

RELIGION AND LIFE

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SILENCE OF NATURE BRINGS REFRESHMENT
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Everyone is writing or wanting to write about this holiday. This is not a reason why anyone should be silent; the endless variety of the impressions being made on the endless variety of observers arrests the attention of all who observe with the mind the wonders around them.

But to what end this retreat from the activities of our daily duties? First, to listen to nature. Sunshine and shadow, field and flower, lake and woodland have a message for the soul as well as sustenance for the body. Nature's silences teacher much that is missed by the voices of men, and there is a kinship between the soul and the wonders of the world which is felt only when silence reigns.

Second, there is our need of rest. We are all more tired than we know. The seasons never cease their round, but our nature was never designed for ceaseless activity. We must rest in order to recuperate.

We must "let go" in order to "catch on." The world's choicest benefits will pass us by unless there is serenity of soul to receive them.

There are truths of priceless worth being taught by the lake in sunshine and in storm. There is its quick response to the elements around it. It gleams in the sunshine; it roars its fierce response to the storm.

MERCILESS, TOO
It gives scope for the keenest exercise of strength and skill, but it is merciless to the one who fails to master it. It has its own ministries for the lands around it, and is in turn dependent on them for its fullness and latent power.

Even to the observer it brings refreshment of soul as well as coolness and calm to the body. Jesus found the lake a source of inspiration and opportunity. As the multitude that pursued Him gathered on the shores of the Galilean lake. He made a boat His pulpit for teaching by parables the truths of the Kingdom of God.

He walked on its waters; He subdued its storms, he fled to it for the rest which the pressure of hungry crowds denied Him.

History sees in the contrast between His ministries of mercy by the lake and His conflicts in Jerusalem the difference between the services that faith enables Him to render, and the sufferings that the antagonisms of un-

belief forced upon Him. But rest is a change of activity. These carried gifts of ours were never designed for inaction. They grow by exercise. Each of them had a function of its own and can be true to itself only by fulfilling it.

Discussing reading for a holiday a professor of English once told a group of summer students something like this: "To give your mind a rest it is not necessary or beneficial to fill it with trash. A much better way is to choose a variety of writings excellent in themselves and worth remembering."

DO NOT CLOG
"Change your pattern of reading by all means if you wish, but do not clog your memory with things which detract from, and add nothing to your chosen way of life. Your holiday should be a relaxation from routine, yes, but should round out your year."

LORNE VALLEY

Dr. and Mrs. Lorne Burdett, Ottawa, Ontario, have been holidaying on the island. They were recent visitors to Lorne Valley as guests of Dr. Burdett's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Birt Leard.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNeill and Mr. Cecil MacNeill, motored to Stratheona recently. While there they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover MacKay.

Miss Joan MacGrath, Charlottetown, spent the past weekend at the home of her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. C.M. MacGrath. Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Stevens of New York, U.S.A. are receiving congratulations on the arrival of twin daughters. Mrs. Stevens is the former Doris MacNeill of Lorne Valley.

Miss Carol Leard spent a few days in Stratheona during the past week, the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burdett.

Mr. Basil MacQuaid, Mishawaka, Indiana, was a recent visitor to this vicinity, renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Margaret Hatton, Charlottetown, spent the weekend of August 8th in Lorne Valley, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Callaghan, Lorne Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garnham, Mr. and Mrs. John Garnham of Mount Stewart, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James

MacNeill on August 9th. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker, Georgetown, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Munro MacGrath, Charlottetown, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis MacIntyre and Mrs. Lloyd MacDonal, were visitors to the island's Capital on Thursday.

Miss Betty Callaghan, Charlottetown, spent the weekend of August 8th in Lorne Valley as the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Callaghan.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Creamer of Massachusetts are vacationing on the island. On Monday they were guests of Mrs. Creamer's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Callaghan, Lorne Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Whiteaway of Ontario, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. MacNeill on August 9th. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacNeill of New Perth.

Mr. and Mrs. John McAulay, Charlottetown, were visitors to this vicinity on Saturday. They were guests of the former's brother and sister, Mr. Russell McAulay and Miss Marion McAulay.

Mr. Alex Richards, Murray River, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Nicholson on Sunday. He was accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law.

