

Lenten Meditation

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THE LIGHT OF TRUTH

The truth of Christianity can never be of merely academic interest. In one sense the apprehension of truth is an end in itself, for the illumination of the mind has its own intrinsic value. Many of life's difficulties, and even much of man's suffering, are due to ignorance, and with more knowledge life could be made ampler and perhaps happier.

In the realm of medical science, for example, increasing knowledge is making possible the conquest of many diseases which have for centuries marred man's happiness and hindered the full use of his capacities.

But here, as always, what matters is the use to which knowledge is applied. Christian truth has a pragmatic significance. The high doctrines of which the Easter season has again reminded Christian people are not only the formulation of historical truths; they must be interpreted and embodied in terms of actual life.

Truth is light. But light is given to men that they may see, and that they may "follow the gleam"

which illuminates their path. The purpose of this illumination is that of enabling men to "return into the way of righteousness." It is not, therefore, illumination for its own sake; it has a clear and definite aim.

In the modern world knowledge has increased beyond anything dreamed of by earlier generations; especially is this true of man's knowledge of the material structure of the universe. And yet this is an age of uncertainty, of conflicting and irreconcilable ideologies, and of deep-rooted anxiety as to how this knowledge will be used.

The way of righteousness is the way of rightness—of men's right relationship with one another and with God. To see the truth and not to follow it is to distort vision and to lose the very capacity for knowledge.

"Knowledge," says a German proverb, "is a treasure, but practice is the key to it." To sin against the light is more deadly in its effects upon man's individual and corporate life than to do wrong in ignorance.

To the individual the challenge of Christian truth comes afresh with each of the Church's festivals, and at no period of the Church's year is this challenge more searching than at Easter, for the cross and the resurrection are the fundamental truths of the Christian religion.

The Christian life is not merely one of negative abstention from deeds unworthy of the Christian profession; it demands a positive and determined effort to live in the spirit of him who could say: "I do always those things that please him." With the demand is also the assurance of the ever-present enabling power of God.

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The Neighbors

By George Clark



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IMMUNIZING CLINICS, conducted by the Department of Health and Welfare, will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd, at Model School 1.30 P. M. and Parkdale 2.30 P. M.; Thursday, April 3rd, at Spring Park School 1.30 P. M. and West Kent School 2.30 P. M. Infants and Pre-School children from 3 months to 5 years will be protected against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

PERSONALS

Miss Betty MacCallum of Ottawa, Ontario, is spending a vacation with her family in Charlottetown.

The many friends of Miss Alice Kneebone, Milton, will be glad to know she is out again after an attack of the measles.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of **HORACE PARKER** who passed away April 7th, 1948.

Fondly Remembered by His Wife and Son.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of James Albert Creed, Alton, Lot 33, who died March 28th, 1948.

Deep in our hearts there's a picture, Worth more than silver or gold. It's a picture of dear little Albert, Who's memory will never grow old.

Ever Remembered by Sady Misses by Mother, Father, Brothers and Sister.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Russell Graham of New London, who passed away April 2nd, 1940.

Twelve years ago you left us, For that home of perfect rest, To be forever with the Lord Among the truly blest.

Fondly Remembered by Sons Hugh and Dan, Sister Maggie and Daughter Della.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. T. W. Bradshaw, who passed away April 2nd, 1951.

We who love you sadly miss you, As it draws another year, In our lonely hours of thinking, Thoughts of you are ever near.

Lovingly Remembered by Her Son, Wallace, His Wife and Family.

Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

FOREWORD

For quite some time it has been felt that your Provincial Department of Agriculture should publish a reasonable weekly news letter dealing with the activities of the Department, which might be of value to farmers and their families from both a news and information standpoint. This news column will be in addition to our weekly market broadcast and will be prepared by members of the staff who are responsible for the work in the several branches of the service.

There will be articles on dairying and the care of milk, by the Dairy Superintendents. News relative to Boys' and Girls' Club work, Junior Farmers, and Livestock and Poultry production will be supplied by men in the extension service. Timely items on field crops by our Field Crop Representative. Items dealing with the Veterinary Services and general health of farm animals, by the Director of Veterinary Services or practicing veterinarians. Articles dealing with Women's Work, Sewing Clubs, etc., will be sponsored by the Supervisors of Women's Work. Timely hints on quality, grading and marketing of farm produce will also be included when deemed necessary.

