

# Religion and Life

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"That face, so far from vanishing, rather grows, and decomposes but to recompose, becomes my universe which feels and knows."  
So wrote a modern poet, and he suggests an experience which is a possibility for all.  
John Bunyan has told the story of the man with the muck-rake. He is digging in the dirt, and is so intent on what his rake may turn up out of the dust that he is unaware of the angel hovering over his head with a golden crown for him. He represents a great multitude.

Take your stand at the corner of Queen and Yonge streets and watch the tide roll by — the tide of human life. Hour after hour it passes with volume undiminished until the close of day. Each individual in that vast throng is living in a world of his own — the home that built him, the home that he has built, or is building, or proposes to build, the work he is doing with his aims and ambitions, the relationships in which he lives with his loves and, perhaps, antagonisms.

A large proportion of those people are so intent on the objects immediately before them that they are unaware of that divine presence brooding over them, with His will and purpose in which they are involved and with His heart and mind in which they have a place. Others there are who live in constant communion with this Divine Being and give over their lives to the fulfillment of His will. But whether recognized or ignored, that divine sovereignty is over every human soul, ruling those who obey and overruling those who rebel.

Movements epoch-making in their significance and effects have risen out of this Divine Spirit's self-revelation to men as waters rise out of a spring. The more one reflects on Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush the more deeply is he impressed with its meaning and consequences. In it we have a spiritual experience issuing in the emancipation of a race. His was by far the mightiest

intellect of his age, a mind stored with the lore of Egypt and trained by the experts of an Empire. But back of all that Egypt could give him were the stories of his own ancestors and of the living God who had chosen them for His own ends. These stories were told him by his mother in the early years of his childhood.

For his own people he renounced Egypt and all her glory. When we meet him in Exodus 3 and 4 he is tending a flock of sheep in the wilderness of Horeb, a patriot without a people, a genius without an opportunity, a believer in the God of his fathers without any personal experience of His presence and power. In the back of his mind is a man of dry-dust Semitic traditions, precious to his heart but remote, promises that were not being fulfilled and expectations that were seemed no possibility of being realized, because the people to whom the pledges had been given were held in a pitiless bondage by the greatest Empire of the period.

Then all of a sudden one of those dry-dust traditions — the central one — sprang into life, and the God of his fathers came to him and summoned him to deliver his people. The discoveries in King Tutankhamen's tomb show the splendor of the Egyptian court in those days, and could there be anything more preposterous than sending a shepherd from the wilderness to demand from a king enthroned in such splendor a privilege for a race whose rights the Pharaoh denied. Yet Moses obeyed the command laid upon him at the burning bush, assured that God was with him, and in due time brought Pharaoh to his knees and broke his grip on his slaves. Not only so, but under the hand of God who claimed him, Moses transformed that herd of slaves into a conquering host, and prepared a people to serve humanity as no other race has done.

The first effect of God's self-communication to an individual is the renewal of the man himself. A new moral power is found in his communion with God. Self-interest is gained by self-commitment to Christ. A new dynamic enters one's life. The joy of the Lord is his strength. The peace of God stands guard over his soul through all the storm and stress of his career.

Not long ago a thousand men, and more, gathered in our city to celebrate their deliverance from a degrading bondage by the help of a power beyond themselves and to consider how they may share their new freedom with others. I speak what I know when I affirm that there is no limit to what the grace of God in Christ can do for an individual. Trust Him under calamity and the closing of one door of opportunity leads to the opening of another.

John Milton, shut out of the high office he had held, gives us "Paradise Lost"; John Bunyan in prison produces "The Pilgrim's Progress." What is even more significant these days, is that Christ's entry to a human life leads to achievement. Back in the eighties there was a remarkable spiritual movement in the colleges of Canada. Among the products of that movement were men like J. G. Shearer, S. D. Chown and T. Albert Moore. When these men were leading the departments of moral and Social Reform in their respective churches they organized campaigns against evils established in the laws and social customs of our Provinces. They proved that our people care about the moral conditions in which their children grow up. The Lord's day was made a rest-day for our people. Bar-rooms by the thousand were closed all over Canada, and the law was enforced far more effectively than the liquor laws of Ontario are today. Gambling was checked. Political patronage was assailed, and appointments to the civil service were made on the grounds of merit. Many other evils were attacked. It was a crusading age, and the conscience of Christian citizens responded.