On Sunday, August 9th, the service at Lorne Valley Church was conducted by the Rev. David Hostetter of Saint John, N.B. He was assisted by his father, who delivered the sermon on the subject, "I've a letter from my Father". Mr. Sterling MacLeod was the organist.

Miss Sylvia Creed, Sturgeon, is spending a few days in Lorne Valley. She is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mac-

Donald. Mr. Vernon MacDonald Charlottetown, spent the past weekend with his brother, Mr. Wilbur MacDonald.

The members of Lorne Valley Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Peter MacLeod on August 6th. Following the business procedure, a contest put on by Mrs. Francis MacIntyre, was won by Mrs. Angus Nicholson. A social hour was spent while refreshments were served.

Mrs. Lorne MacLeod invited the members to her home for the next meeting.

Mr. Roy MacLeod, Mrs. Annie MacLeod and Mrs. Peter MacLeod, motored to Springhill, N.S. on Sunday to visit friends. A.M.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Scannell and family have returned to Boston, Mass., following a vacation spent in Georgetown at their summer home.

Mrs. A.H. Stewart has returned to her home in Georgetown following a visit with members of her family in Toronto and other centers in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Murphy and family, motored from Toronto Ontario, and are the guests of Mr. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy.

Miss Deena Stewart of Summerside is visiting Georgetown and is the guest of her grand parents, Captain and Mrs. John Dicks.

Mr. Oliver Rafuse left recently on return to Montreal, Que., following a visit spent in Georgetown as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Minnie Rafuse.

Dr. and Mrs. D.D. Scannell of Boston, Mass., are holidaying in Georgetown at their summer residence on Water Street.

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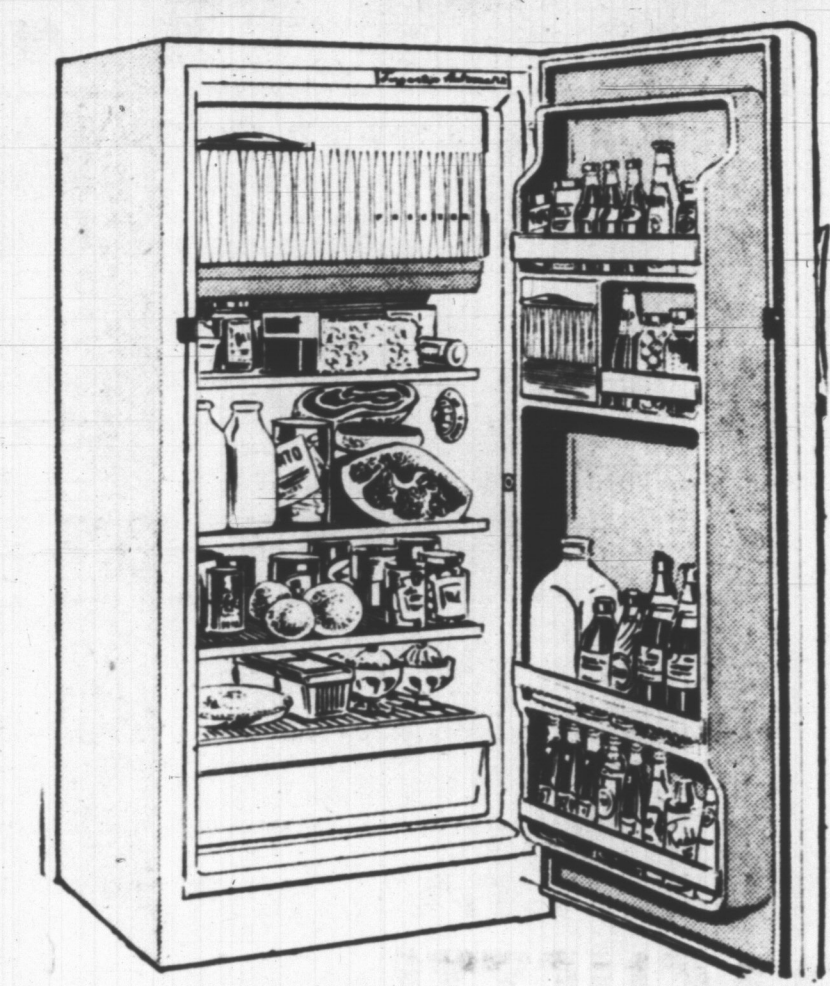
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