

Women

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MARY HAWORTH

Wife Considers Wisdom Of Keeping Ersing Spouse

Dear Mary Haworth: I have been married for 10 years. We have two children. This year my husband met a girl and fell in love with her. They were meeting secretly for some time. Then, when his friends disclosed this to me, he swore to heaven it was a lie.

Because of his instability we lost our house, car and my savings. He was squandering our substance and telling me he needed the money because business was bad; so I helped him (I thought) by getting a job.

When the girl's parents discovered the affair, they forbade her to see my husband. But her love was so great that she left home for him; and started living with him, without separation or divorce.

HOME FROM ESCAPE
After two months, what happened I don't know, but she returned to her parents pregnant, and he came home to me. I took him back, but I am deeply hurt by the injustice. Now he asks: "What did I do against the world?"

I have told him to go back to the girl, that she needs him now; our children are getting bigger and I can manage somehow. I am new in this country; but I know it is the greatest country in the world; and I beg the women to please help it stay this way.

Do I have the right to send him away? (I am thinking of my children). What about that other child? Why didn't their love last?

E.F.

COUNTERFEIT DOESN'T
Dear E.F.: Someone, I think it was author Floyd Dell, has observed that love and infatuation are so much alike that you can't tell the difference, except that

love lasts and infatuation doesn't.

I believe this comment is ticked in somewhere in his pioneering psychiatric study *Love in the Machine Age*, published in the 1930s. (Or was it earlier?)

Frank J. Sheed underlines the same truth in other words, in a discussion of married love and the storms that assail it, in his vastly instructive book *Society and Sanity* (Sheed and Ward).

The corroborative comments of these learned men supply the answer to your question: "Why didn't their love last?" It didn't last because it wasn't love. At least, it wasn't on your husband's part. When responsibility entered the door, in terms of pregnancy, his interest in the affair vanished by the window, it seems.

He is the sort of man who probably would say, in retrospect that the girl didn't really mean anything to him. The philandering husband often reassures his wife with sentiments of the kind—with both of them closing their minds to the fact that what he actually conveys, by that alibi, is that he himself is a meaningless fellow.

WHAT IT MEANS
The man to whom a series of loves in his life mean little or nothing in the final assessment is simply saying, in code language, that he had nothing real, strong, significant and enduring, to bring to companionship with a woman.

Probably he has a wife (indeed he may have had several), consciously or unconsciously occupying a long-suffering mother's shoes in his wayward-child experience. But this is as near as he ever gets to a "meaningful" affection for an adult female.

And even so, he can part with one such mother-figure rather lightly, provided he has another prospect in sight for the role. In short, his affairs are shallow, expedient, opportunistic, easily cast aside and scarcely missed.

As to whether to send your husband away, I think for his sake you may as well keep him if he wants to stay, supposing you can adjust to his homecoming, without feeling resentful or contemptuous. As for the welfare of the other child, I should think

that that child's mother, and her people, are the natural guardians of its care. M.H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of this newspaper.

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the carrying on of God's work.

He gave an encouraging message and likened the women of the church today to those spoken of by Paul, who "laboured in the Lord".

The president, Mrs. Irene Reeves, thanked Mr. Brown for his much appreciated address. She then led an interesting discussion on the questionnaire sent out by the Dominion W.A. with regard to the proposed union of the two women's organizations of the church.

During the business period a financial report was given by the treasurer, Mrs. Elmer Reeves. This showed a total of \$457.54 raised during the past year. A total contribution of \$23 has been made by the W.A. towards the

new church organ, which is now fully paid for.

Following the meeting Christmas gifts were exchanged. Lunch was served by the committee with a special treat of ice cream provided by the hostess, Mrs. Brown. Good wishes for the Christmas season were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Bruce with appreciation for their kind hospitality and a happy evening at the manse.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Alfred Reeves.

STAFF MEMBERS ENJOY BANQUET

Members of the staff of the Charlottetown branch of Eaton's of Canada as they attended a banquet at the Charlottetown Ho-

tel Monday evening honoring S.S. Carson and P.E. Brydges, manager and assistant manager of the local branch.

Seated, left to right, are: Mrs. Eleanor MacCallum, Mrs. Jane Bell and Mrs. Jane Gurney.

Hunter's River Sewing Club Organized With 20 Members

Fourteen members of the Hunter's River Women's Institute answered roll call for the December meeting with a gift for needy children.

Mrs. Reagh Bagnall was hostess for the meeting which was conducted by the vice-president, Mrs. Cyril Smith. One visitor was present, Mrs. Robert D. Bhe offered to deliver the gifts to the Welfare Centre at Charlottetown.

The treasurer reported \$40.75 had been collected for the Cancer Fund. A generous donation of \$5.00 was received from Mrs. Garfield Wood.

Mrs. Reagh Bagnall reported the sewing club had been organized with 20 girls enrolled to begin work in the New Year.

Mrs. Lloyd Carrow, Mrs. Cyril Smith and Mrs. C.H. MacGuigan volunteered to pack and deliver cheer boxes.

Mrs. Orville Sellar and Mrs. Reagh Bagnall were named to take care of the Christmas treat for the children of the district. It was voted that \$3.00 be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and \$2.00 for membership dues for

the Drama Festival Association.

An interesting report on the leadership course given at Central Royalty and attended by Mrs. Spence and Mrs. I. MacKay was given by Mrs. MacKay.

Mrs. Reagh Bagnall gave an enlightening report on the 4-H Club sewing course held at Rustico and attended by a number of the members.

Mrs. Frank Bagnall read a paper from the Canadian Association of Consumers protesting the use of Trading Stamps. The petition was signed by all present.

Mrs. W.L. Bowman will be the hostess for the January meeting.

Mrs. Irene Reeves was re-elected as president of the Free-town United Women's Auxiliary at their annual meeting held recently at the North-Bedeque Manse.

Other officers elected for the coming year included Mrs. Alfred Reeves, vice-president, (re-elected), Miss Winnifred Burns and Mrs. Robert Burns, secretary and assistant secretary; Mrs. Elmer Reeves, treasurer, (re-elected); Mrs. Alvin Stetson, Mrs. Cliff Francis and Mrs. Henry Reeves, community friendship; Mrs. Allison Proffitt, press

secretary; Mrs. Harold Drummond, membership committee chairman.

Fifteen members were present at the meeting and the service of worship was conducted by Rev. Angus Brown. "O Come All Ye Faithful" was sung and the reading of the Christmas story was followed by prayer.

Mr. Brown then spoke to the members on the work of women in the church. He mentioned many instances in both the old and new testament where women had played an important part in

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