

# Religion and Life

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## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

We have heard of people who dislike Good Friday services. They say that they dread the gloom that the recital of the saviour's sufferings brings when the world's chief need is sunshine.

The outcome of those sufferings, however, was the only real light that the world ever knew. I think of Mother's garden—one of the most fertile spots on the earth's surface. About this time every spring we would see in it heaps of black fertilizer taken from the bottom of the pile. It was rotten and rotting, evil smelling and worse looking and the farther we could keep away from it the better pleased we were. In due time the plow and the hoe did their work; all that was offensive was turned under and the fresh soil brought to the surface; the beds and rows were prepared; and then her touch and seed and loving expectancy. Each seed and plant was given the soil and space it needed; the plot was fenced off from marauders; weeds sawed in off their opportunity; but not one of them was allowed to stay; and Nature soon turned the dark substance underneath into forms of life and beauty.

The new life could not have flourished without the fertilizer, for its substance was the support of luxuriant growth, and the very material which had appeared at its worst a few weeks before was by nature's magic turned into the best.

Do we need to apply the illustration? Earth's blurring wickedness led to the bursting forth of the light of Heaven. Man's sin and cruelty were the occasion for bringing out of the divine nature something which could not have appeared otherwise—the highest and best that we know of God. Without Good Friday's night of sorrow Easter's sun could never have risen. It was love on the divine scale, love absolutely without limit, that wrought the change, and overruled the worst for the best.

Jesus had lived by that law of love. He taught it to his followers in the Sermon on the Mount. His examples in the operation of that law have been called the most impracticable ever given. "You have heard it was said: An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles."

Human nature revolts and calls such a spirit impossible. Love unlimited is the power which makes such treatment of another possible. It can be given only to the one whose salvation means more to you than anything else. Here is the underlying principle—let the sinner's sin come to a head in what he does to the one who loves him, and he will be compelled to recognize the real character of his sinfulness in its outcome and will turn from it forever.

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and again. Someone—a parent, a friend, a spiritual leader—earnestly desires a sinner's salvation. His effort to turn him from destructive evil to Christ is rebuffed—sometimes scornfully, sometimes cruelly. Love refuses to allow the other's rejection of his approach to change his attitude or aim, and serves and prays as before. In cases without number, love of this type has won men to Christ whom nothing else could have touched. This is the law of the Cross. Jesus saw it in His Father's heart and lived by it. To Pharisees and fanatics in their agitation for war to the knife against Rome, to Sadducees in their greed and compromises with tyranny, Jesus insisted that love was the only qualification for the service which God required of them. For example, when He rode on an ass into Jerusalem He offered Himself to His people as the Prince of Peace. They rejected Him and all Him and all that He stood for, and chose instead the war which issued in the destruction of their temple, city and nation. He allowed their hatred to come to a head in what they did to the Son of God who came to them with love infinite as His nature. When men see that the Cross is really the world's choice of hatred instead of love they turn from sin to God.

It is this which makes the Gospel the power of God unto salvation. When the story of Calvary is told in its simplicity and men see both the love that prompted the sacrifice and the sinfulness which made the sacrifice necessary in which they share, they turn from the evil that destroys to the Christ who claims them for love and life.

When Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah at Caesarea-Philippi, Jesus said two things. First, since that is true, it means the Cross for men. The greatest word in human speech in His statement of that occasion: "The Son of Man must suffer. Second, since that is true, it means for the crucified life. If anyone would come after me, let him renounce self, take up his cross and follow me." The Cross here means any instrument for self-crucifixion.

"Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul; Love is the only angel that can bid the gates unroll; And when He comes to call thee, arise, and follow fast, His way may lie through the darkness, but it leads to the light at last."

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## CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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**SAINT PAUL'S Church** Sunday School will meet tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. Plan to attend.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE**—Lady Patricia Lodge, Canoe Cove \$5.00. Mrs. George Burns, Albany, Additional \$1.00.

**ENTRIES FOR DRAMA FESTIVAL** close April 15th. Entry forms and information booklet obtainable at Charlottetown Library.

