

Religion and Life

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WHO CREATED ALL LINKS US WITH HIMSELF

Years ago—many years ago—every country newspaper in the land used to publish a weekly sermon by T. DeWitt Talmage. These sermons had a color and earnestness that led to their being widely read. One of them was entitled: "Waiting for Moody and Sankey." Christian America had discovered the greatness of her son only when his mission moved Britain to the depths of her soul, including even Scotland whose heart Wesley could not reach. The churches were waiting for the famous team to report on this side of the Atlantic their triumphs overseas, and Dr. Talmage asked, "Why wait?" when the need and the Gospel "meet" were right before them.

In the same way many churches here are waiting for the promised mission of Dr. Billy Graham next fall expecting him to work among them miracles which are beyond their own powers. Again, why wait? Among us are many trembling on the verge of moral destruction and the churches have the Gospel which provides salvation.

That Gospel in its purity is needed now as really as it will be next autumn and the Holy Spirit is always in action. Besides such a mission as Billy Graham's will be "a flash in the pan" unless the churches concerned do two things: First, prepare their people for it, and second follow it up by teaching and bringing into their fellowship those affected by it. A question in point is: "What are the classes that such a movement is designed to reach?"

The first, of course, is the abandoned sinner. Jesus began His ministry in Galilee by seeking out the moral outcasts of His time. Religious leaders then had no hope for them and they had no hope for themselves, but Jesus offered them forgiveness and claimed them for His service.

SEEKING THE LOST
Jesus closed His ministry on earth by giving His church authority to pronounce sin forgiven. No church can follow Him without giving attention to the lost and seeking them out.

There is an Old Testament story that contains for us both encouragement and warning. It is the story of King Manasseh and is told in the second book of Chronicles, Chapter 33, Verses 120. Now Manasseh was undoubtedly the worst King who ever sat on David's throne. His father, Hezekiah, had led a reform of the abuses that had crept into the national worship and his faith had been vindicated by the miraculous deliverance of Jerusalem from the Assyrians. But his son, Manasseh, led a reaction back into evil customs that had been the curse of the people for generations and had imitated the inhuman customs of the pagan nations around him, even going so far as to reestablish human sacrifices.

God dealt sternly with him, and in captivity he repented, was forgiven and restored to his throne. Then he did all that he could to undo the harm done in earlier years.

Certain vital truths are here illustrated. First, there is salvation for the chief of sinners. Under Christ there is always the possibility of the worst becoming the best.

WENT BACK ALONE

In my boyhood I was thrilled by the eloquence of a young student missionary. As a youth he had been a member of a gang on the streets of Halifax, and one night went with his crowd to "have some fun" by disturbing a revival meeting. But something the preacher said caught like a barbed hook this boy's conscience and he went back alone the next night and accepted Christ openly, with the result I have described.

One never knows the wonders of grace which the Divine Spirit can work through the Gospel. The next part of Manasseh's story is a frightening warning. The worst of the evils he had wrought he could not undo, and 11 Kings 23:36 shows that the evil effects of his early apostasy continued to curse Judah into the Captivity. A man may lead another into sin, and afterwards repent and be forgiven. But his restoration does not necessarily involve those whom he has led astray.

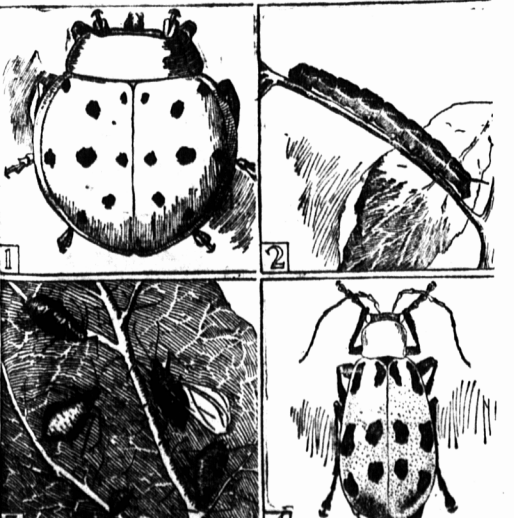
A man I once knew led a pal into habits of which his family disapproved. They seemed harmless and the boys had lots of fun. But the leader of the two was converted, while the other became fascinated by his new form of pleasure and went to wild extremes. His old friend visited him in prison earnestly trying to share with him his new-found grace. The only answer he could get was this: "There was a time when you could have done anything with me. But that day has gone."

Sin is inherently destructive, when it goes out from us into another's life we have no further control over it. The hostess who encourages a young person to drink assumes a fearful responsibility.

Jesus' sternest word was spoken to such people: "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung round his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin" (Luke 17:1-2). Hence the urgent need of the Gospel of hope for those who think their case is hopeless.

