CLERGY COMMENT

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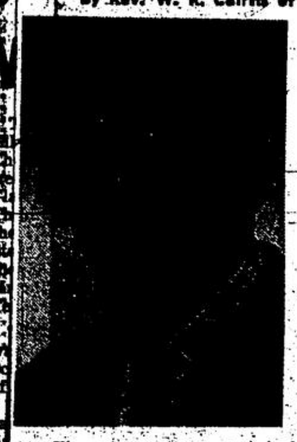

A BIG OFFER

The many attractive end-of-season bargains that confront us in almost every store, and every newspaper, at this time of the year cause me to reflect (if you will pardon a personal reference) on a conversation which I had with a gentleman some few years ago when I was ministering in Birmingham, England.

It so happened that I was the guest preacher in this man's church on that particular Sunday. After the Service, he thanked me most exuberantly for the address I gave, but then, ('with the sting in the tail') he continued: 'But why don't you Clergy sometimes preach on what the Church offers?'

As you can imagine, I thought of my friend's remark, and although he may perhaps never know it, I took him up on his challenge, and later preached a series of sermons in my Church in Birmingham under the title that heads this article.

Can it be that some reader of these lines is asking himself a similar question? Is it beyond the realms of possibility that some of you are confused and bewildered? Is it too much to assume many are asking themselves in these days of unrest and turmoil what the message of the Christian Church is in such critical times? What does the Church offer to the man in the street? If I could be assured that some of my readers are asking themselves such pertinent and thoughtful questions then, like my Ministerial colleagues, I could give a variety of answers to their quest.

When we turn to the pages of the New Testament we discover that Jesus offered Himself — and still offers Himself in this twentieth century — as a personal friend. And the Church of Jesus Christ is failing miserably in its God-given task unless it is engaged in this unparalleled mission.

We do not offer a dead Christ. We do not offer a crucifix. We do not offer a God remote and alienated from our cares and problems. We offer God as a living ever-present friend, one who takes a deep personal interest in each of us. The early disciples were energized and invigorated and their whole outlook on life radically transformed when they discerned that Jesus was God available and approachable. No! We err if we put that last sentence in the past tense. Jesus IS God available and approachable — the great contemporary of every age and generation. And His words, spoken to human hearts two thousand years ago, to hearts that knew bitterness and sorrow, to hearts that the anguish of despair remain the same today: 'Ye are my friends if ye do whatsover I command you.'

Inevitably many will remain sceptical when the Church proclaims this message. Doubtless there are scoffers and unbelievers abroad in our day and generation just as they walked the streets in Christ's day. But to all such we would point to the Cross and proclaim: 'Here is the proof that a loving God is offering Himself as a personal friend and Saviour.'

James Stewart once said: 'The paradox of the cross is that the same event which unveils evil in all its terrifying demoniac malignity, reveals also invincible love.'

To the question: 'What is involved in human friendship that is worth the name?' someone has given the following answer: 'Human friendship is an indefinable trust in one another; a constant communication between two minds; an unremitting anxiety for each other's welfare.'

The friendship of Christ involves that! Can't you see, then, why we unashamedly assert that Christianity makes a big offer? Can you see what you are missing if you have not as yet responded to Christ's offer of friendship?

James G. Small who lived in the 1800's summed up all we have tried to say in a lovely hymn:

I've found a Friend; oh, such a Friend,
So kind, and true, and tender!
So Wise a Counsellor and Guide,
So mighty a Defender!
From Him who loves me no so well
What power my soul can sever?
Shall life, or death, or earth, or hell?
No! I am His for ever.

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Organist: Mrs. W. Townend
Choir Director: Miss Brenda McNeil.

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Webb-Maneely Marriage Vows In St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval

Standards of yellow mums and white gladioli decorated St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval, on September 6th for the marriage of Lynda Annett Mary Maneely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Maneely, 36 Weber Drive, and Glen Alan Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Webb, R. R. 2, Norval. It was a double ring ceremony and the bride's father gave her in marriage.

Rev. R. Ruggle officiated. Andrew Dewhurst was organist and Mrs. Judy Pomeroy soloist.

The bride wore a floor length A-line gown of white peau de soie, with lily point sleeves and a scalloped train attached at the waist. A shoulder length veil was held by a stephanotis headpiece. She carried a cascade of forever yours red roses, white stephanotis and ivy. Enhancing her wedding ensemble was a pearl necklace which had belonged to a distant relative of the groom's, L. M. Montgomery, author of Anne of Green Gables.

Mrs. Susan Underhill was matron of h u and Gwen Webb and Gwen Maneely, sisters of the gr o d bride, were the bridesmaids. They were gowned in floor length aqua c 'fon over ..in with lace bodic lily point sleeves and chiffon train attached at the neckline, headpieces of white mums d carried n..gays of whi mums, yellow sweetheart roses, lil. of the valley and ivy. They wore sterling silver necklaces, gifts from the bride.

Ernie Webb, Guelph, was groomsman for his brother. Ushers were Alan Snow and Brian Evans.

A reception followed in the Regency Room of the Thunderbird, Brampton. Mrs. Maneely received guests wearing a peach dress and coat ensemble, matching hat, brown accessories and a corsage of green cymbidiums. The groom's mother also received and wore a pink lace dress, white hat and accessories and a corsage of pink cymbidiums. Wedding guests were from Toronto, Brighton, Bramalea, Georgetown, Ballinafad and Norval.

For a honeymoon trip to Ottawa, the bride wore a gold plaid coat-dress, gold and black accessories, and a white gardenia and stephanotis corsage.

They are living in Apartment 402 at the Valley Court Apartments on Water St. The groom is an employee of Douglas Aircraft of Canada Ltd.

Kirk Herrington, Top Star Carrier

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Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Herrington, was chosen top Toronto Star salesman in this district, which includes Georgetown, Acton, Milton and Orangeville.

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Thanksgiving Theme For Hillcrest Service

Thanksgiving was the theme at the church service Sunday morning in Hillcrest United. The young folk had decorated with fruits and grain from gardens and fields. The junior choir sang a number. Russel James Leslie, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie King was presented for baptism and the sermon by Rev. Keith Hawkes, 'Lord, make us more thankful' was very appropriate for the occasion.

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Thanksgiving day has come and gone and the weather was ideal for families to celebrate together and be thankful for the food we eat, water we drink. Remember in the morning that another day has come that the Lord has made; thankful in the evening for the day and its work, the night and its rest, the morrow with its hope. God has been very good to us and we can say thanks.

—Mrs. John Bellboddy

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