**WE CARRY** all types of supplies for both office and store, gummed tape, ledgers, adding machine rolls, rubber stamps, typewriter ribbons, pencils, etc. H. M. Simpson Ltd., 160 Richmond St., Charlottetown.

**OMITTED**—The names of Brian Wonnacott and Patsy MacPhail were omitted from the report of last week's "Ice Follies." These two children took the parts of the Duke and Princess.

**PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE** Concert Series presents Rosabelle and Kelsey Jones, a duo-pianists. College Auditorium, Wednesday, April 9th, 8:30. Admission 50 cents. Students 25 cents.

**SAD NEWS RECEIVED**—Word has been received here of the sudden death in Brookline, Mass., of Anthony J. Blaquiere in his 53rd year, formerly of Corran Ban Bridge. He was the son of the late Jerome Blaquiere and Mrs. Frank Buote. His mother now resides at 38 Water Street, Charlottetown.

**FUNERAL SERVICE**—The funeral of the late Edwina Clohossey, was held at 9:30 Thursday morning from the residence of her brother, Roy Clohossey, to St. Simon and St. Jude's Church, Tignish. Rev. Father J. A. McDonald sang the funeral mass and also conducted the service at the grave. Rev. Dennis Gallant directed the choir. Pall-bearers were: Howard McCue, Eddie Gaudet, Ernest McCue, William Clohossey, Gussie Ellsworth and John Doucette. The funeral was largely attended.

**PARKDALE MAKES GOOD SHOWING**—This year the Parkdale Men's Association under the president, Mr. J. D. McAskill, organized the Red Cross canvass in this up and coming district with excellent results amounting to \$365.00 which was more than \$100.00 in excess of what was collected in this area last year. Great credit is due to Mr. McAskill and the following group of collectors who carried out this piece of work so willingly and effectively: Frank Gaudet, Edwin H. Cooke, Joseph Gallant, Wilfred Oatway, Warren A. Burns, D. B. Robinson, Furness Matheson, Peter Coles, Harold Frowse, James Burke, Frank L. Ross, Reigh MacLean, Glen Ramsay, Charlie Snow and Claude Carroll.

**CAR ACCIDENTS**—Two minor traffic accidents occurred in this city during the week-end, the first on Saturday when two automobiles collided at the corner of Great George and Grafton streets. Both cars sustained slight damage but no one was reported injured. A car going south on Queen Street yesterday collided with another vehicle which was backing out from a parking space on the same street causing the second accident. Miss Kay Publicover, one of the passengers, was removed to the Prince Edward Island Hospital for treatment of superficial injuries about the forehead. She was discharged following treatment. Both cars were slightly damaged.

**Personals**  
Mrs. Donald MacEachern, Long Creek, has returned home after spending a month with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. MacFadyen, and little granddaughter, Valerie Anne, Hunter's River.

Among visitors to the City on Saturday from Breadalbane were Mrs. Harold Toombs, Mrs. J. J. McLeod, Mrs. Angus Gillis, Mrs. Lorne Newson, Mrs. Myron Matheson and Mr. Arthur O'Malley and little son Gerald.

# Lenten Meditation

From The Columns of The Times, London.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION

Anticipation describes most aptly the inner meaning of the Transfiguration as the evangelists narrate it. Christ enters here and now upon the splendour which is to be his when he has vanquished death. To be sure, there is a prospective reference in the story. Those two who keep company with the Master on the mountain symbolize the greatest in their people's past, and the voice of heaven warns them not to equate him with them, but to reverence him as the Son. Nevertheless, their conversation is of "the decaying which he is about to accomplish at Jerusalem."

The reader is allowed to share the profound spiritual experience by which Christ is fortified for the suffering which awaits him. More than that, the glory which lies beyond tragedy does not remain in the future; it moves into the present to meet him, and the radiance of victory shines from him before combat is joined.

The secret of that anticipation of triumph is revealed to us in the evangelists' careful choice of words. The three speak together of death, not as something he is to endure but as something he is to accomplish. He contemplates a deed to be done where others might see only calamity to be endured.

**POOR WEATHER**—Flying weather which closed in over the Gulf of St. Lawrence area, kept the aerial ice patrol on their home tarmac during the week-end. Weather permitting it is expected the flight will be out today.

