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New England Ladies' Aid

The New England Ladies' Aid met on Wednesday, June 24th, at the home of Mrs. John Morrison with a good attendance of members and several visitors. "There is work to do for Jesus" was the opening hymn followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. The president, Mrs. M. Devitt, read the first twelve verses of the first chapter of Hebrews. Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and adoption several items of business were discussed. The same committee was asked to purchase the ice cream freezer and it was decided to hold an ice cream social on Thursday evening, July 2nd, and also a Church shower in connection with it. The roll call was answered by a good motto. The program which followed consisted of a piano solo by Helen Wiley; a splendid paper by Mrs. Russell Lawson on co-operation between school and teacher, from the teacher's point of view; reading by Joy Wiley on Co-Operation; reading by Mrs. Ed. Wilcox, "The touch of the Master's hand"; solo by Elva Wiley, "Grandfather's clock"; a discussion followed by Mrs. Devitt, on co-operation from the school's view point. The closing hymn, "Oh, Master let me walk with Thee", was then sung, followed by the Aid benediction. The lunch committee, Mrs. Geo. Wiley and Mrs. Roy Kirkpatrick, assisted by the hostess served a tasty lunch. The July meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Wiley on Wednesday, the 16th, when it is expected Mrs. (Dr.) Murray of Flesherton will be present and give a Missionary address. Word for roll call "Hope" or one item of foreign interest. Visitors always welcome.

Creemore Girl Killed

Margaret, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith of Creemore, was instantly killed on Thursday of last week in a fall from a horse. With two girl companions she had been out riding when a truck coming from a lane frightened the horses. Miss Smith fell and suffered a broken neck, dying almost instantly. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Editor and Mrs. Smith in the tragedy which has entered their home.

Acheson Reunion

The annual Acheson reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Johnson, near Shelburne. This gathering of around 125 people ranging in age from infancy to the late seventies are the descendants of the late William and Christina Acheson, who came about the middle of the nineteenth century from County Fermagh, Ireland, and settled in the Township of Proton, about three miles from Dundalk. The program of sports and games was well organized and successfully carried out. The officers elected are as follows: President, Lloyd Acheson, Toronto; Vice-President, Edwin Taylor, Toronto; Secretary, Miss Jean Johnston, Shelburne; Treasurer, Mrs. Christie Johnston, Shelburne; Convenor of Sports Committee, Gordon Acheson, Proton station.

DORNOCH

(Intended for last week)
The annual picnic of the four schools was held on Monday, June 22nd. Lunch was served at the close after a very pleasant afternoon.
Mrs. Ed. Sweeney and niece, Miss Anna Downey of Michigan, visited with Mrs. John Sweeney on Friday.
Mrs. C. Shildroth sr. is spending a few days with friends in Toronto. Congratulations to Harold Grahlman and Donald Reay of the Separate school and Murray Davey of the brick school on securing their High School Entrance on the year's work. We are glad to hear Mr. Murray Smith is getting along nicely after the misfortune to break his collar bone on Monday.
Mr. John Johnston of Brant visited on Sunday with his uncle, Mr. Robert Corlett, and his aunt, Mrs. Earle.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Crutchley visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McDonald of Crawford.
Misses Christena and Lillian Bluhm visited with Miss Gladys Grahlman.
Mrs. Edward Lang spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. T. Yule. Sorry to report Mrs. Jas. Vasey is not improving in health as rapidly as her many friends would wish.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hodgson jr. visited with the latter's mother, Mrs. G. Miller.
Miss Helen Kenefick spent a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vasey.
The Pecoid family of Toronto are up for the summer months at their home here.
Mr. and Mrs. Shackleton spent Saturday in Owen Sound.
The Dornoch Presbyterian Church held their annual garden party on Thursday evening. A good supper was provided, after which the program was enjoyed by all.
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sweeney spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hatton of Desboro.
Mrs. J. Lang is assisting Mrs. T. Moran for a few days.
Mrs. Fred. Hiseox visited on Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. Dyers.
Glad to report Master Murray Kenny better again after being ill for a few days.
Mr. Jas. Kenny of Owen Sound visited for the week-end with his mother here.
Mr. Billy Vasey of Durham spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vasey.

Religious Forum

What Would A Christian World Be Like?

(By W. A. Gifford in New Outlook)

By a Christian world I mean one that consciously adopts the principles and seeks to accomplish the purposes of Christ. So that one enquires at the outset. What were, what are, the working principles of Jesus?

Among the first is this, that human life, even when reduced to its simplest terms, is sacred. Jesus saw, in all sorts of people, a worth that others missed. This both drew Him to them and drew them to Him. The "publicans and sinners", outcasts to others, were at home with Him. The leper, segregated by the health laws, was not shut off from Him. Little children, an annoyance to others, had access to Him. His perception of the worth of common people gave them standing room in His presence. We are most at home, not with those in whom we see most but with those who see most in us.

