

Religion and Life

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OUR AIM MUST BE HIGH

O, God, we praise Thee, that through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, Thou hast transfigured the commonplace of life with the light of an eternal adventure. We acknowledge, that we have not been able to see life as a calling, and that our endeavours are sometimes fruitless because un-governed by any settled aim. We would be lifted out of our drifting confusion by the dictates of some settled purpose that cometh from Thee. (J. O. Nelson.)

We grew up as boys beside the estuary of a river which flowed into a mountain range on Chaleur Bay. In the old days the only way to cross that river was a terry near its mouth, and we used to watch with interest the ferryman poling his flat scow across to take us to the other shore.

But in spring, when the river was in flood, he had to point the scow upstream to reach the landing where we stood and to fight against the current all the way; if he had tried to come straight across the current would have carried him out to sea.

Which things are a parable, we are embarked on the stream of time. The current flows downward. When we start across we must have a definite point to reach.

Sometimes the current is strong, and if we would reach the end set before us we must point our nose upward, and it will take all the strength we can command to reach our landing point.

To launch out without a landing before us, and to fail to aim upwards as we meet the tide is to be swept adrift on a shoreless sea.

We have just been reading a life of John Calvin. Judged by any standard, Calvin was one of the most constructive thinkers of all time. Few men have influenced the modern world as profoundly as he.

His latest biographer says of him: "Calvin would have been significant if he had not been a convert." That spiritual transformation, about which he says so little, changed all his interests, loyalties and activities. It gave him an end to reach, and not only a supreme objective, but a living Lord whose will became the passion of Calvin's soul.

The quality and the quantity of his work amazes one. Only a few years were given him and through those years ill-health was his portion; through those years he was involved in controversy and conflict for the realization of his ideals; yet he produced statements of Christian Doctrine and Commentaries on

the Scriptures that are still studied by scholars the world over.

His aim was the establishment of Christ's Kingdom as he understood it, and his passion for Christ's glory drove him to use every hour for His Saviour's glory.

The servant of Christ always works with a double aim. There is, first, his obligation to do the work immediately before him in the best way in which it can be done. There is, next, his ultimate object, the advancement of Christ's cause.

A group of Christian laymen met recently with this as their theme: "Every occupation a Christian calling."

Moral principles are involved in every form of service. We cannot but be impressed by what "the etiquette of the profession" means for a man with high standards of honor. In his relations with fellow-workers in his particular line of work and in his attitude toward the public whom he serves he has an ideal which he embodies in everything he does.

His aims influence every action down to minute details. By such service he raises his profession to higher levels, because he gives an example of service which others cannot but follow. In addition, he gives his public a far better service than they understand. The expert knows their need and the way to meet it far better than the public do.

Then there is the just man's ultimate aim—the honor of his Lord. A grateful son once called his father "God's good man." He added, "I worked with him, and that is the way I discovered his quality." That father was one of the most untiring workers in the world.

Some of the religious folk around him neglected their work and their debts while they ran from meeting to meeting broadcasting their beliefs, but he showed his faith by doing his work well. Through it all, he sought the advancement of Christ's cause on the highest levels, and the drive of his love for the truth as he understood it has influenced his family down through the generations.

The average man does not realize his possibilities. In his soul there are depths of devotion that have never been opened up, and aspirations that have never found expression. The excellence of his work in his chosen occupation gives him an influence over others which he might use to inspire them to their best in life and action.

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Personals

Mrs. E. A. Mills and two daughters from Saint John, N. B., are visiting at Mrs. Mills' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gillespie, 76 Douglas Street, City.

Mr. R. G. Cameron, Bank of Nova Scotia staff, Halifax, arrived on his annual vacation to the Island. He is accompanied by Mrs. Cameron and two young sons, Bruce Gordon and Alan Douglas.

SPRINGFIELD W. I.

Springfield Women's Institute members met at the hall for the July meeting with an attendance of 11 members and three visitors. Roll call was answered by naming a famous actor or actress.

It was decided to leave the packing of old woollens until August. The sick committee reported one get-well card and one sympathy card sent.

It was requested that the history of Springfield be taken to the annual convention in Charlotte-town. Acknowledgement was received for one get-well and one sympathy card. Mrs. Keith Mayne invited the members on the history committee to meet at her home to begin revising the book.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. William Haslam, roll call to be answered by a famous painter. Mrs. Gerritt Loo is to conduct the program for the August meeting; lunch committee were re-appointed.

A paper on drama was read by Mrs. Carroll Lambe and an interesting monologue was given by Miss Lena McKay. Lunch was served by the committee in charge.

