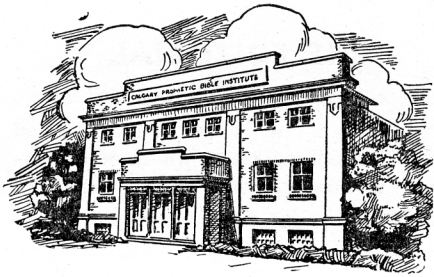


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THE PASTOR'S LETTER

"SEALED ORDERS"

Dear Fellow Christian:

Our boat has left port and we are making our way down the St. Lawrence and out into the broad Atlantic. We had travelled for some time and among the passengers and crew there is a growing air of expectancy. Our destination? The answer lies in the Captain's cabin. We are sailing under sealed orders.

Others.

The Book of Life tells us of men in the past who have voyaged under the same circumstances. Abraham, too, was called of God on a great journey, and like ourselves, "he went out, not knowing whither he went." (Hebrews 11:8). He sailed under sealed orders.

Our beloved King said in one of his speeches to the Empire, "I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light'. He answered, 'Put your hand into the Hand of God; it shall be better to you than a light, and safer than a known way.'"

The individual who is willing to believe the Saviour of Bethlehem and The Christ of Calvary is asked to be a child of faith. He must trust his leader.

Orders.

A party of clergymen were being shown around a great vessel in one of our American ports. The chief engineer had taken them down to the great engine room, and explained that here was the

power which drove the great ship through the waters. One asked, "But how can you know where the ship is going—you cannot see down here, and thus would not know how to regulate the speed of the motors to keep the ship on its course." The engineer replied, "I get my orders from above."

We may not always see our way, nor have it revealed just at the moment we would wish. God withholds His secrets that men might trust.

Onward.

Columbus sailed many days and weeks with Hope as their only staff to lean upon. The men mutinied and cursed their captain, yet in the ship's log was written, "This day we sailed on." The shore of a new world was theirs, and with tears they fell at their leader's feet.

Christian, your faith CANNOT go unrewarded. God says, "Cast not away therefore, your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward." (Hebrews 10:35).

"God holds the key of all unknown—

And I am glad.

If others held the key—

Or if He trusted it to me

I might be sad—

I'm glad that He unlocks the day for me!"

Wishing you the blessings and prosperity of His Spirit during the New Year, I remain,

Yours in the Lord,

WILLIAM JOHN LAING.

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THE EDITORIAL

The old year is gone, and for many it was a sad one, while others rejoiced in it. In looking back, we have experienced a mixture of feelings, such as heartaches, pain, distractions, happiness and peace. One thing we should learn is to benefit from our experience and not repeat the same mistakes we have made. In dealing with Father Time, we wonder what his recording book will say. How many minutes of each day have we spent in prayer, in making others happy, in telling people of the love of God, in giving way to self, and the flesh, in selfishness, in speaking evil of one another? It is wise for us to do a little stock-taking and if we find the scales are against us, and we have spent more on self than on God and our fellow men—don't despair—**PROFIT** by your meditation. Look up! Start the new year with your hand in the Lord's and promise Him that in the new year you will try your utmost to put Him first in all things. Start each day in meditation of God's Word and prayer to Him; not dreaming of doing big things in the new year, but doing the small necessities each day as "unto the Lord." The special text I am going to leave with you this year is I Cor. 15:58, knowing that in the fulfillment of this verse, happiness is ahead for us. Make the following rules, **YOUR** rules for the new year, and may the Lord bless you all:

Say nothing you would not like God to hear.

Do nothing you would not like God to see.

Go to no place you would not like God to find you.

Listen to nothing you would not like God to hear.

Read nothing that you would not like God to say "Show it to Me."

It all depends on me and I depend on God.

"GLORIFY THY NAME"

Father, let me dedicate
· All this year to Thee,
In whatever worldly state
Thou wouldst have me be;
Not from sorrow, pain, or care
Freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer,
"Glorify Thy name."

Can a child presume to choose
Where or how to live?
Can a Father's love refuse
All the best to give?
More Thou givest every day
Than the best can claim;
Nor withholdest aught that may
Glorify Thy name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare
Joys that yet are mine,
If on life, serene and fair,
Brighter rays may shine,
Let my glad heart, while it sings,
Thee in all proclaim;
And whate'er the future brings,
Glorify Thy name.

