

Religion and Life

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CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY

Just lately there came to our desk a report of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. This is not a super-church but a Council of Churches. Its central concern is with what the churches do together. The report says that "the sense of Christian solidarity, in spite of denominational differences, was one that felt and voiced throughout the 'four days' of their meeting. They insist that there is a prophetic ministry that the churches must exercise in the nation's life and in international affairs. Its biennial report contained evidence that co-operation now embraces all churches. In evangelism, in education, in home missions, in foreign missions, in worship, in Christian social relations, in service to human need, in every important phase of mutual concern the principle of working together is not merely an idea that is talked about but something that is being translated into action. There is

Booth-Doyle Wedding

At St. Ann's Church, Montreal, the marriage was solemnized recently of Maureen Teresa, daughter of Mrs. Michael Doyle and the late Michael Doyle, North Rustico, and Ralph Johnston Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Booth, Montreal. Rev. Father Baldwin celebrated the Nuptial Mass.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother Gavan, wore a gown of white slipper satin. Her finger tip veil of tulle illusion was caught by a circlet of white velvet leaves and she carried a cascade bouquet of red roses. Miss Margaret Doyle, her sisters bridesmaid, was attired in a holly red taffeta with matching head dress and mittens and carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations. Mr. Michael Donnelly, Montreal, was groomsmen.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at 51 Maplewood Avenue. The toast to the bride was proposed by the Rev. Father Baldwin. Later Mr. and Mrs. Booth left on a motor trip to Boston, New York and other American cities, the bride travelling in a flaming red wool suit with white accessories and northern muskrat coat.

The bride, who attended Mt. St. Bernard College, Antigonish, N. S., and later taught school now holds a responsible position with a Montreal firm. The groom, a veteran of World War II, spent 16 months in Korea and is now re-employed with the Shell Oil Company.

The bride, a widely known and deservedly popular young lady was the recipient of many lovely presents and the best wishes of many friends are being extended to this young couple for a happy journey through life.

Attending the marriage from P. E. I. were the bride's mother, Mrs. E. J. Doyle, North Rustico; and sisters, Miss Margaret Doyle, R. N., and Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Summerside, and Miss Elsie Doyle, Montreal.

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TONIGHT: Hear panel discussion on Community Planning by Robert Sznazelle, Mrs. Gordon MacMillan, and Wilfrid Smith, C.F.C.Y. at 10.30. This is the fourth in a series of talks on community planning heard each week at the same time.

TAIPEH, Formosa, (CP)—Ta Tse News Agency says special Communist demolition teams are being organized to carry out a scorched earth policy in event of a Nationalist invasion. Factories, bridges and anything else useful to the Nationalists would be destroyed, it said Saturday.

FRENCH RIVER Y. P. U. The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Young People of French River and vicinity was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Warren Sims, on January 23rd.

The meeting opened with prayer by the leader, Rev. D. A. Campbell, followed by singing "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross" and "Rescue The Perishing." Scripture lesson Isaiah 55, read in unison, and prayer. Bible study led by Mr. Campbell was found in John 3:1-18. Minutes were read and adopted and roll call answered by 19 members.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pidgeon when roll call will be answered by a favorite verse of Scripture and why it is a favorite. The program committee will be Donald Sims and George Pidgeon; lunch Phyllis MacLeod and Wilbur Lamont.

Mr. Campbell gave a short talk on "Unity" after which "Just As I Am" was sung, and the meeting closed with Mizpah Benediction. A social half hour and refreshments were enjoyed.

TRINITY MISSION BAND On February 18, Trinity Mission Band opened with the children playing games. Miss Morrison explained to the children why they came to Mission Band, after which "Happy Birthday" was sung to four members. The Theme Prayer followed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Roll call was answered by each of the members repeating a verse from the Bible. Thirteen new members attended. Helen Toombs, the treasurer, gave her report.

