

Thoughts For Our Time

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AVOID PRESUMPTION

We say that a man who despairs is a man who has given up hope, and in the majority of cases this is a matter of common experience. What we usually mean by hope is a certain confidence in our ability to meet a situation successfully. However, when we confront God, the usual notion of hope loses its meaning. With respect to God, we do not count upon our own abilities and merits, but rather upon the mercy of God, Who we know will not turn away anyone who has not first turned away from Him.

In this respect the man who despairs is not a man who has given up hope, but a man who has forgotten the meaning of hope: here a confidence in one's own abilities and merits cannot be called hope, but rather presumption. Despair is the result when a man realizes the hollowness of his presumption, and yet is unable to look outside himself for help.

It is true that one could be guilty of presumption and remain in that state merely by exaggerating the meaning of hope, but that is not the case here. In fact, God's actions toward His creatures are acts of mercy. So, too, one could fall into despair by considering the infinity and justice of God, apart from His love and mercy.

and our Creator is quite different from other relationships and that we must always make allowance for a tremendous inequality. It was to help us make that correction that we are told in the Gospels that even after we have done everything that has been commanded of us, we are to consider ourselves as unprofitable servants who have done no more than we were told to do and so should expect no special consideration.

Miracles and instruction by the Master Himself did not succeed in convincing a group of men—who were willing to give their lives in the service of God—that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men. It is the folly of the Cross could so confound the apostles, it is evident that we must always be careful that we do not allow ourselves to fall into the presumption which would make us think that God should reward our services and prayers in the way that we think is best.

If we cannot avoid this fallacy we will be disappointed, and our presumption will give way to some form of despair. A shallow optimism, an optimism which overrates our abilities and judgement, is the surest road to an equally shallow pessimism.

The virtue of hope, on the contrary, is founded upon a recognition of the real relationship between us and our Creator; it is based upon the Goodness and Wisdom of God and it does not waver, because these do not change.

A man of hope is big enough to go through this world and face up to everything that meets him because he is willing to accept the gifts of God on the terms that they are offered. There is no bitterness in his heart; he can love God and be grateful for the hardest things that come his way, because he realizes and is glad to acknowledge that God's dealings with us are not governed by the weak understanding of a creature, but by a Wisdom and a Goodness which is without limitation.

TAKE HEAVY TOLL

GENEVA (AP)—Thirty to forty thousand people die each year from snakebite. That's the conclusion reached by a United Nations agency, the World Health Organization, after the first attempted world-wide survey of snakebite mortality. The survey was conducted in order to estimate the need for international standardization of serum against snake venoms.

CAPSULE NEWS

KAMLOOPS, B. C. (CP)—Ten thousand scrolls, each in a small capsule, will be given the high school band for distribution on its forthcoming trip to eastern Canada and Europe. The scrolls bear information about the Kamloops area.

Local Man Attends Silver Wedding Jaycee Convention Held In Regina

Maritime Regional President, Mr. J. H. "Jack" Morris of Charlottetown, with other Maritime delegates, attended the 18th annual National Convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada, held at Regina, Sask., June 23 to 26.

The 350 delegates who attended from all ten provinces and Yukon were officially welcomed to the province by the Hon. T. C. Douglas, Premier of Saskatchewan. Mr. Douglas also addressed the delegates at dinner, speaking on mineral and oil discoveries and developments in the western provinces.

Ten resolutions of National and regional importance were presented during the business sessions. The majority of these resolutions were accepted and will be submitted to Federal Government Ministers and other authorities.

The Junior Chambers of Commerce of the United States and Mexico were represented by national officers from these two countries. A number of members of the Junior Chamber International organization (J.C.I.) were also present. In a discussion of J.C.I. activities were informed that Jaycees are in the forefront in fighting Communism in many countries where the Communist influence has been felt. One of the main objectives in the J.C.I. program for the coming year in European countries as a means of combating Communism.

The Moncton Jaycees provided a special Maritime treat in presenting Federal lobster to the host chamber for a lobster dinner. Further good will and tourist promotion was carried out by the Moncton delegates when they visited many towns and cities in both Canada and the United States, leaving Maritime tourist guides and travel folders.

Other highlights of the convention were the mammoth outdoor beef barbecue and barn dance; the oratorical contest finals in which Henri Dube of Three Rivers, Que., was chosen the winner over the other finalists, William Eilers of Vancouver and Donald Armstrong of Ottawa.

Simultaneous translation equipment, similar to that used by the United Nations at New York, was employed at the convention to facilitate better understanding between English speaking and French speaking delegates. This equipment was given to the National body by the Jaycees of Arnprior and Sarnia, Ont.

The office of National President was closely contested by Mr. Monty Aldous of North Vancouver, B.C., Mr. David Ho Lem of Calgary, Alta., and Mr. T. Stewart Anderson of Windsor, Ont. Mr. Monty Aldous was elected to succeed retiring president Mr. Harry Smith of Toronto.

Mr. James Kelly of Moncton, N.B., was elected a National Vice-President. He is the immediate past president of the Maritime

Local Man Attends Silver Wedding At Indian River

On June 25th, 1929, Mr. and Mrs. William Hickey exchanged marriage vows and it was to celebrate this anniversary that a large gathering of their friends and neighbours assembled on Friday evening. Their lovely home adorned with beautiful early summer flowers presented a pleasing picture while Mrs. Rosella Gillis assisted the bride in receiving.

Mr. Donald MacLellan, M.C., told the jubilarians the object of this friendly visit and asked Mr. Bernard MacLellan to further express the kindly sentiments of all present in an address which added congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happy married life.

