

Religion and Life

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THE VITAL QUESTION

Years ago a widely-known Toronto journalist visited a number of the churches of the city and of his impressions of the preachers in his weekly paper. He was particularly severe on one young preacher who occupied a prominent pulpit, and closed his criticism with the words: "I want to be interested or to be saved? I shall go elsewhere."

father, if the prophet had commanded you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, wash and be clean... And Naaman swallowed his pride, and obeyed, and the flesh of the leper was stored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." (II Kings 5).

We do so want to win credit for ourselves, even before God, but none is due. The Living Lord, who bought us at so dear a price, asks us only to give Him a chance, and He will meet our need according to His riches in glory. A series of evangelistic services was once being held in a village near Toronto. One evening the subject was "The New Birth as explained in the third chapter of Saint John's Gospel." At the close of the meeting a drunken man slipped into a back seat. He was a character well known in the district, and he challenged the elders of the church with the question: "Why didn't Jesus answer Nicodemus' question?" They insisted that Jesus did, but the old Nicodemus asked: "How can these things be?" and Jesus didn't answer that question.

But Jesus did answer it. He had told this religious leader that a man must be born again in order to enter the Kingdom of God, and that no man could work this change in himself. He must be born of water and of the spirit, the one signifying cleansing, and the other the renewing of the man's nature. The inquirer was perplexed and asked: "How can these things be?" Jesus, in reply, expressed surprise that a teacher in Israel should need to ask such a question, and added: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life" (John 3: 14-15). "To have eternal life," the man born again" meant the same thing so far from this answer being too simple it includes everything.

It means self-committal, self-trust to Christ that He may do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We have sinned, and only the One against whom we have sinned can forgive. We are dead in our sinfulness; only the Creator can create anew. The faith He asks for is just trust, that He may make of us what He has designed. Now this is the last thing that proud human nature wants to do, but it is God's way of salvation. "He who believes in the Son has eternal life." Jesus said: "He who hears my word and believes in Him who sent me, has eternal life, but has passed from death to life." Nothing could be more explicit, and there are many such statements. So "believe and live."

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HEAR THE ACADIA TRIO: Janis Kaleja, violinist; Felicia Kaleja, pianist, and Theo MacDonald, soprano in P. W. C. Concert, College Auditorium, Thursday, February 19th, at 8.30. Admission 75 cents; students 25 cents.

MEMBERS of Nine Mile Creek, New Dominion, Cannon Cove, Long Creek Anglican and Baptist Churches will meet for World's Day of Prayer Service in Long Creek Baptist Church, Friday, February 20th, at 8 P. M.

TONIGHT: hear panel discussion by George Fraser, Lincoln Dewar, and Gordon Warren on rural beautification. C. P. C. Y., at 10.30. Fourth in a series of community planning broadcasts heard each week at same time.

ENGAGEMENT. — Mr. and Mrs. Boyd E. MacQuarrie, Hampton, Prince Edward Island, announce the marriage of their daughter, Lois Margaret to Colin John, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacPhail, Argyle Shore, P. E. I., which took place on Wednesday evening, December 31st, 1952, at St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt, Ont.

Personals: The many friends of Mrs. Harry Leard, Crapaud and Charlottetown, will be sorry to know that she is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital following a slight accident.

In Memoriam

MRS. THOMAS PROWSE: In loving memory of a dear Mother who passed away February 16th, 1948. "Not just today, but every day, In silence, we remember." Always remembered by her son Harold and Reta.

In Memoriam

In memory of my dear Father, Edgar Smith, who passed away February 16th, 1948. Our dearest Father may you rest in peace. Our prayers for you will never cease. Thoughts of you are ever near. As it dawns another year. Remembering your love so patient and true. Now leaves our hearts so heavy and blue. Lovingly Remembered and Sadly Missed by Son George H. Lilley.