**COUNTY MAGISTRATE'S COURT**—A resident of Charlottetown convicted of breaking and entering with intent, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment Saturday by Queen's County Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet. Another resident of Charlottetown charged with failing to stop at the scene of an accident in which he was involved, was reprimanded. A third resident of this city convicted of possession of intoxicating liquors in a place other than his own residence, was fined \$125 and costs or 30 days in County Jail.

**RETURN FROM NEWFOUNDLAND**—Mr. F. M. Nash, director of poultry products here, returned from Newfoundland Saturday night. While in Newfoundland

Instead of submitting to what is in store for him as a victim, he subdues it, victor-fashion, to his own God-given purpose. When he comes to the Cross he ascended it as though it were a throne. But those who nailed him to it could not guess that he had done that once before when on the mount of transfiguration he fore-saw and accepted what was to be.

The message of Easter is that there is a life which is born out of death, that there is a power of God by which the waste lands of history may blossom again, that earth has no tragedy which his wisdom and mercy cannot redeem. The message of the Transfiguration is that men need not wait till their hour of trial arrives to prove that this is so; they can anticipate in radiant serenity the conquest of that from which otherwise they would shrink appalled.

If there are hours in which the spirit seems fettered by the flesh, there are also rare, high moments in which it seems to become a veil through which a celestial glory shines. There are the moments in which the soul triumphs over pain and sorrow by accepting them in advance, in which it transfigures what it is fated to endure by making out of it a deed of service which it is gladly resolved to accomplish.

he helped to set up egg and poultry grading stations throughout the Province, and to assist in organizing egg and poultry grading classes. Newfoundland, Mr. Nash stated, is introducing provincial egg grading regulations, which will necessitate trained men to operate the various grading stations now being organized. Previously only Federal regulations were in effect there.

**POLICE COURT**—Two men convicted of operating motor vehicles while their ability to drive was impaired by the use of alcohol were sentenced to 100 and costs or 40 days by the Stipendiary Magistrate at the City Police Court Saturday morning. Five men charged with being drunk and incapable also appeared.

## Card Of Thanks

The family of the late R. A. MacFarlane wish to thank their many friends for kindness to them during their recent sad bereavement.

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ed for trial. Two were sentenced to 20 days, another was remanded one week and another was remanded until April 8th. The last offender was fined \$5 and costs or 5 days.

## CAPE TRAVERSE SCHOOL

Report for month of March:

**Senior Dept.:**  
Grade X — 1. Louise Norring; 2. Leonard Halloran; 3. Barbara Irving.  
Grade 9 — 1. Wayne Gardiner.  
Grade 8 — 1. Jean Murphy; 2. Bob MacWilliams; 3. Blair Campbell.  
Grade 7 — 1. Lyla Irving; 2. Elaine Campbell; 3. Dale MacWilliams.  
Grade 6 — 1. Beryl Murphy; 2. Jean Gallant.  
Highest average: Jean Murphy, 94%.

**Primary Dept.:**  
Grade V — 1. Patricia Patterson; 2. Wayne Howatt; 3. Leo O'Holloran.  
Grade IV — 1. Douglas Muttart; 2. Violet MacNeill; 3. Hazel McBride.  
Grade III Sr. — 1. Hazel MacDonald; 2. Parker Irving; 3. Gerald Noonan.  
Grade III Jr. — 1. Helen O'Holloran; 2. Dexter Howatt; 3. Jackie Waddell.  
Grade II Sr. — 1. Ruth O'Holloran; 2. Joan Jeffery.  
Grade II Jr. — 1. Bobby Ness; 2. Michael Ness; 3. Roy Irving.  
Grade I Sr. — 1. Billy MacDonald; 2. Gerald Cutcliffe.

Grade I Jr.—1. Elizabeth Cutcliffe; 2. James Jeffery.  
Teacher: Teresa A. McKenna.

## OLD INDUSTRY

Ancient granite carvings indicate the art of making leather was known at least as early as 2,000 B. C.

## BIG ADDITION

The Northwest Territories, area 1,309,000 square miles, was admitted to the Canadian confederation in 1899.

## VAST CONTINENT

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# Lingerie News

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