submitted will not be returned. The decision of the judges will be final and no criticisms can be sent.
3. All contributions should be written under a non-de-plume and accompanied by the author's name and address enclosed in a sealed envelope.
4. All poems must be original and ones that have not been previously published.
5. All poems must be written on one side of the paper only and must be legibly written, or typewritten.
6. No poem submitted may be more than 32 lines in length.
7. Prizes will be offered.
8. Any person who submits a poem with the accompanying fee will be given a copy of a Chap Book when it is published.
9. If there is not a sufficient number of poems to warrant the publication of a Chap Book the fee will be returned.
10. All poems must be in the hands of Mrs. L. D. Jones, 56 Robie Street, Halifax, N. S., for OUT-OF-TOWN, and Mrs. Borden Haverstock, 12 Ogilvie Street, Halifax, N. S., for LOCAL, on or before the 15th of September, 1953.
11. Correspondence will not be entered into with contestants.

An Englishman who has spent 53 years in jail recently celebrated his 100th birthday. No doubt he attributes it to regular hours and not running around at night.—Edmonton Journal.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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LIBERAL POLITICAL MEETING tonight at Mt. Stewart Legion Hall at 8.30 P. M. Cecil A. Miller and Neil A. Matheson, and other prominent Liberals will attend.

HEAR DON FLEMING over C. F. C. Y. tonight, 10.00 to 10.15 P. M. standard time.

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ST. JOHN'S, BELFAST, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 8 p.m., anniversary service. Guest soloists Mr. Neil Matheson (Gaelic) and Mrs. (Rev.) John F. MacKay.

ORGANIST FROM ENGLAND—The newly appointed organist to Trinity United Church, Mr. G. A. Thompson of Bridgewater, Somerset, England, accompanied by his wife and family is now enroute to Canada via the S.S. Columbia which will arrive in Quebec City on August 5. It is expected that Mr. Thompson will take over his new duties within a few weeks. During the absence of a regular organist, the music of Trinity United church has been capably conducted by Mrs. K. S. Rogers and Mr. William Rogers.

Personals

The many friends of Mrs. Clarence Carver of this City regret to learn that he has undergone a major operation in the P.E. Island hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Charles Campbell, retired tool manufacturer of Wollaston, Mass., accompanied by his grand-son, Charles, is on his annual visit to P. E. I. visiting friends and relatives, and enjoyed the Scotch Gathering at Montague.

IN MEMORIAM

ELLA MAY GRATTO

There passed peacefully away on July 21, Miss Ella May Gratto of the age of 48, invalid daughter of Mrs. Hannah Gratto.

Her death took place at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Kemp, where she and her mother made their home for the past 16 years. Ella May was always an invalid and was confined to her home. All through the years her mother tenderly and lovingly cared for her. Nothing was too hard to do to comfort and cheer her. She was loved by all her family and her death filled their hearts with sorrow. But God in his wisdom saw fit to take her home to be forever with him in Heaven.

She leaves to mourn her aged mother, Mrs. Hannah Gratto, Albin and sisters, Mrs. Isabel Kemp, Halifax, N. S., Mrs. George Kemp (Elsie) Albin; Mrs. Corney Taylor (Annie) Lower Montague; Mrs. John McKenzie (Emma) Murray River; one brother George Gratto, Charlottetown.

Her funeral service was largely attended in the Baptist Church and was conducted by Rev. W. A. Patterson, Georgetown, P. E. I. The hymns sung were, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "By Cool Silliam" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Interment was in the adjoining Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Messrs. Brice Kemp, Elliot Kemp, Calvin Kemp, Vincent Kemp, Spencer Creed, Douglas Sorrie. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Card Of Thanks

Mrs. Hannah Gratto and family wish to thank all those who helped in any way during their recent bereavement; also those who sent flowers, and letters of sympathy.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Norma Frances Giddings, who departed this life, August 2, 1948.

The evening star shines on her grave,
Of one we loved but could not save;
God called her home, it was his will,
But in our hearts we love her still.

Sadly missed but fondly remembered by mother, brothers and sisters.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of

MRS. THOMAS MacPHERSON
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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Mrs. Harry Parks, 49-year-old grandmother of Dorena, Mo., is the proud mother of triplets, all girls, and born in May of 1953.

Next year or the year after, Island fishermen may be catching their speckled beauties by sound instead of the old-fashioned bait and lures in vogue ever since fish-in' was fishin'. Indeed, it is quite within the realm of possibility that fishermen of the future may be able to "talk" a fish right onto the hook.

Man-made sounds can call the wild ducks and the geese within shot of his gun; the hunter is also able to call the moose and other creatures in a sound language so like the original that even the smartest of the wild-life folk are deceived. Now according to Dr. Kellogg, fish can be brought to the hook by means of sound projectors that will give the angler a chance to do some vocal fishing. Talking a fish into a hook will be a great scientific achievement, to say the least, and I for one, will be eagerly awaiting the day to hear what the finny tribe will be saying about these underwater experiments.

Goats can be rid of their peculiar B. O. by feeding 'em stuff containing chlorophyll.