In Memoriam

In memory of my dear Mother, Mrs. Ella McCoubrey, who passed away February 16th, 1951. Her memory is our keepsake, with it we will never part, God has her in His keeping. We have her in our heart. Fondly Remembered by Sons and Daughters.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our darling son and brother, E. W. Bruce MacLean, who passed away February 16th, 1948, at St. Anne de Bellevue, Que. We miss him in the morning, When the robins sing so sweet. We miss him in the noon time, When our friends we gladly meet. We miss him in the evening, When the lengthy shadows fall, But when we walk down memory lane, We miss him most of all. Ever Remembered by Mom, Dad, Sisters and Brother.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Mother, Mrs. John MacQuarrie, who passed away February 16th, 1952. It's sweet to remember a Mother so dear. Tho' absent from us she is ever near. Unseen by the world she stands by our side, And whispers "my loved ones death cannot divide." God knew what you were suffering, The hills were hard to climb, Without farewell, you fell asleep, Leaving fond memories we will always keep. Inserted by Daughter, Sons and Grandchildren.

Break O' Day Iron

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tion, I do remember my grandfather saying he hailed from somewhere in Pennsylvania. But that's a long while ago." Glidden gulped. He pushed back his chair so rapidly and forcibly as all but to upset the faithful chambermaid-waitress still stationed behind it. He stared through that open door into the office. The waitress scuttled inside. The chair scraped as Jerry rose. Mr. B. B. Twombly looked up at last. Then Jerry had his first glimpse of the face. It was round and pasty; the nose was good, but the mouth too small, and the lips lacked color. The eyes were dark and narrow. "Shifty," judged Jerry. To be continued.

NEW GLASGOW UNITED W. M. S.

The January meeting of the New Glasgow W. M. S. was held at the home of Miss Elsie Laird. Mrs. Warfield Orr took charge of the worship service using the theme, "Breathe On Me Breath of God." Mrs. Davis Moffatt read Luke 14: 1-13 and Philippians 4: 4-9 was read by Mrs. Heath Houston. Prayers were offered by several members. A reading "Lifes Lesson" by Mrs. Chalmers Laird was followed by the Missionary Prayer, Hymn 156 closed the worship service. The president then took charge. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered by nine members, two associate members and one visitor. The secretary read a letter from Mrs. D. W. MacPherson regarding the Presbyterian, Miss Anna Stevenson and Mrs. Davis Moffatt are to attend from the Auxiliary and Mrs. Blair Andrew from the Mission Band. A receipt was received from Overseas relief fund for money sent. There were 21 calls made in homes, four in Hospital and one card sent. Two replies of thanks were received. The treasurer reported \$130.00 for the year ending 1952, also \$53.51 from the Mission Band, making a total of \$183.51 sent. As herald, Mrs. Blair Andrew read "Thanks To Thee." "He Led Me" was read by Anna Stevenson. The president read a letter about the World's Day of Prayer, of which she will be in charge. Mrs. Dingwell was to send for Programmes and Mite Boxes. Collection amounted to \$1.70, and six members paid dues. Roll call for next month is the letter "E," and the place of meeting, will be Mrs. Dingwell's home. Appointments are: Leader, Miss Anna Stevenson; lunch, Mrs. Melvin MacLeod and Mrs. Dingwell; Heralds, Mrs. Murray Orr and Mrs. Millar Orr; Missionary Prayer, Mrs. Stevenson. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Mizpah Benediction.

LONDON (CP) — Among many thousands of garments sent to a women's voluntary service clothing depot for flood victims were some new expensive suits from a tailor in London's Saville Row.

To Survey New Power Site In British Columbia

VICTORIA, (CP) — Premier W. A. C. Bennett says the British Columbia government has given permission to Profisher Limited for surveys of the B. C. section of a proposed vast water power development which would dwarf the Aluminum Company of Canada project at Kitimat, B.C.

