

# Religion and Life

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## GIVING ALL FOR CHRIST BRINGS RICHEST REWARD

One of the most impressive of all G. F. Watts' religious interpretations is his picture entitled: "For He Had Great Possessions." The face of "The Rich Young Ruler" is turned away but every line of his figure suggests the deep sorrow with which his decision was made to reject Christ's call to leave all and follow Him.

Everything that can be said for this fine young character is said. He is young; he is eager; he is rich; he is educated; he is highly moral; he has a position of authority among his own people; yet he is not self-satisfied. He is one of the many who, having much, aspire to the "something more" which will bring them abiding satisfaction. So he came to Jesus. And Jesus loved him.

Jesus treated his question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" with the utmost seriousness. He reminded him of the commandments, and the young man replied: "At that saying, he did not require all men to do that He asked this youth to do. This is true — Jesus approved of the proposal of Zachaeus, the rich tax-gatherer, to use his wealth in obedience to God's law. The phrase: "Every occupation a divine calling," is influencing mightily the church today. Nevertheless, the future of all that is good in our world and all that we hope for depends more on boys and girls who are at this moment giving their whole lives to Christ and His cause than on any other human factor.

**LIVING ISSUE**  
The demand on the rich young ruler is a living issue today. This is why we continue to be interested in it. I have been meeting frequently young men and young women who are turning away from the best the world can offer to give full-time service to Christ and His cause. They would scorn to call it sacrifice; to them it is life-investment in what will bring the richest returns.

I have crossed the continent conferring in place after place about a great religious venture with leaders of many denominations. It sends you out with your head up and your heart aglow to meet men whose whole lives are given over to God's cause as they understand it.

This is not the only way of serving Christ. Newspapersmen a few years ago got a great kick out of reporting the way John D. Rockefeller, Jr., taught his Bible class the lesson of the Rich Young Ruler.

He pointed out that Jesus was dealing with a particular case and did not require all men to do that He asked this youth to do. This is true — Jesus approved of the proposal of Zachaeus, the rich tax-gatherer, to use his wealth in obedience to God's law. The phrase: "Every occupation a divine calling," is influencing mightily the church today. Nevertheless, the future of all that is good in our world and all that we hope for depends more on boys and girls who are at this moment giving their whole lives to Christ and His cause than on any other human factor.

Then the decision which Watts portrays: "At that saying, his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." Do read the story again as it is told in Mark 10:17-22.

## A HANDICAP

Wasn't it hard? But when Jesus commented on the fact that Peter drew his attention to the fact that the Twelve had done exactly what this youth refused to do. Fishermen had left their boats and nets, the tax-gatherer had left his wealth and others likewise without a word had left all to follow Christ.

It was true. And look what He made of them! The heroes of the Iliad are pigmies compared with them, and the kind and conquering of history accomplished trifles compared with the results of their lives and labors.

This young man had in him the stuff of which world leaders are composed. He was one who could never be satisfied with anything but complete self-giving, and Jesus dealt with him accordingly. If he had accepted, Christ would have made him a power in the transforming of the world.

What does it all mean? Just this: In Jesus' standard of values the greatest man is the one who invests his life in a cause. And the greatest of these is the one who gives himself to God.

Look at the men who have changed the course of history and lifted humanity to higher levels of thought and life — Confucius, the Buddha, Mahomet outside the Jewish-Christian circle, and within it Abraham, Moses, Paul, Augustine, Luther, Wesley, John R. Mott and a thousand others of like character and calibre.

To them God, as they understood Him, was everything. The conquerors, Tamerlane with his pyramid of human skulls, and Cyrus, Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon with their power established on thousands slain, were truly great, but in sheer creative power, the influence that makes the world new and grows from age to age, they just do not compare with the men of God just named.

In a world of facts and forces, concrete and apparently all-subduing, they discovered God and found that He was ready to work through them. They would have said that God found them and made them His instruments. The world is what it is, as far as it is good and lives in hope because of them.

## A Country Garden

tubs and have them in sheltered nooks."

Roses are planted outdoors in November and December and Honeysuckle shrubs were blooming in my friends garden when she wrote, and new potatoes and Purple-topped turnips were good for eating. Black-eyed peas were a favorite dish with everyone living in this lovely country where the summers are hot and dry and now they are enjoying a good rain to make up for the dryness of summer.

Last year she had written of the beautiful rose shows she had attended and named many of the varieties that appealed to her. I thank her for this garden information and I am sharing it with you.