If Thou callest to the cross,
And its shadow come,
Turning all my gain to loss,
Shrouding heart and home;
Let me think how Thy dear Son
To His glory came,
And in deepest woe pray on,
"Glorify Thy name."

ONLY ONE LIFE

Two little lines I heard one day
As I plodded on in my usual way;
And they rang in my ears again, again,
Repeating in solemn, sweet refrain:
"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for Christ will last."
"Only one life." The still, small voice
Gently allures to the better choice,
Bidding me never let selfish aims
Overshadow my Saviour's claims.
Give me, Saviour, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy trust to keep;
And so thro' trouble, care, and strife,
Glorify Thee in my daily life!
"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for Christ will last."

CHURCH NEWS

We wish to report that Mrs. C. R. Pearce has gone to Edmonton to join with her husband in their new work. We know that God will abundantly honor their services of the past years as it has been performed in the Church and in behalf of the thousands of boys and girls of the Radio Sunday School. Again we wish them every blessing in their new tasks.

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The services of Christmas Sunday, December 20th, were of a special nature in keeping with the remembrance of our dear Saviour's birth. The messages of the day and also the music rendered by the choir, soloist and male quartette were enjoyed by all. A hearty singing of the familiar carols warmed all our hearts in the worship of Him who came to earth to die.

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On December 30th a program put on by the pupils of the Sunday School was greatly enjoyed by all. It is good to see the little ones do their parts in telling out the glories of Christ's birth. All were treated with bags of Christmas candies, and the whole evening was one of uplift and encouragement.

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On December 31st, New Year's Eve, the Church held their Watch Night Service. Beginning at 9 o'clock and continuing through until 12:15 the evening was spent in Christian fellowship together. Many special selections were rendered and the matrons prepared a lunch for all present. At midnight the whole assembly knelt in prayer and the New Year was upon us as we asked God again for His grace and wisdom to lead us through it in His service.

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We are indeed pleased to report that the Church Council has unanimously called Brother W. J. Laing to continue in the Pastorate of our Church for the year 1943. We feel confident that we

shall see another year of rich blessing from the Lord as Pastor and people join in a truly consecrated ministry of the Word of God. May we join in constant prayer for the work God has given us to do.

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On Monday evening, December 26th, the Young People's Society arranged a dinner and social evening for the students who remained in town over the holiday season. There were a goodly number present and during the evening we were privileged to have Miss Seigel, an elocutionist, recite for us the story of the Christmas Carol, written by Charles Dickens.

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A DOZEN DON'TS FOR CHURCH-GOERS

- Don't merely visit. Worship.
- Don't hurry away. Speak and be spoken to.
- Don't stop in the end of the pew. Move over.
- Don't monopolize your hymn book. Be neighbourly.
- Don't wait for an introduction. Introduce yourself.
- Don't choose the back seat. Leave it for late comers.
- Don't dodge the collection plate. Pay what you are able.
- Don't criticize. Remember and think of your own failings.
- Don't stare blankly while others sing, read, pray. Join in.
- Don't leave without praying God's blessing upon all present.
- Don't sit while others stand or kneel. Share in the service.
- Don't dodge the preacher. Show yourself friendly.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isaiah 55:1.

"FROM THE PROPHET'S CHAIR"

"THE FIVE GREAT NAMES OF JEHOVAH"

(A series of five important articles)

No. 2—"JEHOVAH—SHALOM"

The second of the special names that have been given to Jehovah is one full of special significance as we look on into the new year. It was first used in a day when the enemies of Israel were oppressing the people, and it heralded the beginning of God's moving on their behalf, to give them victory and liberty. May this year see our nation moving to a righteous victory.

This name is found in Judges 6:24. It is the story of the call of Gideon to deliver Israel from the Midianites. The Angel of the LORD visited Gideon, and, when Gideon presented Him with an offering of flesh and cakes, He consumed them with fire, thus revealing His Divine identity to Gideon. This young man was fearfully perturbed. Recognizing his own sinful nature, and understanding the inviolable holiness of God, he feared that he would be destroyed at once, because he had looked upon the Angel of the Lord. Thus in verse 23 we read that God had to assure him in these words: "Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die." And so Gideon built there an altar and called it Jehovah-shalom, "The Lord is my peace."