Story period followed with Miss Morrison and Mrs. Kennedy reading stories to the children. The theme of worship was, "And Follow Jesus, Too", given by Heather Jenkins. The call to worship was given by Rosemary Gosbee. Hymn No. 619, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" was sung. Introduction to prayer was by Arnold MacLeod, and Lella Dignan sang a solo. Offering was taken amounting to \$127 with \$1.30 for membership fees. The offering song was then sung.

All joined hands in a circle for the closing Hymn No. 609, "When Mothers of Salem". The meeting closed with Mrs. Kennedy treating the children to refreshments.

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Seven Days A Week

(By Anne Shannon)

1—Monday: Laundry day and do you know that it helps keep laundry sweet, clean and unmarked if your iron is spotless, before starting to press? Warm the iron up a bit, then wash the bottom with a cloth wrung out of warm soapy water. Wipe with a clean damp cloth and you're away to a good start!

2—Tuesday: How many of you readers have heard about the organization in Boston known as the Boston Big Brother Association? This is an organization which has principally one big aim—that of helping boys who have run foul of the law—young boys, too, who have no male companionship or guidance. Most often it is the death of the father—perhaps a hero's death. In other cases the father is in prison, a mental hospital, deserted his family or is incurably ill. Some fathers in name only are irresponsible weaklings or brutal drunkards. Sometimes money is not a problem—the boy's need is the same—he needs a dad, and here's where the Big Brother Association comes in. The Big Brother method of helping boys can be reduced to a simple formula: one man—one boy. The plan for helping boys came into being on an evening in 1904 when Col. Ernest K. Coulter, then the clerk of the newly established New York Children's Court, addressed the men's club of the Central Park Y. M. C. Church and challenged it to stop studying civic betterment and "do something about it!" "If each man here would take a personal interest in just one boy who has come into conflict with the laws, he would be doing something worthwhile," said Col. Coulter. "The challenge struck home and more than forty members of the club that night volunteered to take a friendly interest in a boy who had "got off on the wrong foot." In 1947 there were thirteen such groups and by 1952 there were 100. Big Brothers are not accepted into the organization indiscriminately. Each man is required to have a personal interview and to submit three references. The personality of the man, when he is accepted, is carefully matched with the needs and interests of the boy whom he agrees to see at least weekly or semi-weekly. Not so many years ago a brilliant youngster, fatherless, and in trouble with the police at the age of thirteen, with the help and guidance of a Big Brother worked his way through a medical school eventually—and is now a lieutenant-colonel in the Army Medical Corps in charge of a large hospital unit in Korea. I have several articles on this Association and if anyone is interested in such a plan I'll only be too glad to pass on my own experience. Boys are the same in every land and when the going's tough need a helping hand to guide them on the right road.

3—Wednesday: Boys and girls, do you know that Roy Rogers designs his cowboy hats? He has the most famous trade-mark is the Thunderbird found on all his boots. While working on a ranch in Arizona he learned that the thunderbird is believed to cause thunder and lightning. The figure interested him and when he became successful in Hollywood, he decided to use it as his good luck charm. In the technicolor film, "Son of Paleface", he wore eighteen different outfits—and he actually designed every one of them!

4—Thursday: A young man had been cooking a gig for several months and he was wrestling with the problem of how to ask for her hand in marriage. Finally, he consulted his wise old grandfather. "Grand-dad," he said, "I want to marry Lucy, but I haven't the slightest idea of the right way to propose." "Son," replied the old man, with a smile, "as far as a woman is concerned, there ain't no wrong way!"

5—Friday: The same old fish but all dressed up in dashing February style! Stir together 4 cups cooked noodles, 1-2 cup light cream, 2 eggs unbeaten, and 1-2 tsp. salt. Then mix 1 cup (7-1-2 oz. can) canned salmon, 1-2 cup chopped walnuts, 1-2 cup dry bread crumbs, 3 tbsps. melted butter, 2 tbsps. minced green pepper or parsley, 1 tsp. minced onion, and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Place half the noodle mixture in a 6-cup ring mold (greased, then wax paper lined on bottom). Add salmon mixture, packing firmly. Top with rest of noodle mixture. Bake at 325° F. for 45 minutes. Turn out—and I do mean well—with spatula, unmold. Serve with cheese sauce and toasted walnut halves. Fill the centre with string beans or peas, if you wish. Makes a nice finishing touch.

