

Religion and Life

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An American evangelist was conducting a campaign in a western town. The response of the people generally was warm and the movement needed only an extra push in order to sweep the whole community. So the evangelist called on the leading employer of the place and asked for his cooperation. This businessman was not interested in religion and had no use for the church, and said so frankly. The evangelist turned on him with sharp rebuke. He said, "There is nothing that you depend on for business success that the church has not led in establishing in this place—law and order, the guarantee of your rights, the moral character of the people who work with you with their reliability, loyalty and devotion to duty, and the support of decent conditions in the community. Yet you refuse to lend a hand in support of the religion to which you owe everything."

All this is true, and there are many other things that could be said to the same effect. Yet is this not a dangerously close making of the status quo? People who take this attitude forget the Negro preacher's answer to the question: "What is the 'status quo'?" "The

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past mistakes are coming down upon us. It is the function of the church of Christ to lay bare the errors which led to these evils, and not to shrink when her own lack of insight is exposed thereby. With the same faithfulness she must deal with the evils of the present hour. The fact that it is necessary for free nations to resist aggression and oppose organized tyranny and cruelty must not blind the church to the unnecessary wrongs inflicted on innocent people in the process.

"Look at what we are involved in!" exclaimed a preacher of our own city when the horrors of modern war were brought before him. Those who support the cause of freedom and the rights of man must not shut their eyes to the wrongs often committed in their name. Horrible things are being done in Korea by the North Koreans and their allies, but there are stories of the doings of those opposing them which make us hang our heads in shame. If the law explained last week holds true, namely, that the clearer the light against which we sin the deeper our guilt, then the cruelty of the enlightened is more reprehensible than the cruelty of the barbarian. Above everything the resort to war for the settlement of disputes between nations calls for the condemnation of the Christian conscience. War may be and has been forced on free peoples to ward off evils far worse than the clash of arms, but every effort that Christians can put forth for the settlement of disputes between the nations by conference and mutual understanding and concession should be called out in the present crisis. There are many other evils in our time which require the discernment and courage of the prophet in order that men may see their sins in the light of the righteousness of God.

Rev. David Read, Chaplain of the University of Edinburgh wrote as follows in the British Weekly: "The one organism that ought to be at home in the present age is the Christian church. Just because the church is never really at home on this side of the End, it should meantime be most at home in an age of flux, danger and insecurity. It was born into such a world, and has always reacted with vigor and leadership in times of revolution. It produced a Paul and a Peter for the days of Nero, an Augustine for the break-up of the Roman Empire, a Luther and a Calvin for the birth-throes of the modern world. When John Knox looked at his stormy stretch of Seventeenth Century his word was: I thank my God that I have come in the thick of the battle. A Church that is aware of Original Sin is not surprised at the demonic forces of evil in the world; and a church that knows the sovereignty of God is not dismayed."

We believe in God and that "in all things He co-operates for good with them that love Him." He is in control of the powers of earth and even the forces of iniquity cannot escape from His overruling might. The ultimate outcome will prevail. In the meantime, however, the call is for men to "come to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

CARD OF THANKS

Thomas Gorrill and family wish to thank Doctors and Nurses in Prince County Hospital for their kindness. Also all who sent cards, gifts, and those who visited in person and expressed sympathy and friendship. An extra "Thank You" to the United Baptist and Nazarene W. M. S. for their good will boxes and those who helped in any way in their sad bereavement.

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IN THE MEMORIAM of John A. McLeod the names of his brothers, Roderick of North Tonawanda, New York and Alexander of Cambridge, Mass., were inadvertently omitted.

ENGAGEMENT. — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Downe, Charlottetown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby Thelma, to Victor Herbert, son of Mrs. Lillian Watts and the late Mr. Percy Watts, also of Charlottetown. Marriage to take place May 24th, Zion Presbyterian Church.

ENGAGEMENT. — Mr. and Mrs. Russell T. MacNeill wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Bette Grace and Lieut. Eric R. Heeschen, R. C. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Heeschen of Kensington. Marriage to take place at Ottawa in the near future.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Herring, Murray Harbour, left yesterday to visit relatives and friends in Waltham, Mass.

Miss Mary Margaret McGregor, teacher at the Model School, has entered the P.E.I. Hospital for treatment.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. FLORENCE H. HOUSTON

News of the death of Florence Hooper, wife of Wm. Houston, of Pembroke, N. H., came as a shock to her sisters and friends on P. E. I.

She was the daughter of Charles and Mrs. Hooper, (Jane Younker), granddaughter of D. R. M. Hooper, one time mayor of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Her many friends and relatives will in future, sadly miss "Florence's" annual visit to the land of her birth, a trip which she always seemed most heartily to enjoy. She leaves, besides her sorrowing husband, five daughters, viz: Mrs. Hazel Emory, N. H., Miss Hazel Houston, Albany, N. Y., Rebecca Ricard and Mrs. Pearl Teal, N. H., also Mrs. Olive Gos, Canadian, and two sons Everett and Tyrus of Comtoosook. Her five sisters, Mrs. David Foster and Mrs. Torquill MacNeill, Milton, Mrs. Ambrose Sentner, Brookfield, Mrs. Joseph Younker, and Mrs. Walter Curtis, Charlottetown, are still living.

