

Religion and Life

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Last week we took a look at the doctrine of the Remnant in the Old Testament and the New. Since then a book has come into our hands which describes a leader of the Remnant in action. It is entitled "The Cost of Discipleship," by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and it opens with a brief account of that young German's career and martyrdom.

He was in his middle twenties when Hitler came into prominence in Germany. He was unalterably opposed to Hitler and everything that Hitler stood for. His biographer says: "As late as February, 1933, he denounced on the wireless a political system which corrupted and grossly misled a nation and made the 'Fuehrer' its idol and god."

He continued his opposition in the years following at the risk of his life. In 1939 some American friends got him out of Germany, and in New York urged him to stay with them, and, with America as his base of operations, to help the church in Germany. But his friends soon saw that his heart was with his persecuted fellow-Christians in Germany, and that he felt that he could not effectively help them from a safe seat in a neutral country while they were in deadly peril every day.

To quote again from his biographer, Reinhold Niebuhr: "The reason which brought Bonhoeffer to his decision belongs to the finest logic of Christian martyrdom."

"I shall have no right" Bonhoeffer wrote Niebuhr before leaving America, "to participate in the reconstruction of Christian life in Germany after the war if I do not share the trials of this time with my people. . . . Christians in Germany will face the terrible alternative of either willing the defeat of their nation in order that Christian civilization may survive or willing the victory of their nation and thereby destroying our civilization. I know which of these alternatives I must choose; but I cannot make this choice in security."

The world knows the outcome. He went back to Germany, was arrested in April, 1943, and put to death a few days before the Allies reached his prison. There is nothing in Christian history that the way he fought for the faith in those dark years and the way he brought Christ to his fellow-sufferers in Hitler's horrible murder camps.

This is an exact parallel to the stand of the prophet Jeremiah in the closing years of Judah's history. Others made their protests from the outside. They were no part of the life which they condemned. Consequently they could have no part in removing the abuses which they denounced or in rebuilding the moral and religious life of the people. But Jeremiah's protest was from within. He read the word of judgment given to him without "diminishing a word" in the courts of the temple. The religious leaders demanded his execution and he was brought before the princes to whom he repeated his warnings of impending destruction and refused to budge an inch from the position which God has commanded him to take. He also refused to be separated from his people even when they persisted in the evil course which brought on them the calamities which he had foretold, and ultimately he perished at their hands.

It is much harder, in our time, as in other times and other places, to take a stand against evil practices from within than from without. Some religious leaders live apart from the ordinary pursuits and enjoyments of their people, and when they pronounce their judgments it is on conditions in which they have no place. But it is much more effective to take one's stand against evil as one of the people concerned. A young Christian led the members of his athletic club to take the Christian position on a certain issue which arose in their affairs. He said, "I had not been an active member of the club my advice or my denunciation could have had no effect whatever."

But it costs to do this, and the religious person who stands for Christ's will in his personal associations often has to pay a price which is never required from an outsider. Yet this was Jesus' way. While John the Baptist stood apart from the life of his time, Jesus entered into its interests and enjoyments, and, as one with His people, gave His testimony.

It makes one shiver to look at the title of young Bonhoeffer's book: "The Cost of Discipleship" when we think of what his loyalty cost him. In this book he warns against "cheap grace—grace without price, grace without cost." He says, "We are fighting today for costly grace."

In his discussion he insists on the necessity of obedience in the Christian life. On the one hand there is the evangelical doctrine: "Only those who believe obey"; on the other side is the companion truth: "Only those who obey believe." He adds: "The man who disobeys cannot believe, for only he who obeys can believe."

The man who repents genuinely must turn from sin as he turns to Christ; the man who trusts in Christ for pardon and life must express his new sense of forgiveness in loyal devotion to Christ's will and cause. These are stern times: a soft religion merits only scorn.

"I don't want to die easy when He died hard" said a little cripple whose days were numbered. He was spending his last days in a garret, and had found a way of serving Christ by writing Bible verses on slips of paper and dropping them on the side-walk for passers-by to read. The above was his answer when friends offered him ease and plenty for the days before him. Christ's call is: "Follow Me" and His way of life is the way of the Cross.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The coldest winter on record was in the year 1709, and in most parts of Europe, frost entered the ground to a depth of 9 feet. In that year, the Adriatic was frozen over, as was also the coast of the Mediterranean. . . . According to the last census taken in Canada, there were 200,000 persons in the Dominion ten years or more of age unable to write in any language. . . . The lot of present day school teachers is not so bad in New England's Colonial times. School masters had to act as court messengers, serve summonses, conduct certain ceremonial services of the church, lead the Sunday choir ring the church bell, dig graves, and perform other occasional duties, outside of their own field of work.

Deborah Samson enlisted in the Continental Army (1778) under the name of Robert Shirtliffe. She fought in the whole term of the Revolutionary War without her sex being discovered. . . . The dreadful calamity which befell Halifax on Dec. 6, 1917, took the lives of 1,500 persons and seriously injured 4,000. . . . Is it true that the orchestra aboard the sinking Titanic played "Nearer My God to Thee"? Yes, the music was heard by a number of survivors, who had put off in small boats.