6—Saturday: "One good recipe deserves another," say I, and here is Peach Pudding—a meal in one dish!

3 tbsps. butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup sifted flour, 1-2 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1-8 tsp. salt, 1 cup sour milk or buttermilk, 2 cups sliced peaches, 1 tsp. nutmeg and 2-3 cup boiling water. Cream butter and 1-2 cup sugar in a 1-1-2 quart casserole. Sift flour, soda, baking powder and salt together. Add alternately with sour milk to creamed mixture, stirring well. Combine peaches, remaining sugar, nutmeg and boiling water. Pour over top of batter. Do not stir. Bake in a moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Makes six to eight servings.

7—Sunday: Look first for God—and to end this week and this month, here is a quotation selected from the pages of One Moment, Please! by Rev. James Keller, M.M.: "On the wall of a small gas station in New Hampshire, I saw a cartoon that conveys an old lesson with a humorous twist. It shows an automobile completely torn apart, the engine hoisted out, wrenches, springs and nuts scattered over the garage floor, all indications of the grim determination

Literature And Life

By BOOKMAN

COMPETITION.

Of course rivalry often causes bad feeling among people. This has been known to happen in churches. Sometimes the bids that churches make to the public lack dignity and are too near the kind of appeal which trade makes to the world. And yet one wanders what is best, for even Paul said to one of his churches, "I caught you with guile." (2 Cor. 12:18.)

There may be such a thing as irreligious religion. Jeremiah says, "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully." (Jer. 48:10.)

Competition may breed hate. We have heard of "cut-throat competition!" One man or business out to undo the other. This may be seen even in families, and it is a pity to say the least. Jealousy, the green-eyed monster, and envy may be generated thus. I suppose that the field of sport and games shows more competition than any other. We are told often that far too much time is taken up with games in college life now. Have we not heard of men who had certain privileges given them and inducements offered to attract them to certain seats of learning simply because they would be first in the institution to be first in the competitions—be they hockey, basketball, tennis or something else?

A. C. Benson has an essay on Games in his "From a college window." He of course looks at the matter of games and the attendant competition as an educationalist, and presumes, and surely rightly so, that people go to college to learn and not to play. Did not Paul say, "when I became a man I put away childish things." A lamentable want of proportion about the whole view. He did not like competition anyway. He used the wise word "subordinated"—meaning that games had a place but should not come before studies. It is a pity, he said, that boys should be in a sense discounted because they paid more attention to books than to cricket or ball. He was a schoolmaster and defined the "purpose of education to fit boys to play a useful part in the world." Competition needs to be moderated by the sense of what we call proportion.

In the words of Hamlet, "The play's the thing." It is a fine thing to be a good loser. Have we not heard good sports after losing a game, say of curling. "Well, we had a good game anyway." The competition made it all the better. What a poor sport that man was who came second in a competition for a big position in the educational world. He was just one vote behind the successful candidate, who was one of the best men in that profession in the whole country. Instead of feeling elated that he came so near winning against such a brilliant man, he lost heart and disappeared and spent his life in a camp out in the far west. A poor loser!

YORKTON, Sask., (CP)—A meeting of council commemorated Yorkton's 25th anniversary as a city. The city's first mayor was A. C. Stewart, now Liberal member of Parliament for Yorkton federal riding.

Competition has been defined as "the life of trade." Like most things it has its good side and its bad. At times and in certain areas of life it is very keen, and there is scarcely a sphere where it is not operative. In our sense it is the life of business, for where it is not in evidence matters are too one sided. Where the competition is unscrupulous or unethical, it is hard to carry on, and some good men go to the wall. Decent competition keeps prices for the consumer at a reasonable level. It plays a large part in our educational systems. Prizes are dangled in the eyes of candidates and there's a race for first place. In our school days our parents used to ask not how many were below us but how many were above us—a very different method of ascertaining the merits of our work. A little bit of rivalry has its good results for it makes the student work.

