The clergy speak out . .

By the Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton.



Every doctor, with any amount of dedication to his task, realizes that it is his responsibility to cure sickness. But he also knows that he must strive to prevent it. We are already looking toward that day when medical skill will be measured by disease prevented more than by disease cured. A great deal is being done at the present time. Health clinics of many types, inoculations, x-ray examinations, annual check-ups, and numerous other preventative measures are an important part of medical practice.

The same principle ought to be true in the realm of the spiritual and the moral. One aim of religion should be to prevent the sorrow and evil that follow moral and spiritual decadence. That is to say, the church should not wait until a person has fallen down in order to pick him up. It should see that he doesn't fall.

Religion is not just an ambutance at the bottom of a precipice to pick up those who fall over. It is, or increasingly is becoming, a fence at the top, to prevent people falling over in the first place.

Many ministers of my acquaintance spend hundreds of hours each year counselling people who come to them with their problems. In many instances they are attempting to help prevent a disaster from happening. By the communication of information and insights gamered from many sources the minister patiently and prayerfully applies himself to preventing moral tragedies.

But he can only be successful if the people involved co-operate fully. A doctor should not be blamed for the death of a middle-aged man with heart disease who has been urged by his physician to "slow down" but has failed to do so. No more should a clergyman be blamed for the degradations into which people fall in spite of the counsels he has given them. In this connection there is an old saying that gives some comfort to me. It runs: "Why give advice at all. A wise man doesn't need it. and a fool won't take it!"

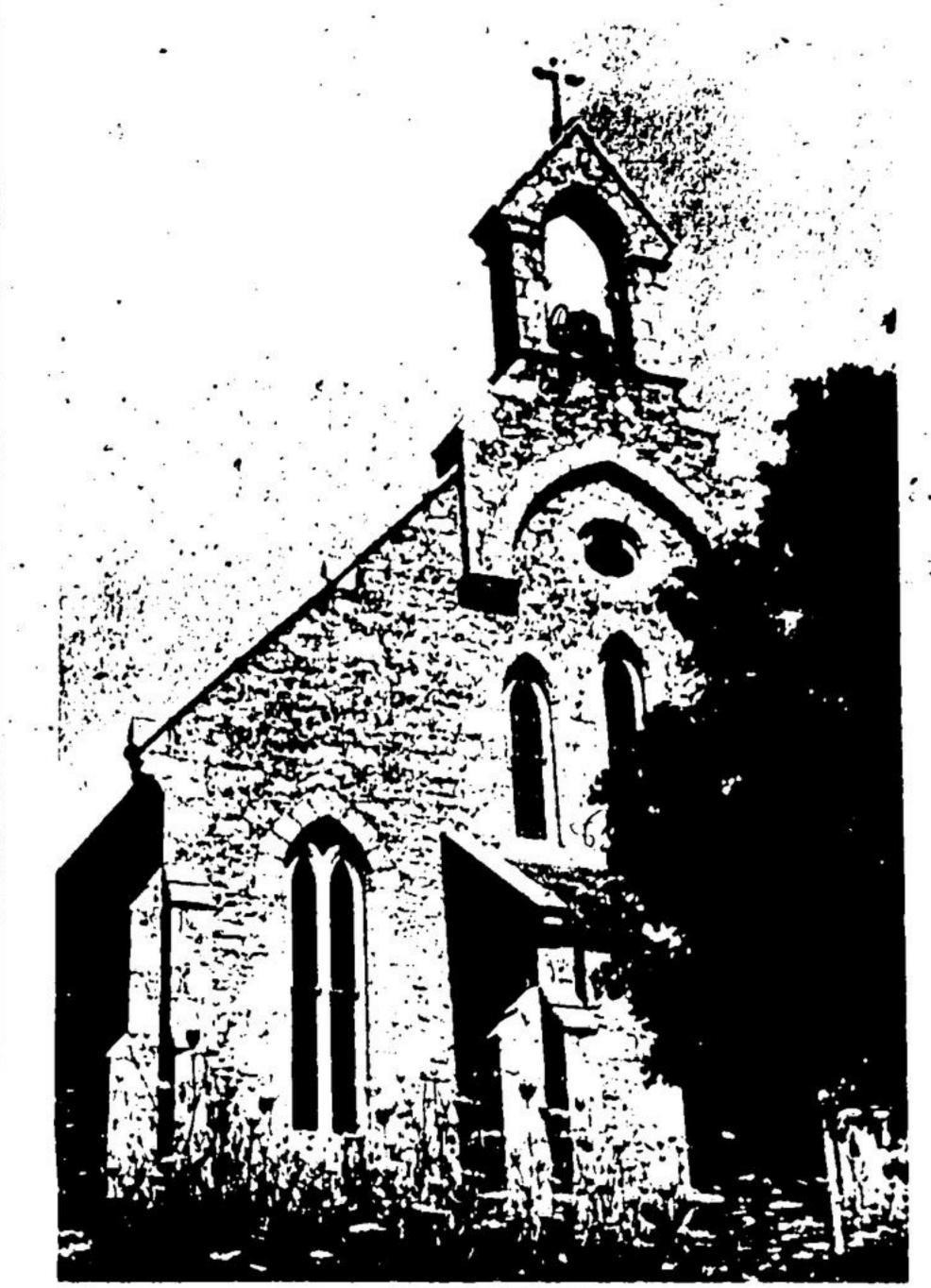
A minister, in his study, counselling a young couple, relative to the problems they must face sooner or later, following their marriage, is not doing spectacular work, but he may be doing essential work for their happiness. No other adult may have ever taken the time to offer them such illumination as he is able to give. They may be naively supposing that, even in this fast-moving, complex world, their love for each other will solve all conceivable problems. So they will be a little shocked, perhaps, to hear him say that, while love is essential to married happiness it will not solve their economic problems and the multitude of decisions which must be made. as life proceeds. The young couple will do well to listen closely to the counsels they are offered, for it may well mean the difference between triumph and defeat at some future date.