About 55,000 children between the ages of 10-15 are employed in various industries in the U. S. A., according to census returns, and of these the greater number find work in the textile industry. . . . It is interesting to note that there 27,000,000 children and youths (under 25) living in the land of our great neighbor that are not affiliated with any religious institution. . . . Common colds, headaches, digestive disturbances, tonsillitis and mumps, are among the most common ailments suffered by school children everywhere. . . . Who were the first garment makers? The answer is to be found in the book of Genesis, which states that Adam and Eve made themselves coverings.

George II was the last English monarch to wear knee breeches as a regular thing. Then came a period in which men dressed in lights and garters. Trousers, the kind men wear nowadays, came into fashion about the time the last century was ushered in. . . . The course homespun worn by the early settlers were thick and warm, whereas today less than 4 pounds of wool go into a man's suit. . . . The average yearly gross revenue collected at the Panama Canal is slightly over \$21,000,000. . . . The city of Chicago moves a lot of its freight underground. 132 electric locomotives, plus 3,000 freight cars are now on the job. This city also boasts the largest stockyards in the world. . . . Crime costs the U. S. A. and Canada well over \$10,000,000,000 every year. It is twelve times the cost of the army and navy in times of peace. The treadmill invented by Sir William Cubic, as a mill to be operated by man power, found its way into English prisons in 1820, where it was used as a means of punishment.

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CITY POLICE COURT — At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court Saturday, a clear docket was presented and the Court adjourned until today. It was the third time last week that a clear docket had been presented.

SPECIAL GOSPEL MEETINGS are being continued in the Gospel Hall, Upper Prince Street, each night except Saturday at 8 P. M. Speaker: Robert MacCracken, Moncton, N. B., and Albert Ramsey. Free transportation if desired. Phone 1228-L.

RECEIVED SAD NEWS — Mrs. George Peterson, City, received the sad news of the death of her nephew, Vernon Clark of Edmonton, Alberta. Mrs. Clark is a sister of Peter Peterson, and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Kneabone, formerly of Peak's Station.

FUNERAL SATURDAY — The funeral of the late Mrs. John Ferguson of Argyle Shore was held on Saturday afternoon from Brookfield Presbyterian Church, Services at the church and grave were conducted by Rev. Donald Nicholson assisted by Rev. Paul Richardson. The pallbearers were Hensley Senter, John D. MacPhail, Linus Carroll, Edward Moore, Arnold Moore, Spurgeon Moore. Interment in church cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM JOHN ANDREW HOGG The people of Kelvin Grove and surrounding communities were saddened when it was known that Mr. John Andrew Hogg had passed peacefully away at his home in Kelvin Grove on Saturday morning, December 23rd, 1950.

Mr. Hogg was a very highly respected man by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was the son of the late John Hogg and his wife Margaret Johnston Hogg of Kelvin Grove. Mr. Hogg was very active in church and temperance work when health permitted. In his passing he leaves to mourn his sorrowing widow, two sons, Edgar in Calgary, and Robert at home, and five grand-children to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and father.

A very impressive funeral service was held at his late home on December 25th and was conducted by his Minister, Rev. L. M. Murray who brought a message of comfort to his sorrowing friends. The Hymns sung were: "The Lord's My Shepherd", "Nearer My God to Thee", by request, and "Peace Perfect Peace."

The pallbearers were cousins of the deceased, George Hogg, William and Ernest Johnston, Ernest and Percy MacMurdo and Leanne Casley. Beautiful floral offerings with messages of sympathy testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The funeral arrangements were conducted under the efficient service of Mr. Joseph Davison.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of Allan MacDonald, who passed away February 6th, 1947. Some day we'll clasp each other's hands In that great world above. Here pain and sickness always come But yonder all is love. Inserted by Wife and Family.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of our dear Grandmother Mrs. John L. Mill who passed away February 4th, 1934. MILL—Quietly sleeping is one of the best, In God's own garden, now at rest. Ever Remembered by Her Grandchildren Wanda, Clayton, Elwin and Ona Mill.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of our dear Mother, Mrs. John L. Mill, Clermont, who passed away February 4th, 1934. You're not forgotten, Mother dear Nor ever shall you be As long as life and memory last We shall remember thee. Sadly Missed by Husband and Family.

Will Attend National Conference in Montreal



Mr. A. Walther Gaudet, (above), secretary of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, left this morning to attend a national conference of Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce Secretaries to be held at the Montreal headquarters of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce on February 7, 8 and 9.

"Delegates will exchange information on how they and their organizations can best serve their communities and the nation in the trying days ahead," said Mr. Gaudet last evening. He has been secretary of the local Board of Trade for the last four years.

With such questions as industrial mobilization and civil defence given top billing on the agenda, delegates will have the opportunity of hearing important addresses by Major-General F. F. Worthington, Civil Defence Co-ordinator, Department of National Defence, and Major-General G. C. Howard, Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Industrial Preparedness Association.

Emphasis also will be laid on the key job played by local Boards and Chambers in supporting the welfare and progress of the community. Still another feature of discussions will be the education and program techniques used to explain and promote the competitive free enterprise system in Canada.

Francis G. Winspear of Edmonton, President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, who is now on a speaking tour of Ontario will be on hand to welcome the secretaries, and a number of receptions also have been arranged.

A series of similar conferences held in 1944-45-46, at which secretaries shared problems of mutual interest, were found to be of great benefit to all who took part.

SPRINGVALE W. I. The December meeting of the Springvale W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Austin Senter, with the new president, Miss Edith Macleod presiding.

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