

Religion and Life

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INSPIRATION THROUGH THE DARKNESS

The sweetest bird-song that we have heard for many a day came through the storm the other morning. The dawn had barely begun to soften the eastern sky, a cold wind was driving through a downpour of rain when the first notes of this new bird's gladness reached our ears. In spite of the clouds the sun was shining. In spite of the cold and storm spring was on its way. With the spring life and beauty were coming. The little bird felt their approach and called all nature to rejoice.

Inspiration has come to the world often through darkness and storm. So Shelley sings:—
We look before and after
And pine for what is not;
Our sincerest laughter
With some pain is fraught;
Our sweetest songs are those
That tell of saddest thought.
So we have some of Robert Burns' loveliest lyrics out of his poverty, frustration and ill-health. Milton out of his blindness gave us "Paradise Lost." Bunyan in prison wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress." John Keats under the shadow of death wrote lines that for sheer beauty are unsurpassed in literature.

A young man offended by the complaints, moved to the close of his effort at consolation with the words:—"And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds, but the wind passeth and smothereth them."
So it is that St. Paul writes: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." The keyword in that sentence is "always." It is easy to rejoice when all is fair. But Paul meant this injunction to apply when one's circumstances forbid happiness.

When this was written, the apostle was in prison with the sword over his head hanging by a hair. All through his tempestuous career Paul's experience was that dependence on Christ made him independent of the world. The Christian's love was felt for the unbeliever; his flame was kindled at the heart of Christ and always sought out the real man through the ugliness of his sin. By the same love, the Christian's joy was the ache in his heart of the joy of the Lord. Christ had said shortly before His death: "These things have I spoken to you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

All sunshine makes the desert. An Arab proverb says. Snow and rain give the soil its opportunity and luxuriant growth. The result. So in the spiritual life our richest harvests have often grown out of sorest suffering. Isaac Watts was a great sufferer, and has given us some of the noblest hymns in the English language.

Henry Francis Lyte as a young minister was once called to visit a sick man. He found a saint who had plumbed the depths of human illness and who had risen out of them to the heights of God's consolation, so that, instead of comforting, young Lyte was comforted, and went home to write an expression of his new conception in the hymn—"Jesus, I my Cross have taken." His own hymn—"Abide with me" was written one Sunday evening after he had conducted his last service in his church and under the conviction that his own passing was not far away. It was Queen Mary's favorite hymn.

Out of the sorrow of a prophet sprang the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, the clearest prophecy of the Messiah who was to save the world by His Cross. Jesus' own exclamation—"It is finished" is not a cry of relief that all is over; it is a shout of victory. The mission of redemption has been perfected; the Divine purpose of grace has been fulfilled. And the consummation was His Cross.

There is a word in St. Paul's letter to the Philippians that is in point here. He was thanking them for a generous gift sent to him in prison, and adds: "Not that I complain of want, for I have learned in whatsoever state I am to be content." The literal and historical meaning of the word here translated "content" is "self-sufficiency." It was a favorite word of the Stoics in those ancient days. They held that virtue was life's chief end, and that in pursuing it, neither pain nor pleasure should be allowed to turn one aside.

Man should be superior to his circumstances. In prosperity or misfortune, in health or sickness, in victory or defeat the ideal man maintains an imperturbable equanimity, neither exalted nor depressed by anything external. No fear should disturb him; no fate affect him. Man, should be able by his own will, to withstand the pressure of circumstances.

