



Awarded General Accountant's Certificate

E. E. Douglas, Assessor, local Income Tax Office, who recently passed the final examinations of the General Accountants Association, receives his certificate from J. R. Leard, Senior C.G.A., residing in the Province.

Left to right in picture are: E. E. Douglas, C.G.A., D.J. Gill, C.P.A., and J.R. Leard, C.G.A.

At a recent meeting of the local students of the General Accountants Association, Mr. E. E. Dou-

glas who last fall passed the final examinations, received his certificate. J.R. Leard in making the presentation congratulated Mr. Douglas and hoped that other accountants in Government service and private business would take the opportunity of studying and thus obtain the C.G.A. Degree.

Expressions of regret because of their removal and of best wishes for their future success were tendered to J.L. Clark who has been

transferred to Kitchener, Ontario, and to P.E. Blanchard who will leave shortly for Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Mr. D.J. Gill spoke of the great need for accountants occasioned by the present prosperity of the country and stated that there were excellent opportunities for fully qualified members of the General Accountants Association to obtain employment in various offices of the Taxation Division throughout Canada

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RELIGION AND LIFE

By Very Rev. George C. Pidgeon, D.D., LL.D.
First Moderator of the United Church of Canada

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CAN THEY WORK TOGETHER?
Can I be loyal to my own faith while co-operating with those who deny truths that I consider vital? This question is raised afresh by the appearance in Christian pulpits of representative Moslems who are willing to co-operate with us in that which we hold in common.

The conflict between these two forms of faith has written a dark page in the history of the past. Each has called the other "infidel" and the answer of each to the other has been the sword. Is mutual understanding and helpfulness now possible?

The answer of certain Christians to the general question with which we started has been "No." G. L. Mackay of Formosa once visited a college in Montreal and told this story. A Chinese scholar once approached him with this request: "May we meet and compare your Jesus with our Confucius?" "No!" answered the missionary. "I will do no such thing."

After a moment's reflection, the Chinese scholar commented: "I see. Your position is that no human being can be compared with your Jesus." "Exactly so," was the answer that closed the conversation.

Great numbers of Christians still take this attitude.

For them the study of comparative religion is a profanity. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, transcends all created beings, and the flickering candles lighted by the founders of other religions can add nothing to those who live in his light.

DANGEROUS
Now this a dangerous position, even though any Christian can discern the element of truth in it. That stand was taken by Mohammed's followers when they destroyed the great library in Alexandria: "If it is in the Koran, it is unnecessary; if it is not in the Koran, it is false."

"Away with it!" in such cases is easy for belief to say. Nevertheless, Tennyson's saying is true that "God fulfils Himself in many ways lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

Christianity did assimilate many truths from the races it evangelized, and there are principles and ideals recognized in the Orient which our Western form of the faith sorely needs.

In the Ecumenical movement, each church clings to its own conception of truth and duty; what it has proven in experience is its contribution to the Christianity of the future.

common in no way compromises or weakens its loyalty to its own form of faith.

Now this was the statement of our guests from the Moslem world. With clear and strong emphasis they presented truths which Moslem and Christian hold in common.

BELIEF IN ONE GOD
The first of these truths is our belief in one God, the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth. Over against the secular and materialistic ideas of our time, which recognizes no reality beyond that which we can see and feel, is this faith in a Spiritual Being, the First Cause of all that is, to whom supreme allegiance is due.

The second truth we all recognize is the moral order that extends beyond this world. There are eternal principles of the right which govern all human relationships and which are the ultimate and eternal standards by which all human conduct is judged.

The third truth that these two world faiths hold is the immortality of the soul. Real life only begins on earth. The believer will live in God after all that is seen has passed away.

These truths are all assailed today. Religion is the contact of the individual soul with a personal God from whom he came, to whom he is responsible, and to whom he will return. If this faith is to be preserved, those who hold it must join in its defense and propagation.

The co-operation of these two forms of faith in a matter of world significance. We cannot over-estimate what it will mean in international relationships. Each has much to contribute to the other. For example, racial conflicts are the torment of the Christian Church in land after land; differences of race have no existence for the Moslem; his devotion to God supersedes everything else.

Dr. Robert McClure, after his years of service to Palestinian refugees, says that Jesus' ideal of loving personal service meets with a warm response in the heart of the Moslem. Here is a great common meeting ground.

In no way does all this weaken our testimony to our Risen and Victorious Lord of life and death.

Professor H. H. Farmer, of Cambridge, has written that "the central and controlling essence" of Christian faith and life is belief in the incarnation—the conviction that God Himself came—and comes—into human history in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God Himself in action within history for us men and for our salvation."

Not only so but also "this conviction of the continuing, redeeming presence of Christ in the world is axiomatic in the Christian faith and life."

He has not passed away from us into the "beyond"; His Resurrection and Ascension to God's right hand means that He is now accessible as "a living, active presence mediated through the Holy Spirit, to all who give themselves to Him in discipleship and faith."

