

# Religion and Life

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Trifles make perfection but perfection is no trifle — an old saying, well-worn but everlasting. Suggestive, Morley Punahon, a preacher of note in other days, once said, "A falling apple, a floating log, a kettle singing on the fire — trifles all. But turn on them the mighty power of mind, and what then? The falling apple suggests to the scientist the law of gravitation; the floating log assures the navigator that he is near; the singing kettle suggests to the inventor the power of steam. The value of anything is not determined by its size, but by what the mind sees in it, and from that viewpoint, everything that God has made has its worth to the soul.

These are disturbing days for our young people. The world is in a ferment. Everything is in the melting-pot. Nothing seems secure. Young men see all their plans for their future threatened by the danger of war, and the women whom they have married or intend to marry are more upset than they. In a college publication there was a review recently of the Big Things of our time over which we have no control but which menace our future, and the writer said, "I have found a degree of tranquillity in turning back to the little things and the Individual. Here is a sphere in which we do exercise control and if we watch carefully over these small things of everyday life, we find ourselves growing strong enough to face the larger problems."

Thoughts like these turn the attention of the student of the New Testament to the emphasis which Jesus laid on little things. It surprises one to see how frequently He drew attention to them. For example, "For every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account in the day of judgment." One day when Jesus was watching rich men casting their gifts into the temple treasury, He noticed a poor widow putting in two mites, and commented, "This poor widow has cast in more than they all. They, out of their superfluity gave their gifts, but she out of her want has given all that she had, even all her living." "The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, the smallest of garden seeds, but when planted grows until it becomes the greatest of herbs." Once when Jesus' own followers were turning the little ones away from Him, Jesus rebuked them, welcomed the children, and added, "Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a child shall not enter it." There are many more sayings to the effect that everything that concerns us is important to the great Lover of the souls of men.

One of the wonders of modern scientific discovery is the power latent in the atom. Astronomers with their new giant telescopes have revealed expanses in the heavens that dazzle our imagination, but research has laid bare as great wonders in the atom, an object so small that it is invisible to the naked eye. And the energies wrapped up in the atom are being brought under man's control and turned to serve his purposes.

Jesus dealt repeatedly with the great issues of the Kingdom of God and He endowed His disciples with power to deal with them, but He insisted that their reception and exercise of the power of His Holy Spirit depended on their mastery of the little things in their secret lives and personal relationships. Paul was by far the mightiest of the apostles, but he

# Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Steve Brooks, who started riding horses at the age of 15, is one of the leading jockeys of our generation. In 1949 alone, his winnings totaled \$120,000, including the coveted Kentucky Derby. Brooks never does any betting.

There are 58,000 druggists in America. China is called the Land of the Dragon because the grinning, ugly Chinese dragon is seen everywhere you travel, as familiar a figure in that country as the American eagle or the British lion.

China boasts more boats than all the rest of the world put together, and ten per cent of her people live in sampans, a sort of river craft.

Dorothy Mae, of Chicago, has just had a marvelous escape from death. Found frozen stiff in an alley on the big city's south side, she was rushed to the hospital with a temperature of 72 degrees. Doctors were sure she would die but she pulled through the lowest bodily temperature ever recorded.

Canada has a National Parks Act requiring that all parks shall be maintained and made use of so as to leave them unimpaired for the use of future generations. All wildlife within park boundaries is rigidly protected, and hunting and the possession of unsealed firearms are strictly prohibited. The parks being also game sanctuaries, visitors must not molest any wild animal or birds or their nests. Dogs and cats are not allowed in any National Park except under special permission.

People are no longer satisfied with the earnings of honest industry; but they want to get-rich-quick so that they can keep up with the Joneses. This desire of theirs leads to gambling, betting, swindling and so on. One sees it in the streets, in business, at fairs, etc. This get-rich-quick desire is the prevailing sin of modern society.

