

Religion and Life

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LIFE OF SERVICE IS JESUS' STORY

There is one story of World War I that touches every heart. Trench warfare was established and the armies faced one another ready at any moment for deadly combat. Christmas Day dawned, and the guns were silent. Before long peace signals were given, and the Germans came out of their trenches and the British out of theirs and greeted one another in the true Christmas spirit. Then back to their trenches to be ready for the fight.

Surely no better example was ever given of what an unnatural horror war is between Christian nations. As we write the Christmas bells are still ringing in our ears. Now kindness is of the very essence of the Christmas spirit—sheer human kindness. Under all our carol-singing, and family reunions and religious services is the will to be kind—kind to the children in particular, kind to friends who come together from long distances just to enjoy Christmas together, kindness to many who lack the privileges we enjoy, and kindness in sending the Gospel of the Prince of Love to lands where cruelty reigns.

It is interesting to note the place that pure kindness holds in Jesus' conception of His Father's Will. Take, for example, the story of His first miracle in Cana of Galilee. The scene is a wedding. Mary, a friend of the family intimate enough to feel responsible for its peace of mind, is a guest. Jesus and His first disciples are also invited.

There has been a miscalculation somewhere and Mary discovered that supplies for the wedding feast had run out. So she turned to her Son for help, as she had always done through the years, and His reaction is an exclamation: "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." The question: Why Jesus spoke to His mother in this way? has puzzled many. But Mary took His answer as an indication that He would do something about it.

HIS SITUATION
Recall His situation. Just behind Him was His baptism. As He came up out of the water, the heavens burst open above Him, and He received an overwhelming communication of His Father's love and of the Holy Spirit's power. His Temptations followed. What are called His "Temptations" were His people's ancient expectations of what their Messiah was to be and to do.

Some expected Him to be a King like David and set up His throne by military power. Others expected the Messiah to descend from Heaven in splendor and establish His Kingdom by supernatural might.

Jesus felt that His Father had given Him power to do anything that His mission required; the question was: How did this God of love want Him to use His might? After days and days of inward struggle, Jesus had decided that He could not express the love which He had found in His Father's heart by any effort to compel men's subjection by force. With the dew of this decision fresh on His soul, He had come back home and this opportunity to use His power was spring on Him.

Jesus was startled. Here was a chance to give practical expression to God's love. He felt power within Him sufficient to meet any human need, but He had never tried it out. He had not yet received an intimation of what His Father wanted Him to do in this situation, and until that came, His "hour had not come." But soon it came, and the supplies for the wedding feast were replenished.

DEED OF KINDNESS
Here is the point for us: The Lord Jesus, who would not use His divine power to set up a Kingdom, did use it to do a deed of kindness. With this young couple's Oriental idea of hospitality, it would have been to them a crushing humiliation if their guests had been unprovided for, and Jesus saved them from it. God's love, which could not be expressed in victories which crushed men, was expressed in just being kind in a time of need.

This was the start of Jesus' active ministry; now look at a lesson He taught near its close. He pictured the last Judgment with the nations brought before the throne of God. It is to those who had fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked and visited the prisoner and the sick to whom the Judge said: "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world."

When they asked an explanation, He added: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." So His life of service began, and so it closed. And all the way between, Jesus could never resist an appeal for help no matter how embarrassing giving it was to Himself. To Him kindness was the expression of His Father's will.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

There are several kinds of bustard quails and strange to say the females all have the strange habit of leaving all the hard work to their husbands including the hatching and rearing of the young.

The United States alone has an estimated 1,000 missionaries in the Congo. The penetration of this little army into nearly every section of the jungle has resulted in the disappearance of voodoo and many spurious religious rites which once flourished.

The most dreaded serpent in the world, is the king cobra, which lives in the Malay States. It is deadly poisonous, and is said even to follow people, whereas most snakes will run away from human beings. The king cobra eats nothing but snakes, which are poisonous and paralysed and then swallowed head first.

Did you know that baby goldfish are brown? Gradually they change to a golden color, or in some cases, red or orange, and some never change. That there is a zebra fish, marked with stripes and a blushing fish so named because its body becomes very red under emotion, and there are transparent fishes. One can look through their bodies and see their skeletons and what goes on inside of their bodies!

Among the most curious fishes one might mention the glass cat fish from Singapore whose face resembles the face of a cat. Last, but not least, among the finny tribe is the Butterfly fish from Africa with fins that look for all the world like the wings of a butterfly.