The premier said Friday that the government has been approached for water power rights in the big northern watershed but that no options have yet been given. Profisher Ltd. is a big exploration and development company with chemical and metallurgical interests around the world. It proposes to develop a 17,000-square-mile area along the B.C.-Yukon border. The watershed has a power potential of 5,000,000 horsepower. The Alcan project, scheduled to go into operation next year, has a potential of 1,600,000 horsepower.

Only last month, the federal government turned down a request from Aluminum Company of America that it use the watershed to produce power for a giant smelter in Alaska. In the new proposed development, the plant and smelters might be built at Glacier Bay, just on the Canadian side of the B.C.-Alaska border. It was believed the British Columbia government had the Profisher bid in mind when the federal government turned down the Alcan request. Such a project must be approved by both the federal and provincial governments.

LAKE VERDE W. I.

The first meeting of the Lake Verde Women's Institute which was organized February 3rd was held at the home of Mrs. Owen Callaghan February 11th.

After the meeting was called to order the Creed was read in unison. Ten members were present and paid fees. It was decided to have what parties in aid of the school, the first to be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Kelly. Mrs. Ira Redmond invited members for the March meeting. Roll call to be answered by sing, whistle or pay a dime. The meeting then adjourned, after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Joseph Redmond.

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Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

On the grounds of the governor's home on the island of St. Helena, may be seen a tame tortoise that rambles freely about Old Longwood, the house Emperor Napoleon had lived in until his death. This giant creature over a century and three-quarters old, is the only living link in the world with Napoleon.

Three such tortoises were originally imported, two probably in the 18th century, for the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. One died in 1877, the second fell over a cliff in 1918, breaking its shell, and the last of the Mohegans which still ambles about Plantation House as it did about Longwood House during Napoleon's exile. The famous green turtles of Ascension Island used to be captured in the following strange manner. While the turtles sunned themselves on the beaches, men crept upon them and quickly attached empty cans on their flappers. Then they turned them on their backs where they lay in a helpless position till the tide came in and floated them out to sea. Then the fishermen hoisted the 600 to 600 pounds of potential soup to the decks of their vessels where they were put up for shipment alive for English markets.

A laborer's wages in early Canada amounted to approximately 30c a day, with board included. The first lighthouse erected in this country was at Louisbourg, N. S. Date: April 1, 1734. The feathers of the owl are so soft that he makes no noise at all in flight. Nature designed the owl that way so that he could swoop down on his victim on velvet wings.

As there is nothing exactly new under the sun likewise no thought or word is entirely original. Some of Shakespeare's and Churchill's famous remarks are but Biblical phrases given a new twist to make them appear original. Another example of this kind, is to be found in the late Franklin D. Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address. "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." To many the famous pronouncement was a

brand-new brain child of the President's. It was not! David Thorau writing in his Journal some 84 years ago said: "Nothing is so much to be feared as fear." The thought was far from original, even with Thorau, and going back to the 16th century we read of Saint Theresa of Avila, the Spanish mystic, putting the same thought this way: "There is only one thing to fear and that is fear." A famous literary mark today is the Boston Athenaeum. Among other historic oddities the visitor may look upon the remains of one, Walton, a highwayman, housed in his own skin. Incidentally, the Athenaeum, established in 1807, is a private library, owned by shareholders. This famous privately owned library was barred to women until March, of 1839. Why? Because the librarian pointed out that the narrow galleries and steep stairs should "cause a decent woman to shrink." "Nor is it desirable," he wrote, "that a modest young woman should have anything to do with the corrupt portions of the polite literature. A considerable portion of a general library be to her a sealed book." The phenomenal growth of the English language is better comprehended when we learn that Webster's New International Dictionary, second edition, contains 600,000 entries—eight times the entries of the 1825 book.

All post offices in East Africa sell malaria pills for malaria as well as postage stamps. The snow-white lake, Lake Magadi, in Africa, is a 30-square mile body of solidified sodium carbonate, the same as the crystals a housewife uses for softening water. The Magadi Soda Company Ltd. here process upwards of 100,000 tons of soda products yearly. Did you know that the first Canadians never used a plough on potatoes. The small plots of cleared land were cultivated by hoes. Potatoes were not grown because the inhabitants considered them unfit for human consumption.