Paul lived long before Paul's time and he wrote: "The Greater conceived that a being who was self-sufficient would be far more excellent than the one who lacked anything."
Paul found that idea in the thought of his time. He was as independent of his environment as any Stoic, but not because of anything in himself. Christ's resources were available to his faith; and it was his dependence on Christ that made him independent of the world. So he explained the bearing of that word: "Self-sufficiency" on his own case thus—"I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. JOHN CORRIE

At the King's County Memorial Hospital, Montague, on April 24 there passed peacefully away Mrs. John J. Corrie, Albion, P.E.I., at the age of 77 years.
Her death came as a great shock to her family and friends. All that surgical skill could do was given but God willed it otherwise and called her to her eternal home. She was a woman who loved her family and a kind friend and neighbour, but above all she loved her Saviour. She was a faithful member of the United Church.
Her remains were taken to her son's home (John Dan Sorrie) where a large circle of relatives and friends paid tribute to a loving mother, wife and friend and one who was highly esteemed by all who knew her.
She left to mourn her husband, three sons, namely, David, Labrador, who passed away one week after her death; Freeman, Milltown Cross; and John Dan, Sturgeon. One daughter, Pearl (Mrs. Edward Mahar) Sturgeon; one son Willie predeceased her and a daughter Annie Bertha; also two sisters (Mary Belle) Mrs. McMillan, Wood Islands; Lydia (Mrs. McKinnon) Montague; one brother William in Pictou, N.S.; also several grandchildren.
The funeral was largely attended from Sturgeon Baptist Church. The service was conducted by her pastor Rev. W. A. Patterson, United Church, assisted by Rev. R. G. Hill, Baptist Church, Montague.
The hymns sung were "The Lord's My Shepherd", "Heaven Of Rest", "I Hear Thy Welcome Voice".
Pall-bearers were Messrs. Wm. Farrell, Leigh Wight, Joseph Kearney, Alex Jackson, Ambrose Jackson, Russell Moore. Her body was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery, to await the resurrection morning.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOLS

(April Report)
Grade X — 1. Douglas Gallant.
Grade I X — 1. Mary Gallant, Coleen McAleer, Bertha Doyle.
Grade VIII — 1. Etta Marie Gallant.
Grade VII — 1. Florence McAleer, Earl McKenna, Doris Gallant.
Grade VI — 1. Stella Gallant, Colin Gallant.
Grade V — 1. Thelma Gallant, Justin Gallant and Vernon Doiron (equal) Isabel McMillan.
Grade IV — 1. Grace Gallant, Leonard Gallant, Marjorie Gallant, Gerard Gallant and Michael McMillan (equal).
Grade III — Eddy McKenna, Bernard Gallant and James McAleer (equal) James C. Gallant.
Grade I — 1. Floyd Gallant, Neil Gallant.
Teacher, (Mrs) M. Gallant.

MAYOR'S HOME BOMBED

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Police reported that a dynamite bomb ripped out a section of the wall of the residence of Mayor Robert D. Morgan Thursday night. Morgan, his wife and his two young sons, who were asleep at the time, were uninjured. The mayor blamed "gambling or prostitution interests" for the blast. He has headed a drive to close both gambling and prostitution houses in the area.

POWERFUL LIGHT

The lighthouse beam at Cape Race, Nfld., can be seen for 76 miles in clear weather.

Card Of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Sorrie wish to express sincere thanks to those who helped in their sad bereavement, also to Dr. Preston McIntyre and nurses of King's Co. Memorial Hospital; also for cards, flowers, and letters of sympathy.

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THE INK SPOTS SHOW. — The season's outstanding musical attraction, Monday, May 31st, 8:15 p. m. Forum.

HEAR BILL KENNY sing The Lord's Prayer — something you'll forget—Forum, May 31st, 8:15 p. m.

GRADE TEN GRADUATE.— In the past list of Grade ten, Saint Dunstan's College, published in Saturday's issue, the name of William MacNeil of Conway was inadvertently omitted. His name should have been fourth on this list.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS will be held by the Dept. of Health and Welfare, at the following schools:— Tuesday, May 25th, 9:30 a. m. Wursloke Station, 10:30 a. m. Spring Park, Wednesday, 9:30 a. m. East Royalty, 10:30 a. m. Parkdale, 1:30 a. m. West Royalty, 2:30 p. m. Central Royalty.

