

YOUNG ADULTS AND THE CHURCH DISCUSSED

A Practical Application of the Teaching of Christ in Church Matters Would Revolutionize All Politics, All Economics, and Eliminate War

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The pastor of a local church has presented three questions, as announced in the press, to a newly formed group of young adults in his church. He invites consideration and answer to these questions. Although I am not a member of this group I am going to take the opportunity to give my own answers to these questions. I think that the ideas suggested by the questions are of sufficient importance to merit discussion, not necessarily confined to the specific group in question.

Question I.—Does the church, that is organized religion, have anything that can be of positive benefit and help to us to live more effectively?

I should say that it certainly has, but an affirmative answer can only be given with modifications. Since all Christian churches, no matter what the creed or denomination, are engaged in exemplifying a way of life founded upon Christ's teachings, then to deny the effectiveness of the church is to deny one of two other things as well. First, it could be interpreted as a denial of Christ's teachings. Secondly, it might be a denial of the effectiveness of the methods used by any particular church body as a channel for Christian work.

I think that the second interpretation is the one most people have in mind who deny the effectiveness of the church in any capacity. To get back to our question, any such group as the young adults mentioned above would first have to conduct a serious

analysis of just what Christ did teach. They would have to get back to essentials and strip away the accumulation of unessential things that have grown up about all church organizations. They would have to learn to distinguish between the church and Christ. The church may fall down miserably as a channel for the exemplification of Christian living. It may have a membership who have become so engrossed with worldly considerations that it is not a case of organized religion at all. There can be lots of organization in any church with very little trace of real religion.

But a sincere and earnest study of Christ's life and teaching should bring the student down to bed-rock. Let him not consider whether the United, the Presbyterian or the Baptist churches have each individually a true and unique way of life, but rather whether Christ taught such a way. Only by approaching the problem in such a way, can there be any real progress made.

Question II.—Is there not some prospect of a congenial group of young adults helping one another to find the way to more meaningful living, and to find the Christian solution to the many pressing issues of our day?

I think I have given my answer to this question along with the discussion on the first. Christ had a definite way of life to teach mankind, but never, since first century Christianity, has it ever been actually tried out. There are untold possibilities awaiting any group who should definitely decide to conduct all their daily relationships in the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount. A practical application of the teaching of Christ would revolutionize all politics, all economics, eliminate war and crime and bring the millennium. But it has never been tried. If different groups of young people, scattered over this Dominion, and in time over the whole Christian world, should direct their energies in this direction, the effect would be tremendous. But I certainly think it would have to be outside of what we call organized religion. There is too much moss accumulated on our present organizations. It would have to be something that would transcend any organization that we know of at present.

Question III.—In critical days such as these, are we content to just stay "around" while life's best years pass and youth's alluring dream fades?

I don't think many people are content to just stay "around" as the question puts it. They are not content to do so, but they may think they have to. They may not see that there is anything they can do about it. But the young people of the whole civilized world are in a state of great unrest. This has been seen in countries that have gone Fascist, where a national leader has arisen to centre all the frustrated hopes of youth in his person. Such a person becomes a god, for that is how gods are made. The time is ripe as never before for a crusade that is not directed along national or social lines solely, but that shall have for its goal a practical realization of the principles of Christ.

—OBSERVER.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Corkery are on a visit to New York and other New England cities.

Entertained Choir

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McMillan, St. John street, entertained the choir of St. Paul's United church at their home last night. Games and contests were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

Local Teachers' Association Meeting

Last evening the September meeting of the Local Teachers' Association was held in the High School with the president, R. K. Nevers, presiding. Election of officers took place, with the present slate remaining in office another year. President, R. K. Nevers; Vice-president, O. V. B. Miller; Secretary Treasurer, Miss Nellie E. Winters. Members of the Executive for this year are Misses Cecil Gallagher, Helen Young, Zula Hallett, Emma Betts, Bertha Marsh, Lillian Cumming; C. B. Burden, E. Close, E. A. Skene, Harry Grant, Major I. B. Rouse and Prof. A. F. Baird.

