

Religion and Life

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Our subject today is the decision that led to Calvary. Jesus compelled His hands. He came up to Jerusalem with one definite purpose—to bring to a head the issue between Himself and the religious leaders of that day.

Literature And Life

By BOOKMAN

THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE SENSES

Man is a creature of time and sense. The Bible tells of man's threefold nature—body, soul and spirit. The body is a sort of organ by which the higher nature works.

What Jeremy Taylor calls "the passions and have their place in the human economy but need discipline, not destruction. There is such a thing as the "stewardship of the senses".

"He is but a brute whose flesh has soul to suit." Stewardship implies responsibility. Who is culpable in case the senses misbehave?

"If my body come from brutes, my soul uncertain, or a fable, why not bask amid the shines of the finer brute rejoicing in my youth and health, and birth and wealth, and choice of women and of wines."

"I hear no yell of the beast, and the man is quiet at last." The stewardship has counted.

"It is a great thing to know that we can get along without certain things. Paul said that he learned to do without what we call material goods."

"I have learned to be content." To do without is the secret of success in many ways.

"We shall need to close many doors on the senses if we wish to make a success of life. Nature closed the door of vision for Helen Keller and for John Milton but both found the other senses in-

gains. He stood for direct access to God, for personal experience in personal and public life; they chose instead a hard legalism which no man could fulfil and which had no mercy for those who failed to fulfil it.

At the heart of all this was their hatred of Christ Himself. He never resisted the cry of need or pain which words can never describe. He who received with reverence the humble poor and even the fallen, was mocked and spat upon and lifted up on the Cross for the taunts of His murderers.

Lenten Meditations

DECAY AND RENEWAL (The London Times)

The arrival of November brings to mind Matthew Arnold's classic description of a late autumn evening at Rugby: silent fields, withered leaves, the lighted schoolroom windows, the austere walls of the chapel rising in the gathering darkness.

November, almost the darkest of months, begins with one of the most glorious of days—All Saints' Day, with its vision of all the saints of God who have borne their witness bravely in the face of every obstacle and are now before the Throne of God; the advance guard of all who are making their pilgrimage to the same final consummation.

It closes with St. Andrew's Day, the festival of the first disciple of Christ, of whom it is recorded that he brought another to share with him the thrill and the cost of following his Master, and which has therefore become the festival in which Church and Christian face the missionary task in this world of frustration and perplexity.

Christians are reminded that the Church is called to be "the chariot of the Gospel in every land."

These are indeed two bracing festivals, good antidotes to any malaise the season may bring to frail creatures, liable to see, like Browning, "the Arch-Fear in a visible form" when they feel the fog in their throat, the mist in their face.

And always November includes that last Sunday of the Church's year, known to church people from its rousing Collect, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people."

Such analogies between the course of nature and the sequence of the Christian year have their dangers, the chief of which is that of encouraging a view of religion which sees in it only a modification of the normal human plane.

Prince Edward Island about three-fourths of the inhabitants support their families by some sort of farming. Children can be taught to swim at the age of two years. By the time they are six they should be experts at the game.

On another occasion He said in reference to the judgment which the Father had placed in His hands: "My judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of Him who sent me."

In Gethsemane He accepted the Father's will even when it led to the Cross. What is to be our choice?

Joseph Harper, founder of the publishing house known as Harper Brothers, of New York, went to that city in his youth, a green awkward, embittered fellow. Those with whom he worked made fun of him, and one chap went so far as to ask for his card. James knocked the fellow downstairs, telling him, "that is my card."

A spark of fire falling on some chemicals led to the invention of gunpowder, and bits of glass gathered for the amusement of tiny tots was the beginning of investigations that gave the world the telescope.

Believe it or not, a grasshopper caused a new war to be fought between two New England tribes. A boy of one tribe caught the insect, and the boy of another tribe wanted it.

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Opening Of The Legislature Last Week



His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse inspecting the Guard of Honour from the 14th Recon Regiment at the formal opening of the fifth session of the General Assembly of the Province on March 6. In the right foreground are two of the Lieutenant Governor's aides, Capt. J. J. Connolly and Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers. The guard was under command of Capt. L. Caseley.



His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse taking the salute in the march past in front of the Provincial Building, after he had opened the Legislative Assembly, on the platform beside him are Maj.-Gen. E. C. Plow, G.O.C. Eastern Command, and Wing Commander Willis, Royal Canadian Air Force. — Photos by Garnham.

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan (Copyright)

In recent years we have become very much aware of the dread disease of cancer and we anxiously await the discovery of a cure for this malady. While we may rightly look upon the control of this evil as a problem of major concern, the Minister of Health for Ontario, Dr. Phillips, recently revealed to us that we are confronted with a much more serious problem and that is the prevalence of mental disease in Ontario.

