

# Religion and Life

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## THE PERSONAL ELEMENT

George Leslie Mackay was a famous missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. His field was the island of Formosa. After he had been there long enough to carry him to an ecstasy that made him feel there need be no limit to the soul's expansion or to the reward of communion with others.

"He was subject to periodic bursts of illumination. They would carry him to an ecstasy that made him feel there need be no limit to the soul's expansion or to the reward of communion with others."

The idea in the Bible of our relationship with God is personal and definite in both its conditions and expressions. All through the Bible we find God seeking men rather than men finding God. He reveals Himself to men; it is not that they discover Him. He enters human life with a purpose, which He intends to work out through the person or the group whom He calls. The initiative is always in His hands; it is His Spirit who works the deep transformations by which human nature is renewed.

It is always His favor toward men which moves Him to action; His aim is to do them good. His object is first to make the person called, and great as he has been, to become in union with God, and next, to use him in similar helpfulness to others. With God no person is merely a means to an end; it is an end in himself, and God aims to work out His design in each individual's creation by all that He does with him, through the engagement of his possibilities without having God working through him to bring his fellows into the same sacred relationship.

Take the case of Charles G. Finney the American evangelist of the mid-nineteenth century. After telling us about his conversion, he says that he turned toward an inner office when suddenly, he received a mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit. Without ever thinking of it, without ever having heard that there was such a boon for a believer, the Divine Spirit searched him through and through, surging through his soul in waves of spiritual energy until it seemed as if life itself could not stand the strain. Yet he had no fear of death. Out of that experience came a ministry of extraordinary penetration and power; and his influence reached the ends of the earth.

Circumstances and forms differ, but in essence that is what happened to prophets and apostles in the Bible and all through the history of Christianity — God breaking into history through men whom His Spirit possesses. What God says to me is important; what I say to Him secondary. It is His call that counts — my choice can only give effect to that call. What the world needs now is God's personal intervention through men and women who wait on Him, pledged to do His will, and whom He will use to save our generation.

The Mediterranean island of Corsica, birthplace of Napoleon, is an integral part of France.

But yet, the missionary had something to say for himself. Jesus is unique. He only is the Son of God in the New Testament sense. The new creation which transforms character and links men consciously with God is wrought by His hands alone. The religion of the Bible differs from other forms of faith in this — it means God's personal entry to the souls of men, and the reproducing of His nature in them.

In a thousand ways men have sought God. Altars for sacrifice have been found among ancient ruins dating long before the dawn of history.

Sometimes they sought reconciliation with the Supreme Power by elaborate ceremonies and observance of certain forms. At higher levels noble minds have sought God by the process of thought — the Platonic Socrates among the highest, heroic in his honesty, insight and devotion. There is that vast multitude who seek reconciliation with God by good works.

The very earnestness of such seekers shows that the Holy Spirit is moving them toward God. And who shall say that none of those succeeded — he sought God in the hope that they might find after Him and find Him? And who dare say that the God of love was different toward such devoted spirits, when, as St. Paul remarked, "He is not far from each one of us, for in Him we live and move and have our being."

A more satisfying approach is that of those mystics who open their souls to "the Spirit of the Universe," and find their inner being pervaded by its presence. For example, a friend of the late Sir Francis Younghusband called him statesman and mystic who "felt himself to be born for a great purpose."

"His prevailing mood was one of

## Slaght - MacRae Wedding

The marriage of Jeana Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacRae of Sydney, N. S., to Laurence Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Slaght of Wilsonville, Ont., was solemnized in the ladies' parlour of St. Andrew's United Church, Sydney, on Saturday, April 4th at 3:00 p.m.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Stanley MacQueen. Spring flowers flanked a part of the parlour set aside for the ceremony, and the bride, who was given away by her father, walked up a ribbon aisle formed by friends. Miss Blanche Hart, organist for the ceremony, played the wedding march, and "O Perfect Love."

The bride wore a dress of pink organza, studded with small rhinestones. With the dress, fashioned with fitted bodice, Peter Pan collar, full skirt, and long sleeves pointed over the wrist, she wore a shoulder length veil, and carried a nosegay of white carnations and pink roses.

Witnesses of the ceremony were Miss Mary Hill of Amherst, N. S., and Mr. Ronald Smith of Charlottetown.

