

Religion and Life

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Newell Dwight Hills once told a story of a painter who began his career with brilliant promise. Creative work of the first order seemed to be before him. Then in early manhood he fell into some flagrant sin. From that time forward his art lost its creative quality. After that, said the writer quoted, "There was mud in the eye of every angel he painted." He still retained his skill; it was only his vision that had dimmed. He still gained the applause of his world and died full of years and honors, no one less conscious than he that he had passed the peak of his creative power many years before.


Moral evil tolerated in one's life cannot but dim the vision of the soul and weaken its powers. The "one thing more" that marks the genius sin attacks and holds down to the earth. There is one verse in the prophecy of Amos which struck like a lightning bolt through Israel's complacency: "You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore will I visit upon you all your iniquities." (Amos 3:2). They had been building their pride on ideas the very opposite. They were the highly privileged people in the world, and the living God, the only real God, was theirs. At the time when Amos wrote victory had alighted on their banners and riches followed in its train. Surely such prosperity meant the divine favor. But, instead of prosperity leading to obedience and gratitude, it had led to vicious indulgence. And they imagined that, because they were Jehovah's chosen race, His own honor required Him to defend them against the gods of their enemies, no matter what they did.

No, said Amos, the very opposite is the truth. Privilege brings responsibility. He pointed an accusing finger at the wanton luxury of the rich, the oppression of the poor, and the vaunted devotion of the victors kindling into lust on the very steps of the altar. They knew God's law, and said Amos, the clearer the light

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POLL CAPTAINS. Will the following poll captains please meet at the committee rooms tonight at 8 p.m. Important. Ward One Central; Ward One East; Ward Two West; Ward Two East. Signed Liberal Headquarters.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS — Mr. Harlan P. Found, City, yesterday received a telegram from his brother Walter S. Found of Toronto, Ont., announcing the death of his wife, who passed away in hospital there following a heart attack.

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In advance all that we need for the service He expects from us. And so many people stop with enjoyment of His favors. The daughter of godly parents married a wealthy man and entered into the wider life that riches made possible. In her new riches she had forgotten the services which she had been trained to render. Then disease struck her down. Under the shadow she lamented: "God gave me means and opportunity to feed his hungry ones and clothe the naked, and I have spent everything on myself." Privilege in all such cases carries responsibility with it, and God will require an account of the talents entrusted to us.

Jesus made His richest gifts dependent on obedience. Again and again He asked for obedience as the expression of our love. For example: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever." In other words, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the supreme gift of grace, is God's response to obedience.

There was a student in Montreal in the Eighties who received a wonderful baptism of the Holy Spirit. I never saw a Christian life so radiant as his; I never met before or since such burning zeal for the salvation of men. Numbers of church members were led by him into a victorious life in Christ and numbers of sinners were saved under his preaching. He told us students one day that the fullness of the Holy Spirit came to him in response to absolute surrender. He had given up everything to Christ and Christ blessed him beyond measure. It is always so: obedience is the condition of blessing.

Look at the Christian's privileges in Christ. He is forgiven. He is assured of Christ's presence with him always. God's truth is open to him in the Bible, and God's Spirit ready to take possession of his life. Obedience to Christ's commands is the natural expression of gratitude for such endowment. And, as our opening illustration showed, failure to obey forfeits the gift.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my dear Father and Mother, William Leith McLean who passed away January 31st, 1941, and Mrs. William Leith McLean, who passed away April 9th, 1947.

Of loved ones gone to rest. This month recalls sad memories. And the ones who think of them today. Are the ones who loved them best. Inserted by Their Daughter Irene and Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my dear wife, who passed to her rest, April 17th, 1947. She is kindly remembered and ever cherished as a loyal wife, a true friend to her relatives and neighbours, and a faithful Christian worker.

"She sleeps, her breathings are not heard; The fragrant tresses are not stirred. That lie upon her charmed head. She sleeps, on either hand up swells The gold-fringed pillow lightly prest. She sleeps, nor dreams, but ever dwells A perfect form in perfect rest." Ever Remembered by Her Husband Bertram Auld.