ROYAL PATRONAGE

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrew's in Scotland was granted patronage of King William IV in 1834.

his church whenever he turns to use it for Christ. From him a word has weight because of what he is and has done. This conception of their possibilities in Christ is making the lay folk of the church a new power in the land.

Robison - Kelly Wedding

Multi-colored tulips and vigil lights adorned the altar of the Little Flower Church, Morell on June 16 for the marriage of Catherine, daughter of Mrs. Frank Kelly and the late Frank Kelly, Morell and Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Robison of Charlottetown. Rev. Phalen MacKenna, P. P., presided the double ring ceremony and celebrated the nuptial Mass.

The girls' choir, accompanied by the bride's brother Owen at the organ, sang appropriate hymns during the Mass and Mrs. Stuart MacEwen, as soloist sang "Mother of Christ."

Given in marriage by her brother. Sometime, the bride wore a strapless crinoline effect gown of nylon tulle illusion and French lace over satin. Her circular veil of silk tulle was fingertip length and fell from a Juliet headdress of matching material embroidered with seed pearls. She carried a white prayer book covered with white feather mums from which fell silver streamers adorned with lily-of-the-valley.

The bride was attended by her sister, Bernadine, as maid of honor who wore a green ballerina-length gown of silk embroidered eyelet over taffeta with matching hat and gloves and carried a nosegay of yellow and white mums.

Miss Mildred Robison, sister of the groom and Miss Ursula Aylward niece of the bride, attending as bridesmaids, wore similar ballerina-length gowns of silk embroidered eyelet over taffeta in yellow and mauve shades with matching headdresses and gloves and carried nosegays of mauve and yellow mums.

The groom was attended by his cousin, Mr. John MacAulay of Charlottetown. The guests were ushered by Mr. Joseph Kelly, brother of the bride, and Mr. Joseph Zakem.

A reception was held at Villa Waters, where the bride's mother received the guests, wearing a grey silk and lace gown with mauve accessories and a corsage of white mums. The groom's mother wore a navy and white dress with white accessories and wore a corsage of white mums. The toast to the bride was proposed by the groomsmen and responded to by the groom.

The bride and groom left on a motor trip to the United States. For travelling the bride wore a mauve linen suit with white accessories and a corsage of white mums.

Previous to her marriage the bride was entertained on several occasions when she received many lovely gifts.

The couple will reside in Charlottetown where the groom is on the Staff of the Hughes Drug Co.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Columbus, Ohio, hit upon a novel idea to keep his children from being run down by careless auto drivers at night.

Strips of luminous cloth were sewn on the outside clothing of all the school children under 14 years of age in Franklin County. The idea is paying off.

Last winter Hollywood refrigerated snowballs and sold them to the children of that city at a nickel each.

The Western Mail, a Newspaper of Wales recently saluted Hollywood's Barbara Stanwick in the following unique toast: "You have wisely decided to let age take its course, to eat, drink and be merry, without bothering to dye."

The sexton of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris has lost his job of ringing the church's 13-ton bell. Why? Because two electric motors have been installed to do the job.

Hiccups can often be cured simply by diverting the mind. Often a hearty kiss, or a spoonful of sugar, or a slap on the back will stop them pronto.

When the non-drinking residents of Crawley, England, complained that too many children stood out on the street while their parents were in pubs the town council ruled that all taverns must install soda fountains for the kiddies, strange but true.

The census bureau reported there are three widows to every widower in Canada and the United States—an all time high record and everybody is wondering what has turned the tables.

No resident of Rio de Janeiro is able to get a licence to drive an automobile without first passing a medical and mental test.

The following Biblical rule may be seen on all 1954 Utah automobile stickers:

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would do that men should do to you, do ye even to them." If you were to ask the average woman which is the more timid—a male mouse or a female mouse she'd be apt to cream "its not the mice that are timid but us women." However, the female mouse is more timid than the male, seldom going more than 40 feet from her nest. A male mouse is brave enough to travel as far as 60 feet from the mouse home.

Did you know that Max Schmeling won the heavy weight championship of the world while lying on his back? That was back in 1930. Schmeling dropped to the carpet after he'd been fouled by Jack Sharkey and the foul was seen by the referee who awarded the decision, and the championship went to the German while he was lying on his back.

Was it a white man or an Indian who coined the word "firewater"? Answer: An Indian. He discovered that when he spit out the white man's hard liquor over a fire it ignited, producing a blue flame, hence the word "firewater."

According to medical statistics more men than women carry a round stomach ulcer. There are any logical reason why this should be so? You, when a woman is angry her stomach turns pale, slows down and produces less acids and stomach juices. But a man's stomach, on the other hand, turns

red when he's angry, and the acids begin to flow.

