

For The Quiet Hour

IN HIS INTERESTING STUDY OF THE LIFE OF THE RT. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, Mr. Owen E. McGillicuddy has this to say of the religious influences that have helped to mould and fashion the Prime Minister's life. The words in which Mr. King wrote of his friend, Henry Albert Harper, who was drowned in an attempt to save the life of another, the author states, illustrates the high ideals that have animated Mr. King's own life.

"If love for others was the ruling passion, the realization of a high ideal was the constant purpose of Harper's life. He regarded deliberately, at an early age, looked in upon his life, regarded it as a trust given him by the Creator to mould and fashion to be his will; saw that it had capacities which he believed to be infinite and divine; and sought, by reflection and action, to unfold its meaning and to work out its end. His search was not in vain. It could be said of Harper, with all his mysticism, that he was one who saw life steadily and saw it whole."

"Man found himself in a world surrounded by mortals like himself. Two theories were possible: Either all was chance or there was design. If chance, there would be no ultimate meaning of things, no relation between the parts, either between the universe and man or man and his fellows; truth and right there might be, by arrangement, but they could not be absolute; duty might exist, but under what law? No, the world, man—these were clearly to be accounted for in some more rational way. The only alternative was design. The finite mind seeking to interpret the infinite had invented a language whereby, through the medium of words, it sought to give expression to its thoughts. A Creator and an infinite purpose were essential to the design—the Creator the finite mind conceived of as God; the infinite purpose, His will. To know God and to do His will became, then, the chief end of man."

"From a consciousness of the mystery of his own being and of the universe about him the earliest perception of the infinite nature of each and of their relation came to him in the discovery of what he was wont to call 'the rule of law.' In nature he found it first. In nature there was no chance; all was cause and effect; there was constant change, but no final destruction, and immortal growth was the prophecy which nature made for man. What the eye or the senses discovered in the physical world the eye of the soul discovered to be true of the inner life. Character was not the child of destiny, the shadow of circumstance—it was the one immortal creation of which man was capable. What a man sows that shall he also reap. In character was the harvest of all that a man ever thought, or willed, or did."

THE HOSPITAL WORK OF MANY OF THE CANADIAN Churches is a department that is sometimes overlooked, and the importance of which cannot be over-estimated. Scattered through needy sections of Northern Ontario and the Great West, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, largely through the efforts of its Women's Missionary Society, conducts hospitals and hospital units at 15 different points. Many striking incidents are reported from these beneficent centres of healing, especially in maternity cases. The moral and sanitary effects of the district nursing done are said to be even greater than the treatment in the hospitals. One hospital in Wakaw, Sask., served 269 patients last year. Many of the patients come from long distances. In another hospital at Canora, Sask., 681 patients were admitted during the year, 300 being surgical. One of the visiting nurses travelled 1,600 miles in order to cover her territory. Truly this is applied Christianity at its best.

ACCORDING TO A RECENT STATE DECISION, THE BIBLE has been banished from the Public schools of California on the ground that it is a sectarian book, and is classed on that account with the Jewish Talmud and the Koran of the Mohammedan. It is not to be wondered that the decision of the State of California should have provoked considerable comment in the Press of the United States, and not a little censure of the short-sighted policy. The Bible, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger, is above all race and creed, and "the eviction will not bring satisfaction to most Americans. It is a great monument of literature, an embodiment of human struggle, aspiration and experience, a narrative of the travail of civilization through the ages, quite apart from all question as to its origin or its claim to divine authority. The Book of Books cannot be jettisoned from the school curriculum without a serious loss to the teachers and the pupils. The teachers are deprived of a text that illustrates the wisdom of living under law and the disastrous results of lawlessness. If the book cannot be used in the schools, presumably even the English teachers who employ it as a model in the classroom are doing wrong. Limitless testimony might be adduced from authors who have owned much of their art of self-expression to the study of the Book." The Bible is all this and much more.

THERE IS NOTHING LAWLESS ABOUT REVIVALS. THEY come to some and pass others by, but there are reasons in the elections of grace. There are churches within sight of each other bearing the same name, confessing the same faith, preaching the same Christ. One has a revival in which many are saved of the Lord, the other is a live concern of billiards and whist-drives, concerts and drama, but never a sign of revival. The revival comes where the way is prepared. How may churches be made meet for the coming of the Lord in power?—Rev. Samuel Chadwick.

WHAT IS TO BECOME, WE ARE ASKED, OF SUNDAY observance, church-going, family worship, the habit of Bible reading and daily prayer, if no firmer basis can be provided for their support than the generalities of the new theology? And we ourselves, when we consider the easy-going religion which is all about us, often share this feeling and wish now and again that we could recover the unquestioning faith of an earlier age, even at the price of some of its intolerance and narrowness.—Prof. William Adams Brown.