PRIZE WINNERS—Grand prize winner at Canada Packers cooking school was Mrs. Aubrey Ward, Weymouth Street; (second) set of dishes from R. T. Holman Ltd., Royalty, Mrs. Thomas Hilliard, Southport. The cooking school was conducted Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

MISCELLANEOUS GATHER — Friends and neighbours showered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacLean, Darlington, on April 28, to honor their daughter June at a miscellaneous shower. Linda Younker acting as flower girl presented the bouquet to the bride-to-be. Assisting were Margaret Wood, Jean McLeod, Katherine Nicholson, Katie McLeod, Betty MacLeod, Donald McPherson, Beverly MacLean, Margaret MacLeod, Wilma Deacon.

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, New Wilshire, motored to Wolfville, N.S., where they attended the closing exercises of Horton Academy when their daughter, Marion, received a diploma.

York And Vicinity
Cropping is in full swing in this locality and the steady hum of tractors, can be heard far into the night.

Mrs. Ramsay Auld, Covehead, paid a short visit to York on Monday.

Mrs. Horace Vessey has returned to her home in York, after spending the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. Alison West and Mr. West, City.

A good concert was put on by Covehead talent in York hall, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Miss Olga Proud, Charlottetown is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proud, York.

Rev. and Mrs. Sproule and son Donnie, and Mrs. Peter Proud were visitors to Charlottetown on May 20.

Mrs. Eugene Garmeau, Milford, Mass., is spending a holiday, the guest of Miss Christine Proude, York.

Mrs. and Mrs. Lemuel Jay, Mt. Stewart, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swan recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stackford, were visitors to York recently.

Mr. Ambrose Sellar, Charlottetown, recently visited with his uncle, Mr. Pope Cooke, York.

Mrs. Preston L. Campbell, Charlottetown, paid a recent visit to York where she was the guest of her friend, Mrs. W. D. Cooke. —BO.

HELICOPTER CRASHES
NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. (AP) — A United States Air Force helicopter crashed and burned in a field about half a mile north of the air force base at Niagara Falls airport Thursday. Two air force officers were injured. Witnesses said the helicopter seemed to be hanging about 10 feet off the ground when suddenly it rose a height 50 feet into the air, then dropped and burst into flames.

Card Of Thanks
Mr. Malcolm MacLeod and family wish to express their sincere thanks to the relatives and friends for kindness shown and sympathy expressed in their recent sad bereavement.

Out Our Way
I PUT PA'S PANTS THERE WITH THE LAUNDRY SO I'D BE SURE TO SEND THEM TO TH' DRY CLEANERS. A CAN'T YOU LET ANYTHING ALONE? IF HE COMES DOWN TO RAID THE ICE BOX HE'LL THINK I DID THAT!

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur
In Westville, N.Y., a bolt of lightning knocked the four shoes off a farm horse. The shock dazed the animal but otherwise it was unharmed.

A December 7, story in the Trenton N. J. Times said that Japan was planning to strike against the U. S. and was going to seize the Philippines, Hawaii and Guam. I don't know who had the hunch but this story appeared 35 years before the December 7th that Japan did strike. Strange but true!

Sam Sure of Vancouver, B.C., for half a century dreamt of returning to his native China and saved all the shekels he earned from working in the Fraser Mills Lumber Company. At last the day came when Sam had the money and the ticket to China. Then as he was packing his belongings for the voyage he collapsed and died.

Death rode a hearse at La Roche-sur-yon, France, when it speeded along the highway to pick up the body of a dead man. Skidding off the road it smashed into a tree. The accident killed an undertaker, his assistant and the widow of the dead man.

Have you ever in the history of Law, heard this expression: "Witness my thumb and seal?" If you haven't let me explain that it is used in connection with legal documents. In the west the use of the thumb seal is a thing of the past. In India, however, the practice still persists.

Did you know that our Queen is seldom photographed without earrings? Result: Factories in England are having a hard time keeping up with the demand. Hair from the tails of Siberian ponies make the best violin bows.

Some day scientists may predict the future by cycles and these results may soon present us with a new and better world.