In pioneer days in this Province everybody slept in his clothes, including shoes, when he spent the night in a country inn. Not only that, but the traveller often had to share his room with one or more total strangers. And strange but true, travellers often went to bed on a cold night with wet feet to keep them warm. They fancied that a pair of stockings dipped in cold water and then drawn onto their feet would increase the circulation and in time warm their feet.

Did you know that the custom of wearing petticoats originated with mailed knights? These short "petty coats" were worn under the armor. Later, women adapted the knights' garment, lengthened it to reach to the bottom of their skirts and called it a petticoat.

Hardly a week passes but a part of Rome is dug up in the city of London. Bits of pottery, Roman coins and so on. No wonder Dr. Johnson could say "when a man is tired of London he is tired of life, for there is in London all that life can afford."

Some day atomic bombs may be used to break up the hurricanes which have their birth in that least of all suspected places the doldrums, which nest in the Atlantic Ocean between Cape Verde Islands and the West Indies.

The heated moist air coming into contact with cooler air forms a vast chimney which begins to swirl faster and faster, and collecting more air around it until in about 10 days it develops into the terrible monster—a hurricane.

By atom bombing the early twister or chimney, scientists believe that hurricanes may be prevented.

The fossil bones of four animals, hitherto unknown to science and estimated to be at least a few million years old, have been dug up by a university of California expedition in Lake Eyre, Central Australia. According to Dr. R. A. Sirlion, head of the expedition, the bones belong to animals related to the Kangaroo, Kala and Bandicoot. Scientists consider the find one of the most important in the history of paleontology because it may help to bridge a gap of million of years in the history of Australian animals.

When Marion Kamertell of Alliance, Nebraska and his family made a trip to South Dakota their pet dog, Sailor, disappeared. The family returned sadly to Alliance,

a journey of 200 miles, minus their pet. A week later Sailor joined them footsore but happy.

BROOKFIELD W.M.S.

The July meeting of Brookfield W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Angus MacLean.

The meeting opened with call to Worship, Psalm 29, 1-2, followed by prayer by Mrs. Blaikie. Psalm 86 was sung. The Scripture Lesson was from the "Epistle of James," second chapter. Theme: "For as the body without the spirit is dead so faith without works is dead also."

Roll call was answered by 11 members. There were two visitors present.

A report of the pantry sale was given showing a large sum had been realized.

Mrs. Blaikie gave an interesting report on the Presbyterical which was held in Charlottetown. A reading entitled, "Service" was given by Mrs. Blaikie. Collection amounted to 80c Emergency Fund 48c.

Next meeting is to be held at Mrs. Donald MacPherson's, the word for roll call "righteousness." Hymn 595 was sung, followed by Mizpah Benediction. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

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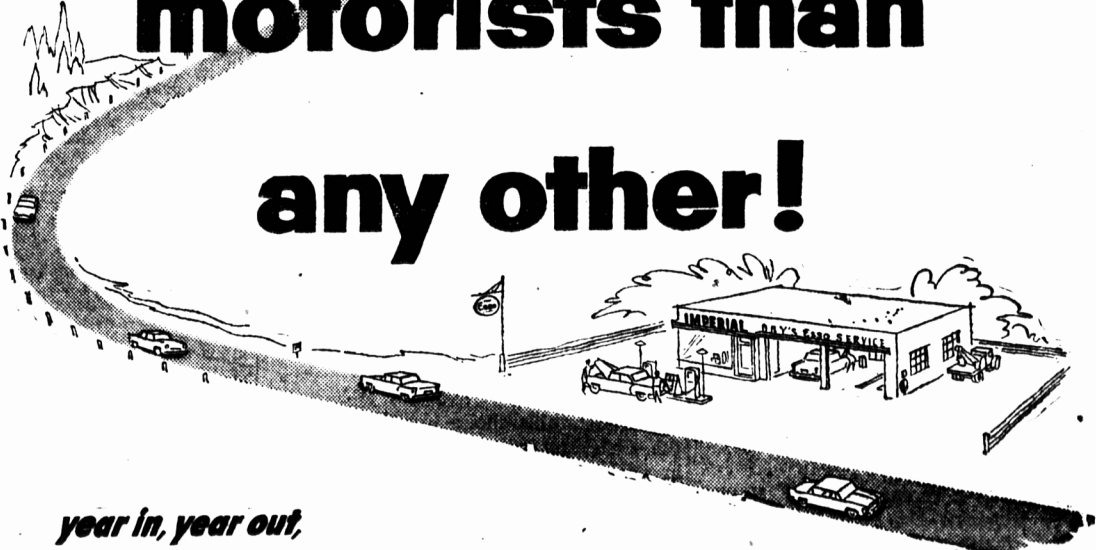
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