A NATIVE OF CHANGSHA, CHINA, CAME TO A MISSION-ary in Hankow and said: "I have come to Hankow to see what it is that has worked such a change in Pen Lang-seng. He is a native of Changsha and he used to be the worst man in all Changsha to trade with. He would lie and cheat and get from us our last bit, but he has given up all his bad habits and is now a new man. When I ask him the reason for this great change he tells me that it is the gospel that has done it. I have come down to find out the truth about this matter."

THERE IS A PREACHER IN KANSAS, SAYS A WESTERN newspaper, who should have his salary raised for making the following announcement from his pulpit: "Brethren, the janitor and I will hold our regular prayer meeting next Wednesday evening as usual."

JUST SIX MONTHS AGO IN AMERICA I WAS SPEAKING to the principal of an advanced theological college, a man of great ardor of soul and devotion to truth, and he used these significant words: "Twenty years ago what we were attempting here was chiefly to widen men who came to us too narrow. Now what we have to do is to stabilize men who come too insecure in their conviction."—Rev. R. C. Gillie.

A CERTAIN MAN HAVING AN EXTENSIVE BUSINESS WAS in danger of financial wreck. He went to another leading business man, saying: "I am ruined unless I have help. Will you give me so much for my goods?" naming a sum far below their value.

"No," was the reply.
"Then I am ruined!"
"But I will give you ten thousand dollars more."
When asked why he did not take the man at his offer, and make ten thousand dollars, the other's answer was: "I am a Christian, seeking to please Christ; and I could not have prayed if I had taken advantage of his distress."
A Christian is a Christian always. The Sermon on the Mount tells us we must buy and sell as we pray.

PRISONS ARE RARE PLACES FOR SEEING THINGS. IT was in prison that Bunyan saw his wondrous allegory, and Paul met the Lord, and John looked through heaven's open door, and Joseph saw God's mercy. God has no chance to show his mercy to some of us except when we are in some sore sorrow. The night is the time to see the stars.—F. B. Meyer.

THUS SAITH THE LORD. WHEN YE SHALL search for me with all your heart, I will be found of you. God never denies Himself to the honest seeker. There may be dreary tracts to traverse, steep paths to tread, dark ways to pass, but if the honest heart is there, the day of discovery will surely dawn.—J. D. Jones.

Priceville and South

(Our own correspondent.)
Monday morning, the 19th March, 1933, a north-east wind, bitter cold, piercing through every key-hole; it snowed an inch or two during the night; sun dogs to be seen although the sun is shining and its strong rays are felt although the elements are bitter. Sleighting is fairly good; drifts in some parts of the road some five or six feet deep and when the time of their departure will come they bid farewell to travelling for a week or so.

No sugar-making yet, although there is a lot of sap in the trees after the hard frost.

Some are predicting a good summer after a severe winter—hope the predictions will prove correct.

The sick people are getting better although some are ailing yet from a different ailment that may prove fatal.

The forepart of Sunday was an ideal day but became misty in the evening, consequently in the morning a large assemblage gathered in the Presbyterian Church, as it was communion day. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Jones, gave an excellent sermon from the words, "Do this in remembrance of me."

The program that was to be given on Friday, the 23rd, is postponed to April 13. It will be given in Watson's Hall.

Time is on the march and we are marching along swiftly as every March 22nd that comes brings us nearer our journey's end. A good old veteran east of our residence who is in his 86th year loaded a big saw-log one day recently and brought it to Priceville. He is an old resident of Artemesia. Can anyone tell us of an old veteran of Glenelg who can do the same? We would like to hear. What will some of the younger generation be who are getting on the decline at half the age of the above healthy veteran, if ever they will, pass over the four-score mark as did this smart old veteran of Artemesia?

On the 6th of March, 1853, the first school in section No. 2, Durham Road, Glenelg, was commenced, the teacher being the late John Butter, an uncle of Arch. McLellan of Durham. All the pupils that attended the school on the opening day have passed away but the writer of these items.

We are pleased to hear that Auctioneer D. McPhail is considered out of danger now but is confined to his bed yet. Also Dan McLean, merchant, is better after his experience with pneumonia.

Mr. M. McIntyre, veterinary, is not feeling well again after his long experience of sickness some time ago.

We are told that the storm of one night last week blew part of the roof off John McMillan's barn near Ceylon.

Everybody has lots of water now after the late rain.

A few from here attended the funeral of the late Malcolm McMillan of Scotchtown on Saturday last.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Malcolm McInnis, who got a bone broken in her wrist, is getting along well.

Mrs. John McMillan of the South Line, Artemesia, is not feeling well these times, but we hope this good lady will be better soon.

We were pleased to see Miss Victoria McMillan, teacher, resuming her work as organist in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. She had a good substitute in Miss Jones, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Jones, during her ailment.

Priceville.

(Our own correspondent.)
The recent rain and mild weather is giving the people some much-needed water in their wells and cisterns, also a little more power in the Saugeen River.