Death to Garden Enemies Dealt by New Chemicals

When temperatures warm up, it is time to use the duster or sprayer for the protection of your garden crops from insect and disease enemies. The "insect dusters" that appear suddenly to threaten the youthful beauty of your plants probably spent the winter in some form nearby, and were made active by the sunshine. Immediate action is required to protect your plants from damage; for such injury cannot be healed, but must be prevented by prompt defense. Never were more or better insecticides and fungicides available to home gardeners than now. There are so many, indeed, that their number may be confusing, and especially their names, which to most amateurs give no clue to their performance. DDT was the first postwar insecticide to supplant the old-time poisons of arsenic, nicotine and borax-mixture, which the average amateur of prewar days deemed adequate to handle such insect-drinking or leaf-eating insects, or fungus diseases, which might threaten his plants. DDT had, and still has, a range of effectiveness which no previous material equaled. It also leaves a residue on plant leaves which continues to kill for a long time. It is not necessary for an insect to eat the leaf on which it lies; when they touch it, most kinds are destroyed. But many aphids and some beetles resist DDT. To reach these, and to increase safety to users, new chemicals have been developed, with an even wider range of pest destruction than



Above Are Common Garden Insects Which D.D.T. Misses but New Formulations Control. 1—Mexican Bean Beetle. 2—Tomato Horn Worm. 3—1st Aph. 4—Cucumber Beetle

DDT. Many of these are sold under coined names, approved by the American Standards Association Committee, to take the place of long chemical terms, or strings of initials, which might otherwise be employed. The average amateur cannot expect to know them all, but he should learn the names and general purpose of those most widely tested and made available for stocking his anti-pest ammunition chest. Here are a few: Chlordane kills insects that crawl on and burrow in the soil, such as ants, grasshoppers, cut worms and it discourages moles. Dieldrin is like chlordane, but kills quicker the grubs in turf, curculionid on fruit and the black weevil on yews.

Lindane controls aphids, thrips, leaf miners and flies on flowers, but may give an off-flavor to fruits and vegetables. Methoxychlor is like DDT, but safer to handle and as a residue it is not effective against aphids or mites, but kills the Mexican bean beetle which DDT misses, and in general kills most of the insects which succumb to DDT. Parathion is said to be the best aphicide but not as safe for the amateur to handle as the others. New fungicides keep pace with insecticides in improved safety and effectiveness compared with prewar materials. Captain is especially effective against black spot of roses and other leaf spots, and is safe to use on fruits and vegetables, which it protects from many diseases. Ferbam, also called ferimate



Resuscitators Used For Training Will Be At Beach In Summer

Pictured above are two of three teams of first aid workers who have been taking instruction in the use of resuscitators during the winter months. The team at the left is from the Experimental Farm and is composed of Bruce MacLaren, captain, Graeme Boswell, Arthur Grant, Ernest MacMillan, Frank Gaudé, George B. Whiteside, Arthur Ballew. The team at the right is from the Maritime Electric Company with Harry Edwards, captain, David Lecky, Jack Brown, F. Steele, Reuben O'Hanley and Thomas Bensen. The other team not seen in the picture is composed of Leo Callaghan, Ralph Gillespie, Gordon Upstone, Glen Wiggington, William Rogerson and Abe Zakem. These men are attached to the Charlottetown Red Cross Disaster Service under the Provincial Chairman, Mr. J. Gordon MacDonald. Mrs. N. D. MacLean and Miss Mabel Matheson are joint chairmen. The course in advanced resuscitation training which lasted for the past eight months had the co-operation of Dr. L. E. Prowse who gave generously of his time and training from the P. E. I. National Parks. The Red Cross workers have the use of these machines during the months that the life guard stations are closed and the Red Cross in turn trains all Life Guards employed by the Park. This work is carried on under the direction of Mrs. Harry Cudmore, director of Red Cross First Aid and Swimming and Water Safety.

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Church Pension Scheme Meets With Opposition

MONTREAL (CP)—A decision by the general council of the United Church of Canada to introduce a new pension scheme for ministers has met opposition from members of the Montreal-Ottawa conference. The plan, which the general council decided last summer to introduce, would make a minister's pension dependent on his salary while an active minister and on the amount he pays into the plan. After a lengthy debate Wednesday, the conference, which winds up a four-day meeting today, voted to shelve until next year the motions protesting the new plan. The motions were in the form of requests to the general council.

New Discus Throw Record

By ROMEO MAGERA
Canadian Press Staff Writer
MONTREAL (CP)—A 17-year-old athlete from the high school of Montreal shattered the Canadian interscholastic record for the discus throw Saturday and retained for his school the Dominion interscholastic track and field championship.

Maurice Limonchik, a dark, thick-set youth nicknamed "Moose" by his schoolmates, heaved the disk 129 feet, 10 1/2 inches to beat the old mark of 123 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

His winning effort, plus a fourth placing by John Zerninickis, gave Montreal more than a total 24 points, one more than Toronto Dundas which appeared almost certain to take the championship until Moose won the discus. High school of Montreal was the defending champion.

Personal

Mr. Ernest Warren, Warren's Mills, North River, is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital.

The many friends of Mr. Gordon Murray of Brackley Point, are pleased to see him returned from the P. E. I. Hospital much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ramsay and children, Debra and Garth of Elmira, and Mr. and Mrs. Derrell MacClure and little son, Shane of Souris, were visitors to Brackley Point on Sunday.

In Memoriam

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