The queue or pig-tail worn by male Chinamen until the beginning of the present century was really a badge of servitude placed upon them by their 17th century conquerors, the Manchus. The invaders issued an edict that every man and boy among their subjects should shave the whole of his head except a small patch on the crown from which sprang the pig-tail. Queues are now taboo.

Switzerland has more glaciers than other European countries. The largest of these is the Aletsch, 50,000 sq. miles in extent, and a glittering gem when seen under the sunshine. Blue, green and dazzling silver-white, it presents a beautiful sight with its jewel-like colors.

To protect themselves from snow-blindness, one of the dangers of Arctic life, the Eskimos still use a rather ingenious eye shade made of hollow pieces of wood with narrow slits over each eye.

Where did that word "taboo" come from? It's a Polynesian word and perhaps the only one found in the English language. The original form was tabu and meant both sacred and untouchable. The primitive Polynesian was confronted by many tabus brought into being by their priests. For example, the body of the Chief himself was taboo, and it was a sin for a layman to touch his body. Also the harvest was taboo, until the Chief took what he wanted. And believe it or not, these strange people have women chiefs — no taboo on the Polynesian ladies.

On the island of Samoa stands a monument erected to the memory of him who wrote "Treasure Island," and concocted the gripping tale of Long John Silver and Old Pew. The "Road of Gratitude," built by the natives, led to the home of Robert Louis Stevenson who was their beloved "Tustala," the teller of tales.

Prince Edward Island's oldest twins, Messrs. George and Joseph Younker, recently celebrated their 93rd birthday. But they'll have to round out another five years to be as old as the MacKinnon twins of Forest Hill, P. E. I., who passed away about 12 years ago. When one reviews the longevity records established in the Garden of the Gulf, one is led to think that Canada's Island Province may indeed be the place where the fountain of youth bubbles.

We often hear that "knowledge is power," but we never hear that ignorance is power. And yet ignorance has always had more power in the world than knowledge. I make this statement because knowledge, as yet, has attained access only to the minds of the few. Not until the masses become thoughtful and wise, will knowledge obtain the ascendancy over ignorance. Give the masses knowledge through better educational facilities and even wars may disappear.

There is one thing that may be said of Benevolence—that it never ruined anyone, though selfishness and dissipation have ruined thousands.

The poor are often the happiest people one can meet — far more than those whose tables groan under rich foods, but though they may be envied their apparent happiness, no one will be found willing to take their place. I am most fond of reading Moore's story of the over-fed Eastern despot, who sent one of his subjects to travel through the world, and when he found the happy mortal his orders were to seize the person and bring him back to the Caliph. The messenger finally found his man — an Irishman — merry, dancing and flourishing his shillelagh. But when he went to lay hands on the son of Erin, he was amazed to find the Irishman had no shirt to his back!

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**THE ENDOWMENT FUND** of the Protestant Orphanage has been increased by \$100.00 from the Estate of Thomas H. Phillips, through his only daughter Mrs. Dolly Bingley.

**FUNERAL AT DUNSTAFFRAGE**—The funeral of the late Alfred Ferguson was held from the MacLean Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. B. Somers. Interment was in Marshfield cemetery. The pall-bearers were: W. Gibson, Heath Foster, Harry Mutart, Stewart Mosher, Ambrose Henry, Willard Ferguson.

**ARTICLE REPRINTED**—An article on the Prince Edward Island Railway, originally appearing in The Guardian, is attractively reprinted in the current issue of the Canadian National Magazine with numerous illustrations. The article, which was written by Mr. J. F. LaFerty, retired yard agent at Charlottetown, deals with the construction of terminals, the changing over of the roadbed, transferring of freight and other incidents connected with the inauguration of the car ferry service in 1917.

**CITY POLICE COURT**—At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, a man convicted of breaking, entering and theft pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three months in jail. The case was in connection with a break in a local drug store last March. Two men charged with being drunk and disorderly appeared. One was sentenced to 20 days in jail and the other was fined \$20 and costs or 20 days. Three men charged with vagrancy were sentenced to 30 days in jail each. A drunk and incapable was fined \$5 and costs or five days in jail.