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ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Yeo, Union Road, wish to announce the engagement of their only daughter Norma Mae to Harold Duncan Morrow of Harrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Morrow. Marriage to take place in the near future.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 12.45 P. M. Charlottetown Hotel is the day for the Provincial Girl Guide Annual Meeting. Mrs. F. G. Hutcheson, Provincial Commissioner, will preside and Div. Commissioners will give brief reports on Guide activities during the year. Work by our Guides and Brownies will be on display.

IMMUNIZING CLINICS conducted by the Department of Health and Welfare will be held on Tuesday, April 17th, Queen Square School, 130 P. M. Notre Dame Academy, 2:30 P. M. Wednesday, April 18th, Model School, 1:30 P. M. Parkdale, 2:30 P. M. Thursday, April 19th, Spring Park School, 1:30 P. M. Prince Street 2:30 P. M. Infants and Pre-school children from 3 months to 5 years will be protected against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

INCREASE IN GASOLINE PRICE—Increased gasoline and diesel fuel price due to the rise in the Federal sales tax contained in last Tuesday's budget was announced today by Imperial Oil Limited. The sales tax was increased from eight to ten per cent and this means that Imperial's wholesale gasoline price will go up three tenths of a cent per gallon and diesel fuel two tenths of a cent. There will be no increase in kerosene or heating oils which are not subject to the Federal sales tax.

DUNBLANE W. I.

The Dunblane Women's Institute met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Easter. In the absence of the president, the Vice President Mrs. Henry MacPherson occupied the chair. The meeting opened with the Ode and the Creed. Ten members answered the Roll Call with cans of meat. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The business of making quilts was talked over and two quilts were planned. No sick calls were reported. The Sick Committee was re-appointed. The secretary read the correspondence and new Institute News was passed around. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. N. Boulter's. A Program Committee was appointed. Mrs. Cecil Gorrill and Mrs. Ralph MacIsaac. A Recitation on Dunblane Institute was read by Mrs. Lionel Livingstone. Jokes and contests were led by Mrs. James Livingstone. A recitation was read by Mrs. Lorne Ellis. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Fern MacMillan.

The Chelsea Royal Hospital for old and disabled soldiers was opened at London in 1894.

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Gerald Waring Reporting

OTTAWA—The declining quality of the postal service these days is part of the price Canadians must pay for national security, according to the official view here.

The Post Office Department, which traditionally operates at a profit, threatened to drop into the red this year as a result of increased costs, of labor, mail movement and materials. This the government was determined to prevent, in view of the priority that defence has on the country's revenues.

What it did was reduce deliveries in residential areas from two to one a day, wiping out the jobs of 1200 letter carriers, and increase rates for registered mail, parcel post and circulars.

The principal result was to put the Post Office back in the black. The secondary result was to demoralize the entire postal service, to foster antagonism to the program among the letter carriers, and to provoke dissatisfaction with the mail service, particularly among business firms.

Considering all the circumstances, few criticize the Government for what it did. But there is room for criticism of how it did it.

Early this year the Postal Department heads were told by their boss, Postmaster General Rinfret, to chop and streamline the organization so it wouldn't operate at a deficit in 1951. He in turn had received his orders from Treasury Board—the financial committee of the cabinet.

The immediate task was to get costs below revenues by April 1, the start of the government's fiscal year. That meant they had little more than two months in which to do a job which actually required six months to accomplish smoothly and with a minimum of service disruption.

The man responsible for whipping the Postal Department into the desired financial position is the deceptively mild mannered Deputy Postmaster General, Walter J. Turnbull. In reality one of the toughest administrators in the public service, Turnbull worked untiringly against the Government's April 1 deadline.

If he had had more time, he might have avoided or at least minimized the unwanted after effects of the cost-cutting program. But even lacking time, he did manage to reduce the actual firing of letter carriers from the proposed 1200 to 600 actually let go, with another 200 still in doubt. He placed 400 in other positions in the Department, mainly replacing men who were retiring. Those he did discharge were principally junior employees, and men whose work was unsatisfactory.

There's a behind-the-scenes fight going on between Maj. Gen. J. H. MacQueen and industrial magnate Joseph Simard over possession of the government arsenal at Longueuil, Que. Simard, head of Sorel Industries Limited of Sorel, Que., has his plant capacity tied up in the production of a large order of three inch rapid fire guns for the Canadian and American Navies.

