NORTHERN LIGHTS-KINGDOM NOTES

Readers of our occasional news brief will recall that Dr. Reed has had a lasting interest in St. Brendan and his great voyage across the North Atlantic landing in Newfoundland in the sixth century. His map obtained in Vienna described what is now Eastern Canada as "The Land Given Unto The Saints." The story is contained in a most interesting article in The National Geographic.

I had thought erroneously that St. Brendan was a Roman Catholic Irishman much as I had assumed that St. Patrick before him was the same. In a recent book given to me by a dear Canadian friend ("St. Joseph of Arimathea at Glastonbury" by L.S. Lewis), in his discussion of the Celtic Church, he calls Brendan - St. Brendan, the Scot characterizing him as "a hardy sailor missionary." Thus he was a Scot and a product of the Church of St. Patrick, St. Ninian, and St. Columbanus, ultimately emanating from Joseph of Arimathea and the first century missionaries to Britain after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

St. Patrick was the product of the Celtic Church with its spiritual roots in the Greek Church (St. Polycarp and St. Irenaeus). Carried to Ireland as a prisoner in the early 400's, he became a firm believer in Jesus while serving as a slave. After six years of servitude he was freed, went home only to return to establish the Irish Celtic Church with ties to Glastonbury. His became a most vital missionary Church with missionaries going to Scotland, Northumbria, and to the continent (where many monasteries were established) and even to the land beyond the sea (Canada). What a wonderful heritage we northern peoples have through the endeavors of the ancient Celtic Church. A forgotten heritage!

The Belleville 1993 CMF of Canada Annual Meeting

This year's conference will be held all day Saturday, May 1 at the Cavell Auditorium adjacent to Belleville General Hospital. A preliminary evening of reunion and refreshment will be held on April 30. Speakers this year include Dr. Douglas McIntosh, Dr. Robert Aikman, Dr. George Kaufman, Dr. Maurice Rawlings, Dr. Edith Peterkin, Dr. Donato Gugliotta, Dr. Barrie de Veber, and Dr. Reed. This will be a time of great spiritual refreshment for physicians, nurses, and for patients, and clergy. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Call Elaine McLintock (613) 962-5972 or Ruth Black (613) 966-7947 for further information and reservations.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Shmoorkoff of Edmonton who were married May 30, 1992.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Tim Darnell in their residency at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Goeff Secord in Goeff's retirement at Sault St. Marie, Ontario. Bless you Goeff and dear Joan.

Congratulations to Elaine and David McLintock of Belleville, Ontario regarding Elaine's retirement in May,'92.

Congratulations to Dr. Roman Buchok for his successful trip to the Ukraine in August.

Prayers are requested for dear friend, Rev. Gordon Hunter who is recovering from a CVA. 

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William Frank, M.D.
Beloved members of CMF of Canada,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that Dr. Roman Buchok, President of CMF of Canada and I, as Honorary President of CMF of Canada, write to let you know of the plans for our upcoming conference at Belleville General Hospital in Belleville, Ontario, April 30 and May 1. You will be getting more information on this meeting later but I wanted you to know about the dates and about what we're planning so that you can mark your calendars and hopefully can attend. The theme of this year's meeting is "Victory In Adversity." Dr. L.L. deVeber of the University of Western Ontario will be speaking on the evening of April 30 on the subject of "Spirituality In Children" and discussing his experiences with over 5,000 children whom he has cared for oncologically during his career as a hematologist-oncologist in pediatrics. Dr. Harry Mandison of Bermuda will be speaking relative to his experiences in obstetrics and gynecology over the past thirty years and reflecting on the spiritual aspect of his life and practice.

The Sir William Osler Award this year will be given to Dr. Douglas McIntosh, a hematologist and oncologist from Belleville, who is not only a great scientist but also a wonderful Christian brother. Doug will be speaking on May 1, as will Dr. Mandison. Others on the Saturday program will be Dr. Donato Gugliotta, an anesthesiologist, Dr. Robert Aikman, a Canadian ob/gyn physician who practices in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Dr. George Kaufman, an internist from New York City area, speaking on AIDS and the ethical dilemmas associated with this growing problem.

After dinner on May 1, Dr. Maurice Rawlings, who has written much on the whole death and dying problem, from the Christian and spiritual point of view, will be speaking on the subject of "Death And Life." There will be ample opportunity for your input and much discussion of these various papers so please plan to be with us for what we feel will be a tremendous blessing this year. On Sunday there will be various opportunities to attend local churches with physicians speaking at several churches. Plans have been made for me to speak at the Church once attended by my great-grandfather, Dr. Peter William Reid, at Hazard’s Corners, Ontario near Madoc. We want to thank the prayer group and the panel making arrangements for the meeting headed up by Elaine McLintock and Linda Mustard and others who have done a wonderful job of preparation. Please call Elaine McLintock (613) 547-5945 or Ruth Black (613) 966-7947 or Rev. Donald Crisp at Emmanuel Baptist Church (613) 969-7946 for information and arrangements. It will be a wonderful time in the Spring to visit this beautiful place and we truly look forward to seeing you there.

William Faith Reid

"For with God Nothing Shall Be Impossible"—Luke 1:37