## COMPENSATION

Yesterday my heart forgot Its joy in winter scenes. Its love of snow-filled silences And tempting, icy sheens Of coasting hill and skating pond— And grew homesick for spring; For new-leaved trees and blue-hung skies And songs that robins sing; For wood streams flowing into life. For ecstasy to know A certain little path will lead To where first Violets grow.

Yesterday the whole world seemed Locked up in winter's chill; Today—a white Petunia bloomed Upon my window sill. —Craig

Fragrant Stocks are also blooming and in several colors, double and single. I like them very much and so easy to have by digging up small late plants out in the garden. Last November I told you about sowing some flower seeds just before freeze-up, and at the time I was sure I had lost some seed packets as they had blown away that cold windy almost dark evening. Well, the other day I found one packet of snapdragon where the snow had melted. The mucilage on the package had dissolved and the seeds were lying there. So, very carefully they were carried indoors and sown in a flower pot filled with sand and peat moss. Before I realized

## O'Leary

The Ladies' Aid of the O'Leary United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Burton Boats on Wednesday evening. The president Mrs. E. W. Turner, presided and opened the meeting with Scripture reading followed by prayer and the singing of Hymn 502. It was decided to furnish a room at the Atlantic Christian Centre in N. S. Plans were made to hold a pantry sale. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. MacWilliams.

Mr. Ira Ellis has returned to his home from the training school in Halifax, where he has been taking a course in fishery inspection.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris, O'Leary, motored to Alberton recently to visit with their daughter, Mrs. Harold Ashley and Mr. Ashley.

Mr. Errison MacLeod who has been spending some time in Halifax, N. S., has returned to his home in Brae.

Miss Gladys MacPhee of Coleman is visiting with friends and relatives in Charlottetown.

The many friends of Mrs. Lester Gay are very sorry to hear that she is not feeling as well as usual.

Mr. Alvin Palmer and Mr. Herbie Dennis, O'Leary, motored to Charlottetown on Saturday on business.

The high wind of Friday night and Saturday blew down a barn owned by Mr. Warner Buchanan in Carleton Lot 6.

Mr. James Hudson, Summerside, was in O'Leary on Saturday night on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacCaul of Ellerslie, were visitors to Coleman on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, O'Leary, spent a few days with relatives and friends in Springhill recently.

Mr. William Ellis of Springfield West, motored to Summerside, and visited with relatives and friends recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Horne and son of Bloomfield, were visitors to Mr. Royal recently. They were guests of Mrs. Horne's mother, Mrs. Daisy MacNeill and Mr. and Mrs. Raynell MacNeill.

The meeting of the World Wide Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Adams on Friday evening.

It could happen they were up in rows and now brought to the sun and I am hoping for early bloom if being properly taken care of can do it. Of course I had read of seeds needing the same culture, but it had never happened to me and gardening is full of nice happenings like this!

The outdoor sown seed comes through with good plants like the book says I will tell you about them and the suitable varieties.

## MARCH

March is a shepherd in charge of the sky; He herds the white clouds together And sends them scurrying fast and high In his windy, blowy weather. March is a gardener wise and old, Waking the grass and flowers, Breaking the ice on the sleeping brook, Melting the front with flowers.

When flowers are at their best in our gardens it is wonderful to capture the beauty for the winter months. Last week I received several of these photographs in lovely color taken in late summer by a visitor to the garden. Almost you could smell the fragrance of the mauve phlox shown in the borders where many plants bloomed. It is always a thrill to think a garden visitor living far away has remembered to send you photographs taken when they visited the garden. The garden looked very well that day even if the gardener was looking rather faded and old, and memories of that day and the appreciative visitors were happy memories. I am looking forward to many more of these happy days, not too far away now.

## New Glasgow

Mr. Murray Cassidy has recently been engaged in operating the snow plough in the district, and has proven by his work very capable of his position.

Mrs. R. L. Dickleson entertained the members of the Christian Church W.M.S., for the February meeting. There was a good attendance. Plans were considered for a special Easter service. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. George Dickleson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edwards and Miss Donna Smith were guests at the Andrew home, February 13th.

Mrs. Lewis Toombs, is a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital, where she is receiving treatment. Her many friends hope for her early return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wyand, motored to the capital on Thursday.

An enjoyable Valentine social was held at the Andrew Home on the evening of Feb. 14th, where the rooms were gay with streamers and hearts in red and white.