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Members of the Program Finance Committee are busy this week in Charlottetown and Summerside soliciting advertisements for 1956 Festival Program.

This is one of the main sources of revenue to help finance the Festival. Each year since its inception there has been a steady growth in the Festival and with this of course has been a steady increase in expenses.

In order to meet these higher costs, it is the hope of the committee that not only the same generous supporters of previous years, but many new ones will add their support this year.

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The resignation from the Trustee Board of Mr. Ernest Cudmore was accepted with reluctance. Dr. Mc-

Kenzie, the present chairman, emphasized the Board's loss of this valuable and faithful member. Mr. Cudmore has been an active member for the past ten years.

The chairman also informed the meeting of his recent attendance at the meeting in Moncton of the Maritimes Hospital Institute for Accountants and Trustees. This meeting was well attended with thirty-two Trustees present from the Maritimes Hospitals.

Payments Of Unemployment Benefits Exceeds Deductions

More than 2,600 people are drawing Unemployment Insurance Benefits through the Charlottetown Local Office. Residents of the country districts are paid every two weeks by cheque, but those living in and near Charlottetown, are paid weekly by cash. At the present time between \$13,000 and \$14,000 weekly, is being disbursed in the local office to people in Charlottetown.

The biggest day of the week in the way of payments is always Monday, and for several weeks now the daily Monday outlay has been slightly over \$3,000.00. In the following three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, payments average between \$2,600 and \$2,300 per day, and on Friday the total is usually between \$2,200 and \$2,300. The office is not open on Saturday.

Each city claimant has his particular reporting day and a specified time for reporting. About 80 to 85 people are paid per hour each day. As each man reports, certain records have to be completed. A cash voucher written and finally the payment is made at the Cashier's wicket.

Social Workers Take Stand On Health Insurance

The March Meeting of the Canadian Association of Social Workers, N.B.-P.E.I. Branch was held March 10th, at the Mental Health Clinic in Moncton. The President, Mr. W. A. MacDonald was in the chair.

During the business meeting which was held in the morning with Kathleen C. Morrissy, Branch Representative to the National Board, Fredericton, reported on its last meeting in Montreal. At this meeting the following policy statement was made: "Social Work Education is the responsibility of Social Work educators and the profession as a whole". Miss Morrissy reported that the National Board has taken a stand on National Health Insurance, Civil Defence, and has submitted a brief to the Gordon Commission on Canada Future Economy.

Mr. W.A. MacDonald and Miss Kathleen C. Morrissy were named as delegates to the Civil Defence Course at Arnprior, Ont. in April which is being held specifically for trained Social Workers. The Branch also elected delegates to serve as resource people with the Provincial Council of Women as they present briefs to the Provincial Cabinet on March 13th and 14th.

Dr. John Stanley, Director, Mental Health Clinic, Moncton was guest speaker during the afternoon session. His subject was "Mental Retardation". Dr. Stanley traced the history of the care for the mentally retarded before dealing with the New Brunswick situation specifically. He described in detail the efforts of the various groups interested in this problem and he emphasized that "Further public recognition of the problem is necessary before an overall plan can be made to cope with this problem adequately in New Brunswick".

In the discussion period which followed, it was suggested that a survey by a specialist in problems of Mental Retardation be carried out in New Brunswick in order to ascertain the needs and a definite plan made which could be implemented to meet this need.

Mr. Alyre Mazerolle was welcomed as a new member of the Association. He has recently joined the staff of the Moncton Children's Aid Society following his graduation from the Maritime School of Social Work at Halifax.

Only about 13,500 square miles of Egypt's total 386,000 square miles is cultivated and sown.

It takes considerable organization to pay these claimants promptly and without confusion each day. The procedure used is standardized all over Canada throughout the more than 200 offices maintained by the unemployment Insurance Commission.

CHEQUE TO RURAL
A specially trained Pay Section looks after the payment of all benefits whether by cash to city claimants, or by cheque to rural residents. At the Charlottetown Office, much of the day is devoted to preparing and forwarding cheques to people living in country districts, but the two-hour period in the afternoon from one to two or two-thirty, is set aside as a period for paying benefit recipients in Charlottetown.

The total amount paid out weekly by the Charlottetown Office to the area under its jurisdiction, Queens and Kings counties, is about \$36,000.00. This includes the \$13,000 paid to Charlottetown claimants.

At this time of year, the amount paid weekly in the area is about four times as great as the revenue received from the sale of Unemployment Insurance stamps. For a few months in the summer, the revenue received, exceeds the amount paid out in benefits, but in the Autumn and early Spring income roughly equals the outlay.

Taking the year as a whole, the amount of money paid out in claims, far exceeds the money derived from the sale of Unemployment Insurance stamps. This is not true of the Provinces which are more highly industrialized, and where seasonal employment is not so wide-spread in its affects.

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