

Religion and Life

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OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER

Am I my brother's keeper? This ancient question is being asked with a new pointedness these days.

"No such thing!" answers one man. He points to the fact that this question was asked by Cain, the first murderer, as he tried to evade his responsibility for the slaying of his brother. Then he shows how every man must face the issues of his own actions.

Another answers him by arguing that we cannot escape the obligation of brotherly helpfulness in every way open to us. St. Paul's love of paradox leads him to put these two ideas over against each other. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," he urges in the closing chapter of his letter to the Galatians. Four verses later he says "For each man will have to bear his own load."

The occasion of the first of these was his plea that when a man's trespass has caught up with him, his fellow-Christians are to strive for his restoration to virtue and to his place in the Christian community. He meets the temptation to judge the man at fault by calling us to look to ourselves lest we too be tempted. Christians follow Christ in such cases by standing by the wrong-doer and trying to bring him back to his own true self.

A young man came home to his wife one day to tell her that he had defaulted in certain matters, and that the whole thing had been uncovered so that he must bear the penalty. After the first shock, she said: "Now we'll work this through together." "No!" he exclaimed, "you have had nothing whatever to do with this, and you shall not share the disgrace." She answered, "You misunderstood entirely what I meant when we took one another 'for better, for worse.' Of course, we'll see it through together. The single gleam of the perfect loyalty of love made him a new man, so that he took hold of himself and of the situation, and they did see it through together. Devotion of that type is Christ-inspired, and it has rescued many from the worst consequences of their mistakes or crimes.

Then when St. Paul goes on to speak of the necessity of each person testing his own work, he adds: "For each man will have to bear his own load." This is the word which Jesus used when He said: "My burden is light." There is a sense in which every man must bear his own responsibility. Says this same inspired writer in the same connection: "God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows that will he also reap." Before God, and before the operation of God's law in his own nature, each of us stands alone. But Christian devotion can reinforce the good in every man's nature which is always at war with his own evil tendencies, and not only help him to help himself, but link him with Christ who can conquer in the wrong-doer's own nature whenever he is allowed to take command.

Thomas Guthrie, the famous Scottish preacher, once warned against turning God's love against us. He pointed out that there is no anger as hot as love's anger when its object is attacked. God's love for the lost is so great that He gave His only Son to save them; when men conspire to lead into destructive sin those whom Christ died to save, they bring God's wrath upon themselves. Christ caught this truth when He said on different occasions: "Temptations to sin are sure to come; but we to him by whom they come. It would be better for him if a millstone were hung round his neck and he were cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin." We glory in Christ's love and take His expressions of that love in word and deed at their full value. Can we ignore His warnings when He shows us the other side of that truth? One shudders to think of the guilt of the community which surrounds its young

people with facilities and allurements to form ruinous habits. This law runs all through nature. Frank Bullen told about some whalers who struck at a mother whale, and instead of hitting her, killed the calf at her side. The moment she saw what had happened, that mother's fury was terrific. She smashed at their boat time after time; her own suffering counted for nothing; and it was with the greatest difficulty that any of the men were saved. Touch a mother-bear's cubs, if you dare; a 303 would avail you little in such a case. With the love of human beings this passion is even stronger. It is the other side of love and is its inevitable accompaniment. One place in which the church of today is falling her Lord is that she is not reacting as He did against people who destroy those whom He died to save.

The new social consciousness in which we pride ourselves is just a general recognition of the truth that we are our brother's keeper. A distinguished Briton told a little group the other evening that the principle underlying the policies of the welfare state is that there is a standard of living under which no citizen should be allowed to fall. Our own country is providing to an ever increasing degree healthful conditions for the lives of her people, rich and poor alike. But the most benevolent social order that the world has ever dreamed of can do little to save a man from himself. It is at this point that the intervention of the Divine is needed. As we have just noted, there is in every man's members "a law at war with the law of his mind, and making him captive to the law of sin which dwells in his members." But the law of the man's mind cannot consent to its subjection to this law of evil. Now "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets men free from the law of sin and death." Often the law which forbids an evil practice only sharpens the individual's desire for that very thing, and provokes him to do it. But what the law could not do, Christ did — and does in every one who receives Him. "I am glad to testify," said John G. Woolley, "that Christ is able through all these years to keep a drunkard sober."

