

Religion and Life

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Last week we considered the self-giving of God. That self-giving includes His character as well as His love. When He forgives it is in order that He may produce in us His goodness and make us in our measure what He is.

There is no royal road to moral character. Dr. Wm. T. MacArthur of New York once told of a lesson taught him on this subject by an old farmer in Pennsylvania: "This man had a bad record. He had business ability (so called) but it was simply ability to influence weaker minds to his own advantage. To use his own language, he 'had got the best of nearly everybody.' A woman once told me with tears that she just hated to see him drive up to their door for she was certain that he would not leave until he had taken advantage of her husband in some deal or another. The man had a Christian wife who prayed for twenty years for his conversion but he declared it could never be. He would say that if he ever became a Christian he would have to pay back all his ill-gotten gains, and this he could not do. His wife tried to encourage him by saying that perhaps God would not demand this of him, but he would not have it that way. He would say, 'That kind of religion ain't worth a cent. If ever I get religion, I'll settle. You see, the Holy Spirit was already convincing him of righteousness, for long years before he had acknowledged Jesus as his Savior, although he had never been baptized nor had he joined any church.'

all his deceptions and had to take the word of other people, and often it seemed as if he would be stripped of everything he owned, but he would not draw back. He met every obligation as his expression of his new-found salvation, and God blessed him in it. If ever the Holy Spirit convicted men of sin, righteousness and judgement, He did it through that man's example. There were people who hated to meet him on the road, his unwavering fidelity was such a reproach to them."

This is a story out of religious revivals of other days, but its illustration of the law of restitution is in point today as clearly as then. God's stern, unbending law of justice is eternally binding. As an Evangelist used to put it, "Sins against God must be confessed to God; wrongs done to men must be made right with men." The Gospel of God's free grace is never intended to smooth over our transgressions. That would be like trying to heal over the cancer instead of cutting the malignant growth out by the roots. Sin is so horrible in its nature and so deadly in its effects that it cost God His only Son to save the world from it; nothing but drastic treatment of the same order can save the individual from it. Last week we drew attention to the fact that every sin has consequences which the sinner can never rectify, and that the atoning Savior delivers us from them. But we cannot ask Him to redeem us from effects of sin beyond our reach until we have dealt with those that lie in our power.

Met All Demands

"Well one day he yielded. He said an everlasting Yes to the Holy Spirit, and God saved him. Immediately he set about making things right. He would stand up in religious meetings, when testimony was requested and tell about the change that had taken place in his life, and that he was ready to settle. He could not remember

Abuse Of Free Grace

The early Christians had a deep dread of that abuse of the Gospel of free grace which represented God as tolerant of evil. There was always that possibility and many fell into the error. We find traces in some books of the New Testament of people who thought of God as an indulgent Father excusing and

overlooking the sins of His children. Whenever the sacred writers mention this error, it is with horror. To represent the All-holy God before the white light of whose holiness the angels veil their faces, as winking at evil men redeemed by the blood of His Son, was found to them sheer blasphemy; religion and morals are connected as cause and effect. The individual's salvation must result in transformation of character; its failure to do so shows it up as unreal.

A God who is just and merciful, pure and true requires these qualities in his children. Religiousness without morality is an abomination to Him. In our father's days in Canada a sound theology produced an integrity immovable as the everlasting hills. Their lives were lived in narrow environment, but the principles by which they lived were wide in their sweep as the will of God. We, their heirs, are impelled by everything sacred in our past to apply those principles to the greater issues entrusted to us.

From the first glimpse Israel had of Jehovah they saw the light of righteousness on His face. From the earliest times His prophets put obedience to His moral laws before sacrifices and ceremonies. The Church that does not uphold the rights of the people does not represent the God she worships. The church member who does not commend his faith by his dealings discredits his religion and his church. Christianity is an ethical religion and its God is a righteous God, and He requires of His people "to do justly, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with Him." (Micah 6:8).

New National Park Forecast For Ontario

SUDBURY, April 28 (CP)—The Sudbury Star says in a newspaper story that the 1,824,000-acre Chapleau Game Preserve northwest of here may be converted into a Canadian National Park. Federal Government authorities are understood to be interested in the idea of taking the big preserve over from the Ontario Government and developing it into a full-scale natural attraction for tourists. Reachable by three railways and on the proposed route of the Trans-Canada Highway, the preserve would become Ontario's third national park. Smaller federal parks now are located at Point Pelee on Lake Erie and at Beausoleil Island in Georgian Bay.