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# News & Views of RCAF Station Summerside

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P/O. E. R. Myatt and P/O. L. A. Reed, radio officers, reported at the air navigation school for flying duties last week. These R.O.'s are on transfer.

F/L. K. C. Henry, officer commanding servicing, and F/L. G. Hanson, officer commanding maintenance, have been transferred from the staff of R.C.A.F. Station Summerside to that of the air navigation school, as well as all the aeroengine technicians and airframe technicians of this station.

F/O. D. L. Quinn, technical branch of the armament trade, has been transferred and will report at his new unit next week. F/O. Quinn, recently promoted, was station warrant officer of this unit since June 21, 1949.

Twelve navigation officers on transfer from a refresher course will undergo further training on a staff navigator instructor (navigator) course to be held at the air navigation school, including F/O. A. F. Atwell, F/O. R. T. Barnett, F/O. R. W. Butcher, F/O. J. A. Carreau, F/O. H. R. Syrett, F/O. N. D. Davis, F/O. J. W. Cochran, F/O. A. L. Guilbault, F/O. J. H. McKellar, F/O. G. E. Fetsold, F/O. F. R. Taylor and F/O. B. C. Poole.

Mrs. J. W. Terrault returned to Kentville, N.S., recently with her mother, Mrs. MacDougal, who has been visiting F/O. and Mrs. Terrault during the past two weeks. Mrs. Terrault will remain in Kentville on a brief visit.

Mrs. Edson Dalzell of New Annapolis has been visiting in Summerside, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. Rewakowsky.

A recent visitor to R. C. A. F. Station Summerside was F/O. Don Stewart. F/O. Stewart graduated off a navigation officers' course from the A.N.S. here in February.

At a recent meeting of the officers' mess, the following committee members were elected: F/O. A. E. Tomkinson, mess secretary; F/O. (N/B) R. Blisner, messing officer, and F/O. D. H. Webb, mess maintenance officer.

F/O. Harry Planché has resumed his duties on the staff of the A.N.S. flying wing upon completion of a course.

F/O. J. A. MacNeill and F/O. A. Rewakowsky are attending a course at Churchill, Man. These officers are staff pilots on the strength of the A.S.S.

# COMPLETE VISUAL REFRACTION and ANALYSIS G. F. HUTCHESON & SON

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# Gerald Waring Reporting

OTTAWA—Trade Minister Howe and Farm Minister Gardiner are in full agreement that butter was the villain in the price so far as the March cost-of-living index was concerned.

They are not unhappy that this should be so. For one thing, while butter went as high as 84 and even 86 cents a pound in the retail stores, it's back to a rational 63 cents now. Thus they argue that the 2.1 points increase in the index for March doesn't necessarily reflect the present living cost level.

They also argue that the Government is not to blame for the rise in butter prices, and the consequent climb of the index.

If anyone is to blame for the spectacular rise in butter prices in late March and early April, then according to what Gardiner told me, it is the butter trade.

And in view of the widespread criticism to which the Government has been subjected because of the rise in the cost-of-living index over the last year or so, the Ministers undoubtedly are quite satisfied to have the butter trade as their whipping boy.

What happened, Gardiner explained to me, is this: In December, the Government held 34,000,000 lbs. of butter it had bought at the floor price of 53 cents. The trade informed the Government that it was getting short of butter, and asked the Government to release some of the surplus in storage.

This the Government did, selling a few million pounds a week at 57 cents. By March 24 the Government had no more butter to sell, and all control over retail prices that the stocks in Government storage represented was gone.

"On March 24 all the butter in Canada was in the hands of the trade. On April 1 there was about 10,000,000 lbs. in storage, but we didn't have it. The people who did charged higher prices. They were free to do what they liked. If we had had enough butter for another three weeks, there wouldn't have been this increase in price," Gardiner explained.