Competition enters the church and here too it has its place, providing it does not make the competitors vain. Even the apostle Paul when he was collecting money for the needy saints in Jerusalem did not hesitate to tell those on whom he was calling how well others did so that this would stimulate them to greater endeavour. (2 Corinthians 8:3-4.)

to discover the cause of the trouble. A mechanic is stretched under the car, pulling the crankcase apart. Learning down to speak to him is a fellow mechanic, obviously delighted at the discovery he has made. "I think I've found the trouble, Scotty," he is shouting. "No gas!"

One wonders why those whom God has blessed with great intelligence let their childish pride blind them to what is most obvious. To turn to everything but God. Today, more so-called specialists than ever before in history, are trying to find what's the matter with man. They are examining him from all angles and with all sorts of gadgets. You may do a big service to one or more of them by stepping up and saying that you think you've found the trouble with modern man: "No God!"

And now avo! for another week and I'll see you in March—March with its wild gusty winds, yet overlaid with a feeling of enchantment—pools of water reflect blue skies and drifting clouds. The branches of the wild apple trees at the top of the hill, swell with new life and Hoppy rushes madly around, digging up sundry bones he buried last fall. Life is just too wonderful in springtime he thinks and so on! He's quite contented with a bowl of milk and scraps, a warm place to sleep, a lot of love and a few bones to discover. Perhaps if he could talk, he would say, "It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor!"

Lenten Meditation

From The Columns of The Times, London

FAITH AND FACT

Two years ago, correspondence in The Times illustrated that the differing emphasis which Christians place upon Christ's resurrection as an event in history arises partly from differences of temperament. For some, Christ is first one by whom, with God's help, they will stand through life and death, and for them the resurrection is less the basis of faith than its confirmation.

For others, more impressed by the crucifixion as the supreme example of countless tragedies, the historical resurrection is rather the essential basis of faith than a confirmation of it. But this difference cannot be absolute. If undue concern about personal immortality is, in itself, not religious at all, intellectually it is certain, as St. Paul said, that if Christ be not risen Christian faith is vain.

Existence presents the same challenge to reason and faith as the death of the individual person. It is the recognition of ultimate human failure which gives meaning to the resurrection and to faith in it.

Atheistic communists are as ready as Christian martyrs to accept death; but many overlook the fact that intense belief in a cause is truly or mistakenly believed to be just and valid. Devotion to a cause links a person with something less perishable than life on earth. It is believed that the triumph of the cause will benefit countless other lives and, as an idea, that belief has value; but it is an effective working factor only when it is valued. Destroy the persons who treasure it, and any human good acquires the status of an abstract definition.

Sacrifice is worth while because it implies the continuance of the race; but if nothing survives the death of the universe, the race cannot make up for the mortality of the individual person. That nature

cares nothing for the individual but only for the race is unduly optimistic; for if nature be mindless it has no care. Nor can the race, having no separate consciousness, care for itself; if the race cares for anything it is because individual persons care for it. The self-sacrifice of persons for causes, if it be more than a blind urge, involves that values will endure.

It is the supreme greatness of the life—wholly devoted to the love of God and man and relying on nothing else—which Jesus Christ embodied and for ever symbolizes, that gives to his death an interest unending and an importance unequalled. Is the Christian way of life practical, or only a fair but vain dream? Has it been vindicated by the dynamic force of fact and truth, or is it predestined to utter failure? Can men, following him, dare to believe, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, that ultimate triumph is assured?

The posing of such questions in Easteride shows why from the first Christians fastened upon the resurrection as the rock of their faith. "If in this life we have nothing but a mere hope in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable," for then life is ordered upon a belief which has no validity and dedicated to an ideal that must fail. "But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Death and all its shameful accompaniments failed to maintain empire over the Son of Man. His triumph, no less than his defeat, is representative; and since he lives, has present power. Thus a new light shines upon history, illuminating the enigma of death and martyrdom. If the whole drama can be seen in relation to Easter as commemorating not a fiction but a fact, there is ground for conviction that its travail is not in vain.

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