CANADA BUYS RAILS FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH

MIDDLESBOROUGH, England, April 28 (CP)—A Middlesbrough firm is working on Canadian orders worth \$1,000,000. One is for a substantial proportion of an order for 15,000 tons of steel rails for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, owned by the British Columbia government. The other is for 2,500 broad flange beams for Toronto. The successful firm is Cargo Fleet Iron Company. The contracts resulted from a visit to Canada last fall by a deputation representing all interests of the steel industry. The first shipment of rails for British Columbia already has left the rolling mills.

LATVIAN IMMIGRANT AUSSIE FILM STAR

CANBERRA, April 27. — (CP)—Allita Blumais, plays the leading role in a recently released Australian film, "No Strangers Here." The film, made by the Commonwealth department of information for the immigration department, concerns the assimilation of a European migrant family into the Australian community. Allita, a green-eyed Latvian girl, arrived in Australia in July, 1948. She was a student of political economy when the country was overrun during the war. She escaped with her family and spent four years in a displaced persons' camp before coming here. D. K. Sterburg producer of the film, predicts a brilliant screen future for Miss Blumais.

MODERN ROBIN HOOD STOLE FROM MAILES

LONDON, April 26. — (CP) — A post-office employee who became a self-styled "modern Robin Hood" was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at the Old Bailey. Montague Wellesley Walter Barker, 47, stole food parcels from abroad and re-addressed them to friends. "He did not do this for any financial gain," a police witness told the court. "His idea was to create the impression of being a good fellow."

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NAMES OMITTED—The names of Bill and Gladys Hamby were inadvertently omitted in the floral tributes for Gorham Cooke in Saturday's issue.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS. — Advertisers are reminded that their copy must be in The Guardian not later than noon the day previous to insertion. Those who telephone classified, etc., should particularly bear this in mind.

FUNERAL AT SOUBIS — The funeral of the late Cornelius J. O'Donnell, whose remains arrived from Boston, Mass., on Friday evening, was held on Saturday morning from Digswell's Funeral Home to St. Mary's Church, Souris, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Msgr. J. A. Murphy. Services at the grave were conducted by Rev. P. A. Murnaghan. The pallbearers were, Charles MacDonald, Adrien Molins, James Wally, Thomas Flynn, Howlan Mullally, Bernard Clinton.

CITY POLICE COURT — At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court Saturday, two men charged with breaking and entering were remanded until Wednesday. A man charged with speeding was fined \$10 and costs or 30 days. Two drunks and incapables appeared. One was sentenced to 20 days in jail and the other fined \$5 and costs or 10 days in jail. A drunk and disorderly was remanded until today.

CAUGHT NAPPING — Yesterday afternoon at Mayfield a North Rustico hunter huddled under a screen of spruce bows in a goose pit while a flock of seventeen wild-geese headed into the field. The latest in 12 ga. double barrelled hammerless shotguns in hand he waited breathlessly. The birds were standing on end, wings hooked and landing gear down. It was a tense moment and a goose was as good as in the roasting pan. Alas the worst thing in the world that could possibly happen to him happened—the game officer of the R. C. M. Police slid into the pit and nudged him in the ribs. He sure was travelling light when he headed for home as in addition faces a dual prosecution... hunting wild-geese in close season contrary to the Migratory Bird Regulations and hunting on Sunday under the Game Act.

Personals

The many friends of Miss Gertrude MacDonald will be pleased to know that she is making satisfactory recovery in the Prince Edward Island hospital following an appendectomy operation.

Murder Hearing Opens At Halifax

HALIFAX, April 27 (CP)—The preliminary hearing of 18-year-old Eunice Harnish, charged with the strangulation murder of her young daughter, opened today. Dr. E. Murray, city medical examiner, said an autopsy performed after the baby's body was found in a wooded park here April 16 showed that the child had a skull fracture about an inch long. He said, however, that strangulation had been the cause of death. A piece of blanket was tied tightly around the baby's neck when it was found. Miss Harnish, former Halifax cafe waitress charged with the murder three days after the baby's body was found, sat calmly during today's proceedings. Dr. Joseph Abbiss, associate provincial pathologist, said the size of the child's organs were those of a baby between three to five months old.