A ewe on the farm of Boyd Norfords has presented her owner with quintuplets.

Continual use of fertilizers gets your farm in poor physical condition. Raw fertilizers put the earthworms, living bacteria, and other forms of life essential to the endless round of plant life to flight.

So, if our farmers would get back to nature's way of doing it, they would use more manure or mulch to bring back the earthworms, those underground farmers that do so much to produce the same results that mother nature devised to promote healthy plant growth when the earth was young.

Some years ago I visited a small orange grove near Lakeland, Fla., and was shown around by the owner, a Mr. Smith, who informed me that he had left every bit of the grove's cultivating to an army of earthworms. Result: Smith had the largest, best-tasting oranges in the district. The soil looked dark and rich, and the leaves on the trees were very large and very deeply colored.

My informant told me that he never used fertilizers, but built up the soil with organic matter, thus helping nature to preserve the soil. The few weeds that lifted their heads among the trees of that little orange grove were every one pulled by hand. At first that seemed like a big job. Smith said that weeding the grove was a comparatively easy task after the first few years. Once he'd put an army of earthworms to work, the weeds

gradually disappeared.

The best gardens I ever saw in this Province never saw fertilizer. However, it is all right to use a little to start plant growth, then build up the soil with organic matter.

In short, mulching is a return to nature. It produces exactly the same results that nature created.

Before fertilizers came into general use in this Province our forefathers were gardeners "par excellence." What pumpkins and cucumbers they produced on a tiny piece of ground! Why? Because a big cart load of barnyard manure was worked into the soil. This continually rotted, and through decay, mineral elements in the manure were released for the growing plants. Again, the mulch or manure, turned the soil dark and rich, bringing plenty of earthworms, which are a key to fertility, and encourage bacterial growth in the soil.

The old Woolworth building in New York City still is a fabulous monument of one man's ambition and imagination.

Frank Winfield Woolworth, a farm boy, built the \$13,500,000 structure without receiving one cent of outside financial aid—a feat still unparalleled.

Last year a cat belonging to the Snyder family of Denver, Colo., made a 1600 mile trek back to its old home in Dunkirk, N. Y. That's quite a mystery for somebody to solve.

Michael Brennan was a newspaper man in New York in the middle of the 19th century. He was happily married, had three children and was sitting atop of the world.

Then when the California gold rush came along young Brennan set out with his family for the land of gold, via the covered wagon route.

Brennan was a greenhorn at mining but nevertheless he put all his money into the venture and hired some miners to start digging. Soon they were lucky enough to tap a seam of gold that paid off handsomely.

The ex-journalist reinvested his money in the hope of finding the great mother lode which some of his workers believed lay somewhere in the vicinity. It was a false hunch, however, and Brennan soon found himself flat broke and despondent.

One morning a servant entered the Brennan home to find all the family dead—prussic acid accounted for all five.

The reason for Brennan's act was obvious: loss of face. The miners had to pay the funeral expenses of all five.

But a second hole, tapped the very next day, uncovered the mother lode!—worth millions. Michael Brennan killed himself one day too soon to come into a fortune.

First hospital in Canada, the Hotel Dieu, at Quebec, was opened in 1639 by Roman Catholic nursing sisters.

Dorothy Dix's Column

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A little sterilizing of your mind, too, tossing out all thoughts of the various men who have been cluttering it. Then begin to give your husband the attention and care he deserves and watch for the response.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a college student of 19 going with a very nice girl who likes me a lot. Unfortunately, I walk with a slight limp and consequently the girl's mother is dead set against me. She says I'm a cripple and will never be able to support her daughter. Also, she's afraid of what people will say if I go out with the girl. I think the mother is very narrow-minded, don't you?

MR. P.

ANSWER: Your young lady's mother has a disability of the soul that's much worse than your slight physical handicap. Her mind goes back to medieval days when physical imperfections were considered disgraceful. Thank heaven we've come a long way since then. The lady should be reminded that a man, much more handicapped than you are, was elected President of the United States and remained in that office until his death, 12 years later. Deive a little into the history of our times yourself and see how many famous men and women have achieved success, though far from perfect physically.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of interest through this column.

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For the information of those electors who have no opportunity of examining the Dominion Election Act, and especially the provisions thereof relating to corrupt and illegal practices, this space will be used daily to publish the main sections of the statute dealing with such practices.

The following are extracts from the Dominion Election Act:

Every person who before, during or after an election directly or indirectly or by any means or device in attempted evasion of the following provisions,

- (a) pays or promises to pay in whole or in part the travelling or other expenses of any elector who may intend to vote, in going to or returning from the poll or any polling station, or going to or returning from the neighbourhood thereof; or
- (b) pays or promises to pay or receives or promises to accept payment, in whole or in part by reason of time spent, or for wages or other earnings or possibility thereof lost, by any elector who may intend to vote, in going to, being at or returning from the poll or any polling station, or going to, being at or returning from the neighbourhood thereof;

is guilty of an illegal practice and of an offence against this Act punishable on summary conviction as in this Act provided.

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