The bride's mother wore a pastel blue crepe, with grey accessories and a corsage of pink carnations and roses.

Receiving the guests at the reception following the wedding were Mrs. Charles Pemberton, aunt of the bride, and Miss Linda MacDonald, the bride's cousin. Mrs. Andrew Winning and Mrs. John MacLeod poured, while Mrs. Eddie Payne, Mrs. Sandy MacDonald, and the Misses Isabel Blue, Susie MacDonald, Norma Langley and Verna Leonard served. Mrs. Clive Stewart served the bridal party, and the wedding cake was served by Mrs. Ronald Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Slaght left following the wedding on a honeymoon trip to Wilsonville, Ont., via the United States. For travelling the bride wore a light blue jersey wool dress, with matching hat, gold coat and navy blue accessories. On their return they will take up residence at 124 Prince St., Charlottetown.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clive Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith, Miss Hattie McLaune and Miss Frances MacMillan of Charlottetown; Miss Mary Hill, Amherst, N. S.; Miss Norma Langley, Port Hawkesbury, N. S.; Miss Isabel Blue, Orangevale, N. S.; Miss Susie MacDonald, and Mrs. D. H. MacDonald, Whyocomaugh, N. S.; Mrs. Alex McCauley, Truro, N. S.; Mrs. Don MacNeil, Whyocomaugh; Miss Barbara Urquhart, Grande Anse, N. B.; Mr. and Mrs. William Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pemberton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Blue, Mr. and Mrs. John MacQuarrie and Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, Glace Bay.

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WUPS CAKE — Mrs. Jennie Murphy, 44 Dorchester St., was the winner of the sultana cake which was lettered by St. Dunstan's Basilica. Altar Society on Saturday during their cake sale.

PRINCE OF WALES College Concert Series presents Prince of Wales Girls Chorus directed by E. Lillian MacKenzie and Alyce and Horace MacEwen, Charlottetown, pianists, Thursday, April 13 at 8:30. Admission 75 cents, students 25 cents.

ENGAGEMENT — Mrs. Annie MacGillivray of Montreal, formerly of Tracadie, P. E. I. announces the engagement of her daughter, Florence Rita of Montreal West, to Henry Albert Connolly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Connolly of Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal, the wedding will take place in St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Montreal early in June.

## Personals

Nora Kielly of Charlottetown spent Easter at her home in Covehead Road.

Miss Eileen Walsh of the P. E. I. Hospital attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Crossman at Tryon on April 8th.

Mr. Louis Condon left yesterday on a business trip to Boston, Mass., accompanied by Mrs. Condon and daughter Paula.

## Pownal Notes

As in most communities, Easter was celebrated here in a quiet way, with church services on Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, and friends and relatives home for the long week-end.

Mrs. Ralph Judson had as her guests over the Easter week-end Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grant and family, from Summerside.

Miss Violet VanDerestine, and Messrs Kenneth Judson, Wallace and James Smith are among P. W. C. students spending the holidays at their respective homes here.

Mr. Alfred Weatherbie left recently for Toronto, where he expects to remain for some time.

Mr. Ralph Judson is at present a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Pownal W. I. staged a very enjoyable concert in the Hall recently. The very interesting program was enjoyed by a fair crowd, despite the bad roads. The one-act play "Home to Mother" was the highlight of the evening's program.

Mrs. (Rev.) T. R. Goudge entertained the Pownal W. M. S. for their regular monthly meeting at the manse.

Pownal Y. P. U. are busily engaged in the production of their four-act play, "Happy Valley", which they hope to present the latter part of this month. —GU

## IN MEMORIAM

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## IN MEMORIAM

MRS. DANIEL MacCALLUM

It was with deep regret that friends and relatives learned of the passing of Mrs. Florence MacCallum, beloved wife of the late Daniel MacCallum, in her 74th year, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ford of Glasgow Rd. The death occurred at her home 57 Prince St., Friday March 20th, Although not in good health for the past while, her death came suddenly.