Mrs. Willard Nicholson presided over the program and was assisted by Mrs. Heath Houston and Mrs. Byron Houston. Mrs. George Dickleson and Miss Doris Andrew presided at the piano. Mrs. David Johnston with tape measure in hand got the size of each waistline; that number in turn was the amount of each individual's cheque for the evening.

Mrs. Wm. A. McMillan entered the P. E. I. Hospital on the 13th for observation. Her many friends hope for her early return home.

Mrs. Stirling Ellis on Friday evening. A very fine worship service followed by prayer opened the meeting. Mrs. Dan Smallman presented the first chapter of the new Study Book. Plans were made for a Valentine Party. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Miss Verna MacDowell.

The Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Randal Boats on Tuesday night. Devotions were led by Mrs. Douglas Adams with Scripture reading and hymn. Mrs. Adams also led the Study from the book "Face to Face with India's Problems." O'Leary Mission Circle received the gift book "House of Earth", for having read the largest number of books. Officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. W. W. Wagner, Vice-President, Mrs. Edsel Dumville; Secretary, Mrs. Ted Sabine; Temperance Secretary, Mrs. Vaughn MacDougall; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. James Harris; Friendship Secretary, Mrs. Percy Vey.

The C. G. I. T. meeting was held in the School room of the Church on Friday night. The leaders of this group for this year are: Mrs. Ted Sabine and Mrs. George Matheson. Other officers are: president, Miss Nancy Campbell; secretary, Miss Cynthia Kennedy; treasurer, Miss Virginia Silliker. Meetings are held every two weeks in the Sunday School room of the church.

The many friends of Mrs. Aubin Wedge are very sorry to hear that she is confined to her bed through illness. All hope to see her feeling better soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rennie of Elmisdale, were recent visitors to Kingsford.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Silliker of Wellington, motored to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond MacIsaac, Glenwood, Sunday, February 13. They were accompanied by Edward's mother, Mrs. Ethel Silliker of O'Leary, Mrs. Ina Rix and Mrs. Elvin Crossman and two children, to R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, and in the evening they called to see Mrs. Caroline Boulter and family of Milburna. —C. P.

## Hope for her early return home, enjoying better health.

Mrs. C. S. Dingwell was host to the ladies of the United Church W. M. S., on the evening of the 10th. Mrs. Andrew was devotional leader, and was assisted by several members. Miss Elsie Laird presided over the business period. Three new members were welcomed. A committee was appointed to assist in making plans for the World Day of Prayer. A meeting of the Ladies' Aid followed with Miss Anne Stevenson in charge. Next meeting was invited to the home of Mrs. George Dickleson.

Mr. Cyrus Pineau is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Domise Pineau.

The local Women's Institute held a Valentine party in the school house on the 14th. An enjoyable program was presented, which consisted of a dialogue, contests, monologues, a duet and sing-song. Also films were shown by Miss Doris Andrew. A delicious lunch was served, and a goodly sum was realized.

Mr. Blois Dickleson has accepted a position at the Government Garage in the Capital. Blois is much missed in the community, especially by the youths with whom he was a favorite.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edwards and Mrs. George Dickleson spent a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Cutcliffe recently.

A number of our youth attended the hockey game on Friday evening, the contest was between Kensington and Springfield, the latter carried home the laurels with a score of 4-2.

Messrs. Lewis and John Toombs furnished music with her record player. It turned one's mind back to the days of the good old parlor socials.

An enjoyable card game was held in Mayfield School House on Thursday night. This is a weekly enjoyment. Next week in St. Ignatius School.

Mr. and Mrs. John McNeill and Mrs. Ernest McNeill were visitors to the capital on Thursday, while there they called on Rev. and Mrs. W. J. McLeod, Euston St.

A valuable hound was recently purchased by three of our local sportsmen, namely, Messrs. Harold Stevenson and Wallace Dickleson along with the genial merchant R. L. Dickleson. The latter is working on a bird sanctuary and fishing grounds, which should prove to be an attraction to our tourists in later years. —AY.

## SOUTH WINNLOH W. I.

The members of South Winnloh W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Earle Rodd for their February meeting. Mrs. Val McDonald presided. Meeting opened by singing the Institute Ode followed by the Creed in unison. Roll call was answered by nine members with a household hint. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. There wasn't a word moved and seconded that the usual membership fees for the Musical Festival be forwarded to the secretary of same also that five dollars be given to the March of Dimes.

The financial results of the recent pantry sale were received with satisfaction. There wasn't any report from school committee. Sick committees reported three treats given.