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THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a new venture may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

HOWARD MacINNIS FOOT-WEAR at 175 Queen Street.

SENSATIONAL new chicken burgers and turkey nips at the Barn Drive Inn.

6TH ANNIVERSARY SALE now on. The Abegweit Gift Court, 181 Great George St. Mother's Day cards and gifts.

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CHARLOTTETOWN NEEDS at least 500 Blood Donors, at Clinics, to be held at Red Cross Headquarters on Tuesday, May 6th, between 2-4 in the afternoon and 7 to 10 in the evening. Be one and help save a life — perhaps your own.

POLICE COURT — In the City Police Court before Stipendiary Magistrate K. M. Martin on Saturday morning, one drunk and incapable was fined \$50 or 60 days, a similar offender was given \$10 or 20 days. Both with costs.

GARDEN SEEDS! Our store at York open daily; will also remain open at present until 9 P. M. on Monday and Thursday evenings. Arthur Vesey.

OFFICERS ELECTED — The regular monthly meeting of the Center Community Club Limited was held on April 29th. The following persons were selected as officers for the forthcoming month: President, James B. Caragher, 37 Douglas Street; 1st Vice President, Leo Dowling Sr., 375 Kent Street, 2nd Vice President, Edward Lund St. Avards, H.N. si glow my

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES ATTENTION — Prizes of \$200, \$150 and \$100 for Community Improvement can be yours by entering our community in the Rural Beautification Society's contest, this year. Improvement of halls, churches, schools, cemeteries, private homes in your community all count toward the award. Why not decide at your next meeting to enter the contest? Mail your entry on or before May 10th to the Rural Beautification Society in care of the P. E. I. Libraries, Charlottetown.

MARKETING APPEAL — The hearing of the Marketing Acts appeal has been adjourned from Monday to Tuesday, Messrs. H. F. MacPhee, G.C., and K. M. Martin, Q.C., are now in Ottawa to respectively support and oppose the validity of the marketing legislation. By a judgment of the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island delivered January 31 the Federal Agricultural Products Marketing Act was ruled ultra vires and the P. E. I. Act restricted in its application to marketing within the Province.

TRUCK OPERATORS FINED — In Queen's County Court on Saturday morning, before Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet offenders from Earncliffe, Charlottetown, Montague, St. Peter's and DesAble were each fined \$40 or 30 days for operating overloaded trucks. A second offender, from Millville, was fined \$50 and costs. For operating a motor vehicle not registered, a resident of Hunter River was fined \$3 and costs or 5 days. F. MacPhee, G.C., and K. M. Martin, Q.C., were in Charlottetown for consuming liquor in or about a motor vehicle \$20 and costs or 30 days, was the penalty imposed for obstructing a Police Constable in the exercise of his duty by failing to stop a motor vehicle when signalled to do so, the guilty party was fined \$25 and costs or 30 days.

Card Of Thanks — The family of the late Edwin McFarlane desire to express sincere thanks to all friends and neighbors who assisted in any way; also to all who sent floral offerings and messages of sympathy, during their recent sad bereavement.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC MAY 5 - 10

Hon. President—DR. L. W. SHAW President—DR. G. D. STEEL Vice-Pres. (Prince)—MR. LOWELL HANCOCK Vice-Pres. (Queen)—MRS. WALLACE RODD Vice-Pres. (King)—MRS. A. D. MacKENZIE Secretary—MRS. EDWIN COOK Asst. Sec'y.—MR. MALCOLM MacKENZIE Rec. Sec'y.—MRS. WENDELL WOOD

SESSIONS ON MONDAY 9:30 a.m.—P. W. C. Hall and Community Centre 2:00 p.m.—P. W. C. Hall and Community Centre 8:00 p.m.—P. W. C. Hall — Official Opening.