The leaders of our Church departments are as able and courageous today as ever, but they are not getting the same response. Ground is being lost in the defense of the Sacred Day, in the Temperance cause, and in the war against gambling and other forms of vice.

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**A MEETING** of the Liberal Electors of Mayfield will be held in the hall on Monday, April 9th, at 8 o'clock. Nominated Candidates will be present.

**A MEETING** of the Liberal Electors of New Glasgow will be held in the hall on Tuesday, April 10 at 8 o'clock. Nominated candidates will be present.

## BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

WINIFRED E. WILSON  
BIRDS' EYE VIEW

At this moment thousands of small, live airplanes are making their way north — homeward bound. How migrants find their goals has for centuries been a controversial subject, and as yet nobody has satisfactorily solved the mystery. Some say birds have a special sense of direction, with its seat in the ears or nasal passages; others are convinced a magnetic sense is the important factor. Of recent years it seems to have been proved that radar can upset the course of certain species. However, there is no doubt in anyone's mind as to the superiority of birds' eyesight to ours: they may be able to see as far as the curve of the earth allows.

Vultures are renowned for keen vision and high flying. From an altitude of thousands of feet they are able to detect carrion hidden in bushes. The Falcon on its master's wrist cocks its head, indicating that it spies game, long before the owner is able to see any. From a great height, a Hawk looks down on a field, distinguishes a diminutive meadow mouse in the grass, and drops upon it. A neutral coloured fish swimming under water can be discovered by an Osprey flying 300 feet or more above the surface. Then down comes the big bird, aiming perfectly. Gannets often plunge for a fish from 400 feet. Nature has provided not only wonderful vision, but gadgets to assist: supplementary lenses for their eyes and extra air sacs under their wings.

In migration, birds look down on mountains, valleys, oceans, rivers, lakes, desert country, and city roofs. The majority have picked their ancestral aerial path. Two main flyways bring them from the south to our part of Canada; the other by the Atlantic coast. The entire trip cannot be made without stopping. Suitable spots must be found where they may alight for rest, and, except for Swallows and other birds that feed as they fly, good roadside restaurants are a necessity.

And so Warblers are watching for woods, Sparrows are scanning the ground for fields, Ducks are looking out for nice bodies of water, Kingfishers are searching for sandbars. Aviators have reported meeting birds at an altitude of 5,000 feet, and many are night travellers. Yet, unerringly they reach their old northern homes.

Are all nests used?

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear Mother, Mrs. Olivia Campbell MacDonald who departed this life April 8, 1950.

I miss her because I loved her, She was dearer than silver and gold, No treasures on earth can replace her, Remembrance will never grow old.

One year ago we parted, Never will her memory fade, Loving thoughts will always linger, Around the spot where she is laid.

Fondly remembered and sadly missed by her daughter Peggy.

## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Growing in the yard of G. A. Callaghan, Miami, Fla., is a tree bearing seven kinds of fruit, namely: Lemon, lime, pineapple, orange, tangelo, calomexkin, Valencia orange. What a marvelous bit of grafting that is!  
Water Street, St. John's Newfoundland, was a thriving center of industry and commerce when New York's Broadway was a swamp. European merchants operated here in the 16th century and Marconi gave the world wireless from the austere heights of Signal Hill where Cabot Tower stands.

biapsarianism is the theory which holds that God decreed to permit the fall of man, and then in view of his purpose of providing redemption for the race, elected out of fallen men a people to his praise.  
Frozen sea-water becomes quite fresh after a time.

