

Lenten Meditations

DAMASCUS ROAD
(The London-Times)

St. Paul was, by any scale of measurement, one of the formative figures in history. Under Providence, his conversion reset the course that would be followed by western civilization for a thousand years. It is to what happened on the Damascus road that Europe owes that Christian inheritance which it is now in danger of throwing away.

Yet, however sudden and unexpected, these dramatic crises of conversion do not come unprepared for "out of the blue." They come as the culmination of a process, though the subject may not be himself aware of it.

One can perhaps trace the mental history which led up to this decisive moment. Its proximate cause was the death of Stephen, by which Saul had in truth been already converted. It induced in him an acute inner conflict as he struggled violently to repress a growing conviction to which he dared not yield.

In persecuting the Church he was objectifying the wish to kill the Christian in Saul. "Kicking against the goad," describes it vividly. When the climax came he surrendered to that which he had been trying to annihilate. Now the self was organized round a new centre, and powers hitherto latent were liberated. "It is I no longer; Christ liveth within me."

The real cause of his spiritual rebirth was, as he truly claimed, nothing less than the act of God — "it pleased God to reveal his Son in me"; and the test of that claim is the fruit of his apostolate.

Reformed Christianity has been prone to regard the vision on the Damascus road as though it were the normative example of the way in which the grace of God operates. Too much attention has in fact been concentrated on the form and manner of this conversion, which itself has sometimes been thought of as though it were necessarily and for every one a single experience which could be dated.

But this is to define far too narrowly the way in which men may come to the knowledge of God. Many protest that they do not know God, or have received no call to Christian service, because they are waiting for some tremendous superior experience which has not happened, and probably never will. But it is false and unreal to maintain that many who have not shared, and cannot share, the typically Pauline experience are therefore not genuine believers.

Conversion may be, and perhaps is most generally, a growth rather than a sudden crisis. Nobody can make himself a Christian. It is not of ourselves that it is the gift of God. But always the same condition is attached — not to be disobedient to the heavenly vision, at whatever stage on the road it is encountered.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A banded male pintail shot September 22, 1949, by Joseph V. Struck at Uganik on the Alaska Peninsula was traced through U. S. Biological survey as the duck which had been banded near Modesto, Calif., some 3,700 air miles from the place where Struck shot it. The band had been placed on the duck October 1, 1933, by Egbert Jones. . . . Cardinal Newman was becalmed in the Straits of Boniface when he wrote that splendid hymn, "Lead Kindly Light". . . . The saxophony was invented by Adolphe Sax about 1840. It was first played by the French Army bands July 31, 1841. It was first used in an orchestra in 1844. . . . The Rev. Dr. Matheson wrote "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go", in five minutes, on June 6, 1682.

The artificial hatching of chickens from eggs goes back to the very early times. Piling informs us that the Egyptians hatched 100,000,000 chicks by this method every year. The modern incubator came on the market in 1847. . . . In 1896 George Cormack, together with a couple of natives, Skookum Jim and T. E. Charlie, panned \$700,000 worth of gold out of the Klondike with a couple of frying pans. . . . The U. S. A. paid \$7,200,000 for Russia's back door country in 1906 and that much yellow metal was taken from the beach at Nome, so Uncle Sam did all right on that deal. . . . Between two and three hundred thousand prospectors rushed to the North Country during the gold strike, but not more than 50,000 ever arrived at the Eldorado. What became of them? Some died in route, many were forced to turn back, while some just dropped from sight, perhaps murdered. Over 3,700 dead horses were counted along the famous trail of '96, and the country produced \$200,-

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ORWELL — JERONN UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA. — Services for Sunday, February 11th. (Mt. Allison Sunday). Vernon River Sunday School 10.15 A. M. Service 11 A. M. Orwell 2.30 P. M. Cherry Valley 7 P. M. Rev. John F. McKay, B. D., Minister.

BRADALBANE PASTORAL CHARGE. — Services Sunday, February 11th. North Granville 11 A. M. Rose Valley 3 P. M. Bradalbane 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. B. MacPhail, Minister.

POWNAL UNITED CHARGE. — Services February 11th, will be conducted by the Minister, Rev. A. S. Weir, as follows: Burnbury at 11.00 A. M. Mount Herber, at 2.30 and Pownal at 7.00 P. M.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. — Services for Sunday, February 11th, as follows: Montague 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Cardigan 2.30 P. M. Montague Sunday School 10 A. M. Rev. F. N. Young, Minister.

MONTAGUE UNITED CHURCH CHARGE. — Services on February 11th, as follows: Trinity Church, Montague, 11 A. M. and Lower Montague at 3 P. M. Dr. MacKenzie will preach at 7.30 P. M. in Trinity Church, the preacher will be Rev. President Flemmington of Mt. Allison University.

MURRAY HARBOUR PASTORAL CHARGE. — United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, February 11th. 11 A. M. Murray Harbour. 2 P. M. Little Sands. 3.30 P. M. Belle River. 7.00 P. M. Murray River. Rev. D. Wallace MacPherson, B. A., Minister.

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Albert Payson Terhune was a noted writer of animal stories. His Mother, who wrote under the "nom de plume" of Marion Harland, was a noted writer as were also his sisters, Mrs. Virginia Van de Water, and Mrs. Christine Herick. The whole family had the writing bug. . . . Because of its strategic position Quebec is of referred to as "the Gibraltar of America." . . . According to Arabian writers, Cairo is the "Mother of the World." Here's their description of it: "He who hath not seen Cairo, hath not seen the world; its soil is gold; the river Nile is a wonder; its women are like the black-eyed "Virgins of Paradise"; its houses are palaces; and its air is soft — its odor surpassing that of aloes wood and cheering the heart; and how can Cairo be otherwise, when it is "The Mother of the World."

It is a strange coincidence that among those that attended Lincoln's inaugural, four later succeeded to the office of president. Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester L. Arthur, and Benjamin Harrison. . . . To show that a pack of cards reminded him of the Bible, a prisoner designated them thus: Ace — one God; Deuce — Father and Son; Trey — the Trinity; Four — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, (Evangelists); Five — five wise and five foolish virgins; six — the time it took to create the world; seven — Sunday; eight — Noah and his family saved from the flood; nine — nine lepers who failed to return to worship; ten — ten commandments; knave — the devil; queen — Queen of Sheba; king — King of kings; 366 spots on cards — days of the year; 52 cards — number of weeks in a year. . . . The English Derby is a race in which only three-year-olds

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