

Lenten Meditation

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THE PASSING MOMENT

Human life is lived on a razor-edge between what has been called "the east-iron past and the plastic future." The moment that is called "now" is always slipping into history, and the moment that was hidden in the future is always breaking upon us, clamouring to be dealt with.

Jesus Christ in the Gospels warns against worry and anxiety about the future, holding before men the example of the care-free birds and flowers. On the other hand he opposes complacency about the future, particularly complacency based on material possessions. To the self-satisfied and prosperous merchant, filled with thoughts of further gain, he says: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

But in his teaching both freedom from anxiety and a responsible attitude in the face of present decision rest on faith in the Living God.

This problem of the passing moment presses heavily on modern man. No longer can he look forward with confidence to a world growing ever more prosperous and peaceful. His future is indeed "all unknown" — not necessarily black, not certainly rosy — just unknown.

Mr. Day Lewis gives a hint of a possible solution, "To live the present, not to live for it — Let this be each day's Resolutions."

Living for the present leads to a life of irresponsible pleasure-seeking. Living in the future — or in the past — leads to paralysis, over-anxiety, or fruitless nostalgia. But it is possible to "live the present" without living for it; to "seize the day" not merely like Horace, for the sake of its own pleasure, but in the light of long-term objectives, for the individual, the nation, and the world.

Here the prophet's vision is needed — the ability to see the critical nature of the passing moment. Like a seed, that moment is pregnant with possibility. But unlike the seed, it yields no predetermined harvest, though the harvest may be determined by the use of the moment. Each moment has its infinite significance, and perhaps that is what the Bible means when it says that "now is the day of salvation."

STUFFY NOSE? RASPY THROAT?



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DIED IN VANCOUVER — Word has been received of the sudden death in Vancouver, B.C., of John B. Hughes, brother of William and Joseph Hughes of this City.

MOTOR TOBAGGAN — Linedmen of the Island Telephone Company have been getting about by motor tobaggan when other means of travel failed. About two weeks ago the company brought in the vehicle from Ontario. Recently it was taken to Crapaud by truck and went on from there over otherwise impassable roads. It looks like a toboggan with a small motor towards the back and a center endless-belt drive. Speeds of up to 15 m.p.h. are attained.

SPECIAL MEETINGS continue nightly in the Gospel Hall (Upper Prince Street) at 8 P. M. excepting Saturday, Sunday at 7.30 P. M. conducted by G. A. Ramsay and G. P. Heidman. You are heartily invited to attend.

CORRECTION — In this column yesterday it was stated that Miss Edna Rodd left recently for Toronto. This should have read Miss Edna Rodd. Previous to her departure she was entertained at the home of Miss Phyllis Burnhoe.

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION MEETS — At monthly meeting of the Charlottetown Playgrounds Commission held last evening, it was decided to continue to support the Physical Fitness program of children's hockey and skating on Saturday evening in the Forum and the committee to select supervisors for the playgrounds in the city squares was appointed. It was proposed to request permission to hold the Commission annual Tag Day at a date in May.

IMMUNIZING CLINICS, conducted by the Department of Health and Welfare, will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, at Model School 130 P. M. and Parkdale 2.30 P. M. Thursday, March 6th, Spring Park School 1.30 P. M. West Kent School 2.30 P. M. Infants and Pre-School children from 3 months to 5 years will be protected against Diphtheria, Whooping-Cough and Tetanus.

PERSONALS — Miss Aletha Brown has returned to the City after being storm-bound while spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown of York.

Mrs. D. M. MacDonald of Hamilton, Ont., arrived in the City Monday by plane to visit her father, Mr. W. H. Smith, who is seriously ill.

IN MEMORIAM — In memory of Mrs. Ira Folland, who passed away March 6th, 1932. And Neil Marks, January 5th, 1932. Dear God forgive a silent tear. The constant wish that they were here.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Denmark, the oldest kingdom on earth, is also one of the wisest and happiest. Why? Because 92 per cent of its farms are privately owned and it also has the most efficient small farmers in the world. Add to this, Social Security that secures, and we place our finger on a country which stands out as one of the most enlightened on earth. For example, Denmark's Old Age pension system is the result of almost a century's careful consideration, revision, and modification. The pension starts at the age of 65 and in cases of dire need at 60. Seven-twelfths of the cost of Old Age pensions is paid by the government and the remaining five-twelfths by the municipality of the person in question.

Scattered across the country are over sixteen hundred Sick Clubs all subject to state supervision, and supported partly by members' contributions and partly by the state.

Denmark has long had the most up-to-date hospitals, the best of them, the Bisbjerg Hospital in Copenhagen. This fine institution boasts six pavilions connected above ground by lovely gardens and terraces and underground are seven kilometers of tiled corridors, all handsomely equipped and very pleasing to the eye.