Dr. M. McIntyre, who was improving after an attack of pneumonia, was not so well again last week.

Mrs. Mather has been quite ill during the past week.

Edgar Patterson, town line, north, was laid up in bed last week with the flu.

D. Campbell and family are enjoying some comfort in their fine new brick residence north of the village.

Mrs. T. A. Ferguson is improving a little, being able to sit in a chair

for a little while each day.

Bert. Middaugh has been loading logs in the C.P.R. yards for transportation to Owen Sound.

H. R. McLean went to Holstein on Monday of this week. His niece, Miss Effie McMillan, is quite ill again.

D. G. McLean, merchant, was seriously ill for a few days last week.

The Priceville Fox Company, after purchasing considerable expensive equipment to improve the ranch, has paid a dividend of 10 per cent. to the shareholders.

Aberdeen.

(Our own correspondent.)
Mr. and Mrs. D. Lamb spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dougald Clark at the Rocky.

Miss Ruby Knisley of Durham has returned home after spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. J.D. Clark.

Mr. Hugh McCormick has returned home after spending a few days in Toronto visiting his sister, Mrs. A. McEachern.

Mr. Roy Lamb is at present helping Mr. Bert. Ritchie get some wood out.

Quite a large crowd attended the sale at Mr. Alvin Caswell's last Thursday.

Jack Smith and Jack Young left Tuesday morning for Niagara Falls, New York.

Traverston.

(Our own correspondent.)
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook visited at Mr. R. Cook's, Ceylon, last week. The latter had been quite ill of late.

The Martin farm, recently sold by Mr. Henry Moffat to Messrs. Joe and Charlie Connor, changed hands again last Saturday, the new purchaser being Mr. George Black, son of Mr. J.S. Black, formerly Township Clerk.

Mesdames W. J. McFadden and Sutherland of Orange Valley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McArthur visited at Mr. Jim Crutchley's, Dornoch, one day recently.

No robins nor blackbirds have put in an appearance here as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Harrison and Stanley Harrison of Swinton Park were guests of the Nelson homestead on Sunday.

Misses Winnie and Edna Wright of Markdale suburbs, Mr. Bryson Morlock of town and Mr. W. R. Wallace of Normanby were guests at your scribe's the first of the week.

Though Friday of last week was ugly and stormy, the sale of the stock and implements of the late John McKechnie of the 10th Concession was a splendid success. Bidding was brisk and prices ruled higher than usual.

Ebenezer.

(Our own correspondent.)
Miss Annie E. Lawrence spent a few days with her brother, Mr. Chas. Lawrence of Grimsby.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wells and son Herbert spent one day the first of the week with the Charlton family of South Bentinck.

Mr. and Mrs. David Adam and family visited on Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Torry of Mulock. Miss Hazel Johnstone returned to her home here last week from Toronto, where she has spent the past five months.

Miss Ora Livingston spent last week-end with her cousin, Miss Lenore Brigham of Hanover.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Johnston of South Bentinck spent Sunday afternoon with the former's brother Robert, here.

Mrs. Clark Torry of Mulock visited the first of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wise recently visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Knox, Normanby.

Miss Mary Mighton spent the past couple of weeks visiting relatives in Durham.

Southeast Bentinck

(Our own correspondent.)
One of the oldest residents of this locality, Mr. Robert G. Webber, passed away at his home on Sunday morning, March 18 after a short illness with pneumonia. The deceased who was in his 85th year, came to Canada from England with his mother and brother (the late James Webber) when 15 years of age, and

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Besides his widow, he leaves five sons and six daughters: James, Robert, Arthur, Mary Ann (Mrs. Robert Mountain), Jennie (Mrs. James Brown), Maria (Mrs. John Ritchie), Susie (Mrs. John Sirrs); Charlotte (Mrs. Charles Ritchie), and George, Albert and Bessie, at home. Walter was drowned in the Saugeen River over twenty years ago and John and Richard died some years previous.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon and services were conducted by the family pastor, Rev. Mr. Cameron. Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery, all the members of the family being present with the exception of Mrs. Sirrs of Unity, Sask., and Arthur, of Swift Current, Sask.

We understand Mr. John Bower has sold his property (Haskins) to Mr. W. J. McFadden of Glenelg and intends moving to the farm of Mr. W. J. McFadden, who resides in town, in the near future.

Mr. Harold Mountain was in Listowel on Friday evening playing hockey with the Durham High school team.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vollett of town spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Vollett.

ARITHMETIC

He's teaching her Arithmetic. He said it was his mission; He kissed her once, he kissed her twice.

And said, "Now, that's Addition." And as he added smack to smack In silent satisfaction, She sweetly gave him kisses back, And said, "Now, that's Subtraction."

Then he kissed her and she kissed him. Without any explanation; Then both together smiled and said, "Now that's Multiplication."

But dad appeared upon the scene, And made a quick decision, He kicked the lad three blocks away And said, "That's long Division."

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