Simard also wants to make howitzers for the Army, but hasn't got the facilities at Sorel. So he's trying to persuade the Government to sell or lease him the arsenal near Montreal, owned by Canadian Arsenals Limited, a Crown company.

MacQueen, President of Canadian Arsenals, wants to keep

Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

A goodly number of white people have hobbies, and the hobby of some savages runs to collecting bits of the human anatomy rather than postage stamps, birds, or old books or other odds and ends.

Head-hunting used to be a popular pastime among various races in many parts of the world. Indeed, the savages regarded head-lifting as a sort of game, each doing his best to get the other fellow's and at the same time hang on to his own. Some tribes preserved the trophies intact, and cured them just as they were, while others retained only the skulls, and the Polynesian Moaris of New Zealand went to the trouble of elaborately tattooing the heads taken by them in battle.

Natives who live near the headwaters of the Amazon in Peru, shrink the captured heads till they are the size of a baseball and just about as hard. Many heads offered for sale to tourists are really artificial. The real McCoy always has the lips sewed together. Why? To keep the spirit of the murdered person from doing evil to the hunter who collected it.

It was the white man, however, who placed head-hunting on a paying basis, thus opening up a brand-new industry. The reason is quite simple. The white man wanted those heads to prove to their friends back home that they had actually penetrated the head hunting country. A head was a head; and as such brought a fancy price, and some white man who had displeased the tribe was added to the stock in trade!

Fortunately, the gruesome custom has been all but wiped out by law prohibiting the evil practice.

An animal that certainly merits a place among earth's curious creatures is the Coypu, often exhibited at fairs under the label "giant sewer-rat." The Coypu is unique in the animal kingdom in that the teats of the female are located high up on the sides of the body so that the young may suckle in safety while the mother goes for a swim.

In order that a full-grown giraffe may drink, it is obliged to spread its forelegs widely and bend the knees. Giraffes are large animals, standing 18 feet high and weighing almost a ton when fully grown.

The word "leisure" occurs but once in the Bible. Mark 6: 31 — "And he (Jesus) said unto them: Come ye yourselves apart unto a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat."

I know of no modern songwriter who composed the amazing total of one thousand and five lyrics.

Believe it or not, but King Ahab's seventy sons' heads were smote off and carried in a basket to Jezreel.

In some remote section of China pigs take the place of hot water bottles. The porkers are shaved to rid them of mud and bristles, before they become bedfellows.

I recall a missionary to China telling of the time he got lost in the Chink Empire and spent the night with a pig, although he did not take the trouble to shave the animal.

Before razors were invented, people did their shaving with bits of glass, shells, and bronze knives.

the Longueuil plant. He suggests that Simard could sub-contract his orders for howitzers to Canadian Arsenals. But Simard won't agree to that. He wants to produce the howitzers himself, and wants the Longueuil Arsenal so he can do so.

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and what not. Even today many Indians prefer a piece of glass to a steel razor. In Northern Panama the Quaim Indians shave with razors that grow on trees. The vegetable razors are as keen and fast cutting as any steel gadgets on the market today.

Those of us who have reached the half century mark can recall how women of our grandmother's day extended their anatomy by wearing bustles made of various combinations of pads, yet white civilized women now smile when they read about the Kauroondo of Africa wearing a flouncing tail or bustle made of palm leaves or grass nor should they laugh at the tight belted wasp waists of certain African tribes, for it is only recently that they themselves ceased to lace their waists much too tight for health or comfort.

But if the inhabitants of some other planet were to come among us, we should not be more surprised than when we look at the pictures of the Parakas people of Peru with their artificially shaped domes. This curious deformity is brought about by binding ligatures about the foreheads of their infants.

The wonderful pipe organs in our larger churches are but an improvement on the panpipes that are found in the ancient graves of

many races in all parts of the world. Some of these panpipes were a foot in diameter, with tubes measuring 12 to 15 feet in length. It took several Indians to play a tune on such an instrument, and travelers to out of way places tell us that they played by mouth, keeping perfect time.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Sapper Joseph E. Henneberry, Killed in Action, 1945.

Resting where shadows fall. Remembered by a Friend, E. Blanche Black, Fortune.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our darling baby, Audrey Doris MacNeill, died April 17, 1948.

Deep in our hearts A memory is kept Of the one we loved And never will forget. Sadly missed by Mummy, Daddy, Brother and Sisters.

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