The Department invites suggestions, constructive criticism, information or questions from our readers, and when deemed necessary in the public interest any of the above will be dealt with through this column. Trusting that readers in general and farm folks in particular, will derive some benefit from the inauguration of this service.

Club News

The Head of Hillsboro Calf Club was re-organized on Monday night, March 10th at the school. Morris Deacon, Fieldman, Dept. of Agriculture, conducted the meeting and gave a short talk on their first study lesson. The following officers were elected: President, Joyce Jardine; vice-president, Joan Douglas; secretary-treasurer, Wayne Cameron. Seven other boys and girls became members at this re-organization meeting. Mr. Ralph Coffin and Mr. Lewis Cameron were appointed as Adult Directors. It is interesting to note that two members already have calves.

Sherbrooke Calf Club met recently at the home of Leighton Mulligan, with 13 members present. Business matters pertaining to the Club were discussed and plans were projected for the coming year.

The Morell Poultry Club held their regular meeting in the Co-op. Store on Thursday evening, March 20th. The meeting was in charge of Merlin MacDonald. Following the business session, Mr. Morris Deacon, Fieldman, gave instructions on the project lesson. The chickens have already been ordered for the Morell Club and they are planning to hold their next meeting in the Co-operative warehouse in order to view the actual brooding of the chicks.

The regular Calf Club meeting of August 10th and vicinity was held on March 18th, with an attendance of six members. The Adult Director, Miss Margaret Dunphy, conducted the Study Lesson and the test. Due to poor road conditions in the Spring, the Club decided not to participate in the debating contest.

The Mill Cove Calf Club held their regular meeting on March 18th, at the home of Aeneas MacIntyre, their Adult Director. Ten members were present and so far eight members have calves. New members in this club this year are: Paul MacIntyre, Gerard Conrick, Catherine MacArthur, and Guy Thompson.

Prevent Blackleg

Blackleg is a disease which causes heavy losses in certain areas. It chiefly affects young calves between the ages of six months and two years, and occasionally sheep.

This disease can be prevented by having all young stock vaccinated before going out to pasture.

Importing Chicks

In an attempt to prevent the introduction of Newcastle Disease in poultry, all persons intending to purchase chicks outside the Province are reminded that they must notify the Provincial Department of Agriculture at least ten days before their expected arrival.

Inquiries

All inquiries in reference to animal husbandry, field crops, marketing, etc., should be directed to the P. E. I. Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 9, Richmond Street, Charlottetown.

Veterinary problems and specimens submitted for laboratory examination should be addressed to the Director of Veterinary Services, P. O. Box 404, 188 Prince Street, Charlottetown.

S. S. And Church Workers' Lectures Conclude

On Monday night in Central Christian Church Hall the last of a series of four lectures was brought by Dr. L. W. Shaw upon the general theme of "Aims and Methods of Teaching in the Church School." This course was presented under the auspices of the Charlottetown Ministerial Association and was a preliminary effort to a much more advanced course in the forth-coming year.

The four sessions were exceptionally well attended and it is felt there could possibly be no improvement in the manner in which Dr. Shaw conducted the studies. It also further establishes the extraordinary understanding and competency of Dr. Shaw in the art of imparting knowledge drawn from a rich and exceptional experience.

At the close of the meeting Dr. J. P. Lantz moved a warm vote of thanks to Dr. Shaw on behalf of the meeting. Dr. J. A. Clark expressed warm words of appreciation also to the lecturer.

Monday night's study included a brief review of points and subjects already discussed, which had to do with the teacher, pupil and the next.

Arousal of interest; clearing up difficulties and setting objectives for the pupil were all a part, most important, in assigning work for the student. Attitude building, the providing of a challenging setting; calling in to play outside interest builders is all a part of the teachers work.

"The final and ultimate" inferred Dr. Shaw, in teaching in the Church School is to help our pupils to attain perfection in Jesus Christ. And as the Master

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Thomas W. Bradshaw, who passed away, April 3, 1951.

