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Church

Church Attendance

THE QUESTION of church attendance and influence is much under discussion these days — and Protestant churches in Prince Rupert as well as elsewhere throughout the country are gravely concerned and wondering what to do about it.

In a national survey of youth made for the Canadian Youth Commission, fifty-eight percent of those questioned said they usually attended church at least once a week, another fifteen percent said they went two or three times a month, thirteen percent said they went less frequently than that. Only five percent said frankly that they never went at all. Eighty-nine percent of young Roman Catholics in Canada said they go to church every Sunday, but only thirty-eight percent of young Protestants make this claim.

Which indicates, whether we may like their ways or not, that the Roman Catholic Church has something that the Protestant churches have not and is doing a better job at the dissemination of the Christian Gospel and the maintenance of its influence than are the Protestants.

Dr. W. J. Gallagher, secretary of the Canadian Council of Church, prescribed four things that needed to be done at once to meet the inadequacy of the Protestant Churches' influence:

1. A careful study of the Canadian situation should be made.
2. We must strive to state and present the Gospel in terms relevant to our situation and the understanding of the people.
3. Old and new methods of evangelism must be examined, tried, evaluated, and used in the service of the Gospel.
4. The church must be strengthened and quickened for her evangelistic task. This involves many things: the organization and functioning of the church, the training of the ministry, the devotion and the activity of both ministry and laity, the worship and fellowship of the congregation, the Christian nature of youth, the support of the ministry both spiritually and materially.

HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN

WITH THE challenging slogan "2 out of 3 can be cured", sheets of colorful Easter seals are being mailed to every home in British Columbia, in the drive to raise funds for aiding sick and crippled children. Funds realized will go entirely into the expansion of hospital space and facilities for treating handicapped children throughout the province.

At present, space and facilities in our children's hospitals fall far short of provincial needs. However, splendid results have already been achieved. Returns from Easter seals over the past two years were sufficient—along with government grants—to build a new wing to the Crippled Children's hospital at Vancouver, doubling its accommodation. In addition, the following received substantial financial aid: Vancouver Preventorium, Queen Alexandra Solarium, V.I., and St. Christopher's Home, North Vancouver. All these institutions administer to handicapped children on a province-wide basis. This year the Spastic Paralysis Society of B.C. has been added to the list of beneficiaries.

The worthiness of this cause is emphasized by the splendid results now being achieved by modern medical science in this field.

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Holy Communion 8:30 p.m.
Sunday School 2:30 p.m.
Rector: Basil S. Procter, B.A., B.D. (Blue 733)

FIRST BAPTIST
5th Ave. E. at Young St.
Minister: Rev. Fred Antroubis (Green 812)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
4th Avenue East (Green 982)

FIRST UNITED
636 6th Ave. West
Minister: R. A. Wilson, M.A. (Green 618)

FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE
221 6th Ave. West
Pastor: Paul A. Barber (Green 620)

SALVATION ARMY
Fraser Street
C.O. Capt. Earl Jarrett
Directory Class 2:30 p.m.
Sunday School 3:00 p.m. (Black 269)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
5th Ave. at McBride St.
Pastor: E. Solland (Black 913)

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN
Seal Cove
Archdeacon E. Hodson
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. (Blue 827)

COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL
East End Hall, 2:30 p.m.

RESERVISTS PLAN

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have been out of the question in pre-war days.

All have armament more powerful than existed in the R.C.N. afloat or ashore, in 1939. Single mounted 4-inch weapons are supplied as well as smaller cannon such as Bofin, twin and single Oerlikon and other gunnery items like Bren guns, rifles, revolvers, Torpedoes and anti-submarine weapons, some of them "hush-hush" items until only recently, are also to be found.

Visitors who have read of the scientific wonders of radar, asdic, loran and other electrically operated "senses" by which modern warships feel their way through night or fog, probe the ocean depths with invisible fingers, or locate their positions hundreds of miles at sea without recourse to the sun or stars, will find all this type of equipment among the "tools" of the naval reservist's trade. Wireless telegraphy and telephony, too, is also well represented in a division's facilities.

Seamanship gear in the form of Carley floats, lifebuoys and compasses; navigational and plotting instruments; ship and aircraft models for developing a man's "spotting" accuracy; motion picture projectors and films that bring the trainee, without leaving the lecture room, an almost full scale experience of many shipboard details, are all included in the equipment.

