

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan
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Writing recently in a periodical published by one of the better-known fraternities, Hoxie N. Fairchild had occasion to lament the "religious illiteracy" of our day. Mr. Fairchild, chairman of the Hazen Foundation's committee on religion and higher education, is particularly concerned with the decline of religious knowledge in the academic world. But his remarks have a much wider application.

He is of the opinion that anyone who professes to know history, economics, sociology and so on, without possessing at the same time training in revealed religion is in a compromising, if not hopelessly false position. These sciences do not themselves entail consideration of religious facts and theories, but they raise problems in human experience which only religion can answer.

Religious illiteracy, that is, complete ignorance of religious matters, is becoming more and more general in every walk of life. It is not a rare occurrence today to meet a doctor, for example, who has not the faintest notion of either the principles or the implications of the religious faith and practices of his believing patients, Jewish or Christian. In all his life such a doctor may never have read a single chapter of Holy Scripture or a serious tract on Christian theology. Uninformed in these matters he may often find it quite impossible to make a completely satisfactory diagnosis or to cope with the moral problems confronting his own conscience.

But the doctor's case is not unique. Lawyers, reporters, merchants, laborers, will only too frequently prefer any serious statement they are about to make with a remark to the effect that of course they "know absolutely nothing about religious matters." Indeed, they are only too likely to make this a positive boast. They are even apt to use it in order to show how completely free from prejudice they are and how eminently qualified to speak on their subject. They plead ignorance in one branch of knowledge as a claim to competence in another.

The extent of this kind of illiteracy is appalling, and the presumption of its victims boundless. Whole classes of university students may be utterly incapable of speaking a coherent sentence on the nature of faith, or the relation between grace and liberty, or on the meaning of the Incarnation, and yet glibly indulge in discussions of the Holy Roman Empire, the French Revolution, or the poetry of Blake. They do not appear to recognize that an impassable barrier stands between them and their subject.

We find the same ignorance in the man on the street. Not long ago I met an intelligent young man who was at a complete loss how to go about looking up 1 Tim.,

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THE LIBERAL Premier said the people of Rocky Point will be satisfied with a Vendor's Store instead of transportation. What will the people of Rocky Point say on April 26th?

Search For Boy Ended Happily

He was having a wonderful time all by himself, but of course the policeman had to come and spoil it. There are not many chances for a three-year-old to travel and see the back yard and little Gordon Clarke was making the most of the one he had.

In the meantime he had nearly driven his mother hysterical, firemen on the job, saw a boat launched on Government Pond, had Police scouring the neighborhood and provided plenty of excitement for a crowd of onlookers.

Of course it was all a mistake, but here is how it happened. Gordon, who lives on Brighton Road, had come out bravely on his tricycle. He decided to cross the street to Government Pond and drive along the roadway there. Perhaps he got tired pedaling and decided to go for a walk instead.

The first big moment came when a casual motorist who had seen the little fellow on the tricycle suddenly missed him. The tricycle was still lying on its side by the culvert which comes out from across Brighton Road. But there were no signs of Gordon. Other children nearby reported hearing a youngster crying and that was all that was needed to start the big search.

Folks along the way stopped to peer into the muddy waters of the pond trying to find the boy. His remains were taken to the Fire Department sent a truck with its boat used in rescue work; dozens of citizens helped to look for him.

It was about an hour after the alarm that police saw a tired looking little boy wandering aimlessly on Ambrose street. Since Government Pond had failed to yield any body they rightly suspected that the youngster was Gordon. Taken home he was only mildly interested in the big fuss he had created and last night he was safely tucked into his bed as usual.

Science Finds New Way To Stop Body And Breath Odors

Ever since August, 1950, when "Reader's Digest" published an article titled "Nature's Deodorant" describing the discovery that specially processed chlorophyll, when taken internally, stopped body and perspiration odors, scientists have been working feverishly to make the ideal tablet.

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. MICHAEL J. CONNOLLY

The death occurred at the Charlottetown Hospital on Monday, February 19th, 1951, Mrs. Michael J. Connolly, after a week's illness. Although in failing health for the past two years her death came as a great shock to her family and friends. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, she was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Her cheerful manner won for her a host of friends. Deeply devoted to her family, she will be sadly missed in her home, where she was always a loving mother.

