

Religion and Life

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CHANCE TO LIVE AND SERVE

A young student noticed that a space of a few minutes between lunch and lectures was being wasted by the men of his crowd. After leaving the dining hall, they would stand around in the corridors telling stories or arguing aimlessly. It didn't take long for the store of stories to run out, and he began to feel that this was time wasted.

Then by going straight to his room and concentrating, he read through Milton's "Paradise Lost" twice in one session, and Tennyson's "Idylls of the King" twice in the next. The gains were great, and the habit thus formed was greater.

This is one way of putting into effect St. Paul's maxim: "Redeeming the time." It is safe to say that the men who have attained and achieved marvellously have done so by a parsimonious use of minutes which others let slip by unnoticed. A young loafer watched Sir Walter Scott writing a story in the night, page after page of a story which would, he knew, claim a world's attention, and was roused thereby to cultivate his own powers. Longfellow's lines are literally true: "The heights by great men gained are not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night."

ANOTHER YEAR

We are beginning another year. To every one of us it spells opportunity. A rich opportunity, too, to live and serve in a time like this—a world confused and perplexed, on the brink of war yet striving for peace, and with a call for rebuilding in every department of human activity.

If Wordsworth's words were true of those who lived through the first stages of the French Revolution, they are doubly true today: "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive."

But to be young was very heaven. Jesus changed the outlook of the world and opened springs out of which rivers of grace flow through the ages, and yet His active ministry covered little more than two years.

His law of action was: "We must work the works of Him who sent me, while it is day; the night comes when no man can work." It was because of His intense activity in the time allotted that He could add: "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

St. Paul the greatest interpreter and ambassador of Christ lived a life of untiring activity, and frequently laid upon his converts their stewardship of time. The word he uses is literally "redeeming the time," the word which ordinarily described the ransom of a man for slavery by the payment of a price. I do not see why the revisers of our translation should have dropped Paul's figure in favour of the prosaic "making the most of the time." But that is what it means.

What he wrote to the Ephesians was: "Look carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of the time (literally "redeeming the time") about the same period as wrote to the Colossians: "Conduct yourself wisely toward outsiders, redeeming the time." We have here combined the old version with the new, for, however we phrase it, St. Paul wanted his converts to "buy up the opportunity." (Weymouth)

GREAT MEN
It is impressive to recall how much has been accomplished in a short time by men who "bought up their opportunity." When we think of the few years granted to men like James Wolfe and Cecil Rhodes in the march of Empire, like Mendelssohn and Mozart in music, like R. M. McCheyne and F. W. Robertson and Malbaie Babcock in the pulpit, like Burns, Shelley and Keats in literature and of how precious the contribution they made in that time we stand

amazed at human possibility. Particularly John Keats. He had only 26 years of life, yet by his intense concentration in his "twenties" he has left us a heritage of beauty that enriches the soul of his people through all generations.

This does not mean that no part of the serious person's life is to be given to pleasure. The Apostle John was once found playing with a kitten by one of his young disciples. When they showed surprise at such a man on such a mission idling in that fashion, he pointed to a bow in an archer's hand with the string loosed, and explained: "You cannot keep the bow-string tight all the time and have the bow retain its strength. So the soul must relax at times to renew its vigor."

Some of the very greatest men in our own and other generations have known how to play, and the one who doesn't leave some of the most valuable elements out of his own life and out of his dealings with others.

But there is a world of difference between "the play-boy" who lives only to enjoy, and the one who loves recreation in order to refresh and regather his energies for the new tasks to which he is called. "Fun" is aimless activity; the fun consists in its aimlessness. But "play" is the fruit of great enterprises undertaken and carried through, and their success is the fount of gladness.

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MOUNT HERBERT W. I.

The annual meeting of the Mount Herbert Women's Institute was held in November at the home of Mrs. Russell Driscoll. The meeting opened with the members repeating the Creed. The minutes of the last meeting were read, adopted and signed. Roll call was answered by eleven members. The president gave her report. She outlined the work done throughout the year and thanked the members for their co-operation. Following this the secretary gave her financial report for the year.

The new officers were elected by ballot. They are: Mrs. Russell Driscoll, president; Mrs. Winston Wood, vice-president; Mrs. David Mutch, secretary. On the sick committee are: Mrs. Walter Wood, Mrs. Russel Farquharson, Mrs. Robert Waters.

A contest was conducted by Mrs. Robert Waters. The meeting was closed with the "Queen," after which lunch was served by the hostess.

Eastern Guardian

"REGULAR meeting Montague Home and School, Monday, Jan. 10, 8:15 p.m. Old School. Demonstration by Grade III.

"REGULAR Junior Board of Trade supper meeting tonight at the home of Cyril Johnston, 6:30.

"SPECIAL—Week of January 10th: 2 cans Chum dog food, .19. Clow Bros., Murray Harbor North.

Personals

"Mr. Jerry McCormack, Souris, is in the P. E. I. Hospital and is expected to undergo an operation Thursday.

