

Religion and Life

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OUT OF THE WORLD'S EVIL

The joy of the Eastertide has just fled our souls. The lilies are in bloom in all directions, the roots out of which they grow and through which they are sustained are deep in the soil. Through them the black substance below is transformed into the shining glory above.

This is just an example of the way in which God overrules evil for good and brings the best out of the worst. Easter is the supreme instance of this wondrous grace. One of the most successful workers for the victims of the underworld that Canada has ever known was prepared for it by a cruel experience of that very evil at the hands of one who had the appearance of trustworthiness. One who went through the depths could understand the remorse and despair of those similarly trapped or forced into evil. This does not justify the evil or warrant any complacency about it.

Joseph's experience is an example of God's action in this direction. After Jacob's death his brothers feared that Joseph in his place of power would take vengeance on them for selling him into slavery. But when they came to him about it, he answered: "As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." It was a terrible thing for a young lad to be sold as a slave in a foreign land, and Joseph's humiliation reached down to the depths, but every step downward was a step toward his rise to the first place of power. He was the one man of his generation whose soul was so open to God that God could speak through him and move a whole nation to provide for a famine years ahead, and God brought him to the position in which his greatness had its opportunity by overruling the wrong which his brothers did to him.

One of the thoughtful observers of social conditions in our time encouraged us the other day with the suggestion that we are on the verge of a great advance toward better standards of living and higher social conditions. God can turn the miseries of our time into good as He did that first Easter morning. The curse of war, the cruelty and tyranny with which totalitarian systems maintain themselves, nationalistic uprisings in other lands and the violence with which they are put down are evils of great magnitude and threaten still greater ones for the future. But God is still on His throne, and it is still true that "He operates in all things for good to those who love Him." He is using these very evils as scourges to awaken the privileged peoples of the world to their responsibility for the sufferings of the underprivileged and to their ability and obligation to alleviate them. We recognize as never before that even nations can keep only what they share, and that failing to give will mean, sooner or later, ceasing to have. When this conviction issues in action the better day will dawn. May we not cherish the hope that God will overrule for good in the same way our own failures, mistakes and wrongs which we regret so deeply? God will surely rule the wrong which his brothers did to him.

Quickies

By Ken Reynolds



"I am too the brains of the outfit—don't I write all of our Guardian Want Ads?"

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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Tickets for the Easter Monday play "Maid of Money" will be on sale at the Prince Edward Theatre box office this morning at 9 o'clock.

Personals

Mrs. Randolph W. Manning, North River Road, visited Halifax recently where she was a guest at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

Mrs. George Mahon of Halifax is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. S. Blanchard, Greenfield Avenue.

Mrs. Jack Cameron and two children are in Montreal on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Taylor of that city.

Mrs. Rae Roper of Moncton spent the weekend with relatives in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rogers, Brighton Road, have had as their guest Mrs. Rogers' sister, Mrs. A. Sinclair. Last week Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Sinclair left on a trip to Montreal, Toronto, and Ottawa.

Mrs. Walter Bearsto, a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, has the good wishes of her many friends for a speedy recovery.

Miss Valerie Rogers flew to Montreal for the Easter holidays. While in Montreal she is visiting Miss Heather MacLean who is attending Royal Victoria College.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matheson remained in Bermuda over Easter when they are enjoying a holiday at the Inverurie Hotel.

Mr. Kenneth Jenkins, a student at Rothesay Collegiate, Rothesay, N.B., is spending the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Jenkins on West Street.

Mr. Richard Hegan of the Bank of Manhattan in Jamaica, and Mr. J. Hegan of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Toronto, have been visiting Charlottetown.