The Catholic Women's League held its first meeting of the fall season last evening in the Knights of Columbus rooms, with Mrs. P. G. Foster, the president in the chair. Reports of conveners of the standing committees were received which showed good work during the summer. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carney was present as a guest and complimented the League on its good work and expressed his pleasure at being present at the annual Diocesan meeting at Woodstock recently. A committee was named to arrange to have a Fall Fair, the date to be set later. Rev. Dr. Milligan, the League chaplain, who was present, gave a short interesting talk. Plans were made for a social to be held on Tuesday, September 29.

Hon. Alastair Buchan, second son of Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir, will sail from Quebec on Saturday on the Empress of Britain, bound for the Old Country.

Colonel Cuthbert Donald is amongst those registered at the Queen Hotel today.

Miss Marion Coulthard was among those attending the Woodstock Exhibition.

DAY OF ATONEMENT

Commencing at sundown tonight, Hebrews in this city and all over the world will observe Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which according to the Jewish calendar is the most sacred day of the year. The atonement period lasts until sundown tomorrow. Services are expected to be carried out in the synagogue here this evening and tomorrow. Yom Kippur brings to a close the ten days of penitence which began with the New Year. In the bible the day is referred to as the "Sabbath of Sabbaths." It is a day of penance and asking for forgiveness of sins. Philosophically the import of the day is the development of man's character to a higher plane, with emphasis on self-searching and repentance.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Routine business was conducted at the regular monthly meeting of the local branch of the Canadian Legion last night. The president, W. A. Gibson, was in the chair. After the business session, refreshments were served and a social hour spent.

Cuthbert Donald of Upper Blackville, recently appointed by the provincial government to investigate revitalization of industry in the province, is a guest at the Queen Hotel today.

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Is Named President

Mrs. Ross, wife of the Rev. Dr. George E. Ross of this city, was elected president of the Women's Missionary Society, Eastern division, of the Presbyterian church in Canada at the conclusion of the annual session which was held at Halifax this week. Mrs. Ross is keenly interested in this work and her appointment was a popular and well deserved one.

At a meeting of the Freshman Class at noon today Miss Ardith Robinson was elected President of the Freshettes.

On Tuesday evening the Social Committee of the student body of the University is holding a reception in honor of the Freshettes and Freshmen of this year.

The Dramatic Society of the University of New Brunswick met today. William Springford was in the chair and with Robert Belding explained to the new students the proposed work of the Club for the coming year.

Miss Muriel Miller, M.A., has resumed her studies at the Toronto University.

Miss Mae Forbes, R.N., of Beverly Hospital, Beverly, Mass., and Charles Dorsay, who have been the guests of Miss Forbes' mother, Mrs. R. D. Forbes, Devon, have returned home.

Major and Mrs. I. B. Rouse were recent guests in Petticoat at the marriage of Mr. Rouse's sister Miss Thelma Rouse to William Edward Barkhouse. The marriage took place in the Cornhill United Baptist Church.

Blair Benson of Saskatoon, Sask., is spending a few days with his mother Mrs. Alma Benson, at her home on Shore street. Mr. Benson is being warmly welcomed home by his many old friends, he being a graduate of the Forestry Class of 1930, of the University. He is now on the staff of the Forestry Department of Saskatchewan.

ANAGWAKADE CHAPTER I.O.D.E. SPONSORS SHOW

Music and Afternoon Tea Following the Fashion Parade

A galaxy of pretty girls acted as mannequins yesterday afternoon at the fashion show which was sponsored by the Anagwakade Chapter of the I.O.D.E. at Castle Hall. The rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion with natural palms and red autumn leaves and flowers furnished by Bebbington's Gardens. The jewelry was loaned by Mavor Bros., local Jewellers, and an orchestra was in attendance. During intermission Douglas E. Terry sang most acceptably "Beautiful Lady in Blue" and "Love's Garden of Roses." Following the fashion parade, tea was served with Mrs. A. T. McMurray and Mrs. H. F. McLeod presiding over the tea and coffee cups. The tea-table was centred with a silver epergne of autumn flowers at each end of the table which had a lace cloth was a candle-abrum bearing yellow tapers. Assistants were the members of the Chapter.

