

# Lenten Meditation

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## PEACE AND WAR

The relevance of the Christian Gospel to the infinite variety of human experience could hardly be better illustrated than by the manner in which the English Prayer Book brings together the thought of peace and war. The Collect speaks of peace and a quiet mind; the Epistle is a stern reminder that the Christian life is a warfare; and St. Paul depicts this conflict in the most uncompromising terms.

There is no real contradiction between these two conceptions, neither is the Christian life a perpetual alternation between peace and struggle. Both aspects are indissolubly bound together as elements of the one experience. And if they are separated, either by too exclusive a stress upon the Gospel as a means of personal "salvation" of comfort and security; or by neglecting this and thinking of religion too much in terms of struggle and even political action, something essential to the full Gospel is lost. In the contemporary intellectual and spiritual climate the danger is perhaps that of withdrawing into a purely personal religion.

If Christianity is a warfare as a source of spiritual health; if Christ is Leader as well as the physician of the soul; if there is an unceasing battle to be fought against all that degrades human life and tends to reduce men to the level of mere automata—then the Christian may apply be described as a soldier, whose overriding concern is the advancement of the cause to which he is irrevocably committed.

The Gospel does indeed offer help and rehabilitation to those who have fallen by the way; the weak, the helpless, those who "scur and are heavy laden," for it speaks to every condition of the human soul, otherwise it would be no true Gospel. But the Church at its best has never felt this to be its only concern; it is a fellowship with a world-wide mission—the extension of Christ's Kingdom in every sphere of human activity. There is a sense in which individual salvation is not an end in itself; it is the necessary condition and equipment for the Christian fellowship's corporate task.

If the conception of the Church as a militant body is lost sight of, its power to change men's lives and to bring a decisive influence to bear upon human affairs is inevitably weakened. Yet the quiet mind of which the Collect speaks, and the crusading spirit which the Apostle's words suggest, are not mutually exclusive. No writer of the New Testament speaks more often of peace than does St. Paul, and none more frequently of conflict.

This inner peace may indeed come as a result of the experience of forgiveness, but it is deepened and reinforced by the assurance that the Christian's spiritual resources will be adequate to life's demands, and that, though "the strife is fierce, the warfare long," he may be "strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

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**ATTENTION Charlottetown Men's Divisions**—Remember final Red Cross Campaign report meeting tonight at 5:00 P.M., Red Cross Headquarters.

**THIRD READINGS**—The Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island yesterday received third reading in the Legislature and were passed without discussion. An act to amend the Companies Act was also given third reading as was an act to amend the Bangs Disease Eradication Act.

**POLICE COURT**—A youth charged with theft of money entered a plea of not guilty at the City Police Court yesterday. He was convicted and sentenced to be remanded one week for sentence by the Stipendiary Magistrate. The case of a man charged with being drunk and disorderly was remanded until March 28th.

**ON LEAVE**—O.S. J. Alvin MacVittie, H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, N.S., returned to this Province from Somerville, Mass., where he spent a week visiting with his uncle and sister. He has spent several days with his mother at 59 Longworth Ave., Charlottetown, and left on Saturday morning, March 22nd, for Bay Fortune, where he will be the guest of Edwin Mills.

# School Tax Cases In County Court

There are eleven civil cases before His Honour Judge C. St. Clair Trainor of the County Court of Queens County for the March term commencing yesterday. In addition there are three applications for garnishee.

Heard in part yesterday was the claim of the trustees of School Unit No. 1 (Parkdale, Winsloe and the Royalties) vs Ratepayers in default of school taxes. There are about fifty listed as being in default out of a total of 128. The case was adjourned until Friday the 28th.

Other cases were set down as follows: R. H. Duvar vs Gerald Nantes, to a day to be fixed; Erith Hughes vs David Roberts, stood over; James Power vs R. S. MacRae, to April 23rd; McColl Frontenac Oil Co. Ltd. vs J. W. Windsor Co. Ltd., to April 2nd; Maurice Croken vs M.P. Schurman Co. Ltd., to May 8th; Erland Cousins vs Elmer Wigmore, to June 14th; Rita Tweel vs James Power and James Dunning, to April 2nd; James R. Carr vs Russell Roper, to April 10th; Willard Prowse vs Ford Wilson, to a date to be fixed; Trustees of School District No. 115 vs James L. LePage; and Mary E. Gay vs Albert McEwen, to April 21st.

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# Regional Festivals Of D.D.F. Now Completed

TORONTO, March 25—(CP)—A dozen stage groups across Canada hope to compete in the 13th Dominion Drama Festival next month at Saint John, N. B.

Each won a regional competition and is fairly confident of receiving an invitation to compete in the finals. However, not until adjudicator Pierre Lefevre releases his suggested list, expected shortly, will any be able to make plans.