The gravity of the problem is partially evident in some of the statistics set forth by him. At the present time, we are told, there are over 19,000 persons in Ontario mental hospitals, more than the combined number of patients in all other hospitals. About 60 per cent of these cases are youthful persons. Annually, about four thousand cases are admitted. Moreover, at the present rate mental disease is growing, one out of every 22 persons will probably require care at some time in mental institutions.

While each of these factors is worthy of note, nevertheless the percentage of youths who are affected is alarming. This is a fact that calls for the attention of all people. It cannot be regarded lightly for the future welfare of our country is dependent on those who are youths today. And if a notable percentage are already the victims of emotional and mental disturbances we cannot look to them to provide the stability so requisite for the conduct of society.

It is said that the majority of these youths could be cured if given modern treatment in time, and it is to be hoped that an effective program of care and rehabilitation will be instituted at the earliest moment. But it seems to me that what is of equal importance at this time — in truth of greater importance — than the provision of clinical treatment, is the necessity of giving consideration to the prevention of these diseases, and of trying to locate some of the causes of such stress and strain as we witness today.

Well-staffed, adequate programs of rehabilitation are most necessary, but it would somehow or other prevent the development of these disorders. Many studies of our society and of ways of life have been undertaken in recent years by sociologists and psychologists in an effort to account for the prevalence of mental and emotional disturbances. They have investigated a score of factors — education, eating habits, working conditions, family problems and so on, and have brought to light many significant instances which will doubtless be of some assistance in helping people to secure a greater ad-

justment in their lives. But it is not worthy that very little attention has been given to the role of religion in life, or, rather, let us say, to the absence of religious values in our contemporary society.

It would appear like oversimplification to say that the absence of religious beliefs or the indifference to religion at the present time is one of the chief reasons for mental conflict. Nevertheless, it is a fact; and without religion we will never solve our fundamental conflicts. Dostoyevsky once said: "If God is dead, everything is allowed." And indeed for many, this has been their guiding principle. For, even if they did not deny the existence of God, nevertheless they denied that there were valid moral principles in life. Expediency became the sole rule of conduct. As a consequence, man is today a prey to forces within and without because he lacks faith in any principle by which his individual life and that of society ought to be guided.

Is it any wonder that man stands perplexed and confused amid the circumstances of life? Now that he has established himself as a rugged individual he is face to face with insecurity. In his flight from authority, he has found, not freedom, but slavery, and in so doing he has lost the sense of the significance and uniqueness of the human personality. In truth, man is terrified by the world that he has created, for he lacks what is essential in the life of every man — an end, a purpose, an object in living. Through a denial or disregard of God, man has lost the meaning of life. It is for this very reason that so many young people are today disillusioned and depressed. It is the source of their mental ills.

It is easy to prescribe a medicinal remedy for both the youths and the adults and to say that when religion has become the supreme moral virtue dominating thought and conduct, then man will find order in his life. In the language of the psychologists he will be able to adjust himself. But the problem is in administering this medicine, for it cannot be administered as one would take a pill or an injection. Man cannot look upon religion as a consolation or as an external aid to be used once in a while. He must accept God as the centre of his life and his entire life must be viewed as a fulfillment of a duty owed to God.

This is not easy — especially when religion is no longer a vital element in family training and when our system of education does not even consider it. But the truth remains: that religion is the most potent drug for dissipating the unhappiness of life's crises.

the amount of money that is being invested in plants and equipment—the "good" to make this gambling youngster fit out. In 1930 total investment was \$409,000,000 but in 1950 the amount that was put into plants and equipment was nearly six times as large—\$2,375,000,000. These figures do not include federal, provincial and municipal investment expenditures.

The amount of money invested in the tools of production showed a percentage increase of 480.7 per cent in 1950 over 1930.

In 1939 the percentage of investment in plant and equipment of the gross national product came to only 7.3 per cent but by 1950 it climbed to 13.4 per cent.

In industrial production alone Canada also has made big strides. Considering its 1938-39 average as 100, the equivalent figure for 1950 is 198.3. This figure places Canada highest of the countries of the North Atlantic Pact. The United States is second with an index of 198 and the United Kingdom third with 126.

The Trade Department has indicated 1951 will be a whopper of a year as far as capital investment is concerned. Governments and business are planning to invest \$4,259,000,000 in new machines, buildings, roads and machine tools compared with \$3,766,000,000 last year.

NERVY THIEVES CALGARY (CP) — Two men offered to sell second-hand dealer Sam Adams a sheepskin-lined coat. He turned it down, and later realized the coat had been stolen from his own store-front display.