The young ladies taking part in the fashion show included Miss Mary Barker, Miss Marion Timmins, Miss Christine Howie, Miss Margaret Brown, Miss Millicent Ramsay, Miss Margaret Fraser, Miss Juanita Mulherne, Miss Jean Dinwoodie, Miss Carrie Porter, Mrs. Jas. D. Badcock, Mrs. William Harris, Miss Kay Pond, and Miss Leona Toner. The small boys taking part were Donald Miles, Billy Miles and Gilbert Miles.

Mrs. A. L. Gerow on behalf of the Chapter thanked all who had assisted in making the function a success. The models shown included knitted suits, lama, afternoon dresses and evening gowns and wraps and attracted admiration from the large audience the black gowns being especially favored and many showing metallic trimmings. The street gowns had many of them matching hats, shoes and gloves. The closing scene was a white wedding scene, with bridesmaids and flower girl, appropriate gowns being shown. The flower girl was little Miss Marye Forbes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hedley G. Forbes.

Hon. W. S. Anderson, Hon. A. C. Taylor and Premier A. A. Dymally are guests at the Queen Hotel today. The other cabinet ministers have left for their homes.

Maritime Board

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The tourist was using highway forms of travel because they meant "clean, educational and economical" trips, he said. In the Maritime Provinces one person in 12 owned an automobile. The other 11 persons should not be prevented from enjoying scenic highway travel.

Mr. Perry stated that figures of his company offset the opinion motor coaches did not pay sufficient taxes to the governments for highway upkeep. The Duff commission which had investigated motor transportation had found "no justification for increasing taxation on motor trucks."

The "existing status" of the motor coach was also justified, the speaker held. The industry was regulated by the provinces and "adequate" insurance was carried for the protection of passengers and property. The utmost was done to protect the travelling public by choosing the best personnel.

He expressed pleasure at the recent co-ordination of motor coach services in the Maritime Provinces. Canada's tourist business during the present year would amount to more than \$300,000,000, of which a great deal had come to the three eastern provinces. The improved service would bring a greater number of tourists, and a greater amount of revenue from that source next year.

For Railways

Trucks competition has reduced gross freight revenues of the Canadian National Railways by \$38,000,000 annually, with a yearly net loss of \$34,000,000, Mr. Fairweather said.

He urged that provincial governments put their "highway house in order" adding that "the railways are quite capable of adjusting themselves to the new conditions, if there is a fair field and no favor."

"No agency," Mr. Fairweather continued, "which on the average can transport freight at a cost of less than one cent per ton per mile need have great fear of a competitive agency whose average economic cost for transportation per ton per mile is nearly five cents."

But the railways had greater responsibilities, more costly obligations. They were regulated in the public interest both as to rates and services, and had to provide for the equalization of rates to markets over wide areas, the development of new territories, the encouragement of handicrafts industries "by freight rates lower than commercially justifiable, even in cases where there is no profit doing so."

The speaker charged the provincial governments were "in the transport business in a big way" and suggested that they might see that they were receiving in return from this industry what the expense had been to the state.

"If the total cost of highways in the Maritime Provinces were ascertained, it would be found that not one half of the present yearly costs are being met by automotive vehicles, the difference being borne by taxation or passed on to the future."

Big Difference

In 1934, the speaker claimed, total Maritime Province highway costs amounted to more than \$9,000,000, while the gross revenues from motor vehicle licenses and gasoline taxes, etc., was \$4,000,000.

"I venture to say," continued Mr. Fairweather, "that if figures were available for the year 1935, the discrepancy between motor vehicle taxation and total expenditure would be not less than \$11,000,000 because in that year the Maritime Provinces instituted the hard surface programme."

It was "quite obvious" that if "any considerable portion of the cost of a highway were assessed against the trucker, his yield of activity would be reduced."

Exhibition Photos

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But these photos of hideous casualties, devastated cities, desolated countrysides and maimed bodies, wreckage of the maelstrom of war will move every heart. You will find the exhibit interesting. Drop in and see it.

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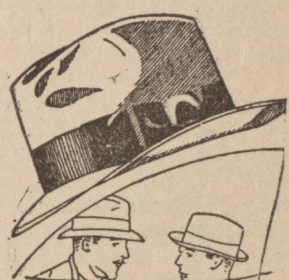
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