Mrs. C. Ray Morris, North Granville, is visiting in Fredericton with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Weeks, after

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

WINIFRED E. WILSON



MAKE HIM WORK

In Birdland it all depends on the species whether or not the male must share the burden of housekeeping with the female. If he happens to be a Drake, he definitely does nothing. Neither does Mr. Hummingbird, but goes off to enjoy himself, leaving little Mrs. Hummer to take entire charge of the eggs and then the twins. Rightly, Mr. Redstart abhors himself, because he is so conspicuous, and would draw attention to the nest. Mr. Baltimore Oriole does not even assist in weaving the hanging basket home. His wife is the expert. Robins are interesting to watch, for they build in places clearly visible, and the parents can easily be differentiated. His head is darker, his breast redder than hers. Both help to construct the nest. They take turns incubating the eggs, later brooding the small nestlings and feeding them. The majority of our song birds thus divide household duties between them, and so do some other species. Auks, Murres, and Puffins take turns covering their eggs to keep them warm, and the male Shearwaters and Marsh Hawks both help to feed their youngsters. Some wives are very clever about making their husbands work. While they sit tight on the nest to keep very young children from catching cold, the males must do the marketing. You may have seen a Warbler or a Goldfinch bringing home food for his wife and children. Some males spare their busy wives long trips by feeding them in the air not far from the nest. Sora Rails and Cardinals care for older members of the family while the small babies are tended by their mothers. All father Woodpeckers are said to take on night duty at the regular thing, but the male Three-toed Woodpecker does more than that: it is he that cleans the nest. In fact he does everything. Unlike most species, female shore birds which nest in the far north arrive at their southern winter quarters some time before the males. Why? Bird watchers have long been puzzled, but now are inclined to think that they have found an explanation: the males have to stay behind to look after the children until they are old enough to travel. It is definitely known after the eggs are laid, male Phalaropes, which are smaller and dress more modestly than the females, do absolutely all the work. Probably other shore birds have this same habit, at least to a certain extent.

Why watch early? spending the winter in Livermore Falls, Maine, the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Murray.

Mrs. Carl F. Burke and family are en route home from Hollywood, California, where they spent the winter months.

Dr. E. L. Thorne and Mrs. Thorne, Halifax, N.S., spent Easter with Mrs. Thorne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hill.

Mrs. M. J. Dunn of Fortslade, Sussex, England, arrived in Halifax last Thursday on the S.S. Atlantic on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Fred Dillon and Mr. Dillon, Cavendish Apartments. She was met at Halifax by Mr. Dillon.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. William Stewart, Winsloe, who passed away April 16th, 1941. Memory is one gift of God That death can not destroy. Sadly missed by Husband and Family.

Card Of Thanks I wish to express my sincere thanks to the boxholders of Glasgow Road who presented me with a generous purse, also to Mr. Gordon Houston for use of his home, and to all who assisted in any way. Frank Crabbe.

Card Of Thanks Mrs. Robert L. Stevenson, and family, Winsloe, wish to thank the Matron, Doctors and Nurses of the P. E. I. Hospital, the Rev. Mr. Skinner and Rev. Mr. Christie, also all friends and neighbors for their many kind acts during their recent sad bereavement in the loss of their beloved husband and father.

Card Of Thanks I wish to thank the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of the P. E. Island Hospital, the Clergy, neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness and remembrance. Also, those who sent gifts, cards, letters and fruit or visited me during my illness. Freda M. Newson, York, P. E. I.

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Island Representation In Commons Referred To By The Prime Minister

OTTAWA, April 12—(Special)—Special reference to Prince Edward Island was made by Prime Minister St. Laurent, Wednesday, when giving the House of Commons an outline of the redistribution bill which the Government proposes to submit to Parliament during the current session.

Mr. St. Laurent explained that the original rule under the British North America Act was that Quebec was to have 66 members in the Commons and that representation of the other provinces would be determined by dividing the population of Quebec by 66. The quotient would determine the population required per Commons seat and divided into the total population of other provinces would fix the number of members they were entitled to have.

This rule was modified, he continued, by the provision that the number of members should not be reduced in any Province unless the population had diminished by more than one twentieth between two censuses. In the latter part of the 19th century and the early years of the present, population of the Maritime Provinces did diminish by more than this five percent between the 10-year censuses.

