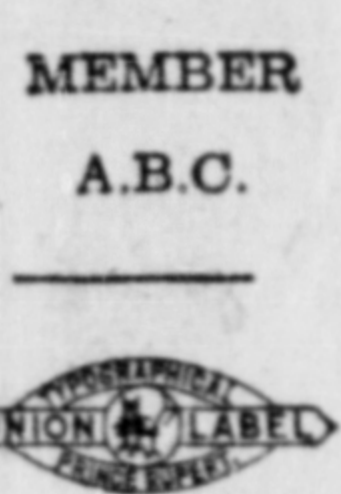


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Common Honesty Needed

That "Canada now needs a larger measure of individual social and governmental honesty" is the opinion expressed by Dr. J. R. Mutchmor, secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, United Church of Canada. She has too often, because of wartime necessity, "traded expedients for principles" and in consequence has suffered moral and spiritual losses. Facing the facts "in all honesty" is an urgent need, he said. Venereal disease and illegitimacy are at all time highs; raffles and gambling "threats to common honesty" needed honest law enforcement; and the world food situation if it got honest concern would result in Canada cutting down her million dollar a day drink bill. It was on the economic front, however, that Dr. Mutchmor claimed that the need for common honesty was paramount. He believed that Canada's quarter million insurance supported unemployed should accept jobs of every kind. Citing the need for men in most primary industries, he said, "The plain fact is that all who can work should do so."

"It is shameful that in a continent overloaded with raw cotton that babies can't have diapers, little children underwear, and the ordinary man a new shirt for his tax-bent back. Veterans, after a reasonable period of well deserved rest, must get into honest work on Civvie Street," says Dr. Mutchmor.

The church has supported the Hon. J. L. Ilsley and Donald Gordon in their fight against inflation, but some aspects of deficit financing were giving concern, says Dr. Mutchmor. "There is danger that Canadians may be bribed with their own money." Canada's federal deficit was proportionately six times that of the United States; and our social security is "mostly of the dole variety costing four times that of the British contributory plan; and income taxes were too high." Persons re-

ceiving \$3,000 or less a year were being ground between the millstones of extremely high taxes and mounting living costs. The poor wage and salaried earner were being liquidated. "It is time," says the doctor, "that both the federal and provincial tax authorities faced and stated facts honestly."

Mr. Hart's Hoarding

The Vancouver Province sounds off a popular note, when, while paying high tribute to Premier Hart on his accomplishments and skill as a finance minister, suggests that further great annual surpluses on British Columbia's budgets might be out of order. The editorial implies the public feeling that such surpluses indicate that either the government is drawing too much from the public in imposts or is not giving the public the services that it is entitled to. The Province, in other words, politely suggests that Mr. Hart is hoarding.

In any case here is some of the editorial which we consider interesting:

"There are suggestions from Victoria that, when Premier Hart presents his budget to the Legislature, some time this month or next, it will show a surplus of \$8,000,000 or so—the largest surplus the province has known. . . . Mr. Hart did not budget for any \$8,000,000 surplus. But he has a way of achieving things like that and goes from success to success. He is by a long way the most experienced minister of finance in Canada and figures appear to obey quietly when he commands."

"With all due respect to Mr. Hart, however, it may be suggested that he has about reached the limit of surpluses which it is proper to present. A budget surplus is usually received with applause and regarded as something wholly admirable. . . . But when a surplus is inordinately large it always provokes the question whether it was not built up by taking too much money from the people or by denying the people services they should have had, or by both. . . . There is no question that the British Columbia Government could have spent a good portion of the \$8,000,000 surplus to advantage had circumstances made it possible to do so. To cite but one field of expenditure, the roads of the province, and particularly the country roads, are in very bad shape and could do with a great deal more attention than they have been receiving."

"Mr. Hart's surplus of this year, then, is probably the largest he will ever have the pleasure of presenting. Next year, with an accumulation of road maintenance to catch up on and with the larger expenditure suggested in the Cameron Report and possibly that in the Sloan Report to care for, there will be a place for every dollar the government can raise."



Saturday Sermon

"WALKING IN THE TRUTH"

(III John III-4)

By G. R. S. BLACKBURN, who is in charge of the Regular Baptist Services here.

John, the beloved disciple of Jesus, writing to Gaius, his friend and brother in the Lord, tells him how his heart was cheered and his soul rejoiced to hear of his "children" walking in the Truth.

Evidently Gaius had been brought to the feet of

Jesus under the teaching of John for he includes him among his "children" and right here let us take note of the tender solicitude of the Apostles toward their "Children in the Lord," as they called those whom they had the privilege, by God's grace, of leading to Christ: not a mere passing interest at the time of their conversion but as Paul with his son, Timothy, a deep-seated passionate regard for their spiritual welfare, which followed them wherever they went.