"The trade convinced the Government that they needed it (the Government's stocks) early in January," Gardiner continued. "We found later they didn't, because they had 10,000,000 lbs."

Thus did Gardiner direct the blame to the produce dealers who persuaded the Government to sell its stocks prematurely, and then charged all the traffic would bear for the butter, they held privately.

To read into that that there was a cartel scheming to corner the Canadian butter market and make the consumer pay through the nose probably isn't warranted. At any rate, there's no proof of such an operation.

Instead, officials here state, it was the old economic law of supply and demand at work, aided by rumors of a butter shortage which spurred housewives to buy more than their normal needs. On a rising market, producers merely held out for the highest prices they could get.

But, Gardiner indicates, it won't happen again next year. As he told the Commons on April 27, the Dairy Products Board has been instructed to import butter next winter if, at Dec. 1, "there is not sufficient butter to carry the consumers through to April 1 with a normal carry over." In April, production normally equals consumption as the cows get on the land and milk production increases.

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# Close Results In 1st And 2nd Queen's

Hon. F. A. Large and Mr. W. F. A. Stewart yesterday were declared elected in First Queen's, and Mr. R. R. Bell, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. George Kitson, Second Queen's, when Returning Officer Sheriff John Beaton finished counting the ballots of deputy returning officers whose returns were incomplete. The First Queen's Liberal candidates, both members of the last Legislature, won by narrow majorities. Mr. Stewart was 8 votes ahead of his Progressive Conservative opponent, Mr. Walter MacKenzie, while Mr. Large has a slim one vote majority over Mr. Frank Myers, of Craupaud. It is understood the latter will request a recount.

In the Second District Mr. Bell was declared elected by a majority of five votes over Liberal Mr. R. LePage. In the same district Mr. George Kitson, Liberal candidate for Assemblyman, won by 64 votes over Mr. Philip Matheson.

Sheriff Beaton said yesterday morning that up till then he had no official notification of recounts to be held, although it is understood that Mr. Frank Myers, Hon. Mr. Large's Conservative opponent in First Queen's, and Mr. W. R. LePage, Mr. Bell's Liberal opponent in the Second District, will make requests to this effect.

Following are the results of yesterday's official count by polls:

FIRST QUEEN'S				SECOND QUEEN'S				
MacKenzie (P.C.)	Stewart (L.)	Large (L.)	Myers (P.C.)	Bell (P.C.)	LePage (L.)	Kitson (L.)	Matheson (P.C.)	
Long River Hall	20	52	51	42	91	78	103	101
Irishtown Hall	65	63	73	78	47	62	72	88
French River	60	68	88	83	140	94	115	178
Clifton	61	52	61	69	95	67	75	110
N. Granville	47	71	98	48	110	60	76	141
S. Granville	58	56	81	54	61	58	60	84
Hope River	130	101	120	152	35	42	50	48
Hazel Grove	64	50	51	78	105	85	95	133
Springfield	82	63	77	96	111	111	175	86
Breadalbane	93	68	79	124	36	44	51	40
Westmoreland	117	76	98	127	82	108	134	91
Kelly's Cross	32	62	89	30	61	69	84	76
Craupaud	54	72	80	74	104	69	80	136
Victoria	51	77	88	67	48	116	136	82
Melville	64	58	71	70	85	85	106	100
Green Road	24	56	63	30	74	63	80	87
Pennyshaw	66	77	100	76	38	108	124	48
Penyvale	41	64	66	52				
Totals	1289	1267	1482	1491	1373	1368	1680	1616
Majority for Stewart	—	eight	—	—	Majority for Bell	—	five	over LePage.
Majority for MacKenzie	—	—	—	—	Majority for Kitson	—	64	over Matheson.
Majority for Large	—	one	over Myers	—	—	—	—	—

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