In Eskimo-land the people have some odd beliefs. For example, they believe that bears and seals deliberately allow themselves to be killed by certain men, in return for certain services rendered to them after death. They also believe that all animals have souls despite the fact that many of them have been converted to Christianity.

In the South Sea Islands there are flying foxes and flying fish. The fox is a member of the bat family and his side pilots enable him to make what pilots call a "val plane". The flying dolphins often hurl themselves right into the arms of boat passengers. Of course, they cannot fly as birds fly.

Sign in a Florida tailor shop: "Clothes pressed while you are under cover." Sign in Cobbs Mill Inn, Conn.: "Thump your glass

loudly and we'll bring along the spirits."

Canada is the world's chief source of supply for seed potatoes. This country ships millions of bushels of quality certified seed spuds each year to replenish the world of one of mankind's popular foods, and the highest quality of potatoes are grown in the Garden of the Gulf.

The ancient Chinese farmer determined the proper planting time thus: Early in spring he drove a bamboo pole into the soil. Inside the pole was a feather. As the earth warmed, the air in the hollow pole gradually lifted the feather, until it came out of the top. Then the farmer knew it was time to plant his seeds.

Some years ago a half frozen robin was found by a Racine, Wisconsin police officer. He got busy, made a box for Mr. Redbreast and shipped him off to the Chief of Police at Jacksonville, Fla. A note inside the box requested that the bird be released and warned not to return North without a muffler and spats.

One day in Missouri, an excursion train carrying a group of Sunday School children ran into a thunderstorm. As the iron horse rounded a curve, the engine was horrified to see an open switch ahead. Quickly he tugged at the throttle. What happened? First, a deafening crash of thunder, then a flash of lightning, and the train passed by safely. Stopping the train the conductor walked back to find out by what miracle they had been saved. By striking between switch and rail the lightning had closed the switch, believe it or not!

Some 50 ports along the Labrador shore have no piers to which vessels can be tied up.

There are 28 different transatlantic cables connecting Europe and Newfoundland, some of which permit the transmission of five messages each way at the same

time at the rate of 3,000 words a minute.

Rev. James E. Smith, Carbondale, Ill., and 102 years old, is the proud father of a husky eight-pound baby that arrived recently at their small bungalow home. His wife, Anna Lee, is 37. Altogether, the couple have eight youngsters.

## Not Alone

(Dedicated to my parents)

Not alone in the dawn of the morning,  
Nor the noon-tide of life in its prime;  
Not alone in the twilight of evening—  
As the sunlight and shadows entwine.

Not alone in the brilliance of vigor;  
Nor the shadows that linger in age;  
Not alone in His presence and glory—  
On the road of this earth's pilgrimage.

Not alone when the sunrise is calling;  
Nor the zenith beam beckons us on,  
To the rays slanting on the horizon—  
Of the day that is spent and by-gone.

Not alone when the curtain is closing,  
Around us in mortal embrace,—  
When its dark folds are severed asunder,  
And we meet the redeemed face to face.

To enter with Him in His glory—  
In Mansions that He did prepare!  
In the House of eternal existence—  
Forever.—His blessings to share.

—PETER A. REILLY  
Boston, Mass.,  
April 3, 1951.

## Gerald Waring Reporting

OTTAWA.—When Finance Minister Abbott boasts our taxes next Tuesday to get more money for defence, Albert Kenneth Eaton may well smile quietly to himself and think "That's my boy!"  
For while Dr. Eaton didn't tell the Minister what to do, he told him how to do it. Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, his specialty is taxation. Thus, when the Government decided it must increase taxes to pay the huge defence bill this year, Eaton's job was to recommend what new taxes should be levied, or what old taxes should be boosted.

So, several weeks ago, he went to Abbott with a number of alternative tax programs. What they were, neither he nor anyone else will say. But it's fair to assume that they called for varying degrees of increases in personal income and corporation taxes, in the special 15 per cent excise tax on luxuries and semi-luxuries, and in liquor taxes.