We are interested in our friends to bring them to conversion but much more afterwards should we be interested in their welfare and their growth in the Spirit. Too often our young church members are lost to us through coldness and apathy on the part of their Christian "parents" in the church.

"Walk in the Truth," says Jesus, "and the Truth shall make you free."

What magic there is bound up in that word "free." It was said of some of the slaves of the Southern States that, when slavery was abolished by Lincoln, they continued to work as slaves for quite a long time because they could not realize that they were free. And there is danger of the Christian not realizing to the full that Christ has set him free and that whom the Son hath set free is "free indeed."

Truth is the eternal principle of God, and Jesus said, "I am come that I might bear witness of the truth," and again, "I am the way of truth and the life." Well may Pilate, half in scorn, half in earnest, ask the world's greatest question: "What is truth?"

Jesus returned upon that occasion no answer to Pilate's question and even had he answered Pilate could not have comprehended it. His mind was not, nor is the mind of the mind of the mightiest intellect of our time, capable of containing or grasping the great principles of eternal truth. And yet a simple child, with its loving trustfulness and its unquestioning faith, can set forth the mighty principles of the truth of God where the savant with his learning must fail.

Jesus said: "This is the condemnation that Light (that is Truth) hath come into the world but men loved darkness (that is Ignorance, the opposite of Truth) rather than Light because their deeds were evil."

The Pharisees were told by our Lord upon one occasion "Ye are the children of your father the devil and again, 'The Truth is not in you.' If the truth is within us it must of necessity give expression to itself. A good tree cannot bring forth corrupt fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

It is not enough merely to possess the Truth—to have Christ in the heart, but we must "Walk in the Truth"—we must live Christ out again before our fellow men.

I fear that in the artificial age in which we live when it is considered bad form and almost a sin to show any excitement at all about the things of God, we have lost the aggressive spirit of Peter and Paul and the Apostles of old.

"Repent," shouts Peter and you can almost hear someone say "Gently, gently, there Peter." Pray do not excite yourself my brother. While others say of the Apostles: "They are always stuffing religion down our throats." "What must I do to be saved?" cries the wretched jailer and I think I hear some brother or sister reply, "I'm afraid I don't like to talk about my religion myself, but go and ask one of the deacons and they will tell you what to do."

Peter and Paul were aggressive and in deadly earnest and they accomplished wonders. Let us wake up from our drowsiness and apathy and begin to let the Truth we have in us shine out in active earnest work for the Mas-

ter and the blessing will surely follow. There can be no apathy when Truth meets error and sin in mortal combat.

If we have the Truth of God in our hearts it will manifest itself in the bringing forth of the fruits of the spirit and thus shall we walk in the Truth.

The words of a man I learned as a boy came back to me as I was thinking on this topic, they are:

"Oh, leave the trembling world behind With all its cares and pains And break the fetters now that bind Thy soul in errors chains."

Go forward, go forward, in the paths of right Look upward, toll onward, to the realms of peace and light Jesus calls us from the way of darkness with its error and superstition and evil in which for long years we wandered from the way of darkness where the dismal cry of the night bird is heard, where briars and thorns beset the path, where the bat flits and the wind moans and the evil forms of ignorance and sin take shape and gibber and chatter as they pass. From this way of darkness and error He calls us to walk in the Truth of the way of light where the sun shines forth in all his strength, where the path gently winds along beside the still waters and

through the rich, beautiful meadows of peace, through the lovely groves heavy with the scent of the blossoms of hope and joy and along whose borders grow the trees of love bearing the fruit of the spirit.

No darkness there, for Truth is ever mightier than error, no sin there, for light always banishes darkness but all is happiness and joy and peace for at the coming of Truth and light, darkness flies away. It is to walk in this way of Truth and light that Jesus calls us and not only does He call us to walk it but He walks with us all the way — if we will have Him for a companion.

Jesus never intercedes—do not fear upon that score—Jesus only walks and converses with those who desire His company and His conversation and invite Him to walk and talk with them.

And here we have the secret of the power which will enable us to walk in the Truth—com-

munion, fellowship, everyday companionship, these are the sources from which we may draw the power to walk in the Truth.

David knew the secret when he said "Teach me Thy way O Lord, and I will walk in Thy Truth—O knit my heart to Thee that I may hear Thy voice."

It is when our hearts are knit to Christ with a deep and a yearning love that we hear His voice and know His teaching and it is while sitting at the feet of Jesus and just letting Him teach us His way that we find strength to walk in the way of Truth.

Oh may we not from this very hour re-consecrate ourselves and re-dedicate our lives to His service and like Enoch of old walk with the Lord and, like the two disciples our hearts will burn within us as He walks and talks with us by the way for if we walk with Him and He with us we shall be walking in the Truth indeed.