She leaves to mourn three sons, John, James and Peter, and two daughters, (Maisy) Mrs. D. J. MacDonald and (Laurie) Mrs. F. L. Macnally, all of Charlottetown. Her husband and eldest daughter, (Katharine) Mrs. W. Laurie Crowley predeceased her in 1936. Also left to mourn her memory are four sisters, namely, Mrs. J. B. Callahan and Miss Sue Duffy of Milton, Mass.; Mrs. J. A. Nicholson of Dorchester, Mass., and Mrs. William Acorn of Millville, P.E.I. and one brother, Phillip Duffy of Dorchester, Mass.

The funeral, which was largely attended, took place from the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. J. MacDonald to St. Dunstan's Basilica. The Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Reverend Patrick McMahon who also conducted service at the grave. Many floral tributes, Mass Cards, telegrams and letters of sympathy were received by the family.

The pallbearers were: Stewart Scrimgeour, Gordon Toombs, Alban MacDonald, Lyster MacInnis, Patrick Doyle and J. F. Connolly. All that was mortal of a loving mother was laid to rest in the family plot in the Catholic Cemetery.

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WILLIAM REAGH SEAMAN

In the quiet of the evening hour on October 31st, 1950, in the P. E. I. Hospital, death came with a shocking suddenness to his relatives and friends, when William Reagh Seaman passed to the life immortal. Two weeks previous he became seriously ill and being favoured with a strong constitution, rallied sufficiently that fond hopes were entertained for his recovery, but were suddenly dispelled in his untimely passing.

Mr. Seaman was born on the New Glasgow Road on June 17th, 1894, the third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seaman where he resided for several years, later moving to Brackley Beach where he operated a farm. While yet a young man he went to New Jersey, U. S. A., where he became an expert mechanic, when locating in Charlottetown where he operated the business known as Seaman's Auto Body Works. There he built a splendid business, and through diligence, kindness, patience and honesty, made many friends who now miss his quiet wholesome humour, his ever present tolerance for the opinion of others,—he was a faithful friend, a great companion.

On August, 1933, he was united in marriage with Miss Lillian E. Moore, R. N., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, Milton, who now with their only son, Lloyd, student at Prince of Wales College, study mourning and miss the loss of a good husband and loving father. There are also left to mourn, two brothers, Alexander of Brackley Beach and Rundell in Charlottetown, proprietor of Seaman's Beverages, his older brother Harry Heath having passed away in 1908. He was also predeceased by his father in 1920 and his mother in 1945.

His funeral services were held at Zion Presbyterian Church where he had been a member for several years, and were feelingly conducted by his pastor, Rev. Carl W. Pierser and the Rev. Mr. Pierser. His remains were taken to Milton and buried in the family plot, the service at the grave being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Pierser, Rector of Milton Parish and Rev. Mr. Webster.

Many floral tributes bore silent testimony to the place he won in the hearts and minds of his many friends. The pall bearers were Messrs. Charles Earle, Arthur Dower, H. J. Hobbs, Jack H. Lewis, James Smith and Stewart Moore.

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There are left to mourn their loss, one son, Ira of Southport, P. E. I.; her mother, Mrs. Jemima Carrier, Cherry Valley; three sisters (Bertha) Mrs. Richard Millow, Millville, P. E. I. (Eva) Mrs. Elmer Clow, Cherry Valley; (Leticia) Mrs. Leo Frizzell, Marshfield, P. E. I.; also one brother James who lives at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Flogging was not abolished in the United States until 1861, but in Canada, whipping as a punishment for crime is still a penalty under certain definite sentences, but it is not applied to the gentler sex.

Once upon a time Russia used the brutal knout (whip) on all murderers. The knout was composed of many thongs of hide interwoven with wire. 125 lashes usually caused death.

Then Scotland used to have a peculiar and terrible mode of punishment which they named the boot. It was chiefly used to extort confessions from suspected criminals. This gadget was made of iron, sometimes wood and iron, and was fastened to the leg, wedges being driven between the leg and the boot.

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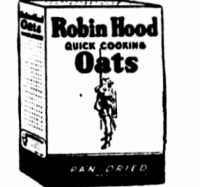
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