Funeral services were held on Monday April 2nd at United Baptist Church, followed by cremation at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass.

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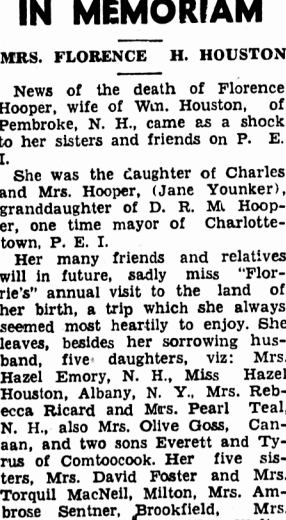
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Gerald Waring Reporting

OTTAWA—When Ralph Maybank mounts the bench of the Manitoba Court of King's Bench, he'll probably be the first hobo who ever became a Canadian judge.

Of course, it's a long time since Maybank was a hobo. Forty-one years, to be exact. In the intervening period he became a successful lawyer, a highly respected member of Parliament, and would have been a cabinet minister had there been a cabinet opening for an MP from Manitoba.

Maybank was only 16 when he set out to see the world as an uninvited guest of the railways. But he was no box car 'bo. Maybank rode nothing but the crack passenger trains. "The top of the third car from the engine's the best place," he says.

And although a hobo, he wasn't a tramp. There's a fine distinction, he explains. A tramp doesn't work, but a hobo does, whenever he needs money and can find a temporary job which won't interfere too much with his travels.

In four years of wandering about the Canadian and American west, young Maybank worked at various times as a teamster, timber cutter, harvest hand, railway hand, construction worker, mill hand and sailor.

As often as not he went by the name of Murphy. He found that a large proportion of foremen were Irish, and that he could get jobs more easily if he were Irish too.

After four years the wandering life palled on him. "There was a growing emptiness to this romance I'd been looking for," he explained, "so I headed back home."

There he went to night school to finish eighth grade, working days in a railway boiler shop. He got his High School education the same way. By the time he entered the University of Manitoba to study law, he was a railway switchman, and worked nights.

For a while after graduation he combined law and newspaper reporting; then got into politics. He was a Liberal member of the House of Commons from 1935, winning four consecutive elections. Now he is about to resign to accept a judgeship.

In Ottawa Maybank was a victim of geography. There was room for only one member from Manitoba in the cabinet, and someone was always ahead of him. Had he been from Alberta, however, there's no doubt he would have succeeded.

Card Of Thanks

Mrs. John McGuirk wishes to thank the Margate Women's Institute for their kindness to her late husband during his illness.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear Father and Mother, David A. Head, who died March 11th, 1950. Agatha A. Head who died April 24th, 1950.

Gone but not forgotten.

Inserted by the Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear Grandmother, Mrs. Melissa Wall who departed this life April 23rd, 1948.

Four years ago we parted, Never will her memory fade, Loving thoughts will always linger Around the spot where she is laid.

Lovingly Remembered by Her Granddaughter, Mrs. J. Elmer Somers, New London.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Melissa Wall who departed this life April 23rd, 1947.

Safe with the ransomed, her sufferings all o'er, Anchored so soon on that beautiful shore. Who would recall her to share in the sufferings and toll in the battle of life? Better in Heaven, far better than here, Only I miss her, I loved her so dear.

Always Remembered by Granddaughter, Mrs. Ralph MacFadyen.

Senator J. A. MacKinnon in the cabinet two years ago. Instead, a newcomer to politics, George Prud'homme of Edmonton West, got the post. The nearest Maybank came to a portfolio was successive appointments as Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministers of National Health and Welfare, Mines and Technical Surveys, and Resources and Development.

He would have made an excellent Cabinet Minister, just as he made an excellent MP and Parliamentary Assistant. But it wasn't in the cards. So, after 16 years of

self-sacrificing service to the people of Canada, he is resigning to become a judge.

There isn't a member of Parliament or the parliamentary press gallery who isn't sorry to see him go—but none is sorer than Maybank himself. He loves the life of an MP, even though he finally had to realize its limitations and its penalties.

A lot of good natured kidding went to Ross Thatcher, the Moose Jaw hardware merchant and CCF MP as a result of his speech in the

Commons attacking Gen. MacArthur. He demanded that MacArthur be replaced, and a few hours later President Truman followed Thatcher's advice.

When Thatcher was a green new MP, he got some advice about politics from a veteran newspaperman. One point was that, in making a speech, he should inject a subject of hot current interest and take a strong stand on it. That way he could be sure of big headlines.

As his MacArthur speech shows, he still follows that advice.

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