Is not this a grand message to take into the new year? No matter what may come, we have "peace with God" (Romans 5:1). Surely God would have us remember this promise, "Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die." He has said to us, "I give unto them eternal

life, and they shall never perish." The source of true peace of soul is found in resting wholly on His unfailing promise, knowing that, come what may, we are forever safe in the care of the unfailing, Good Shepherd. Do not let doubt or falsity rob you of your peace and confidence in what He has said.

And, as we face the future, let us not forget the prophetic aspect of this great name. The Angelic Host heralded Christ as the One who was to bring peace on earth. He bears the title, "The Prince of Peace," and He alone can finally bring peace to this war-weary world. Some day, at His command, the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, and learn war no more. The Bible has not failed. Christianity is not in retreat. Although the nations furiously rage together today, He is coming soon, to set up His everlasting Kingdom, and true peace will be known to the sons of men. May we who know him as our Peace today, ever be looking and longing for that glorious day of His blessed reign! Can you say with us today, "The LORD is my peace"? God grant it!

BEGIN TO-DAY

Dream not too much of what you'll do tomorrow,

How well you'll work perhaps some other year,

Tomorrow's chance you do not need to borrow,

To-day is here.

Dream not too much of mountains you will master

The while you linger in the vale below,
To dream is well, but plodding brings you faster

To where we go.

Swear not to break some habit's fetter
When this old world is dead and passed away,

If you have need of living wiser, better,
BEGIN TO-DAY.

LOOK UP!

1943 is here! What difference will it make? A well known autograph verse reads:

"If you would be miserable—
Look at self.
If you would be perplexed—
Look at others.
If you would be happy—
Look at Christ."

Truer words were never written. If you would find happiness in 1943 you'll find there the secret.

Thousands of individuals are suffering day by day with extreme mental anguish. They are looking within their own hearts. They find them full of deceit, unreliability, selfishness, meanness and changeableness. They find that they are prone to sin and they hate themselves for it. They are depressed and distressed by moods.

The Scripture shows us just what they are. "In my flesh dwelleth no good thing." Rom. 7:18. No one can boast. Empty pride and conceit are not going to cover up what we really are.

Then as we turn to others, we are indeed perplexed. The most promising of humankind is guilty of failures. To look up to one man as a spiritual leader and guide, is to find disappointment and disillusionment when he wavers and stumbles. The Apostle Paul wrote in I Cor. 3:21: "Let no man glory in men." Psa. j118:8 says: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men."

Humans are changeable and unreliable but there is One who changeth not. I believe our message for this year should be, "LOOK TO CHRIST!" When we look up, we are convicted of our sin, and yet God's very goodness leads us to forsake it. His matchless love thrills us and comforts us. We receive a burning desire to live for Him.

Christians too often go about with downcast eyes—seeing only this present frivolous world; seeing only the trials, the struggles, the sadness; seeing only the frailties and inconsistencies of others.

"Cease from man and look above

thee!" Look up! Col. 3:1-4: "... seek those things which are above ... set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth ... When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."

If your heart's interest is in Heaven, it will have a marked effect on your life. When we get a vision of what Heaven should mean to us, and the welcome we're to receive up there, we will not go through life burdened with cares, trials and circumstance.

"This old life is filled with sorrows,
Filled with heartaches, pains and fears.
Here we have our disappointments,
Cheeks are lined with bitter tears.

"But our Father God in Heaven,
Longs to help us overcome,
Then when this old life is ended.
He will take us safely home.

"So let's think of God and Heaven,
Let's look up and laugh and smile—
And forget our disappointments;
We'll be leaving in awhile—

"For that home to be with Jesus—
For that home so bright and fair,
For that land that's filled with gladness
And we'll find no sorrows there."

—Marvin Lewis.

Keep looking up, till He calls us home!

GEMS FROM THE BIBLE

"I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."
I Timothy 2:1-6.

"COME AND WORSHIP WITH US"

Thou art welcome, whosoever thou art that entereth this church; it is the Father's House; come in the spirit of reverence; worship in the spirit of humility; and leave it not without a prayer to God, for thyself, for those who minister, and for all who worship here.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship - - 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Broadcast - 3:00 p.m.
Evening Service - - 7:15 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS 10 a.m. (Broadcast over CFCN)

COMMUNION SUNDAY, Every First Sunday of the Month.

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