The Canadian Vision

In 1969 Christian Medical Foundation was holding a monthly Friday night meeting at the lovely residence of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lowry in St. Petersburg, Florida. One night there were people present from Tracy, New Brunswick, Byron and Miriam Phillips. Consequent to this meeting Kay and I received an invitation to go to New Brunswick from Bishop Harold Nutter the Anglican Bishop of New Brunswick. The invitation included our speaking to Anglican churches in the St. John's area. We spoke at Anglican churches there with the Reverend Arch LeDraw Gardner then going to various parishes in New Brunswick during the month of January. Kay was to go to various church functions speaking to women's groups and Byron Phillips and I were to go to other churches in the diocese speaking to men's groups and to various congregations. We also spoke at Men's Full Gospel Business Meetings.

Along with this we had the privilege of meeting with the Anglican clergy of the diocese at the Villa Madonna, a Catholic convent near St. John's. This was truly a glorious occasion. One of the things I remember was the wonderful way in which the Holy Spirit anointed the singing and the fellowship at the meeting. Not all of the Anglican clergy by any means agreed with my ideas concerning the fullness of the Holy Spirit and divine healing, but it was a spirited and a most enjoyable meeting. Our meetings at various places including St. Andrews, Andover, Perth, Chatham, Newcastle as well as Sussex and several other parishes in the diocese including Fredericton. We had the opportunity of praying for many people and seeing a number of lives changed. Some of the friendships which began there have continued on thru the years.

It was determined consequent to the New Brunswick meetings that we should begin to develop CMF of Canada. Our endeavors began with annual meetings being held in Fredericton, beginning in 1977. These meetings were well attended by physicians and nurses and people who were interested in the healing ministry particularly as it affects the church and as it affects hospitals and places where the sick are cared for.

It became apparent after two meetings in Fredericton that many people found it difficult to get out to the Maritime provinces for meetings pertaining to the entire Dominion of Canada. This was particularly true of those who wished to attend from the western plains and British Columbia. It was therefore decided to begin to hold our meetings in Toronto. Our first CMF of Canada meeting was held at the Triumph Hotel in Toronto and the title of the first meeting there was "Christ Triumphant". This meeting was exceptionally well attended and for several years we held our annual meetings in Toronto at that very hotel. After moving to Toronto CMF of Canada was incorporated as a non-profit Canadian corporation and the influence of this small dedicated group of Canadian doctors, nurses and clergy as well as laypeople began to grow. Under the capable leadership of Dr. Rod Davison of Winnipeg and with the help of such people as Roman Buchok, Jack Thomson, Byron Phillips, Carl and Ruth Laybourn, Al and Dorothy Hughes and most recently Dr. Don Denmark, CMF has continued to expand and to grow.

Recently, I read this statement attributed to C.C.L. Gregory and A. Koshen, "science as a discipline is magnificent, and indispensable; as a belief system it is disastrous." Also in the same writing I read quoted from G.R.M. Tyrrell, "the avenue of intellectual enquiry is not a road to pure truth. Step by step these higher reaches of realization may be won, but only by the development of the whole personality; not by training of the intellectual faculty alone. Do not let this be misinterpreted as an anti-rationalist argument. It does not mean that reason is to be abandoned in favor of pure intuition. Reason can, and must, be used on higher grades of significance as on the lower. What is meant that reason unassisted, when in possession of one grade, can never attain to the root conceptions necessary to open a higher grade to its use. These root conceptions must first be grasped by intuition, or, as I prefer to call it, by the mystical faculty." It might be said that today in medicine we have had a flirtation with pure science for approximately two generations, possibly more. During this time we have relegated the whole idea of healing to pure rationalism and intellectualism and the experimental method. The mystical the contemplative and the spiritual have gradually been relegated to the church or to the endeavors of certain individuals. In the 1970's and 80's more and more we have begun to realize that the purely rationalistic and scientific approach is not producing the results in healing of the whole person that we had presumed. We have become experts in diagnosis. Our diagnostic methods are amazing. Where we fall short is in the area of therapeutics. We can diagnose the metastatic lesion in the liver or in the brain or in the bony skeleton, but what to do about it - there lies the problem. The rationalistic approach has been to use potentially destructive methods such as radiation and chemo-therapy which induce reactions in the human body physically and psychologically which in
many instances are as disastrous as the disease process itself.

CMF of Canada as well as in America and elsewhere in the world has been rallying physicians, nurses and the enlightened clergy to a rediscovery of the New Testament and the statements of Jesus and of St. Paul and the other New Testament writers to the total understanding of the human being.

The British Isles and Canada have produced men of deep thought who have effected the practice of medicine in a very profound way in recent years. Here we might mention William Osler, Wilder Penfield, Denis Burkitt, Griffith Evans, among a host of many others. Most recently Canadian endeavors have included the beginning of a wonderful journal having to do with whole person medicine called Humane Medicine which is a great step forward in trying to understand and treat the human being.

CMF was begun and remains on the cutting edge of the sword of the Spirit as far as medicine is concerned in the last decades of this century. It is given to CMF of Canada particularly doctors, nurses and clergy to utilize as a vehicle for the better understanding of the human being and of the place the human being in relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is my hope that as we have our tenth meeting of CMF of Canada October 23-26 in Toronto at the Guild Inn we will take another great step forward in a new and more humane, Christ-centered Canadian Medicine. This is my hope and the hope of all of the doctors in CMF of Canada who stand with me for this great vision.

Please pray for Dr. Rod Davison, president of CMF of Canada who is battling intestinal neoplasm.

CMF of Canada
Presents
Conference '86
THE PHYSICIAN AND THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Our program includes:

FRIDAY October 24, 1986
5:00 - 7:00pm Registration
6:30 - 7:00pm Welcome, Opening Remarks and Worship
7:00 - 7:45pm "Life in the Balance"
                    Rev. Mark Hazzard & Dr. Don Denmark
8:15 - 9:00pm "Surgical Intervention for the Multiple
Handicapped Newborn" - Dr. Don Marshall

SATURDAY October 25, 1986
8:30 - 9:00am Worship
9:00 - 9:40am "In Vitro Fertilization & Embryo Transplantation" - Dr. Bob Arlman
9:40 - 10:20am "Suicide Trends in the Teenage Years"
                    Dr. Judith McBride
11:00 - 11:40am "The Impact of the Canadian Charter of Rights" - Rev. Hudson Hillsden
11:40 - 12:20pm "Abortion and the Family Physician"
                    Dr. David Hurst
1:00 pm  Board of Directors Meeting
8:30 pm  "Ethical Considerations in Organ Transplantation" - Dr. Bill Reed

SUNDAY October 26, 1986
10:30  Communion Service with prayer for Healing - Dr. Bill Reed speaker
       All are invited to attend this service

****Seven Hours of Study credit for continuing education has been approved by the College of Family Physicians****

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 13, 1986

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