

Religion and Life

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BEGINNING A NEW YEAR

The wise business-man balances his accounts at the end of his business year. He takes stock, finds out exactly where he stands, and so clears the ground for the new enterprise of a new year. The wise churchman puts before the congregation or the denomination its standing when all reports are in; only so can they plan intelligently for the new opportunity that the New Year brings. In like manner the individual should balance his accounts with God and settle anything that his Divine Judge has against him.

Now forgiveness is the very essence of the Christian's privilege and the Christian's obligation. When the sinner renounces his sin, Christ offers him forgiveness full and free. Jesus' attitude toward the outcasts of his time was one thing that His critics could not understand. They were genuinely devoted to the law of God as they understood it and they felt that His offer of mercy to the chief of sinners compromised His stand on God's unqualified demand for right living and right doing.

They believed that the grosser the sin the deeper the sinner's guilt and therefore the severer the punishment deserved. Jesus' reply was that, while this might be true for the sinner who persisted in his sin, it was not true for the sinner who repented of his sin. Granted an honest turn against his wrongdoing and a willingness to right the wrongs done, then the grosser the sin the deeper the need, and therefore the stronger the claim on the mercy of God.

Jesus taught that the lost son still belonged to the Father as the lost sheep still belonged to the shepherd, and that it was a greater moral victory for God to turn him against his sin than to destroy him for continuing in it. Hence He tried all through His ministry to turn wicked men from their wicked ways and reconcile them to God. Every representative of Christ must ring out His message that they who are healthy have no need of a physician but they who are sick and that the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Now how about forgiving those who have injured us? How about

starting the New Year with a clean sheet, all the old resentments and antagonisms wiped off? When God has forgiven us so great a debt, must we not be ready to forgive the wrongs we have suffered at the hands of men? Jesus insists that the unforgiving cannot be forgiven. The harm that men can do to us is so small compared with what we have done against God that when he has forgiven us we should be ready to forgive others. Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" and immediately after St. Matthew's version of that prayer, he quotes Jesus' words: "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:9-15)

Jesus lays down the following principle for our guidance in the personal difficulties in which we become involved:

No quarrel between friends should be allowed to stand. Like an open sore, it will become infected and fester, and blood-poisoning may ensue.

Forgiveness is possible only on the ground of repentance. When people are faced with Christ's demand for the forgiving spirit, they often ask defiantly: Am I to leave myself open to a repetition of that injury? Not so; God can forgive us only when we repent, and if we are to forgive as we have been forgiven it can be only on the ground of the wrong-doer's repentance of the wrong he has done. Therefore, the Christian's duty is to do all that he can to bring the one who has wronged him to repent.

Jesus puts on the injured party the responsibility for taking the first step toward a reconciliation. He says in Matthew 18:15—"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother." This is hard to do, but when done in Christ's spirit, it yields rich returns. The average man is only too glad to respond to such an approach. But if that should fail—and Jesus recognizes such a possibility—ask your friends to help; if they fail, appeal to the church. But do not consent to the wound remaining open. Do all that you can to heal the wound and restore the broken fellowship. Begin the year with love. Cancel the old scores. No not embarrass your friends any longer by requiring them to keep in mind the fact that you two are not speaking. Do not dishonor Christ by professing to accept His forgiveness while you refuse to forgive. Read and read again and again Matthew 18:15-35—every word of it. Reconciliation is the watchword of Christianity; Christ's followers live in that atmosphere forever.

Strange But True

By F. M. MacArthur

I hardly need tell you that birds do not hibernate, but it used to be quite a common idea that they did. Naturalist Gilbert White, who lived in England a century and a half ago believed that swallows burrowed into the mud like frogs where they spent the winter.

Strange to say the female crickets are voiceless. Only the males sing.

The early settlers in this province kept their bee colonies in sections of hollow logs covered at each end, and with a small hole bored for a door. Come fall the colonies were killed by using sulphur smoke. Then the honey was lifted.

Modern bee-keepers take their supply of honey with out killing a single insect, and always leave the colony food to keep it through the winter and well into the spring. This has been made possible by the modern movable-frame hive.

That beautiful little insect called the lace-wing, has to make elaborate preparations for her offspring, for as soon as they hatch they are ravenously hungry and would as leave at their unhatched brothers and sisters as would a cannibal. To guard against this atrocious act the wise little mother does not put all of her eggs into one basket, but places them some distance apart on a leaf and fastens each egg to the top of a slender thread of silk. The first lacewing larva that incubates has to crawl down the silk web to the leaf surface, and instead of finding brothers and sisters to devour starts off to look for plants, lice, which are the natural food of an amazing thing about the insect is that, in most cases, parents never see their children. Let us take but one example to prove the point. The white butterfly that deposits her eggs upon a cabbage leaf flies away and may never return to that cabbage leaf again. But it really does not matter. Once the young caterpillars hatch they know how to find for themselves and would not know their mother from a witch's brew.

