

For The Quiet Hour

Few realize the importance of the financial side of the modern church, based upon the annual contributions not only for the maintenance of the individual church, but the gifts towards the missionary, philanthropic, medical, and educational work now widely carried on in both Home and Foreign fields.

Totalling the sums received by the Canadian Protestant Churches for all purposes, the large amount of 35,000,000 is reported. Of this substantial sum the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations contributed approximately \$11,000,000 each, the other churches contributing in equal ratio based on membership.

Another large financial total comes from an estimate of the property value of the same churches which may safely be estimated at a round hundred millions, the Presbyterian and Methodist churches accounting for seventy millions of this. It may thus be seen that the finances of the modern churches are an indication of their strength and importance.

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Noblemen of the highest rank in Spain used sometimes to receive, as a token of honor from the king, a key, which they wore at the belt, to show that they had the right to enter the royal palace at any time.

The Bible is the key which opens the treasure house of the King of kings. The question arises, however, Have we a right to claim these treasures in days of trouble when other days we read twenty columns of a newspaper to one of the Bible?

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Some people really think that the Church is an institution that exists to humor them and to cater to their whims and moods. These people seldom realize that this is actually their conception of the Church, but their constant criticism of the Church really rests on this basis.

Other people go on the assumption that the Church exists to attend to all their wants and to do for them just about everything that needs to be done. It has grown to be the fashion in some quarters to blame the Church for every evil that exists in the world and to refuse to give it credit for being a determining factor in any of the great advance movements of the race.

The Church offers to people an opportunity for worship. It offers help in worship. It seeks to help men to fix their thought and affection on God and to cultivate that element in themselves that is specifically and peculiarly human—the spiritual nature. It does not aim to meet every possible human need, but to meet the vital and basic needs and to help a man get to the point where he can help himself and be himself a real factor in helping to remove the evils from human society. The idea is not at all that the Church should deal with men as an indulgent mother and humor all their fancies, and pouts, and prejudices, but that through her common worship men should be strengthened and made able to look out on life unafraid, sure of their strength, and eager to do battle with iniquity.

The Church stands out as the biggest redemptive agency at work in the world, and it calls men to unite themselves in a congregation that they may together own allegiance and confess their sympathy with Christianity—the greatest agency of mercy and redemption of this day and age.

The Church is not an organization of the whole of human life. It does not sit in the place of the government. It does not control industry. It does not have it in its power to

use the strong arm or to be a ruler and divider over men. Nor does it seek to do these things. It seeks to bring men into such vital relation with the God of truth and love and justice that they will themselves in government, in industry, in social life and in all human relationships respect and reverence and obey the principles and ideals exhibited by Jesus Christ. There is no sense in a man cutting the Church because in some of its policies pursues a wrong course, not because the spirit of Jesus has not yet succeeded in gaining authority in the lives of the men who direct the industrial concern with which he happens to be connected. It is proper to blame the Church if it fails to help men to a better view of life and a clearer view of God and to an experience of His saving grace and strengthening power. But it is not the part of wisdom nor of honesty to blame the Church because she does not discharge some function that she does not have it in her power to discharge. Too many people are busy laying at the Church's door the responsibility for the sins of the government, or the business manager. The spirit that the Church generates is the only spirit that can ever enable men to cleanse individual and social life. The Church has given men that spirit in the past and it is doing it today.—King Memorial Record.

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Tangible proofs of progress in the island of Nias are found in the following examples:

One day an elder came to me and said: "Tuan, send me out to preach God's word. You need not pay me any salary because we have a potato field and this will be sufficient to keep us this year."

Here is another: One day I examined the work that my carpenters had done. When I doubted their word they pointed to one of their companions, a young Christian, and said: "Tuan, ask him. He won't tell a lie."

A man came one day with his wife and said: "Tuan, God has blessed us in every way. He has made us well and kept us so, but we have nothing to give him for a sacrifice except these three gulden, but we would like to make a sacrifice so we have considered what we might give up and we have decided to give a coconut grove. I did not want to sell it because it is fertile land, but now we are glad to give it to the Lord."