One year has passed and gone Since one we loved so well Was taken from our home on earth With Jesus Christ to dwell.

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Two Can Sing

By James M. Cain

CHAPTER THREE

Part Two

Then it came out what the trouble was, Doris was in a sports outfit, but the kids and I had come in shorts and no tops, and she was worrying about sunburn.

When we got in we had been out on the Sound at least two hours. Brother, that was a lesson to me what the sun can do, and what a woman can do, once she goes into action. Doris didn't wait until the kids began to whimper. They felt fine, because it takes sunburn about three hours to come up hot, but she started at once. She began working a cool salve into their backs and legs. She sent Nils in the station wagon to round up every electric fan there was on the beach. He came back with six, and with our two, that made eight. She had me carry the kids' beds into the living-room, where there were sockets for the fans to be plugged into.

All that, mind you, with the kids still scampering around, with the salve shining on their backs. Then we began to hear something. Randolph was the first to squeal. He said his back was beginning to hurt. It showed red, and so did his legs. Doris put him in the breeze of four fans, connected tandem. Then Evelyn came in crying. Doris put her under the other four. Next thing, my own back began to give notice. I didn't say anything.

There was no supper that night. By seven o'clock it was pitiful what those two little things were going through, and Doris never stopped a minute. She kept rubbing in the salve with the tips of her fingers, first on one, then the other. She got a thermometer and took their temperatures. They were both running 101.

By then I was getting panicky. I remembered all I had read about people getting burned so badly that they died. I began following Doris around like a dog, doing everything she told me to, not paying any attention to the fever in my own back at all. And then, along about ten o'clock, I folded. I slumped down on a chair and sat looking at her, hearing what she was saying, through some kind of a fog.

She snatched off the beach robe I had put on as soon as we got home, and I heard the quick intake of her breath. "Leonard! I had forgotten all about your back! It's—it's awful! You're going to bed right now."

"No, I'm all right, you—"

"Right now!"

She took me in, took the robe off me, and the salve went on, big cold blobs of it. But what felt best was the touch of her fingers, just touching me, but smearing it on where the burn was. She put the thermometer in my mouth, looked at it, shook her head.

"What did it say?"

"Enough. Just lie still, now."

She came back with one of the fans, turned it on me. It felt good. Everything she did felt good. In the living-room I could hear the children whimpering and calling to her, and she never stopped. She went from me to them, and kept Nils and Christine on the run, but she knew we didn't want them, we wanted her. Around dawn the air got a lot cooler, and that helped. I felt a little easier, and knew I could sleep. She came for about the nine-hundredth time and sat down. "You feel better? You must be a wreck."

"Who, me? I feel fine."

I wanted to laugh, and I wanted to yell hooray for her and I wanted to cry. I wanted you to get the picture, and maybe you'll get a picture of Doris. She had worked like a dog; she had nursed all three of us; she had taken charge of it just as she would have taken charge of an earthquake. If there had been one, but she didn't know she had done anything out of the way.

To be continued

developed in Wisdom; Stature in Favor with God and with Man, so ought we to help our charge to do likewise.

Our task as teachers is the same task as that of the Master who said, "I am come that you might have life and that more abundantly."

"With these telling words Dr. Shaw brought to a close this season's Teacher's Training Course.

PROLIFIC WRITER

Mrs. Margaret Oliphant, skittish authoress who died in 1897, was the writer of 100 books as well as numerous articles and short stories.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The Sumatran rhinoceros differs from the rhino of near-by Java in having two horns instead of one. One of the most remarkable animals of Sumatra is a curious box-like creature called the banteng. The island also boasts of lizards that grow to lengths of six or even eight feet.

Throughout the islands off the coast of Sumatra, live the sea-people—a remarkable group of seafaring folk, descendants of fierce pirates who once controlled the China sea and adjacent waters. Most of their life is spent on their boats together with their cats dogs etc.

Java, the fifth largest island of the East Indies, is remarkable for its mountains and volcanoes, of which there are at least 108, of which 13 are active. Indeed, there are more active volcanoes here than any other region of equal area in the world. Stranger still, is the fact that volcano forces first made the island and have ever since continued to elevate and utilize it.