The search for cycles was launched in 1931 by Copley Amary, wealthy Boston financier and philanthropist. He invited a number of leading scientists to his home where the cycles were discussed to some length. This, incidentally, was the first international conference on biological cycles. This led to further search and, in 1940, a non-profit organization was formed with headquarters at Brady, Pa., and directed by Ed Dewey, former Chief Economic Analyst for the Department of Commerce. Evidence brought to light by the foundation to date presents many strange but true facts, namely, that deaths from heart disease reach a peak within a 9.6-year period. The amount of ozone in the air follows the same course. Doctors are curious about this cycle and would like to know what relation exists between these facts. When they have the answer they may be able to contribute greatly to the physical and mental health of the human race.

Other discoveries made in connection with the Foundation for the Study of Cycles is that fish and animal life is influenced also by the 9.6-year cycle; salmon run the scale from scarcity to plenty on this schedule; most fur-bearing animals increase and decrease in 9.6-year cycles. Checking on their records back to 1725 the Hudson's Bay Company was amazed to find that the 9.6-year cycle had been occurring on a schedule all through the company's long history in the fur trade.

It is a well established fact that tent caterpillars become a plague in 9.6-year peaks, and public libraries contribute the odd fact that people read more books every 9.6 years!

Then, too, there is a much longer cycle called the 54-year industrial cycle or rhythm. This cycle was recognized by a study of British wheat prices over 800 years and of wholesale prices in American commodities going back to the first available figures.

Maritime U I C Officials Leave For Internat. Convention

MONCTON, May 21 — Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hartley are leaving on Asherville, North Carolina, to attend the annual Convention of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, which opens May 31. Mr. Hartley is regional superintendent of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, Atlantic region, and first vice-president of the International Association.

Also attending, as official delegates from Atlantic region, will be Mr. G. A. Lough, chairman of the Professional Standards Standing Committee, and a member of the Council for Professional Advancement, and Mr. N. S. Batten, supervisor of the Insurance Branch of the UIC local office in St. John's, Nfld., and Mrs. Batten.

Others attending from the Atlantic region are expected to be Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Baird of Moncton, Mr. W. C. Smith, manager of the Saint John local office, and Mr. B. Pearson, district investigator of the UIC at Saint John.

Within the 54-year rhythm, a nine-year cycle has a more direct influence on our business lives, while a speedy, 41-month turnover in business has a discernible effect upon every working day. It is interesting to note that this so-called industrial cycle resembles the running of a clock. The 54-year cycle may be compared to the hour hand; the nine-year movement is like the minute hand; and the 41-month revolution is compared to the tick-tocking of the second hand.

Although cycles vary greatly in length and appear to have no relation to each other, science has been able to link together an astonishing number of them and this ever-growing pattern is now being used to forecast many fields of human activity.

Today, railroads, advertising firms, insurance companies and so on take advantage of the Foundation's findings, and plan their schedules accordingly. The result may eventually bring drastic changes in our lives. Some day by using this method mankind may set about its tasks with every assurance of success.

On the basis of his study of tree rings, a leading scientist predicted, in 1939, the floods that swept the country three years later.

For many years the Smithsonian Institute had been charting a cycle in solar radiation which revolved in a 22.7-year period. Based on their knowledge of this rhythm, scientists were able to accurately predict the bad weather that struck in 1945, 23 years later, such as the great drought in Australia and the heavy snow falls in the U. S. and Canada.

If the reader is interested in gleaming further data along this interesting line I suggest that he read "Cycles: the science of predictions" by Director Dewey, from whose works the above data has been taken and condensed.

After reading this amazing book one can't help being led to believe that in the not too distant future disastrous floods, earthquakes, wars and diseases, will be foretold and perhaps prevented.

At long last a rent has been made in the veil that shrouds the future. Where will it lead the human race?

MEADOW BANK MISSION BAND

The Meadow Bank Mission Band held their May meeting on Thursday afternoon, with a good attendance. Miriam Hyde led the worship period. Psalm XXIII was read by Wilma Hyde. Roll was called by Vera MacPhail. World Friends were given around to the members, and the collection received. A poem, "My Mother" was recited by Sharon MacLean. An interesting chapter from the study-book was read by Mrs. Drake.