The floating equipment with which the establishments have been provided will not be visible to the visitor except where it has been removed from its natural element for the winter. Every division has its quota of 27-foot whalers, long the favorite pulling and sailing craft of the Navy, and also, in the great majority of cases, they possess 46-foot harbor craft.

Far stronger numerically than it has ever been in its peacetime history, equipped in a manner that is producing a greatly heightened state of effectiveness and morale, the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) is breaking out its "Come alongside" signal to Canadians with a sense of proud anticipation.

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SATURDAY SERMON

WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE

(Howard Patrick, of Long Beach, California)

(This is a prize-winning essay on this theme, by a senior in High School, and one of the leading debaters in Southern California)

In this age of the skeptic and the infidel, in this age of doubt and reason, and a belief in the natural over against the supernatural, it is necessary for the Christian to know definitely why he believes the Bible to be the true, inspired Word of God. This is an age when men want a reason for the hope that is within them. The most reasonable thing in all the world is religion. The Christian life is the normal life, another life is abnormal. For those who search and observe facts, there are numerous evidences that the Bible is the true Word of God.

I believe the Bible because of its strength over attack. No literature, no book, has ever been attacked as the Bible has been. From the first of its existence until the dawn of the present century the Bible has been fought by skeptics, atheists and infidels. Many of whom possessed keen intellect and silvery tongues, and yet this precious book has weathered all storms, and its pages are still brighter than gold.

Did you ever stop to think what a task a man would have who would undertake to destroy the Bible? God has been so careful to guard it that He has woven it into every fibre and fabric of human history. The man who seeks to destroy the Bible must buy up one hundred million copies of the Book, printed in eleven hundred languages, and circulated through the world. He will have to go into the libraries of the world, upon the shelves of which are books in which the Bible has been quoted and referred to. He must quarry his destruction into the art galleries of the world and destroy the greatest of all music and sculpture of rare beauty and worth. Why hasn't the Bible been destroyed? Because you can't destroy God, and it is God's Word, and you can no more destroy God's Word than you can destroy the God that spoke the word.

I believe the Bible to be God's inspired Word because it is the key that unlocks all human mystery. Four of the biggest questions that anyone can ask his soul are these: Who am I, Where am I? Where did I come from? and Where am I going? Science cannot answer them. Scientists fail to tell the origin of human life. The Bible is the only Book that gives the world an intelligent origin. What does it say? "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"; that is enough, that 'in the beginning God'; and we have here the most intelligent origin the world ever heard about. This wonderful Book is the key to all human mystery. The Bible is beyond human invention. The Ten Commandments, for instance, have never been improved upon in all the world of law. The Bible is also the finest of all literature. I believe it is divinely inspired because it satisfies the human heart as nothing else can do. As Carlyle has said: "It is the one book wherein, for thousands of years, the spirit of man has found light and nourishment,

and a response to whatever was deepest in his heart." And after all, the question we must all face is this: Does the Bible satisfy me? Is it a pillow on which I may lay my head in time of trouble, need and sadness? Is it a comforter as I cross into the land of eternity? The Bible is our hope. What have we to live for if it is not to live again with Him? He put us here and gave us a guide-book, a stepping-stone, that we may not falter or stumble. I believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of the only God, who gave us the promise: "Whosoever believeth in me shall not perish but have everlasting life."

SERVICES

The Salvation Army
Captain and Mrs. E. Jarrett,
Corps Officers.

TONIGHT, 8 p.m.—Youth Rally.
Mrs. Arthur Vickers, the speaker.

Sunday Services as follows:
11 a.m.—Holiness Meeting.
2:30 p.m.—Directory Class
3:00 p.m.—Sunday School.
7:30—Gospel Meeting.

Tues., 7:30 p.m.—The Home League will meet at The S.A. Girls' Home

Wed., 8 p.m.—Soldiers' Meeting.
Fri., 8 p.m.—Holiness Meeting.
(Conducted by Brigadier and Mrs. T. Gillingham).



First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Avenue East
Rev. Allan M. McColl, Minister
Mrs. E. J. Smith, Organist

MARCH 7, 1948
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Young People's Choir—"Who is this in Yonder Stall."
Sermon, "The Goodness of God"
Sunday School, 12:15
Sermon, "The Personal Christ"

REGULAR BAPTIST

(FUNDAMENTALIST) Phone 369
L.O.D.E. Hall—5th and McBride
Sunday, March 7, 1948
"Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found." Is. 55:6
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service. (Prayer Praise Testimony)
Speaker: G. R. S. Blackaby "GOD'S CALL—COME NOW!"
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