An amazing thing about this island's vegetation is the exuberant flowering. Many of the largest trees have vivid flowers. The tropical forests, too, are not precisely the same. In the rain forests, for example, more than eighty different species of big trees may be seen while in mid-Java, the forests are less crowded and contain fewer varieties of trees and shrubs.

In these Javanese forests grows the famous teak tree which sheds its leaves in June and buds again in October. This is an oddity that deserves special mention as the tree lives in a land of almost perpetual summer.

In High Whycombe, England, public officials are weighed when they take office and again when they quit it. This quaint custom dates back to 1282, when the people felt that no public servant should grow too fat while eating off the public. Tough-but a bright idea that!

Most of us consider New York state as heavily populated, yet the island of Java which is a little smaller in area, supports an agricultural population of 48,000,000 or more than one-third of the entire population of the United States and not more than 65 per cent of its area is under cultivation.

It is interesting to note that while Java and Sumatra are neighboring islands, the animal life of the former is surprisingly different from that of the latter. Take wild pigs for instance. There are two different species and the only thing about them that's similar is their snouts.

Coming to the language of the Javanese we learn this amazing fact: it is composed of two distinct languages, both of which are known to all its speakers. The brass hats use one called Krama, while the masses use the other, called Ngoko. When anyone wishes to speak to a person of different class, he uses the language of the other. A third language, called Madya, is only used by persons of equal social standing. Then there is a 5th, known as Krama Inggil, which is used only in speaking to the deity or to those who are classed as blue-bloods, but this language is not hard to learn as it contains only a couple of hundred words. Royalty, having no equals, speaks only Ngoko, but there is a court language or dialect, spoken by all those who live at court.

Java has up-to-date cities, towns, villages. Indeed, taking them by and large, they are a progressive people, living in a land which produces much wealth.

The mound bird buries its eggs beneath 3 feet on sandy beaches or under dead leaves in the forest. In such mounds the eggs are left to incubate, whereupon the young birds have to find their way to the surface, there to make their own way in the world, for their parents have long since gone about other affairs.

The more humble homes in the Philippines have their windows made of translucent shells. These are cut into squares and are mounted in frames large enough to fill the window opening. They admit light, but one cannot see through them.

In the Andaman Islands live a peculiarly primitive Negroid race,

whose average height is about 4 1/2 feet. They are very black with hair that runs from dark brown to a fiery red. The men are fine physical specimens while the women are unusually ugly and undersize. A large penal colony with dangerous criminals from India is located here. The Islands were formerly infamous because the natives killed any sailors who happened to be shipwrecked in the vicinity.

We face the new year with marvels of scientific developments. Here are listed some of the most amazing: Walking on a breeze dried shell bone, seeing through the cornea of somebody else's eye, having one's blood run through a piece of donated artery stitched to your own, a mechanical heart and lung to keep you alive on the operating table.

Spare parts for the human body are not exactly new. False teeth, wigs, and artificial eyes and limbs have been in use for a long time. The new spare parts for the human anatomy include heart, lungs, kidneys, stomach, bones, nerves, blood and arteries.

Of course, no one is running around with an artificial heart; the idea behind it is to keep body and brain alive when the real heart is undergoing repairs. But the transparent structure in front of the eyeball that gives new sight to a blinded eye, comes from another human eyeball and is a permanent replacement. There is nothing mechanical about this which makes the operation a marvel of scientific advancement.

PRINCETOWN ROAD W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of Princetown Road met at the home of Mrs. Charles Proude with six members and five visitors present.

The president presided and the different parts of the worship service were led by Miss Miriam Dolan, Mrs. Austin Sentner, Miss Alice Dollar and Miss Erna Coles.

Various hymns were sung and the program was concluded with hymn 588 and a benediction.

The business then took place and the minutes were read and on motion all bills were passed in and paid.

Letters were read concerning the allocation and the drive for funds for the Toronto United Church Training School which is being enlarged.

The next regular meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. C. Proude, at which a program is to be prepared for a special Easter program. It was announced during the meeting that sixteen home and three hospital calls were made.

The meeting closed and the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

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