

Religion and Life

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TELLING THE TRUTH

"Lies! Lies! All lies!" he writes: "Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator." The man who is "new creation in Christ" must put away from himself falseness of every type, and in speech and action be true to all concerned. He gives another reason equally binding in another letter: "Putting away falsehood, let everyone speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of Christ by a living faith is thereby united with every other who is in Christ, and all that truth means and implies is required of those who stand in this sacred relationship. Nowhere is truth-telling more necessary than in what we hear and repeat about a neighbor. There are endless possibilities of misunderstanding what other people tell us. A group of young people played this game one evening. They arranged themselves in a circle round the room, and one person told the record of what he said. Number two told the story to number three, number three to number four and so on round the room until the story came back to its author. He could not recognize it as he compared it to the original—it had changed so as it passed from lip to lip. It is so with rumors anywhere—each person who hears it changes it in the telling. And to report anything detrimental to a neighbour's reputation without taking every precaution to assure ourselves of its truth is a grave moral wrong. Few of such stories will stand these tests: First, is it true? Second, is it kind? Third, is it necessary?"

Every Bible student recognizes the high place given to Truth in the Bible. The Sacred Scriptures are themselves the revelation of the Truth and all who are of the Truth are themselves truthful. Truth is not between man and man as necessary as truth between man and God. Integrity of character is impossible unless one can be depended on to speak the truth at all times. Yet veracity in this sense is only one form of being true. To be true to another is to be loyal to his interests, to be faithful to every pledge given, and to feel oneself personally committed to the highest good we can think of for him or her. One feels the absoluteness of this requirement. Truth and truthfulness are not to be influenced by circumstances; it is not enough to speak the truth and to be true when it is convenient to do so; the requirement is to be true though the heavens fall and to practise loyalty to the truth until all who know us recognize this quality in us. Jesus demanded sternly that His followers accept responsibility for all that they say. To people careless in their speech He said: "If you on the day of Judgment men will render account for every careless word they utter; for by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned. He insisted on another occasion that "what comes out of a man is what defiles a man" and among those corrupting personal vices He mentions slander and deceit. He calls also for simple and straightforward statements of fact in our conversation. Paul gives special reasons for conscientious care in what Christians tell one another. In one letter

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ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr, New London, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Marion Christine to Robert David, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Buell of Murray River. Marriage to take place in June.

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Rector Notes Timely Date Of St. Dunstan's Exercises

Following is the text of the Rector's report given at St. Dunstan's University Convocation yesterday by the Very Rev. R. V. MacKenzie, D.D.: "I think this is the first time in the history of the College that we have had our closing exercises on the feast day of our patron, St. Dunstan. It is fitting that I should mark the occasion by saying a few words concerning him. The glory and fame that were his are dimmed in the tumult of the centuries; and his greatness finds no place in the concepts of modern minds. Yet, as a churchman in his native England, he reorganized and revitalized the church in general and monasticism in particular, after the ravages of the marauding Norsemen had left disruption and depletion of clerical ranks. Dunstan gave it an impetus that affected the glorious history in the succeeding five hundred years. "Moreover, his mind was such that he attracted the attention of kings, and he was called to court as an advisor in the reigns of Edred and Edgar. So wise was his guidance and deep his insight that a later historian said he might well be called the first 'Prime Minister of England.' In the reign of King Edgar, the wise and plentiful legislation which was enacted had origin in the mind of this great Archbishop of Canterbury, Dunstan.

through school taking only what he likes — though his wisprants, with an eye to his health, make him take his spinach or his vitamins. Truly the solution of this educational enigma demands more prudence, and intellectual honesty than most of us can muster to the task. Still we must of necessity continue in the search for truth, and be sufficiently fair in mind to adopt it when we find it. "One of the most important events in education at the College level which occurred in Canada this year was the implementing of one of the recommendations of the Massey Commission concerning financial aid to Universities. For several years prior to the appointing of the Royal Commission on the National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences, the National Conference of Canadian Universities made very urgent pleas for financial assistance. These pleas were made on the ground that the cost of ordinary maintenance had advanced so much that unless Federal assistance were forthcoming university fees would have to be increased to a point that would be prohibitive to many prospective students. "The Massey Commission embodied this plea in their recommendations for the bettering of higher education in Canada, and because of the urgency of the need, the Government of Canada was pleased to consider this recommendation before others the Commission had made. The resulting grant, benefiting not only the large universities but the smaller colleges as well, is very highly appreciated by all administrators in the field of higher education across Canada.

Fathered Britain's Navy "It was in this reign that Dunstan advised the building of a few small ships to guard the shores of England — evidently the very beginning of a navy which in later centuries "ruled the waves." Thus it is fitting that in our chapel dedicated to him, the altar should be erected in honor of the men of the Royal Canadian Navy. "On September 23rd last this altar was dedicated by its donor, Reverend Louis Dougan, Chaplain of the Royal Canadian Navy, with the celebration of a solemn Mass. The occasion was honored by the presence of His Excellency Bishop Boyle, His Honor Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Prowse, Premier and Mrs. Jones and the Chaplain of the Fleet (R.C.A.P.) Father M. P. MacIsaac. Thus, our College perpetuates the name of a truly great leader; and we humbly call upon him for succor. "The many diverse opinions concerning education, particularly in the primary and secondary fields, which might lead the bystander to question the skepticism of Pontius Pilate when he asked "What is truth?" or, rather, he might ask "Where shall we find truth?" Even among professional educators there is not unanimity of opinion about methods and curricula, and many solid citizens cry out "we are adrift without rudder."

Modern Influences "With education, as with many another difficult problem, we condemn some aspects and movements thereof, but, at least sometimes, we many condemn the wrong ones. And in any condemnation of educational methods we find it hard to stem the tide of influence set in motion by the educational psychology of John Dewey, which has moulded a large share of opinion in the primary and secondary school system of America. This often allows a child to romp earth and possible nurture, and God put somewhere into the seed the possibility of its becoming. So God sets in our world the simple beauty of the wild rose and the glory of the cultivated rose, that we may come to realize that our own souls, and our own lives are designed for equal transformation. As we work among our roses, let us never rest content until we know in our own selves some such transformation as that of the rose.

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now in the garden that are interesting, that the serious, sober and sometimes arduous tasks are apt to take up too much time. More roses have been planted here and I shall close to day with "The Parable of the Rose" taken from the Rose Annual.

Age ago the rose was but a simple flower in a primal world. Then some man admired it and set a plant near the entrance of his cave. He cared for it, nourished it and cultivated it; and the more he cultivated it, the more beautiful it grew—and out of his love and care for the rose, man began to learn the science of rose culture they knew, the more they learned of that same science, and all the while the rose grew more beautiful. Comparing the rose of five thousand years ago with that of today, who can describe the roses of two thousand years hence? All of this is but a symbol and pledge of what miracles can come into the life of each of us when we cultivate our lives as intelligently and faithfully by the love and will of God as we grow roses in obedience to the laws of Nature. This is the Parable of the Rose—a parable God repeats ten thousand times through the whole world that we may never over look it, nor for a day forget it. Everything a rose will ever need for absolute perfection God has provided in air,

earth and possible nurture, and God put somewhere into the seed the possibility of its becoming. So God sets in our world the simple beauty of the wild rose and the glory of the cultivated rose, that we may come to realize that our own souls, and our own lives are designed for equal transformation. As we work among our roses, let us never rest content until we know in our own selves some such transformation as that of the rose.

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