BORDON, England (CP) — James R. B. Branson, who died at 80 in this Hampshire district, was a food reformer who lived on grass, berries and raw vegetables. In former years he bred some of Britain's best polo ponies.

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. DOUGALD MacEACHERN: Suddenly on January 13, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Frizell, 46 Brighton Ave., Charlottetown, there passed to her rest Mary Jane MacEachern, widow of the late Dougald MacEachern, formerly of Long Creek, P. E. I., and daughter of the late Peter MacDonald and Mary MacLean MacDonald of Bonshaw, in her 81st year.

The late Mrs. MacEachern was a loyal and consistent member of the Church of Scotland, and during the ministry of the late Rev. John Goodwill, was brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Besides the daughter with whom she lived, Mrs. Alfred Frizell, she leaves to mourn four other children, Mrs. Daniel Darrach, New Brunswick, Mrs. Stanley Campbell, St. John's, N. S., Mrs. Harry Redmond, Somerville, Mass., U. S.; William, Cambridge, Mass., U. S.; also one sister, Mrs. Lemuel Matheson, Glasgow Road, P. E. I., and two brothers, William, Bonshaw, P. E. I., and Donald, Maine, U. S. Six sisters and four brothers predeceased her.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held on January 15th at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home, with the pastor, Rev. J. H. Bishop, officiating. Interment was in the Argyle Shore Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Hector Darrach, William Darrach, Peter MacEachern, Robert MacNevin, Winfield MacKinnon and Reginald Wood. Following are the flowers: Pillow The family. Wreath Sister Tillie, Lem and family. The grandchildren. Sprays James Gillan, Sadie and Bill, Bernice, Grace, Jennie and Reginald. Peter and Mildred, Annie, Horace and family The O'Rourke's, Lottie, MacInnis, The Doucette family, Wilna MacPhail. Cut Flowers Alpha Rebekah Lodge, Sarah, Les and family. Letters of Sympathy Mrs. A. Avar, W. Chester S. MacLure, Marion and Neil Stewart, Blanche and Huguie MacKenzie.

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MRS. MARGARET ADA HOLMES: The death occurred after a lingering illness on January 22nd at her home, 206 Hillsboro Street, Charlottetown, P. E. I., of Mrs. Margaret Ada Holmes. The deceased was the widow of the late John E. Holmes of the Charlottetown and daughter of the late Donald and Amelia (Buntain) MacMillan of West Coleshed, Prince Edward Island. During the first years of her married life she lived at West River, P. E. I. and later settled at East Royalty where she spent the greater part of her life. Upon retirement, she and her husband and family moved to Charlottetown where the family now reside. The funeral was held at the United Life Member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

She had a cheerful disposition, a peaceful mind that accompanies duty well and unselfishly done, the love and care of a devoted family, and the joy of mutual friendships were some of the consolations of her declining years. Many friends and acquaintances attended the funeral service which was held Saturday afternoon, January 24th from Trinity United Church, and joined in the cortege to People's Cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. Frank MacLean, assisted by Rev. J. T. Irwin both of whom had visited the deceased during her illness, and Rev. G. C. Webster of Zion Presbyterian church. Two favorite hymns, "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were sung. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

The pallbearers were, Ira Shaw, Calvin MacKay, Harold Newson, John B. Andrew, Alex McNevin and Chester Buntain. Rev. Thos. Wilson assisted at the grave. Let to cherish her memory are one son, Allison of East Royalty and six daughters, namely, Millie, (Jennie) Mrs. H. G. Leitch, (Isobel) Mrs. F. W. Wheatley, (Marion) Mrs. Elmer Mallett, Gertrude and Emma, all of Charlottetown, and one sister, Mrs. O. C. LePage, also of Charlottetown, and seventeen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

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