The funeral took place from the home of her son Bill, 78 Douglas St., Monday afternoon March 23rd. The service was conducted by the Rev. Carlyle Webster assisted by Mrs. L. Titcombe of the Salvation Army. Hymns Sung were "Rock of Ages" and "Abide with me"

She was tenderly laid to rest at the People's Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended. Pall bearers were Elby Ford, Archie Ford, William Ford, Earl Bernard, Bruce Josey and Ernie Williams. She leaves to mourn three daughters, Nellie (Mrs. Albert Dawe, Lynn, Mass.), Freda (Mrs. Preston Dunn, Halifax) Kate of Charlottetown, and three sons, William of Charlottetown, Harold of Lynn, Mass., Bruce of Charlottetown and two sisters, Mrs. Annie Johnston and Mrs. Mary Williams of Charlottetown.

## FLOWERS

Pillow  
Nellie and Bert

## Wreaths

Aunt Annie and Ella  
Camp Parker Auxiliary, Lynn, Mass.

## Basket of Roses

Freda, Kate and children  
Bruce, Doris and family  
Bill, Jean and family  
Harold and Mildred, (Lynn, Mass.)

Roy and Harold, Lynn, Mass.  
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Alfred Clinton  
May, Clifford and Stanford  
Aunt Maria and Josey family  
Ernie and Mother  
Ruth and Johnny  
Ettie, Elby, Lettie and Lois  
Merretta Saunders, Grace and Andy

## Cards of Sympathy

Rose and Dan Garnham  
N. D. MacLean  
Jim and Mary Lamphier  
Mrs. Gaudet and girls

## Mr. and Mrs. L. Kelly and family

Violet and Sonny Williams  
Ethel and Alex and family  
Hazel and Ralph Gillespie  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Dunn and family  
Mrs. Mattie Malone  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper and family  
Freda, Geo. and family  
Hayden, Thelma Chandler and family  
Judy and Rex McOvalla  
Mary and Willie McTague  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carr  
Andy and Donnie  
Clayds Ryan  
Louis, Annie Lafferty  
Letters  
W. Chester S. McLure

## Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. Daniel MacCallum wish to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received from their kind friends and neighbors, during their recent bereavement in the loss of their loving mother.

## IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of our dear Mother, Mrs. Ethel Jenkins, who passed away April 13th, 1948.

As long as we live we will cherish her name,  
In memory we see her as ever the same.  
Still in our hearts she is living yet,  
So we love her too dearly to ever forget.

## Ever Remembered by Daughters.

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our Father

## EDWIN MacFARLANE

who passed away one year ago,  
April 13th, 1952.

Inserted by His Daughters Pearl and Mary and Son Alex.

## Seven Days A Week

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here before—exactly twenty-seven years before! It was down this—now unused and forgotten road that I used to hie once a month to love my "papers signed". No worry about climbing hills then! I could practically run up any hill, but ah me, as the song says "Time changes everything."  
But the brook looked oh so familiar as it gurgled and eddied along the roadside. Little fish,

# Did You Ever See a Sheep's Hair Uncurl in the Rain?

Did you ever ride past a farm on a rainy day and see sheep huddled together? If you went up close you'd see that in spite of wind and rain, the natural curls and waves of the sheep were not undone by the elements. Yes, the harder it rains, the curlier the sheep's wool becomes. And what happens to your hair in the rain? A slight drizzle and it looks like a dust mop. Now, science knows what makes the sheep luckier than humans. It's LANOLIN, the natural oil that most resembles the oil of your own hair, the life-giving oil that most of us have washed away or dried-up by too many artificial treatments.



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darted in and out under an over-hanging branch, "playing peek-a-boo with us" Mavis said delightedly. A fat important looking robin sporting a scarlet waistcoat, eyed us with concern, as he perched on the limb of a budding Maple tree. A chipmunk poked an inquiring head from behind a brown tree stump. He gave us a start with led glance — then with a "chir-r-r-r" he scampered away — no doubt — congratulating himself on the narrow escape he had!

almost the same glowing sense of accomplishment as one would have on reaching the summit of Mt. Everest.  
Mama Cat ran to meet us, as we crossed the field next the house. Her soft grey feet etched delicate prints on the red clay of the ploughed land. A heavy mist rolls up, covering everything with a grey blanket and my, how nice the fire feels as we trowpe into the kitchen. The house seems as warm and comfortable as the inside of a hickory nut.  
"This is a good Saturday evening," says Mavis contentedly. "Isn't it, Mom?"

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