SCIENTIFIC POET

Giovanni Meli, Sicilian poet who died in 1915, was professor of chemistry at Palermo University.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

MAJOR HOOPLE



Officers Crystal Chapter, Order Eastern Star

Pictured above are the officers of Crystal Chapter, Eastern Star who were installed at an impressive ceremony Friday night: Front row: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Hildred Walker; Worthy Patron, Bertram Larkin. Second row: Marshal, Mrs. George Fraser; "Esther", Mrs. Olive Hansen; "Ruth", Mrs. Doris Lennen; Warden, Mrs. Margaret Worth; "Ada", Mrs. Irene MacLennis; Organist, Mrs. Louise

Johnston; Associate Matron, Mrs. Edna Lord; Electa, Mrs. Elaine Myers. Back row: Associate Patron, Morley Smith, P.P.; Treasurer, Mrs. Christine Larabee, P.M.; Associate Conductor, Mrs. Claretta Palmer; "Martha", Mrs. Connie Brennan; Chaplain, Mrs. Jean Smith; Conductor, Mrs. Marion Lord; Secretary, Mrs. Etta Dalling, P.M.; Sentinel, George Brady, P.P.—(Barter's Film Lab).

At the regular meeting of Crystal Chapter, No. 1, order of the Eastern Star on Friday night, a very fine report of the year's activities was given by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Helen Herring. After the meeting a beautiful and impressive installation ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Florence Lavers as Installing Officer, assisted by the following staff: Marshal, Mrs. Hazel White, P.M.; Worthy Patron, Mr. Charles Wilkins P.P.; Associate Matron, Mrs. Annie Weir P.M.; Associate Patron, Mr. Cecil Palmer P.P.; Secretary, Miss Helen Finlayson P.M.; Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Herring P.M.; Conductor, Mrs. Winnifred Lavers P.M.; Associate Conductor, Mrs. Lilla French P.M.; Chaplain, Mrs. Jessie Parker, P.M.; Warden, Mr. Samuel French P.P.; Mrs. Hildred Walker, Worthy Matron, was conducted to her chair in the East under an arch of red roses which were afterwards presented to her as a token of love and loyalty. The following officers were duly installed, Worthy Matron, Mrs. Hildred Walker; Worthy Patron, Mr. Bertram Larkin; Associate Matron, Mrs. Edna Lord; Associate Patron, Mr. Morley Smith P.P.; Secretary, Mrs. Etta Dalling P.M.; Treasurer, Mrs. Christine Larabee P.M.; Conductor, Mrs. Marion Lord; Associate Conductor, Mrs. Claretta Pal-

mer; Chaplain, Mrs. Jean Smith; Marshal, Mrs. George Fraser; Organist, Mrs. Louise Johnston; Ada, Mrs. Irene MacLennis; Ruth, Mrs. Doris Lennen; Esther, Mrs. Olive Hansen; Martha, Mrs. Connie Brennan; Electa, Mrs. Elaine Myers; Warden, Mrs. Margaret Worth; Sentinel, Mr. George Brady P.P. During the ceremony of installation solos were beautifully rendered by Mrs. Eva MacLean and Mr. Roy Smallman. Mrs. Helen MacEachern was accompanist for the evening.

In a fitting address the Worthy Matron expressed her appreciation of being elected to that office and affirmed her determination to serve the Chapter to the best of her ability. She then directed the Conductor to escort the Junior Past Matron, Mrs. Helen Herring to the East and on behalf of the Chapter presented her with a Past Matron's Jewel. Mrs. Herring's daughter, Mrs. Doris Flanagan was invited to pin the jewel on her mother. A beautiful bouquet of roses was also presented Mrs. Herring by her officers of the past year. Mrs. Herring thanked the Chapter and Officers for the flowers and jewel and for the devoted loyalty which had been the keynote of the year.

The Worthy Patron, Mr. Bertram Larkin, presented a Past Patron's Jewel to the Junior Past

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Souris Sports

The Souris High School Basketball League has had no games played during the past two weeks owing to the fact that the auditorium has been used for other purposes, and so there is nothing to report on as far as basketball is concerned. After the holidays are over the league will once again commence play.

In bowling a big surprise was pulled off two weeks ago when the second place Federal walloped the league leading All Stars 5-0. Rolling by far the best game seen in the Souris Alleys this season is that they will be the team to beat when playoff time rolls around in another month or so. At the present time the Federals trail the All Stars by a single point, but have a game in hand over the leaders. The standing of the first six teams is as follows: All Stars 34, Federals 33, Line Riders 29 1/2, Lobster Kings 28 1/2, Pathfinders 23 1/2, Prince St. Ramblers 22 1/2.

The schedule has been completed in the Women's League and was a very close race for first and second place between the Lucky Six and Maple Leafs with the Lucky Six winning top honours by a narrow margin of two points. This league has tightened up a great deal since the start of the season and any one of the six teams who gained a playoff berth could come through and take all the marbles. The final standing of the eight teams is: Lucky Six 26, Maple Leafs 26, Old Timers 20, Hill Billies 17, Warblers 16 1/2, Alerts 16, Souris Chippers 13 1/2, Old Maids 4.

Two new records were set by the men during the past two weeks. Billy Pierce had a total of 860, in three games beating this year's previous high of 858 held by Kenny O'Henley, and Row White rolled a 379 game to beat the high single rolled by Alec Arsenault which was 378. White's game also tied the record for the Souris Alleys since they opened. The other 379 game was rolled by young Jimmy MacIntosh some years ago.

Shifting over to the hockey picture, it looks as though Jack Frost will be the toughest opposition the Souris team will have to face this winter. The three teams for the town league have been selected and are all ready to begin practice, but have nothing to practice on. A drive was put on to raise money for sweaters and socks for the three teams and it has proved where a delicious lunch was served under the convensership of Mrs. Edith Lewis.

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