Meeting closed with repeating the Purpose and Prayer, and singing "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us". Cake and candy was served by Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Drake.

Catfish, or channel cats, reach a weight of 40 pounds in some parts of the Mississippi river.

MRS. GORDON MACMILLAN A COUNTRY GARDEN

RAPTURE
Green! What a world of green!
My startled soul
Panting for beauty long denied,
Leaps in a passion of high gratitude
To meet the wild embraces of the wood;
Rushes and flings itself upon the whole
Mad circle of green, with senses wide,
Clings to the glory, hugs and holds it fast,
As one who finds a long-lost love at last.

The meadow glows with buttercups in spring, the hedges are green, the woods lovely; but these are not to be enjoyed in their full significance unless you have traversed the same places when bare, and have watched the slow fulfillment of the flowers. The forget-me-not is bluer now than at any time in the weeks it continues to add its beauty to the tulip borders and as an edging to the different flowers blooming at this time.

I have just come from a walk in the little wood at the top of the garden. It is the loveliest time of the year! The new leaves, on the beech trees and small shrubs, the soft green moss almost covered with the sweet white fragrant violet, and the tender fern fronds with the trillium nearby should make anyone very thankful that they live near a little wood.

Some years ago the brush was rattered up from a small part of this wood and the ground levelled and raked. Seed of the blue, blue forget-me-not was sown and today it is a sheet of blue under the lovely green trees. There are a few yellow daffodils blooming to complete a satisfying picture. It was an easy bit of gardening for the amount of pleasure it continues to give to the gardener and the many visitors who have enjoyed seeing the lovely sight.

It is a dream of the gardener that more may be done of this kind of gardening in the years to come.

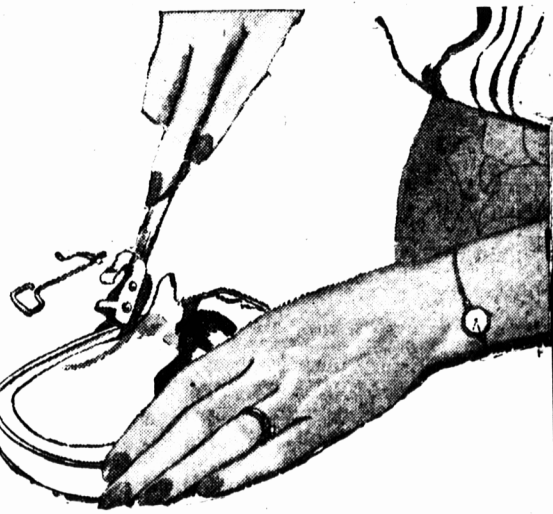
It is a joy to walk anywhere in the garden these days! The perennials are growing so well and there are quite a number of Tulips in bloom. One grouping of lily-like scarlet flowers are sweet scented, and when working nearby edging a border it was so lovely to see and smell the delicious fragrance.

The Forsythia scrub has never been better with the arching sprays laden with bell-like golden flowers. This shrub looks especially well near the evergreen hedge as it is inclined to look thin without its leaves unless the background is a substantial green. Blue, blue grape hyacinths add a nice color to the many daffodils under the Forsythia shrub.

Roses have been planted and the Rose is the world's favorite flower. Since the dawn of history it has been associated with mankind's many activities and has become a symbol of elegance, perfection, romance, and love. No other flower is so generally recognized, and the word, rose, is one of the first that a child learns.

In all languages it is easily recognized, and in French, German, Danish, and Norwegian it is the same as in English. It is rosa in Latin, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian, but in Swedish, ros; in Dutch, roos; in Bohemian, rouse; and in Hungarian, rozsa.

Charming attributes have endeared the rose to us all. The warm, bright colors cover a spark-Continued on page 12



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The Neighbors



Out Our Way



By J. R. Williams