Because human life is precious, Jesus felt deeply about offences against personality. The Law of His fathers was quite inadequate to protect the values He saw in people. It said, "Thou shalt not kill"; but Jesus felt that even to get angry is culpable, to use words of contempt is heinous, to write another off as of no account is supremely wicked. In defence of human personality Jesus propounded an incredible industrial theory—the theory that employing institutions ought to devote their resources to the employed, not according to their economic worth, but according to their need.

It is clear then that a Christian world, holding human beings to be precious, will be the sworn enemy of whatever debases men. It will not acquiesce in any situation in which men cannot work, cannot make their contribution to the common good, so that character decays. It will make available the public education necessary to enlightenment, the medical services necessary to health. It will provide, through music and art and contact with growing things, for those amenities that are the daily garniture an old age of penury and friendlessness. What society values society will cherish.

A second active principle of Jesus is that men belong together. When one asked what was central and regulative in the Law of Moses, Jesus replied that everything else is subsidiary to this, that one love God and one's neighbor. When His disciples asked for instruction in praying, Jesus taught them to begin with an acknowledgment of the brotherhood of man in the family of God. When one inquired how often wrongdoing is to be forgiven, Jesus replied that the duty of forgiveness is never done, that forgiveness is to be the permanent attitude of one's mind. The reason is clear. Resentment not only poisons one's own soul, it destroys fellowship. And sins against fellowship, Jesus thought, were deadly sins. Fellowship had value that the Law of Moses did not adequately safeguard. The law limited retaliation, permitting only one tooth for one tooth, one eye for one eye. That was not enough: retaliation never undid a wrong, nor restored a broken fellowship. One was to "resist not him that is evil", to gather the wrongdoer within the circle of one's active good will, even as God sends light and moisture to all alike.

A Christian world, therefore, will aim consciously at social solidarity. It will set against arbitrary class distinctions whatever separates a man from his brother. It will regard our social units—the family, the city, the state—as social conveniences, differentiating men's duties, not limiting their fellowships, nor consolidating special privileges. It will subject all other loyalties to the service of humanity, the family of God. In a Christian world he who says, "My country, right or wrong", will be an alien.

Another working principle of Jesus is that salvation is through self-forgetfulness, by which He means immersion in a cause, not self-effacement. Society, Jesus knew requires leaders. No one ever as-

serted such prerogatives of leadership as did Jesus Himself. But the ends of leadership were all outside Himself. The Spirit of the Lord was upon Him because He had anointed Him to preach good news to poor folk, and release to captives, and sight for the blind, and fellowship for the lonely. It was to this He called His disciples. When an ambitious mother tried to secure position and prerogative for her sons Jesus replied that there is no true greatness except in being useful, and no pre-eminence except the pre-eminence of utter devotion. This, indeed, was Jesus' philosophy of living, that he that adopts the acquisitive attitude toward life loses his own, and he that spends it in great causes saves it for himself. Here is self-realization through self-forgetfulness.

It is clear that a Christian society will set the forces of education against the instinct for control and for acquisition. It will mean by "success" a life of work well done, in disregard of property and power.

Again, it was a part of the working faith of Jesus that one may know God. True, He never tried to prove it. There was no need. But "in the morning, a great while before day", and in the evening when others "went every man unto his own house", Jesus went apart to renew His interrupted fellowship with God. In the face of desertion, desolation, defeat, He still said, "Father, I thank Thee that thou hast heard me; and I know that Thou hearest me always." This, He assumed, can be the experience of others. Men may, like H. G. Wells, "in the silence of the night, and in rare, lonely moments", indeed, in the midst of daily tasks, "come upon a sort of communion" of themselves with "something great" that is not themselves and that "takes on the form of a sympathetic Person."

So a Christian world will not fuddle itself with "activism", nor estimate the worth of the journey by the speed at which one travels. It will plan for leisure, because it knows that "a liberal margin of uninvaded leisure is absolutely essential to the reception of energy from the world beautiful. One must listen if he would hear the voice of God."

Again, Jesus believed that man is immortal. In His Father's house were many mansions. "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come," could separate Him from the love of God. Without that, the ends He had in view could never be achieved. Without that, a worthy human destiny can never be achieved.

A Christian society, therefore, will not lightly yield its faith in immortality. It will not be terrified into submission by the doubts cast by physiological psychology upon the soul. It will seek until it finds adequate grounds in the realms of science for what it has so long received in faith—the immortal hope, without which the unquenchable aspirations of great souls and the imperial ends of the Kingdom of God can never be realized.



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