Here the poorest people received the very best of medical treatment at about 35 cents a day. The rich may come here as well as the poor, and many do because of the skillful surgeons and doctors, superior nursing and therapeutics. But the rich cannot pay more than the poor. Privacy depends not upon one's purse, but upon the doctor's decision as to the necessity of the case. Those who want special privileges and can afford to pay for them are free to go to private hospitals and pay a much higher rate.

Hospital physicians are paid a fixed yearly salary which amounts to approximately \$2,000 per physician. But special payment provisions are made for the care of chronic patients, for those requiring surgery, for late night calls, travel expenses and what have you.

For all this, Mr. Average Citizen pays about 19 per cent in direct taxation. Summing it all up, Progressive Denmark has worked out one of the most humane programs of social security that the world has ever contrived.

Although the southernmost part of Greenland is in the same latitude as the Northern part of Scotland the climate is Arctic.

If you would look upon the most complete Eskimo collection yet assembled you would have to visit the Ethnographic Museum on Copenhagen not only is it the oldest of its kind in the world but as I stated before it is the most complete in that it contains a nanogramic history of tribes that no longer exist. Here may be seen birch-bark tents, and funny looking reindeer sleds from Northern Siberia; silver-mounted riding saddles from central Siberia; here too, are kavaks of every tribe from East Greenland to Bering Straits. In Copenhagen you will come upon an Inuit club unique in the world. It is complete with stone head and wooden handle inlaid with genuine wampum beads set lengthwise.

An amusing feature of London's streets during the first years of Queen Victoria's reign may be worth setting down for the readers of my column. It was the foolish custom of using purposeless catch-phrases such as "Whos Emma?" "I'll have your hat!" "Does your mother know you're out?" and so without end. Their popularity among young folk of both sexes spread all over the great city of London. Strange but true, you'll find no record of such nonsense in earlier times; they seem to coincide with the advent of the music hall. Anyway their origin and meaning (if any) provides a 684 question for folklorists of our time.

The most tremendous revolving kiln in the world is located in Scandinavia. It is 18 feet in diameter and never ceases grinding out portland cement. Every twenty-four hours this gigantic plant turns out one hundred and forty thousand bags of cement which goes to countries all over the world.

In the Folk Museum at Faaborg may be seen a unique exhibit, an oak, hollowed out and roughly shaped. It is a viking coffin which for centuries had been drifting about until a fisherman picked it up and sent it to the museum.

The 17th century custom of subjecting naughty folk to a charivari is not without its humorous side. Pierce Egan describes the process as worked on a Dirty Lane fellow, who had been found in bed with his neighbor's wife. The culprit was put on trial in a local tavern, and sentenced to the Burning Shame. They decorated his hat with holly and two large carrots.

IN MEMORIAM — In loving memory of Mrs. J. W. Waugh who departed this life March 4th, 1932.

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Ferriers Arraigned On Fraud

MONTREAL, March 4 — Two former ferriers were charged in Arraignment Court yesterday in connection with an alleged \$131,000 swindle and another is expected to appear today in another case said to involve well over \$100,000.

The charges follow a series of fur company failures last fall which saw hundreds of creditors claiming more than \$700,000. Charged yesterday were Gerard Lussier, 681 Cote St. Catherine road, and Abraham Flomen, 5950 Decelles avenue, partners in the defunct firm of Flomen and Lussier, Inc.

They were alleged to have defrauded their creditors of \$131,000 (altered the company's books and failed to keep proper records. The complaints were laid under the Bankruptcy Act and under the Criminal Code.

The accused chose trial by jury and preliminary inquiry was set for March 6. They were released on bail of \$2,000 each.

Shortly after they had been arraigned Judge Guy Guibault signed a warrant for the detention of a third person whose identity could not be obtained. The amount involved in this case was said to be "well over the \$100,000 mark."

The largest bankruptcy declared last fall was that of the Heco Fur Company whose premises were at 3501 Park avenue. The firm declared itself insolvent and left assets of \$20,000 and liabilities of \$400,000.

Two officers of that firm, Joseph Hymovitch and Eddie Hymovitch, were detained by order of Mr. Justice Louis Boyer of Bankruptcy Court and were later released on bail of \$40,000. Trustees of the firm have been probing its operations ever since.

George Shreiber of the American European Fur Company which failed with liabilities of \$56,000, was also detained and later released on bail of \$5,000.

He was then mounted on the shoulders of four men and a procession was formed with the capt. heading it. As they moved along they rang a bell and announced the crime. Behind the procession came the culprit, holding a pot of beer and a pine. Behind him came a group of women. Upon returning to their starting point, the culprit was put down and everybody including the offended husband, settled down to an all-night carouse.

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