There is a Christian mass movement all over the North. There may be much heathenism left, but the population as a whole has been turning to Christ. Gifts are always an evidence that Christianity has become dear to one's heart. Our mission society, which is known as the Kongi-Nias, has raised over 2,000 gulden in one year. If this society should spread all over Nias, our entire field would become self-sustaining.—Missionary Schlipkoeter.

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Since a young man fell asleep with disastrous results under the preaching of St. Paul the problem of attracting and holding young people has been with us.—George Shillito.

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It may not be a sin to be pious, but we verily believe it is a sin to be merely pious. We dare not be ignorant of the great Christian movements of the world.—Edgar L. Killam.

When a man tells you that you remind him of some other woman, it is foolish to feel flattered; because when a man is in love with you, there is no other woman in the whole world just like you.—Helen Rowland.

Welbeck.

(Our own correspondent.)

A goodly number from here attended the U.F.O. picnic at the Rocky on Friday.

Miss Glenna Campbell is home for her summer holidays.

Miss Jessie Campbell is home from Toronto.

Miss Ellen Sullivan is visiting with her sister, Mrs. James Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Riddell had friends from Mono spend a week-end here.

Miss Evelyn is home for a few holidays.

Mr. Robert Stewart of Holland has made a couple of calls this way last week.

Mrs. Sarah Campbell spent a week-end with friends near Shelburne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Goldsmith and family spent Sunday with their son, Mr. E. Goldsmith.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Sherk and Mr. and Mrs. James Shackleton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Goldsmith.

Messrs. James and John Connor of Markdale, made a call on their niece, Mrs. E. Goldsmith, on Sunday.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. E. Goldsmith on the birth of their new baby boy.

Mrs. William Runnings was with her daughter, Mrs. E. Goldsmith, for the past week.

Aberdeen.

(Our own correspondent.)

Mr. Donald McCormick is spending his holidays with his father, Mr. Arch. McCormick.

Mr. Alex. Fletcher, accompanied by his sisters, Misses Margaret and Lottie, visited friends in Proton and Priceville the first of the week.

Miss Margaret Smith of Detroit is spending her holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McEachern and family, of Toronto, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDonald visited friends in Proton the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Davey visited J. S. Davey on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Tolton, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tolton, and Mr. Blake of Guelph, spent Sunday with the Lamb family.

Miss Dorothy MacKenzie of Kincardine, is spending some holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey.

Master Alfred Nichol of Durham and sister, Lizzie, are spending part

of their holidays with their aunt, Mrs. George Millar.

Dick Davey is spending his vacation at his grandparents', in Kincardine.

A number from this line attended the U.F.O. picnic last Friday and got a good ducking.

Glenroadin.

(Our own correspondent.)

Haying is rather a slow process this year owing to so much rain.

Mr. Clinton Pale has been hired for the summer's work by James Heslip.

Mrs. McGovern and daughter Ivy, are visiting at the home of Mrs. M. Kingston, to help attend Mrs. Colbert, who is very ill at present. We hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. Hugh Vaughan, Jr., lost a fine big working horse last week.

Mr. Mike Dyer was also so unfortunate as to have one of his colts die.

Quite a number from around here took in the Rocky U.F.O. picnic. Everyone reports a good time, but many got wet when a big shower blew up.

Sad news reached the home of Mrs. Banks last week, when word came that Mrs. Laybourne of Riverdale had passed on. She and Mr. Laybourne had just left for the West, and on arriving at Saskatoon was in fine health, but before leaving, she died. Miss Ada Banks left Thursday morning to attend the funeral, and spend a week or so with her brother, Mr. James Banks.

Quite an enjoyable evening was spent last Monday at the home of Mr. S. Schaefer when he entertained a number of young people.

Home Rule.

(Toronto Globe.)

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