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

COOK'S for Photographs. HOWARD MACINNIS FOOT-WEAR at 175 Queen Street. MRS. JOHNSON'S Ladies' Wear. Spring coats, suits, dresses. Also Sale Stock. DR. J. A. McMillan will be absent from his office March 12 to April 26. CHILDREN'S PULLONS \$2.10. Women's \$2.60, at Wright's Great George Street. Come early. ATTENTION — Mildred Royce Crowell, Belcano Beauty consultant, will be interviewed over CFXY Monday, March 12th at 1:15 p.m. DIED IN SOMERVILLE HOSPITAL — On Feb. 11th Mr. John M. Gillis, The deceased lived in Somerville for 45 years and was associated with the Edison Light Co., having retired eight years ago. His wife predeceased him 17 years ago. He leaves to mourn 3 daughters and four sons; also one brother Alexander, Mr. Gillis was born in Orwell, P. E. I., the son of the late Neil M. and Ellen Gillis. CITY POLICE COURT — At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court Saturday, a man charged with operating a motor vehicle without license markers was fined \$2 and costs or three days in jail, while a drunk and incapable was fined \$10 and costs or 10 days. ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Ross, 159 Dorchester St., Charlottetown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Doreen Lavinia, to Frank Christian Weitz, son of Mrs. Weitz and the late Frank Weitz of Allston, Mass. S. A. marriage to take place early in June. PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT — Graham L. Jenkins, son of Major and Mrs. F. S. Jenkins, has been recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the 5th Signal Regiment R. C. Signals, and is the first Officer Cadet to be commissioned in the Command Contingent C.O.T.C. He started in the Regiment as a Signaller in 1947 and became a Corporal in 1948. His boy of another tribe wanted it. It was called the "Grasshopper War." . . . Other wars have grown out of equally trivial affairs. A war between France and England came about in this manner: An English and a French vessel met at Bayonne to take on fresh water and they fought to see which should be first. Before peace came 100,000 innocent soldiers died. . . . Pope Adrian was choked to death by a gnat. . . . If there were no honesty, somebody would invent it just to make a pile of money.

Increase In Canadian Investments

By The Canadian Press Canada's productive capacity, decade after decade growing steadily but with no amazing speed, in the last few years has shot up like a boy in his teens. Back in 1939 the country's gross national product was \$5,598,000,000. Last year, according to a report tabled in the House of Commons yesterday, Canada's national output was worth \$17,693,000,000. Maybe still more impressive is

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BIBLE SOCIETY ESSAY CONTEST

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CRYSTAL CHAPTER MEETS

The February meeting of Crystal Chapter No. 1 O. E. S. held in the Masonic Hall, Charlottetown was largely attended. Regular routine business was conducted. Following the closing of the Chapter a very colorful and impressive pageant was presented portraying the emblematic Star. This being the 29th Anniversary of Crystal a birthday party was held in the Social Hall. Refreshments were served including a birthday cake which was decorated with Star colors.

PERSONALS

Her many friends regret to hear that Mrs. Harold Huggan is seriously ill in the Prince Edward Island Hospital and wish for her speedy recovery.

IN MEMORIAM

In ever loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Josiah Smith, who departed this life March 12th, 1936. Peaceful be thy rest, dear mother, it is sweet to breathe thy name, in life I loved you dearly, in death I do the same. Lovingly remembered by her son Russell Smith.

FOOD PRICES CUT TO THE BONE Sale Ends Wednesday OUR SPECIAL—TEA, Broken Pekoe, lb. 75c SOON BE TIME TO WIND THE CLOCK! "HOW LONG WILL IT RUN?" Get Your Guess in Today. Cream of the West FLOUR MAPLE LEAF 98 lb. bag \$5.99 (4 Entry Blanks) 49 lb. bag \$3.15 (2 Entry Blanks) 24 lb. bag \$1.59 (1 Entry Blank) 1 Lb. BONELESS STEW BEEF, 2 lbs. CARROTS, 1 lb. PARSNIPS, 3 lbs. TURNIPS, 1 lb. ONIONS— ALL FOR \$1.00 Green Peas, 6 tins \$1 Island Oatmeal, 5 lbs. 55c Wax Beans, 6 tins \$1 Shelled Walnuts, lb. . . 69c Tomato Juice, 8 tins . . . \$1 Baker's Cocoa, lb. . . . 47c Aylmer Spaghetti, 7 tins \$1 Icing Sugar, 2 lbs. . . . 31c Golden Cream Corn, 7 tins \$1 Vanilla, 8 oz. jug 19c Peaches, 6 tins \$1 Red Pitted Cherries, tin 29c, 4 tins \$1 SHORTENING, 2 lbs. 69c Pork & Beans, 6 tins \$1 PURE LARD, 2 lbs. 59c Cocoanut, bulk, lb. . . . 49c SMOKED BACON ENDS, lb. 39c Sunkist ORANGES, 3 doz. . . . \$1 White or Pink GRAPEFRUIT, doz. . . 69c CASH & CARRY STORES 187 GREAT GEORGE ST. PHONE 747 WE DELIVER C. O. D. THE BIG STORE WITH THE BIG STOCK