New school committee, Mrs. Allison Ford and Mrs. Glydon Maund; sick committee, Mrs. Orville Turner and Mrs. Russell Diamond; program, Mrs. Tommy Rogerson; lunch, Mrs. Earle Rodd and Mrs. Tommy Rogerson.

Two thank you notes were received; collection 80 cents. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Harold Diamond with roll call, a home-timed hat.

During the social hour, Mrs. Orville Turner kept the members entertained with contests and games of skill. Lunch was served by the committee in charge.

## NORBORO SCHOOL

The following is the report of Norboro School for the month of January.

GRADE X — 1. Errol Sharpe; 2. Roma Stewart.

GRADE IX — 1. Arlita Gillis; 2. Earle Murphy.

GRADE VIII — 1. Gloria Murphy; 2. Bryce Sharpe; 3. Annie Murphy.

GRADE VII — 1. Ena Webster; 2. James Hughes.

GRADE VI — 1. Joyce Day; 2. Doreen Cannon; 3. Wayne Sharpe.

GRADE IV — 1. Marlene Cannon; 2. Pauline Hughes; 3. Phyllis Mulligan.

GRADE III — 1. Donna Day; 2. Louise Sharpe; 3. Jimmy Croken.

GRADE II — 1. Muriel Hughes; 2. June Harding; 3. Clark Taylor.

GRADE I — 1. Wayne Cannon; 2. Donna Small; 3. Gregory Mulligan.

Highest average in Senior grades — Arlita Gillis, 93.1%.

Highest average in Junior grades — Marlene Cannon 91.4%.

Perfect attendance: Joyce Day, —AY.

## Bloomfield

The whist party held at the Legion Home on February 14, proved very successful financially and socially. Prize winners were: Mrs. Jos. P. Pineau, Duvar; Albert Peters, Fortune Cove; Earl McKenna, Bloomfield; Vincent Gallant, Piusville; Alfred Peters, Bloomfield; Pius Arsenault, Bloomfield. Mr. Arthur Martin won the "freeze out."

Mrs. John Lynch of Portage visited with her son Gregory and Mrs. Lynch in Bloomfield.

The sympathy of this community goes out to Mr. Fred L. Arsenault of Piusville, in his recent bereavement, the death of his aged mother in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian MacDonald called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Lynch on Sunday, February 3. From there, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, they motored to Alberton, to be guests of Mrs. MacDonald's sister, Mrs. Ramsay.

His many friends regret to hear of Mr. Robert Hunter's relapse, necessitating his removal to hospital again. All hope he will soon regain his usual good health.

Mrs. Hubert Pineau has returned from Boston, where she spent the last six months with her children. At present she is making her home with her daughter Mrs. Frank O'Meara.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy O'Meara were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Meara.

Mr. Elmer Gallant of Ontario arrived in Piusville to convalesce, with a broken ankle, at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. T. Gallant. Speedy recovery, Elmer.

A flock of nine Huns were taking advantage of bare spots around the homes at Bloomfield Corner. Before the recent storms, a flock of six were often seen.

Mr. Donat Arsenault now of the Canadian Army, and formerly of Bloomfield called in this vicinity on Saturday, February 19, on his way to spend "Leave" with Mrs. Arsenault formerly Louise Pineau of Duvar, who is at present staying with her brother Camille Pineau.

The snow, plows made a quick job of opening the roads after Friday's storm. When one broke

Doreen Cannon, Marlene Cannon, Donna Day, June Harding, Teacher — George H. Riley.

## SOUTH WINNLOH W. P. U.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Rodd entertained the members of South Winnloh Young Peoples Union on Wednesday evening, Feb. 9. The Christian Stewardship convener Doris Hughes took as her theme, "God's Plan On Our Lives." Hymns sung were "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" and "Love Lifted Me." Scripture reading was taken St. Matt 25:1-46 read by Lona Turner. Prayer was offered by Mr. Hardy.

A solo was rendered by Eleanor Rodd.

The second one was right on hand carrying the necessary repair part.

Rev. M. J. Rooney now has a television set installed. This is one of the first sets seen around here. —I.

## Big Overload

EDINBURGH, Scotland (CP)—Twelve hefty members of a rugby team were stuck in an elevator for 20 minutes. They combined weight including the elevator operator was more than a ton—too much for the mechanism.

Meeting closed with "Bless Be The Tie" and Mizpah benediction.

—I.

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