

# RELIGION AND LIFE

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## HOPE IS THE STEADFAST ANCHOR OF THE SOUL

Said Mr. Dooley, when speaking to the older men to whom he professed to belong: "We pray about the wisdom that the years have brought us, but we'd give it all up for hair and hope." Now hope is the artist of the soul, bringing form and color into the sketches of faith, and our courage and confidence as we face the future are drawn from it.

In his new book, "The Hope of the Gospel," Dean Thompson of McGill, has this to say, "The peoples of the Orient and Africa are profoundly aware of having entered into a new era of their history. Amidst all the confusions of thought and action, we cannot fail to discern rising tides of new aspiration in multitudes of the world's population."

Then, referring to the new gospels to which these people are responding, he adds, "The animating spirit of these gospels that have laid hold on the imaginations and energy of so many people today is one of new hope. Multitudes have become deeply persuaded that they are entering upon a new era of emancipated life."

Under the pressure of these new movements, necessity is laid upon us to ask wherein lies our hope? And still more fundamentally what is it that we hope for as we are carried forward into the future? There is no doubt about the answer that the New Testament gives to this question.

The writer to the Hebrews says that "we have strong encouragement which we have 'as an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, a hope which enters within the veil where Jesus has entered as a Forerunner on our behalf'."

This is the first answer given to age as we drift beyond Time and the World—Christ awaits us beyond the veil as Himself both the ground and consummation of all the expectations with which we have filled the future. Because man belongs to the future toward which all the plans of the present are directed.

**HOPE FOR THIS WORLD**

But Christianity has hope for this world as well as for the next. This is the meaning of the song of the angels that greeted the Saviour's birth:—"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men."

As we write, the newspapers carry the account of the failure of the foreign ministers of the four big powers to reach agreement on the issues brought before them.

If our hope for this world's future rested on men, the old saying that "hope" deferred makes the heart sick" would express the only mood possible. But what gives the Christmas hope its color is that one has come into the world to establish peace and inspire goodwill, Christ is in command and His will cannot be prevailed.

The rulers of the nations may conspire to cast away His bands, but events will prove the claims made for Him.

The evil in this world's affairs has in itself the seeds of its own overthrow. It is the victory of love that will "crown Him Lord of all" and the tyrannies of the time will share the fate that they have planned for those whom they oppress.

**HERITAGE OF YOUTH**

Hope is particularly the heritage of youth. He is entitled to look to the future for the realization of his visions. Here we must distinguish between the dreamer and the man of vision. The dreamer is one who lives in the unreal and whose mind plays with fancies and things that have never been and cannot be.

The man of vision is the one who discerns with the eyes of the spirit those spiritual laws and forces that are hidden from the eyes of sense but which are really molding and governing the events of the time.

Now youth has ideals to be realized in his own character and aims to be wrought out in the world, and granted honest and earnest effort, he has every reason to expect success.

The new translation of Romans 8:28 contains the ground of this expectancy: "We know that in everything God works for good with them that love Him, who are called according to His purpose."

When one is obedient to God's will as he understands it, he will know that God is working in him and through him towards divine ends. When he knows that he is in the place where he ought to be and is answering the call of duty in what he is doing, he has behind his own growth and his own effort a divine purpose that cannot fail. This is the hope that is the anchor of the soul fixed within the veil.

Then what about age which looks back on success or failure in the realization of such visions? He has the consciousness that good work well done is the starting point from which others will go on to the greater achievements of the future. "My life-work is done," said a really great man in his "day with

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**BELL LOSES ACTION**

QUEBEC (CP) — A telephone company has been refused the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada from a decision that, if applied to all telephone companies in Quebec, would involve some \$500,000 annually. The Quebec Court of Appeals rejected a request by the Bell Telephone Company to appeal from a previous appeals court decision giving the town and school commission of Port Alfred the right to tax the telephone company's switchboard in the Saguenay district town.

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# City and Central

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## Brisk Auction In Mink Pelts

EDMONTON (CP) — Bids for 15,000 pelts offered at a fur auction here Saturday were described as "enthusiastic" by officials. The 30 buyers from eastern Canada and the United States made up one of the largest groups to attend an Edmonton sale in several years. The mink offered was sold out, with ranch sapphire mink reaching a top price of \$50.50 and standard and ranch mink touching a high of \$31.

## FARM MEASURE

Furlong as a measurement, 220 yards, is believed a corruption of the ancient "furrow-long" measure of a 10-acre field.