For each alternative program, Eaton calculated the revenue it would bring, and outlined its advantages and disadvantages. Abbott and the government may have selected one of Eaton's programs. Or they may have combined certain features of two or more of his suggestions. Whatever the final decision was, Abbott will disclose it to Parliament and the nation on Tuesday night.

Eaton is one of a small coterie of civil servants — not more than two dozen all told — who have a hand in the preparation of the budget. They form the Minister's budget committee, which has been meeting frequently since early

February.  
You don't hear much about them, because they prefer to work in anonymity. Dr. W. C. Clark, Deputy Minister of Finance, is the big wheel. Then there's Eaton, the taxation man, and two other assistant Deputy Ministers of Finance: K. B. Eycote, and K. W. Taylor.

Bryce is the expenditure expert, and works with the various Deputy Ministers of government departments and with a committee of the Cabinet called Treasury Board to determine how much money the government will need in the coming year.

When Bryce's work is finished and the estimates are tabled in Parliament, Eaton takes over on the money-raising problem. Meanwhile Taylor, the expert on controls and the civil service, begins editing Abbott's budget speech. The annual two-hour discourse on revenues, expenditures, taxes and the economic states of the nation is a symposium of Abbott, Eaton, Bryce, Clark and others.

Abbott doesn't stint on high class help in preparing his budget. Graham Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, lends advice on economic policy and the shape of things to come.

On customs matters the adviser is John Duettsch, expert on international economics. J. R. "Bob" Beattie of the Bank of Canada is an economic policy expert. Harvey Perry assists in taxation matters.

Revenue Minister McCann brings in his key men for talks on tax collection: the Deputy Minister of taxation, V. M. Scully, and his aide, Charles Gavisie, and the Deputy Minister for customs and excise, Dave Sim, and his aide on excise matters, V. C. Nauman.

So when the blow falls Tuesday night, don't blame it all on Doug Abbott. Some of the best brains in the country cooperated in financing the most painless way of relieving you of your surplus wealth.

## IN MEMORIAM

M. A. KELLY

The death took place in Charlottetown on Feb. 28 of Miss M. A. Kelly in her 83rd year familiarly known to her many friends and acquaintances as "Mary Ann". She was the last surviving member of the family of the late John Kelly and Catherine McDonald and spent most of her life with her parents at the old homestead in Kelly's Cross.

To know her was to love her and many can recall a happy hour or two spent with her in her home from where no one ever left hungry; as she was ever ready to replenish the weary traveller and at the same time sympathize with the afflicted. She was a talented organist and soloist and for years sang and played the morning masses in her beloved St. Joseph's Church and it is only fair to say now she is enjoying the reward of this most beautiful of all works singing the praises of God in Heaven. Her father was the genial and efficient post master in Kelly's Cross for almost sixty years when his daughter took over and after serving the public for some time she was forced to retire owing to ill health, she then made her home in Charlottetown where she passed peacefully away on the above mentioned date. Her funeral took place by motor hearse from the Frank Hennessey Funeral Home to Kelly's Cross church on March 3rd where requiem high mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Kenneth MacMillan who also performed the last rites at the grave where she was tenderly laid to rest in the family plot, a large number of old friends assembled to pay their last tribute to one they had loved and respected so much. The pall bearers were John W. McKenna, John McDonald, Dominic McDonald, John P. Carragher, Joseph Carragher and Mark Curley.

Her only immediate relatives, left to mourn are her brothers children: Mary (Mrs. Ed. G. Wayne), Toronto; Margaret C. in Montreal, Maurice in Western Canada, Vincent in Vernon River and Joseph in Borden. To those is extended our most heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. May she rest in peace.

## Card Of Thanks

The nephews and nieces of the late Mary A. Kelly wish to thank the good friends who so kindly sent mass cards and messages of sympathy, also those who braved the cold winter weather to accompany her remains from Charlottetown to Kelly's Cross. To all those they extend their most sincere thanks.

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