Under the distinguished patronage of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor T. W. L. Prowse and Mrs. Prowse, The Honourable Premier J. W. Jones and Mrs. Jones and His Worship Mayor J. D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart.

Presiding—Dr. G. D. Steel Platform Secretary—Mrs. Leonard MacDonald Addresses by—The President, G. D. Steel, M.A., LL.D. The Honourable Premier J. Walter Jones His Worshi Mayor J. D. Stewart Adjudicator, Mr. Clayton Hare Adjudicator, Mr. Reginald Geen, F.R.C.O. Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships to—Mrs. Nadine Archibald Mrs. Preston Beck

Competition in women's choruses, senior piano, mixed duets, male octette, violin and men's choruses.

—ADMISSION— Morning and Afternoon 15c Evening 25c

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

It may be interesting to record the circumstances under which some of our greatest hymns came into being.

The great modern hymn Rock of Ages, had its spiritual birthplace in a barn! That was back in 1758, when a young fellow named Augustus Toplady was attracted to the barn by curiosity. Toplady was converted by a local evangelist, and the sermon that converted him gave, in the end, to Christendom the matchless hymn, Rock of Ages.

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds was penned by Dr. John Fawcett when he was pastor of an obscure little Baptist Church in Yorkshire. He was about to leave his little flock and his little congregation had gathered at the Manse to say their farewells. Looking up through her tears Mrs. Fawcett exclaimed: "Oh, John, I cannot leave this! I know not how to go!" "Nor I," replied her husband. So the wagons were unloaded and everything restored to its former place. This hymn was written to commemorate the event.

The origin of "Take My Life and Let It Be" is very interesting and helpful. In a letter to a friend, the author, Miss Haverall writes: "I went to visit some friends. There were 10 persons in the house and we discoursed, among other things, the power of salvation. The last night of my visit these little couplets formed themselves and chimed in my heart, one after another, till they ended with 'Ever, only, all for thee!'"

"Awake, My Soul, to Joyful Songs" was written by Somerset Medley, a midshipman, in his early youth. The boy was severely wounded in the naval fight of Cape Lagos. He was nursed back to health by his pious grandfather; and as a result of this miraculous recovery wrote the above mentioned hymn.

The author of "Do You Wonder That I Love Him?" was prevented from attending an ecumenical entertainment by a sick headache. Sending his wife with his friends, he stayed home alone. Hardly had they departed when the pain left and a great calm came over his being. Almost immediately afterward the verses of this hymn sang themselves in the heart of the author, and when his wife returned, instead of finding him asleep, he sat by the table, the finished hymn in front of him.

"Shall We Gather At The River?" was written July 5, 1864, the result of an overflow of a contemplative spirit. In his mind's eye the author passed beyond the river of life. The image of the Apocalypse became vivid to him. The words came without any apparent effort. The musical setting took form with the words. Months later 40,000 children in Brooklyn, New York, sang it at the May Festival. Then it took wings and flew around the world.

The universally beloved song-hymn "Where Is My Boy Tonight?" was the result of a conversation the author had with a friend concerning the wasting of young men's lives. The talk having ended, the author went home and put the picture into verse.

"Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" was suggested to the author, Mr. Bliss, by an anecdote told by evangelist Moody. There were two lighthouses at Cleveland, Ohio—one on the bluff, called the upper lights and one at the mouth of the river, called the lower lights. One stormy night, a vessel was trying to nose her way into the harbor. The officers were casting keen glances for the lights. When the pilot shouted, "Do you see the lower lights?" "No," said the skipper, "I fear we have passed them." "There are the upper lights," cried the pilot. "We have passed the lower lights and have lost our chances of getting into the harbor." There was no turning now, and finally the ship crashed on the rocks and went to the bottom, carrying most of those on board to a watery grave.