In spite of all that we can do by way or preparation, life is full of emergencies. And when emergencies arise, it is usually just too late to do much about it. You can't build your house on the rock after the storm breaks. The important thing is to develop within oneself a spiritual immunity to the temptation to do evil.

And this, I affirm, with not a little conviction, can only come about by our yielding ourselves to God's control and power. In the little book of Jude, there is a verse expressive of what Christ can do for a human soul-"and now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling"

Truly that is the Master's greatest work! And should this not be, likewise, the supreme task of parents, and the home, and the church, and the school and university? It is to plant the feet of the young and the faltering so securely on the way that leads to life and fulfilment and achievement that all its adversity and pain and frustration cannot destroy them.

It may be a thankless and unspectacular task, but it is a glorious one, nonetheless.



COUNTRY CHURCH St. Peter's, Oustic

Many toys are lethal weapons

in the careless hands of children.

Peashooters, bows and arrows

and firecrackers cause hundreds

of eye injuries every year. The

Canadian National Institute for

the Blind says, don't gamble

with your child's eyesight. Make

ture his play time is a safe time.

Teach him to use his toys

correctly and safely.

7 little drivers, their lives were full of kicks; one bought a bottle and then there were six.

Gasoline and alcohol are a deadly mix: don't drink when you drive.

6 little drivers, impatient to arrive; one jumped a traffic light, and then there were five. Don't gamble years of your life to save a few seconds.

5 little drivers, wheeling near the shore; one viewed the scenery, and then there were four.

Careful driving demands alertness at all times. 4 little drivers, happy as could be; one passed upon a hill, and then there were three.

Never pass another car when your vision is obscured. 3 little drivers were busy, it is true; one neglected car repairs, and then there were two.

For safety's sake, always keep your car in top condition. 2 little drivers, and day was nearly done; one didn't dim his lights, and then there was one. Slow down for dusk or darkness: adjust your driving to

existing conditions. Yes, I little driver who's still alive today; by following the safety rules, he hopes to stay that way.

The Bible By The Canadian

Bible Society

The Austrian Bible Committee takes a special interest in the provision of Scriptures for Eastern Europe and is continually in contact with those who need them and can make use of them.