Canada appears to be slowly becoming a woman's country. Take Quebec for instance, which now has more females than males. According to the Bureau of Statistics in the 1951 census, the number of the fair sex in this country has climbed by 1,314,437 in the last decade, while males could only show an increase of 1,153,873.

Some birds, like some people, live by their wits. Take the skuas for example. These birds live by robbing their relatives, the gulls, of the fish the latter have legitimately caught. The gull is pursued until it drops the fish from its beak or disgorges it from its crop.

In relatively few birds is the tongue part visible. Indeed, only the sap or nectar sucking birds are able to thrust out their tongues. In the hummingbird the tongue is split in two for half its length and the tips are brush-like. The honey-eaters also have cloven tongues which can be shaped by the bird to form a suctorial tube.

It is interesting to note how "steering" is accomplished by most birds. The tail takes the place of a rudder. In stopping for the purpose of making a landing, the bird turns the under surface of the wing forward and in many cases also spreads and depresses the tail, both actions producing a braking effect by using air resistance to increase drift. During gliding or soaring flight, with motionless wings, the bird and the aeroplane act exactly alike.

Some fairly reliable statistics of the speed of birds have been recorded by pilots of planes, when birds are seen to be keeping level while flying in the same direction as the airplane. Measurements are according to the "air speed" which the speedometer of the ship registers.

Homing pigeons have a flight speed of 82 miles per hour. Most small song birds have a flight speed of 20 to 37 miles per hour. Crows from 30 to 45, ducks between 44 and 60, plovers about 50. These, of course, are only averages based on such few reliable observations as exist.

Swifts are among the fastest birds that fly. They can clip off 100 miles per hour over a long flight. The truth of this statement may be proved by the following story: "Swifts of our common species, heading 65000 feet above Mosul, were noted as easily passing and circling about an airship which was doing 68 miles per hour."

Most country folk have some knowledge of the curious associa-

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THE CITY TAX OFFICE will remain open till 9 P. M. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights for the conveniences of the tax payers.

ALL POLL TAX was due and payable on May 15th. Names of defaulters are still being handed into Court for collection.

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tions between certain birds and animals. The starling's habit of seeking insects on the backs of cattle is so common a sight that almost every country boy knows about it. The ostrich travels in company of zebras or antelopes for the purpose of security against enemies. Some birds share their nests with reptiles or small mammals for the same reason. Analogous to these is the case of a tiny plover, native to the Nile valley, which many writers have observed picking food from the teeth of the crocodile while the huge creature basked in the sun with its mouth wide open.

Penguins have a real sense of fun. They like to travel on floating portions of ice-floes for a mile or so, then swim back to their starting point, catch another berg and repeat the performance all over again. "Those that rode on the floes would shout at the others on the shore, who would shout at them in reply, so that a gay bantering seemed to accompany their passage past the rookery."

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Card Of Thanks

Mrs. Theresa Pidgeon and family wish to thank the Doctors and Nurses and all those who sent cards and letters of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

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.

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PICKS PUSSY - WILLOWS. — Due to the mild weather, which preceded the snow, pussy-willows usually regarded as harbingers of spring, have been coming into bloom, and a fine branch of them was picked by Mr. B. Court of North Rustico on Christmas Day.

WINNERS IN DRAWING at MacPhail's Store, Long Creek Lamp No. 12170. Jean Stretch Consolation Prize, 12822, C. MacDougall. Consolation Prize, 12673, L. MacEachern. Consolation Prize, 13178, D. MacPhee. Panda Bear, 14413. If not claimed by December 31st, another drawing will be made.

Quin-Owen Wedding

Cicely Dilys Owen, daughter of Mrs. W. E. W. Owen and the late Mr. Owen, was united in marriage to Colin Roy MacDonald Quin of Toronto, formerly of New Zealand, son of Mr. R. V. Quin and the late Mrs. Quin, in a quiet ceremony at St. Paul's Church yesterday morning at eleven o'clock.

The Rev. Canon J. T. Ibbott officiated, and Mr. Paul Cudmore was organist, with the church choir present. The church was trimmed with seasonal decorations.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. L. Cambridge Owen, wore a blue velvet dress with matching street length dress, with matching small hat.

The bride was attended by Miss Catherine Bethune, who wore a cherry red faille dress, and black velvet hat.

The groomsmen were Mr. Robert B. Owen, brother of the bride, while the usher was Mr. George Ives, the bride's brother-in-law.

Following the wedding ceremony, a small reception was held at the home of the bride, 148 Pownall St. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Owen was attired in a dress of grey silk print.

As the bride and groom left on their honeymoon, to be spent in Quebec City, the bride wore a grey suit dress, with grey coat and red accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Quin will reside in Toronto, Ont.

Out of town guests at the wedding included Miss Norma E. Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. MacGregor of Halifax, N. S.

A Country Garden

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must become more and more the background of our lives, the anti-thesis of social strife, a refuge from tempest, the very cradle of peace.