"Nothing But The Blood of Jesus" is the expression of a simple, humble soul. The language is simple, the music tender. Yet this hymn has great power. It was introduced at the camp meeting at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, and caught on immediately, thousands of voices joining in the singing. A missionary heard it in Madras, India, and translated it into the Telugu tongue, and sent a copy of it to the author, with the story of the good it was doing among the natives.

Charles Wesley, when conversing with Peter Boehler on his conversion and the sweet sense of forgiveness, remarked, "But I suppose I had better keep silent about it." The Moravian shook him by the hand and replied, "Oh, no, if you had ten thousand tongues, go and use them all for Jesus." Wesley went home and almost immediately composed the hymn: "O, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise; The glories of my God and King, The triumph of His grave." And here's how "Ninety and Nine" had its birth. It was Sankey, the revival singer who wrote the words and music, on the spur of the moment as the saying goes.

He was on his way from Edinburgh to Glasgow and happened to pick up a paper on the train which contained a news item with the words "Ninety and Nine". They stuck in his mind, and later, near the close of a revival meeting conducted by Mr. Moody, Mr. Sankey could find no appropriate hymn to fit the occasion. Suddenly he thought of the newspaper, and pulling it out of his pocket he sang the words of "Ninety and Nine" to music that came to his mind then and there. Afterwards he wrote the music.

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Breadalbane and Vicinity

Miss Amy Howatt, Elliot's, was a visitor to Breadalbane, on Friday, April 18th.

Mr. James Cousins visited Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cousins, Summerside, on Monday, April 21st.

Mrs. Alvin Bell, Alberton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKay during the week-end of April 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Mayne, and their two children, Barbara and Blair, Charlottetown, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Somers on Sunday, April 27th.

Mr. Archie Hutchison was a visitor to Hunter River on Friday, April 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Murray left by train Monday morning, April 28th, for several weeks of vacation in Boston and Montreal.

A number of the village school children, who escaped the first epidemic of measles in this vicinity during the winter months, were ill with them during the month of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ackland, Cornwall, are spending several weeks in Breadalbane, where they are having a pleasant time visiting friends and relatives.

Rev. M. Watterworth, minister of the New Glasgow pastorate, delivered a very challenging message in the Breadalbane Christian Church on Sunday, April 27th. Reading from the sixth chapter of Matthew, the pastor based his sermon on the nineteenth and twentieth verses, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Mr. Watterworth stressed the need for Christians to grow in grace, and in the fruits of the spirit. Mrs. John Hickox and Mrs. Alex MacDonald sang as a duet, "There's a Land Beyond the River."

CARLETON SCHOOL

—Report for March: Grade X—Rowena Harvey. Grade IX—Christine Sutherland. Grade VIII—1. Albert Haslam; 2. Eileen Sutherland; 3. Gordon Myers.

Grade VII—1. Gayle MacWilliams and Jimmie Stewart; 2. Paula Noonan; 3. Wesley MacLellan.

Grade V—1. Jeanette Myers and Ariane Sturdy; 2. Joyce Lord; 3. Austin MacLellan and Wendy Johnson.

Principal: Margaret MacDonald Primary Department Grade IV—1. Marilyn Sutherland; 2. Gail Quigley; 3. Dianne Gillespie.

Grade III—1. Carol Quigley; 2.

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LET'S PUT P.E.I. "OVER THE TOP" !! YOU ARE NEEDED TO DO THIS—

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Advertisement for Coty perfume. Includes text: "it's Spring—there's love in the air!", "time for Muguet des Bois", "A sparkling series of perfumed toiletries to enjoy to your heart's content.", and a list of products and prices.

Advertisement for Sunlight soap. Includes text: "EVERY HOME NEEDS Sunlight", "It's All Pure, Extra-Soapy", and an illustration of a house.

Advertisement for Dettol disinfectant. Includes text: "When you are the nurse...", "The need to prevent infection spreading through the house is essential. You'll welcome 'Dettol' then for the antiseptic protection it affords.", and an illustration of a woman caring for a patient.