Recently a Slovakian Christian came into the Bible House in Vienna direct from his home and brought with him Sch. 300 (about \$13.00). He said, "This is a small gift to show our thanks for all the Bibles which you have sent to me and my friends." He was only sorry that it was so little.

The friends have tried to persuade him that he should use his limited currency allowance to try and buy something for himself. But he would not be shaken from his resolve and insisted on making the gift.

Suggested Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, Aug. 3: Mark 2: 1-12. Monday, Aug. 4: Mark 2: 18-28. Tuesday, Aug. 5: Mark 3: Wednesday, Aug. 6: Mark 4: 35-41. Thursday, Aug. 7: Mark 5:

Friday, Aug. 8: Mark 6, 7: 13, Saturday, Aug. 9: Matthew 14: 22-33 Clean bill of health

Morty likes Halton jail

Normally the butt of constant criticism. Halton's century-old fall in Milton came in for some unexpected praise this week. And the praise came from Dr. Morton Shulman, the crusading ex-coroner, millionaire, M.P.P. from Yoronto.

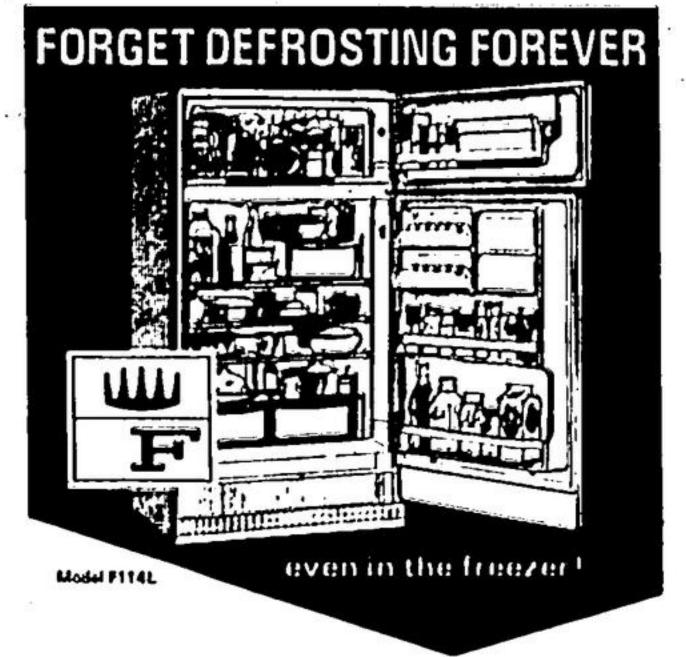
Dr. Shulman visited the isil on the weekend and took a complete tour. He couldn't find snything wrong with it. Matter of fact, he gave it a "clean bill of health."

"I got a letter from a prisoner there, who had sbme beefs-about the penal system, not the isil-so I went to visit

him," the M.P.P. reports. However, the prisoner had been transferred to another prison. While at the fall, Shulman decided to take a tour of the premiser

"I was pleasantly surprised," he said, "it has Improved tremendously this past year. In comparison to other laifs in Ontario, it looks good."

Dr.: Shulman also spoke to several of the inmates and aiked if they had any beefs to lodge with him. None had any-he said it was a "first", as prisoners usually have a pile of gripes to unload on any



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10 little drivers . ., . then there was one

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Speed limits are set for your 9 little drivers, the hour was

getting late; one dozed

A tired driver is a dangerous

Church

1000 a.m.-Sunday School,

Bible Study.

Ambassadore.

for our Sins."

11.00 a.m.-Morning Worship.

700 p.m.-Evangelistic Service.

speaker at both-services.

Thursday, 8.00 p.m. - Christ's

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and sent His son to be the Propitiation

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10.00 a.m (One Service)

let, 3rd and 5th Sundays-Eucharist.

2nd and 4th Sundays-Mattins.

Saints Days as announced.

9.45 a.m.-Sunday School. All ages.

11.00 a.m.-Morning Service.

7.00 p.m.-Evening Evangel.

1 John 4, 10 - "Here in His love, not

8 little drivers, and the evening seemed like heaven; one showed his driving skill, and then there were seven.

Drive sensibly and sanely at all times. A car is no place for a moment, and then there were

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All Welcome

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