What is believed to be the oldest royal tomb ever uncovered in Egypt has been found by Sakaria Goneim, an Egyptian scientist, under the ruins of a pyramid some 15 miles from Cairo. It is believed to be the tomb of Pharaoh Sankhet, who ruled Egypt about 500 years ago. Goneim said his find is the most important since the discovery of the famous tomb of King Tutankhamon, which was uncovered in 1922, and brought down an ancient curse on those that broke into it.

How would you like to hike 3,000 miles? Most of us would rather ride the distance, but not John Frey, a native of Switzerland. Frey is now on his hike to San Francisco from New York City—roughly 3,000 miles and he has promised himself not to thumb a ride no matter how hard.

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South Melville Christmas Concert

The pupils of South Melville School presented their Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 21 under the direction of their teacher, Miss Colette Matters. Mrs. Emmett Gorman was organist. Mr. Homer Provencier president was chairman.

Following is the program: a greeting, Kathleen McQuaid; opening chorus, "Ring, Merry Bells"; mouth organ selection, Jimmie Gorman; recitation, Angela Trainor; monologue, "Christmas Acknowledgments", Mary Taylor; recitation, Raymond Monaghan; step dance, Marlene Monaghan, accompanied on mouth organ by Joe Flood; song, Eleanor McQuaid and Eileen Kelly; dialogue, "Visiting The Sick"; violin selection, Ralph McQuaid; recitation, Kay Monaghan; drill, "Christmas"; mouth organ selection, Louis Gorman; dialogue, "South Melville Gentlemen's Aid"; intermission and sale of candy; reading, "A Mustard Plaster," Mrs. Windsor Bell; recitation, Brian Trainor; monologue, "Santa and Fractions"; Shirley Beer; recitation, Clarence Bernard; song, Mrs. Jack Dixon; dialogue, "An Unpractical Joke"; mouth organ selection, Louis Gorman; recitation, Stirling Provencier; song, Ralph McQuaid; step dance, Jeanette Trainor accompanied by Joe Flood and Eileen Kelly; recitation, Jimmie Gorman; song, Mr. Jack Dixon; and closing chorus, "Good-Night Ladies".

At the close of the program Santa arrived and in his jovial manner distributed gifts for teachers and pupils. An apple and a chocolate bar were given to each child by the Women's Institute, as well as candy and an orange from the teacher.

"God Save The Queen" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

The going gets better.

He took to the open road April 1, and thus far has been averaging 21 miles a day. He hopes to reach Prisco by the middle of November.

Frey, 59, is taking the long hike because he enjoys walking. There's no money in the venture. This toughened Swiss is a professional lecturer but he will deliver no addresses on the way.

When he was a little fellow he read about Uncle Sam's big country. Later he decided that the best way to see it would be to walk across it and that incidentally is just what he's doing now.

A large number from this vicinity attended the Credit Union meeting at Port Hill on Monday evening, January 10th. After the routine business a social evening was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mortgage Corp. Profits Increase
TORONTO (CP)—Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, in its 100th financial statement, shows profit for the year ended Dec. 31 of \$1,474,852, or \$4.21 a share, compared with \$1,283,033, or \$3.67 a share, in the preceding year.

Out of profits, \$960,000 or \$2.80 a share was paid in dividends. Assets were up \$24,535,875 to \$134,584,625; deposits were up \$11,600,000 to \$60,687,866; and investments in mortgages and agreements for sale were up more than \$9,000,000 to \$89,608,161.

Gregory Clark Almost Arrested
Several weeks ago, newspaperman Gregory Clark was inveigled into going for a hike in the snow with a nature-loving pal. They came across some young fellows whose car was apparently stuck in the deep snow. They followed the rule of the Good Samaritan and offered to help. As a result, they became involved in an adventure that almost landed them in the police squad car. You'll enjoy reading it in The Standard—on sale now, complete with Magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics! Only 10 cents.

The Standard

NORTHAM

—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Colwill and family and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Colwill and family were dinner guests on Friday evening, Jan. 17th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sanderson, Summerside.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Frank Platt on Thursday, January 6th, with a large attendance.

The many friends of Mr. George Ramsay are pleased to hear that he has returned to his home after being a patient in the hospital at Boston, Mass., for several weeks, much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Stenning MacNevin and son, Alden of Borden, recently spent a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Colwill and family.