Mr. Lefevre's gruelling two months as a viewer of Canadian theatrical endeavours ended in Corner Brook Saturday night at the close of Newfoundland's first regional festival. He said his adjudication of the Newfoundland groups will be made directly to the drama festival committee.

At Ontario's three area competitions Mr. Lefevre expressed admiration for the ability of amateur talent. In turn he heard himself lauded at least once for his encouragement and constructive criticism.

At Peterborough, where Ottawa's Saturday Players took top honors in the Eastern Ontario Drama Festival, the region's festival committee presented him with gifts for his family in England.

Saturday Players, well known in the capital because of its custom of presenting plays Saturday evenings, produced "The Enchanted" by Jean Giraudoux.

"Golden Boy," Clifford Odets' story of the prize ring, brought the Actors Company of Toronto top honors in the Central Ontario Drama Festival.

Woodstock Little Theatre won its first regional award at the Western Drama Festival in Hamilton with the J. M. Barrie fantasy "Dear Brutus". Mr. Lefevre praised the players for their "general high level of acting, direction and set design."

A Canadian-written comedy, "La Plus Forte" (The Strongest) by Aime Plamondon and Rene Arthur of Quebec City, won the honors at the Eastern Quebec Drama Festival at Quebec. Produced by the drama section of the National Conservatory of Music, the play also brought a best actress award to Pierrette Fortin, who played a minor role.

The Western Quebec Drama Festival at Montreal gave St. Genesius Players Guild the chief award for its presentation of "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams.

The Halifax Theatre Arts Guild won top honors at the Nova Scotia Festival in Halifax when the adjudicator said its production of Philip Barry's "Second Threshold" was as "highly polished as one could have wished."

At St. Stephen, N. B., the Theatre Guild of Sables walked off with the Lieutenant Governor's cup for the best production of the provincial festival. Mr. Lefevre said its interpretation of Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" was an excellent production of a difficult play.

Charlottetown Little Theatre earned a possible right to attend the Dominion Festival with a production of "Ladies In Retirement" by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham. The single entry of the Prince Edward Island Festival was described by Mr. Lefevre as an evening of "thoroughly enjoyable entertainment."

In Western Canada he acclaimed the Victoria Theatre Guild winner of the British Columbia Festival for its performance of "The Heiress" by Ruth and Augustus Goetz.

Workshop 14 of Calgary won the Alberta Festival award for its production of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion."

At the Saskatchewan Festival, the Regina Little Theatre took the honors for its presentation of "Tomorrow The World" by James Gow and Arnaud D'Usseau. Shirley Douglas, 18-year-old daughter of Premier T. C. Douglas, won the best actress award.

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Though she's gone her memory lingers,  
In a heart that can't forget.  
Though I speak no word of longing,  
I still think of Emma yet.

Fondly Remembered by Mrs. Lenora J. Sorrey, Montague.

**IN MEMORIAM**

In loving memory of our dear Mother, Mrs. Ham MacLennan, who passed away on March 26th, 1951.

One year ago today God called the one we loved away. We loved her then, we love her still.  
Forget her, no we never will.

Always Remembered by Daughter Bertha and Son Charles.

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Convener, Mrs. A. L. MacPherson.

Assistant Convener, Mrs. J. A. Lively.

**Clothes Committee**—Mrs. W. W. Reid, Mrs. Gordon Rayner, Mrs. A. J. Haslam, Mrs. Donald MacMillan, Mrs. Clifford MacDonald

**Decoration**—Mrs. Stewart Ives, Mrs. D. D. Ross, Mrs. Robert DeBlais, Mrs. John Irwin, Mrs. G. C. Fisher, Mrs. T. J. MacLellan, Mrs. L. M. Lohian, Mrs. Jack Cameron.

**Program**—Mrs. W. G. Barbour, Mrs. Keith Johnston, Mrs. Alfred McNeill, Mrs. Elmer Sutherland, Mrs. Walter Goss, Mrs. Wendell MacDonald, Mrs. William Hamby.

**Clothes Assistance**—Mrs. Stewart MacKay, Mrs. W. V. Paarden, Mrs. Walter Pickard, Mrs. James MacLennan, Mrs. William Hamby, Mrs. Arthur Beake, Mrs. James Burnett, Mrs. G. C. Fisher.

**Photography**—Mrs. Jack Cameron, Mrs. P. A. Large.

**Tickets**—Mrs. W. K. Sharpe, Mrs. O. R. Simons.

**Music**—Mrs. H. J. A. Brown, Mrs. George Ives.

**National Advertising**—Mrs. Robert Large, Mrs. Arthur Peake, Children—Mrs. Elmer Sutherland, Mrs. James Power.

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