This is the third book that A. T. Johnson has written about his garden and he writes, "I regard in no small light the privilege of casting yet one more pebble on that great cairn of garden achievement which long centuries have erected in the name of beauty, and which, high in honour among the most peace-abiding of the avocations of man, is so surely destined to be the most potent and inviolable of ministers in the promotion of human happiness."

There are chapters on the old roses and shrubs that are interesting and helpful and this book is available at our wonderful library and also many many more for winter reading.

Looking back on the past garden year, we remember the good weather and the happy days in the garden with friends. We treasure the garden photographs showing the garden at its best, and try to forget the times when visitors were disappointed, perhaps expecting one old gardener to work miracles in the little time left for gardening.

Planning for "next year" and a better garden is now here and in the weeks to come plans can be made because thought must be given to this happy task of gardening, and as we grow older remember that...

Youth is not a time of life... it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than a boy of twenty.

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Know that experts say a half-hour daytime nap equals 3 hours' night sleep? That small tensions tire you more than big ones? That it's unwise to trust decisions you make at night? That standing is more tiring than walking?

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Albert C. Stewart who departed this life December 30th, 1950.

Fond are the memories that linger. Dear is the one that is gone. In memory we hold you dear Mother.

As long as the years roll along.

Sadly Missed by Husband and Family.

ELLEN'S DIARY

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buffetings of fate.

Because these are recorded, we recall them with remembered assurance for are there not as well the little or larger scars at heart to prove them? Ay, the wounds perhaps have healed but the scars remain. It is the lot of humans to have many a "hope deferred," countless hurts and some sorrow.

But on the other hand — and how much we should like to reread those! are the nice items of living which shall still remain with us long after the years have dimmed the others... those the old minister in the church at home was wont to term "God's mercies": the golden ties of kin and friend, the blessings and enchantment of the world about; the taken-for-granted gifts of Providence, even the peace of evening which now floods this valley about—the unbought, unpurchasable things, maybe on this account often more lightly regarded.

"Suppose God charged us for flowers and rain. Put a purchase price on a bird's glad strain. Of music... the dawn mist on the plain!

How much would an autumn landscape cost, Or a window etched with winter frost, And the rainbow's glory, so quickly lost?

How much we wonder would it be worth To smell the good, brown, fragrant earth In spring? ... The miracle of birth ...

And love? How much would people pay For the laugh of a child at close of day?

Suppose God charged us for that, I say!

Items like these we recall writing gratefully down in the manuscript of our year, on the scroll which while and new, Father Time delivered to our hands.

Until tomorrow — — Diary — — Good-night ...

His Honour Lieutenant-Governor T. W. L. PROWSE will receive at Government House on Thursday January 1st, 1953, from 3 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Each gentleman should provide himself with two visiting cards.

L. E. Prowse, Private Secretary.

His Worship Mayor J. DAVID STEWART, D.S.O. will hold his NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION at the CITY HALL on January 1st, 1953, From 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. J. A. Fullerton, City Clerk.

His Excellency MOST REVEREND JAMES BOYLE, D.D., Bishop of Charlottetown, will receive at THE BISHOP'S RESIDENCE on THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1953, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CHARLOTTETOWN Y. M. C. A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEW YEAR'S DAY RECEPTION 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. All Gentlemen Cordially Invited

NOTICE CAR OWNERS

Citizens are again reminded that they must cooperate with the City employees by removing their cars, that have been parked overnight, either on the travelled portion of the street or in that portion between the curb and the sidewalk. Cars left in the latter named position make it impossible to throw the snow back from the street. To sum up no car is to be left overnight either on the travelled portion of the street or between the curb and sidewalk or in any position that will interfere with the removal of snow.

Also it must be borne in mind that all sidewalks must be cleaned as soon as possible after the ceasing of a snow storm and the maximum time for this is four hours.

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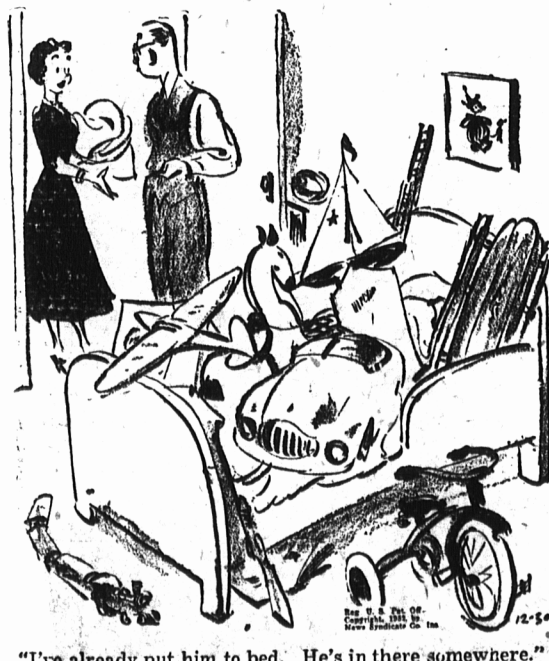
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