Mr. Urbin Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ellis, recently spent a few days at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Claude McArthur, Springhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart Lidstone and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baker were the guests of Miss Emily MacLean, on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Leamen Campbell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cotton on the evening of January 11th.

Owing to road conditions a large number attended the prayer service, held in the Tyne Valley Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, January 5th.

Maritime Electric Company has begun work in the Northam area. Two carloads of poles have arrived and a number of men are busily engaged in preparatory work prior to the installation of the power line which is expected to be in readiness shortly. This service will be greatly appreciated by the people of Northam and it is hoped that this service will also be extended to the surrounding rural areas in the near future.

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FREE TOWN

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burns were guests on Sunday, Jan. 6th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Dammarell.

Friends of Master Grant Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Francis, are glad to know that he is making a good recovery, following an appendix operation in the Prince County Hospital last week. All hope for him a speedy convalescence.

Mrs. Sterling Burns returned on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, after spending a two weeks holiday in Halifax, N.S., with her daughter and son-in-law, Cpl. Frank Adams and Mrs. Adams.

Messrs. Ronald Lewis and Brian Scales, who spent their Christmas holidays at their homes in the village, have returned to their studies in Rothesay School, N. B.

Miss Charlotte Cairns of the staff of P. E. Island Hospital spent New Year's Day in Lower Freetown, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cairns.

Friends in Freetown extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Noonan of Bedouque, who on Sunday, January 9th celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Barlow Bird, have moved to Summerside, where they plan to spend the winter months. They will be very much missed by their neighbors in the village.

Mr. Willard Stetson is a patient in P. E. Island Hospital. All his friends hope for him a complete recovery.

Mrs. Lloyd Webster of Central Bedouque, left recently for Gaspe, Quebec, where she plans to spend the winter with her brother, Mr. Raymond MacTavish and family. She was accompanied by her son, Kenneth.

Mr. Ollie McCarville has returned to her home in South Freetown, after a two weeks visit with her daughters, Mrs. Roy Stackhouse of Halifax and Mrs. Justin Melvor of Truro, N. S.

Friends of Mr. John Stetson are glad to know that he is sufficiently recovered from his illness, to be able to leave hospital. Mr. Stetson has been a patient in Prince County Hospital for the past week.

KENSINGTON

—The North Shore Packing Co., at Malpeque, closed on Saturday, Jan. 6th for the coming months. This factory has been operating since early fall, canning fish and chickens. The many employees will be looking forward to its re-opening.

Misses Erma Bealrto and Goldie Connick, Darnley, left recently for the mainland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Campbell Cape Traverse, were visitors to Kensington and Baltic Jan. 12.

Master Garth McFarlane returned to his home in Summerside after spending a pleasant holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ramsay, Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hogg and daughter, Miss Lillian Anna were visitors to Charlottetown Jan. 7.

Mr. Bertram Warren, Mutual Fire Insurance representative was a business visitor to Malpeque on Friday.

Her many friends will regret to learn Mrs. William Cousins, Sr., Baltic, is at present a patient in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, and all hope for her speedy recovery.

The weekly meeting of the Baltic Farm Forum, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dougald MacNutt, Malpeque. The members of the Malpeque Farm Forum met for their weekly meeting on the same evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dougald MacNutt.

Mrs. Wm. J. Harrington who has spent the past few months with relatives in the southern states returned to her home in Spring Valley for the past few days.

Mrs. Charles Aitken, Fortune Cove, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. George Brander and family at Kensington.

Miss Shirley Green returned to Charlottetown, to resume her

studies at Prince of Wales College, after being confined to her home for the past week with an attack of flu.

Mrs. Theresa Mathews has been visiting in Kensington for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, entertained the members of the Kensington Road at their weekly meeting of Farm Forum on Monday, Jan. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Connick have moved into their new home at Kensington, which has been recently completed. This modern and lovely new home is situated on

the Charlottetown road. Mr. and Mrs. Connick resided in Kensington for many years but for the past couple of years have lived in Summerside. Their many friends welcome them back to Kensington.

Miss Evelyn Harding, Summerside, spent the week-end in Kensington, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Parmeanus Phillips.

Mr. Harvey Manderson, who recently underwent an operation in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, has sufficiently recovered and has returned to his home in Clifton.

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