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DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS  
TABLE 1. NATIONAL INCOME AND GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT BY QUARTERS, 1954-55  
(millions of dollars)

Quarter	1954	1955
I. Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Income	2,800	2,900
II. Military Pay and Allowances	100	100
III. Investment Income	1,000	1,000
IV. Accrued Interest	100	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,100</b>

TABLE 2. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE, BY QUARTERS, 1954-55  
(millions of dollars)

Quarter	1954	1955
Government Expenditure	1,500	1,500
Private Expenditure	2,500	2,600
Exports	100	100
Imports	100	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>4,300</b>

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Population is up nearly third, and a million more people are working in Canada today.

Manufacturers are turning out over 25% more goods — with such products as automobiles and pulp and paper more than tripled in value. The Canadian farmer is producing, on the average, a third more food. Mineral output is up 133%. Crude oil production has multiplied 16 times — from 8 1/2 to 128 million barrels a year, and iron ore output has jumped the same way — from 1.1 to 16 million tons a year. Builders have erected 875,000 dwellings since 1945. Electric power production has nearly doubled.

And so it goes through every phase of the Canadian economy. It's easy to see why the progress of these past ten years has made Canada one of the fastest-growing countries in the world.

Every citizen of Canada benefits from this tremendous growth...and every citizen who saves money contributes to it.

Every man, woman and child saving a dollar or a thousand dollars... is helping to finance these great developments from coast to coast. In fact, more than two million Canadians have deposits of well over two and a half billion dollars at Canada's First Bank.

This same bank is lending millions of dollars to people in all walks of life and to every kind of enterprise in Canada... to farmers, fishermen and ranchers... to lumbermen, oilmen and miners... to factory-workers, storekeepers and office people... to industrial and commercial companies of every variety.

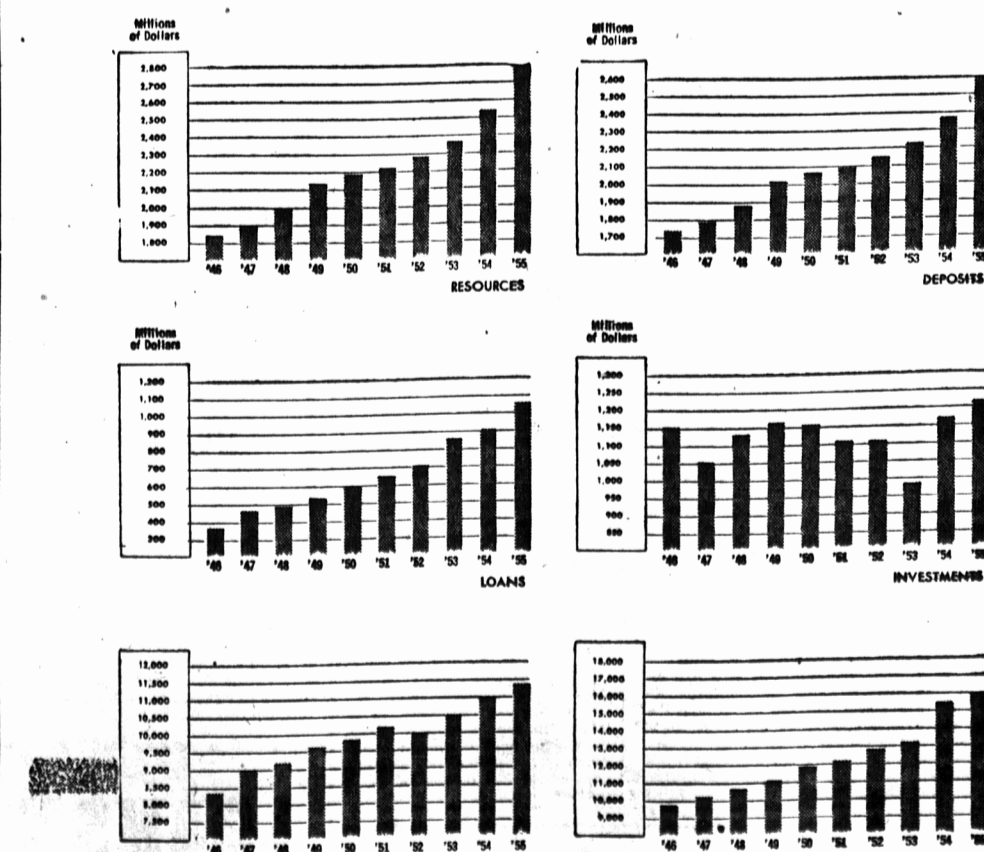
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