Turning to the Prince Edward Island situation, Mr. St. Laurent said: "In 1911 the population of Prince Edward Island which was 93,728 was only three times the quotient arrived at by dividing the population of Quebec by 66, and Prince Edward Island would appear to me, from my calculation, to have been entitled to only three members, from those that it had at the time of confederation.

"There was serious controversy and discussion over that, and the belief was that Prince Edward Island felt that it had come into Confederation with six, and that their representation should never go below six, and that if re-adjustment applied to them, it would apply only when they had gone beyond six, but could not apply to reduce them below six.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The late Duncan Matheson of North River never wore anything on his head, winter or summer, save a black felt hat and, strange but true, his ears never got frost-bitten, even though he went out on the coldest days.

The wisdom of animals sometimes approaches the uncanny. When I was a small boy living on a farm, we had a cat named Romp that was as prolific a mother as one could find in the entire kingdom of cats. Had we kept but a small percentage of her offspring the whole Island would, I am sure, have been overrun by the species long ago.

Grandfather usually took care of the executions in his own way. I think he gave them the water treatment though I cannot be certain on this point as they always occurred when my brothers and I were out of sight.

Well, one spring Romp put one over on grandfather. When the blessed event came about pussy divided her little family of six and promptly lugged three of her kittens to our nearest neighbor's and hid them in his hay loft.

The next day grandfather found the kittens in the cattle shed and about a week later, I accidentally stumbled upon a lone youngster in the same place—a black beauty just like its mom. "Were there any more, grandpa?" I asked him. "You may keep that one," was all the information I got out of him. About two months later grandfather and I were on our way to the barn when all of a sudden Romp nosed under the building followed by her four kittens. Grandfather looked at me suspiciously, but before he could get down to the business of cross-questioning me our neighbor stepped from behind the barn and told him how Romp had had her three kittens in his day loft last May.

That settled it. It also settled the fate of all four baby cats for as grandfather often said afterwards: It was the first time a cat ever put anything over on him, and if water could be depended upon to knock tricky notions out of Romp's head he felt sure she'd never attempt to trick him again.

That no one is thoroughly bad may be proved from Warden Lawes' "20 Years in Sing Sing." In it he has this to say: "Some of the boys have honor, love and nobility in their hearts. They are soured on life but can be as fair as anyone when they want to be. You couldn't bribe them to harm, doublecross or turn traitor to a real friend."

And speaking of criminals reminds me of people who are wondering what the matter with our Provincial and Dominion law and its enforcement. Consider the Montreal lady who tried to send some thieves to prison, but

after ten trips to court they still enjoy full freedom. But because she missed a Court session it cost her over ten dollars. Why try to prosecute law breakers when it will take perhaps a lifetime and all your life's savings?

"Sin is a very promising employer—and a terrible paymaster."

Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia was a puny, weak and sickly child and all his life he struggled against disease. Yet he became one of the leading Whigs of the South, was made vice-president of the Confederacy, and after the war served nine years in the House of Representatives in Washington. Paralyzed below the waist, brought into the House daily in a wheel chair, so frail that he weighed only 90 pounds; yet when he raised his voice he exerted a profound influence on his colleagues and was recognized by the country at large as a great statesman.

In the Public Library in Boston there are alcoves filled with wooden blocks shaped like books with a strip of imitation leather labeled, "Nothing Within". As new books are purchased and the shams are displaced the genuine ones fill the space.

We ought to be careful of the words we speak as once they leave our lips they go out over the world... Wisdom stops where self-conceit begins.

A man of genius is everywhere welcome regardless of what he says or how he dresses. At Christmas, Pawtucket, R. I. police were attaching Christmas greeting cards to the automobiles of all those found guilty of illegal parking instead of the old red tag involving a fine of \$100. The cards read: "The Pawtucket Police Department extends its heartiest greetings to you and to your family."

You don't have to be an alcoholic to see snakes. Not if you had happened to be a visitor to the circus at Fortaleza, Rio de Janeiro, when Mama Snake gave birth to 100 babies that wiggled off in all directions as soon as they were born. After their first shock the amazed audience helped round up the baby snakes for their mother.

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