An appropriate gift was presented by Mr. Russell Campbell. Many other silver pieces were received from friends unable to be present, also congratulatory messages from friends in Montreal, Boston and Florida.

Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Russell Campbell, Mrs. Dan Noonan, Misses Roma MacCloskey and Agatha MacLellan and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing to the lively music of Messrs. Matthews Beariato, MacKinnon.

Step-dancing by Messrs Russell Campbell Sr. and Jr. and two daughters Mildred and Irene was a special feature of the evening.

National Council Of Women Ends Annual Meeting

By PAULINE KENNEDY
 Canadian Press Staff Writer
 FREDERICTON (CP)—The National Council of Women ended its seven-day 61st annual meeting Thursday with the belief that Canadian women are making great progress.

Theme of the convention was "women in public life" and New Brunswick Senator Muriel McQueen Ferguson assessed their position in an address to the 100 delegates. She listed the nine women now in the House and Senate and urged councils to support and pick more women candidates.

Evidence of progress in the employment field for women came Wednesday during a dinner attended by New Brunswick's Lieut.-Governor D. L. MacLaren. It was announced then that Marion V. Royce of Toronto would head up the new women's bureau of the federal department of labor.

A women's labor bureau and director have been set up for projects for years. The federal government was recently appointed a J.C.I. Senator.

The 1955 National Convention will be held in Halifax, N.S. This will be the first National convention for the Maritime Provinces, and all Maritime Chambers will participate to make this an outstanding and memorable convention.

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POST-NUPTIAL FUNCTIONS—Previous to her marriage Miss Marion Hynes was the guest of honor at many social functions. Misses Elaine, Betty and Janet MacDonald entertained at a shower and buffet supper at their home. The staff of the Potato Market Selling Agency held a supper party at the summer cottage of Miss Lillian Duchemin, when Miss Hynes was presented with a basket of gifts. Miss Hynes was also the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Leo Dowling Jr., Mrs. Joseph Thistle was co-hostess. Also entertaining in honor of the bride was Miss Jean Zakem, at a shower and buffet supper.

Personals

Mrs. Daniel F. Hughes arrived by plane from her home in Jamaica Plain, Mass., to attend the wedding of her niece, Bernadette Hughes, R.N.

ernment finally set up the bureau last year.

A resolution passed by the council recommended that the government form coast guard services on the west coast.

ACTION SOUGHT

Council directed several other resolutions at the federal government asked for: Tighter selection rules for immigrants and a woman on every selection board, lowering of postal rates; equal pay for equal work; and standardization of children's sizes in clothing.

The council also will ask the government to appoint more women to the board of governors of the CBC. There is only one now.

Mrs. Allen Turner Bone, national president from Montreal, was re-elected for her fourth term during the convention. Mrs. Turner Bone, who came to Fredericton from an International Council of Women meeting in Finland, reported on her trip. She said the ICW was considering meeting in Canada in 1957.

MANUFACTURING TOWN

The coat-of-arms of Bury, Lancashire, shows symbols of cotton, woolen, engineering and paper-making industries.

Protestant Orphanage Collections

The P. E. I. Protestant Orphanage gratefully acknowledge \$303.13 Estate of P. M. Simmonds, Charlottetown.

\$880.00 Estate Mrs. Maude Lillian de Castilla, Cape Town, Cape Prov. \$17.35 King Edward Lodge (16) Malpeque, proceeds from Masonic Church collection.

\$2.50 Women's Institute District Convention, per Mrs. Joseph Kelly, Kelly's Cross.

St. Elizabeth's Aid Grand Tea Party

The Grand Tea Party sponsored by the Ladies of St. Elizabeth's Aid Society in aid of St. Vincent's Orphanage was held Wednesday, June 30 and proved to be very successful. The supper, which took place in the spacious dining hall at St. Dunstan's University, was under the very capable convesnership of Mrs. J. Frank MacMillan and Mrs. G. Mitchell MacDonald. They were ably assisted by members of the Society, together with ladies from St. Dunstan's and the Holy Redeemer Parish who so kindly volunteered their services. The Mother Superior, Sister John the Baptist, together with a number of the Sisters from the Orphanage also assisted in the preparations.

On the Orphanage grounds various games of chance, the sale of fancy work, homemade candy, ice cream and cooling drinks were in progress during the afternoon and early evening. The booths for these various projects were tastefully decorated, and were erected through the kindness of the gentlemen who are on the Board of Management for the Orphanage. The entertainment was provided by two pipers and several little girls who performed a number of dances, and their efforts contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the day.

The various conveners were Food, Mrs. Albert Wilson, Candy, Mrs. Claude Carroll, Fancywork, Mrs. Fred MacMillan, the sale of tickets was handled by Mrs. Joseph Callaghan and Mrs. V. Pineau.

Space does not permit the listing of all those who gave their time and energy to make the tea such a success, but special thanks must be given to Right Rev. R. V. MacKenzie, D.D. for the use of the facilities at St. Dunstan's University, the R.C.M.P. for their kind assistance in directing traffic at the entrance to the grounds, and to the Island Motor Transport for their splendid co-operation.

Mrs. Fred Coyle is the energetic President of St. Elizabeth's Aid Society, and she, together with her members, wish to thank each and everyone who assisted them with this worthy enterprise.

The lottery winners were as follows: blanket, donated by Mrs. Lewis Condon, and won by Mrs. Hazel Keough, Albany; cake, donated by Mrs. Ella Connolly, won by Mrs. Maurice Martin, Charlottetown; teddy bear, won by Mrs. Peter Holland.

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