MODERN EDUCATION

BANGALORE, India (CP)—India's council of child education held its third annual session here recently and appointed an 11 member board to prepare a blueprint on child education along progressive lines.

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

BY WINIFRED E. WILSON



SPOTTING WARBLERS

Once we feel that spring has come to stay, we begin to watch for Warblers—those small jewels of Birdland. No wonder we find them hard to differentiate, because there are about two dozen which might be seen, they are much of a size, their colouring is similar, and husbands and wives are often unlike. Males being generally brighter and drawing attention to themselves by singing, it is wise for the beginner at bird watching to study them first. Certain rules help us to avoid mistakes.

Dates of arrival sometimes count for much. The Black-poll need not be expected until May is three-quarters over. Locality, height of the bird, and habits should be noted. An Oven-bird generally haunts woodlands, walking on the ground among last autumn's leaves. Nearly always, characteristic markings are present, as the white eye-ring of the Nashville.

Myrtle and Magnolia Warbler provide an excellent example because they are sometimes confused on account of their similar, yellow rumps. Otherwise there is little similarity. The Myrtle has three other yellow patches: one on each side of its white breast and one on its head. The yellow-breasted Magnolia is noted for heavy, black streaks in front, and a white band about half an inch from the end of its fine black tail. Their habits and voices also differ. One of the earliest Warblers to get here, sometimes before April ends, is the Myrtle, travelling in flocks of its own kind. It keeps to the very tops of tall trees, making our watching a neck-breaking business, and moves with deliberation, singing a high-pitched trill. Not until between two and four weeks later do we hear a

Magnolia's deeper-pitched voice in evergreen woods. This song has much more variety and character. Our common, summer, city resident, the Yellow Warbler, and Wilson's Warbler, a bird of low thickets on the edge of woods, are both golden. But consider the latter's tiny black cap, and its butterfly-like fluttering as it picks diminutive insects from the leaf surfaces. Their songs are not the same either. The city bird's voice is easily recognized, even though songs of individuals differ slightly, some beginning with a stuttering "ch-ch-ch", others stuttering near the end. The Black-capped bubbles like a Wren.

So many points must be remembered before accurate identification can be assured, that hasty judgement is unwise when spotting Warblers.

What bird is repetitious?

Russia Walks Out of Another U. N. Group

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., April 30 — (CP) — Russia has forced the closest vote yet on the Chinese issue and then walked out of the United Nations Arms Commission — which became the 21st Soviet-banned U. N. group.

The commission voted three in favor and four against, with four abstentions, to reject a Russian proposal for excluding Dr. Shusi Hsu, Chinese Nationalist delegate. Soviet delegate Jakob A. Malik staged his walkout just three hours before Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, proposed in an address that the U. N. be reorganized with Russia excluded.

Earlier Ernest A. Gross, a United States delegate to the Security Council, took almost an opposite stand to Hoover's. Gross, apparently reiterating American policy, emphasized the importance of the U. N. as an east-west meeting ground. Malik left the commission of conventional arms when only India and Yugoslavia backed his resolution.

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BRIDGE BUILDER DIES

SYDNEY, Australia (CP)—Sir Ralph Freeman, designer and builder of the world's heaviest arch bridge, the 50,600-ton Sydney Harbor Bridge, died in England recently at the age of 69. The bridge, completed in 1932, was his greatest work.

The Neighbors

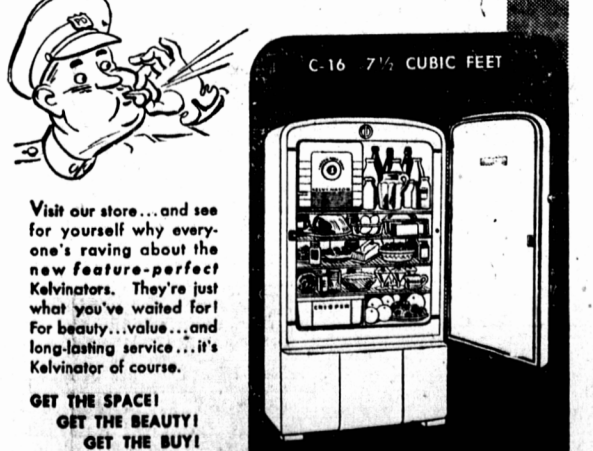
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