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Sunday, Feb. 24

SERVICES
11:00 a.m.—Bible Class and Sunday School.
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Sunday, February 24, 1946
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon. Junior Choir.
12:30 p.m.—Sunday School.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Organ solo: "Andante Maestoso in C Sharp Minor" (Wesley).
Preacher at all services: The Rector.

Ada May Rivers. A good number of friends and neighbors, including fellow members of Local 180, attended to pay their respects to his memory. Geo. S. Weatherly, secretary of Local 180, assisted at the service by leading in prayer.

FUNERAL OF FRED RIVERS

The funeral of the late Fred Rivers was held from the B.C. Undertakers parlors. The officiating minister at the service was Rev. A. F. MacSweeney of First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Rivers was a member of Local 180, U. A. Plumbers and Steamfitters, and a former fitter at the dry dock. He is survived by his widow, Mrs.

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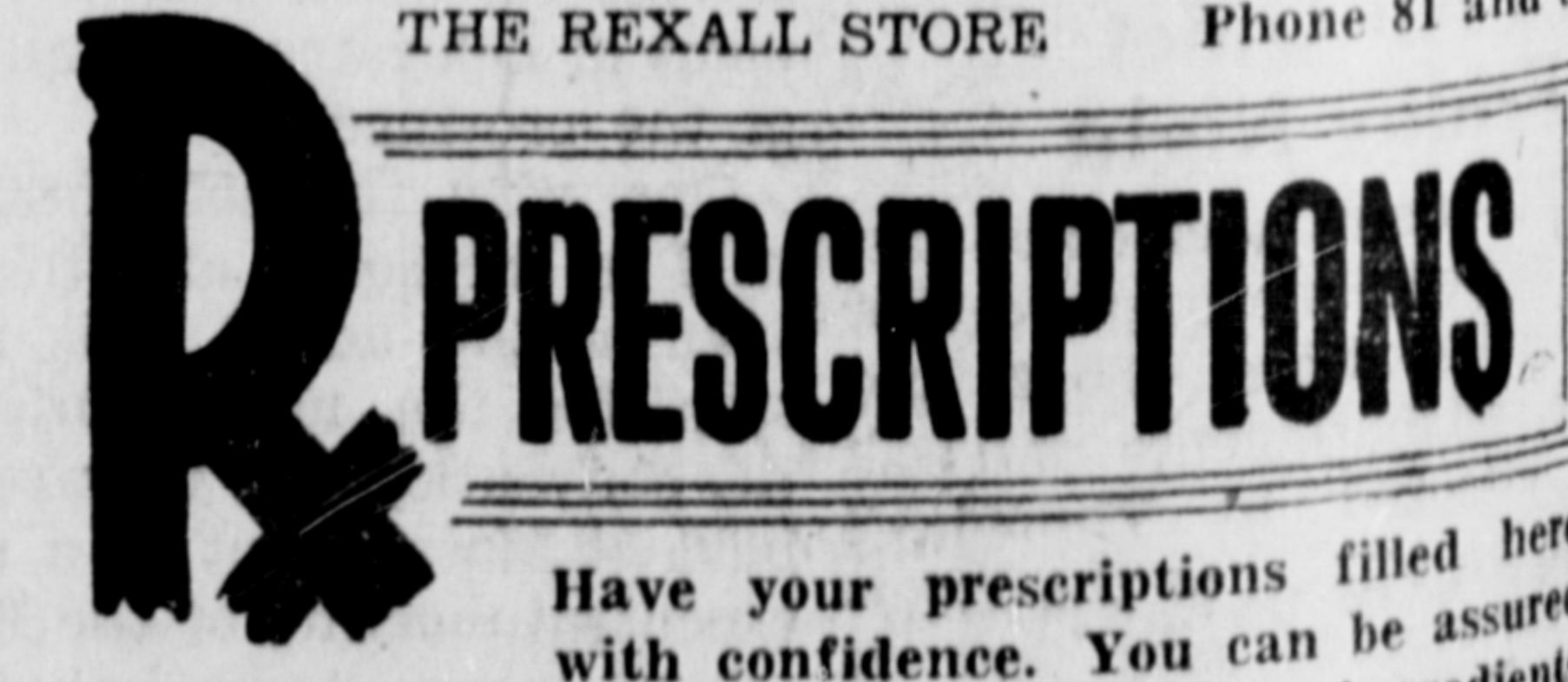
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1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She was fearfully tired last night."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "brethren?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Langor, anchor bachelor.

Answers

1. Say, "She was very tired."
2. Pronounce last syllable ren, not brethren. 3. Languor.

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