

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Georgetown, Ontario
March 6, 1948.

Dear Mr. Editor:
First of all Mr. Brown had better re-read my letter, for apparently he is about the only citizen who failed to understand its meaning.
If Mr. Brown were one tenth as well informed or interested in Municipal affairs as he leads one to believe, then he would know that time and time again our Mayor had expressed publicly the earnest wish that every citizen avail himself or herself of the right to attend all or any Council meetings to hear public business discussed. For the same reason the Press is always in atten-

dance at the meetings to bring the information to readers of this paper. There are certain matters which as I said previously, are better left unprinted, in a community such as ours, where "everyone knows everyone else". For example, would Mr. Brown like to have us publish a list of the names of people found guilty of drunkenness, conducting disorderly houses, etc., or would he grant these people the privacy which is only common decency on the part of fellow citizens? This and any other information is available at the Clerk's office for anyone genuinely interested.
Again, if Mr. Brown had kept himself posted on Town Affairs, he would know that I, as a resident of Queen Street, personally canvassed our street last Summer, with a petition regarding excessive speeding, and presented it to Council. As a result of this publicity, there was marked improvement in traffic movement on our street.

On the matter of law enforcement, I will explain in the most elementary terms why we ask that motorists and pedestrians observe care, courtesy and common sense at all times. In Canadian Justice, a man is innocent of a crime until he is proven guilty. This means simply, that because a man appears to be driving fifty miles an hour on a street, he cannot be convicted unless an officer has actually clocked him with a speedometer, over a sufficient distance to establish guilt beyond all reasonable doubt. While this type of Justice works hardships in some instances through enabling offenders to "get away with" a good deal, it is still infinitely better than the type of justice now prevailing in Czechoslovakia and other countries behind the "Iron Curtain". Even you, Mr. Brown, should agree to that. As I pointed out previously, the purpose of a police force in a Democracy such as ours, is not to punish criminals, but to help prevent crime. If people would only obey the laws of good common sense then there would be little or no need of a police force.

As to Mr. Brown's remarks about the council being one hundred per cent guilty for the death or injury of any auto accident victim through speeding, this is utter nonsense. If any driver is foolish enough to drive at a speed which does not give him complete control of his vehicle, whatever the speed limit may be, then he is to blame for the accident and no one else. If an accident occurs through neglect of some Municipal service such as road sanding, snow clearance, etc., then there is reason to place the blame on the Municipal authorities for not having corrected this situation. But how Council can go out and "sand" every motorist to slow him down, is beyond me.

Yours very truly,
Cecil Davidson

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE WORTH OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

by Rev. R. C. Todd

LESSON . . . Ephesians 5:6-21
When he speaks of the evils which mar people's lives, Paul calls a spade a spade. Read chapters four and five of Ephesians and note the evil things he mentions as "the unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph 5:11). What we need to bear in mind as we read is that these unfruitful works of darkness were not confined to the age in which Paul lived. Immorality, greed, anger, murder, drunkenness mar our life today. It is estimated that in the United States there are 500,000 cases of tuberculosis and 500,000 cases of cancer, BUT 750,000 cases of chronic alcoholism. Somewhere the writer has read that one out of every four births in Great Britain is an illegitimate birth. This is to mention but two of the works of darkness. And somehow, in its encounter with these things, our human nature breaks down. And because of these things "cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience" (Eph 5:6).

The wrath of God upon these things is manifest in the crucifixion of Christ. His expose of the corruption of human life and society in his time was like a great sun shining upon a great darkness, and it brought him to the cross, where he bore the sins of mankind, and where God laid upon him the iniquities of us all, venting his wrath upon these things. Those who have been redeemed by God's grace and are sustained by God's grace must have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). Rather, must they expose them. As Paul says: "rather reprove them." Being reprov'd, they are exposed to the light, and seen for what they are. By word and by deed, it is the Christian's duty to bring these things to the light as Christ did, and for this task "Christ shall give thee light" (Eph. 5:14). Let Christians awake from their sleep of indifference! Let them arise from the trespasses and sins in which they are dead! Let evil be exposed! Let it be dragged from its hiding place behind empty words of justification and rationalization, in-

to the light of truth! "Let no man deceive you with vain words" (Eph. 5:6). As one commentary paraphrases these words: "Let no sophistries deceive you."

What are sophistries? They are ways of rationalising evil; ways of making evil seem good. They mean attempting to find good reasons for doing what we want to do, when we know that what we want to do is contrary to what we know we ought to do. We may bolster up immoralities of every kind by calling them self-expression. We may excuse temper by calling it a matter of being born that way. We may excuse drinking by pleading necessity or custom. But these sophistries bring no light to bear upon what is evil. Rather are they like attempts to wash dirty clothes in dirty water so that the result is still a jumble of gray.

Paul advises the Ephesian Christians to have no fellowship or connection with this sort of darkness, but to walk as "children" of the

light" (Eph. 5:8). How does a child of the light walk? We find the answer in Eph. 5:9).

1. He walks in love. Read 1 Cor. 13 for a description of Christian love. It is the love which found expression in Christ "who loved us and gave himself for us."

2. He walks in goodness. He is good for something, that is he is positively good, and attractively good.

3. He walks in righteousness. It does not mean that in every act he is righteous, or that his life is sinless. But it does mean that he is determined that in so far as in him lies he will do the right thing. Having been redeemed by God he can determine nothing less, and he counts on God's grace to sustain him in his determination.

4. He walks in truth. He is reliable like a good instrument may be called reliable. Falseness is always unstable, and so is human life and character built on falsehood

and sophistry.

But when human nature breaks down in its encounter with "the works of darkness", the problem is not only to expose these works of darkness, but also to destroy the influence they bring to bear. The greatest problem is to find power to sustain the good life and to "walk as children of the light." That power can come only from fellowship with God in those well established "means of grace." Paul mentions them in Eph 5:19-21,—prayer, the reading of the Word of God, worship, the sacraments. (May we be allowed to see a reference to the Lord's Supper in verse 21 or even to the "love feast" of the early Christians?) The grace of God is sufficient to meet all manner of temptation, but Christians do well to remember that there are well-established means of grace. They must therefore not forsake the assembling of themselves together for public worship, thanksgiving and for the Holy Communion.

Thanksgiving is a real motive for the moral life, "giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20). One cannot do enough for the person who has brought blessing into our lives. The redeemed in Christ cannot do enough for the one who has done so much for them. And His Word is "If ye love me, keep my commandments." But this love for Christ must be nourished. Therefore it is incumbent upon the Christian to maintain connection with Christ's Church and the means of grace. In close connection with the Church it is not so hard to fall before the works of darkness, for we are constantly reminded of our frailty and of our need of grace. There we hear the Word; there we pray; there we engage in spiritual songs; there we submit ourselves to one another, in the fear of God; there is developed that character which is the only basis of a better world.

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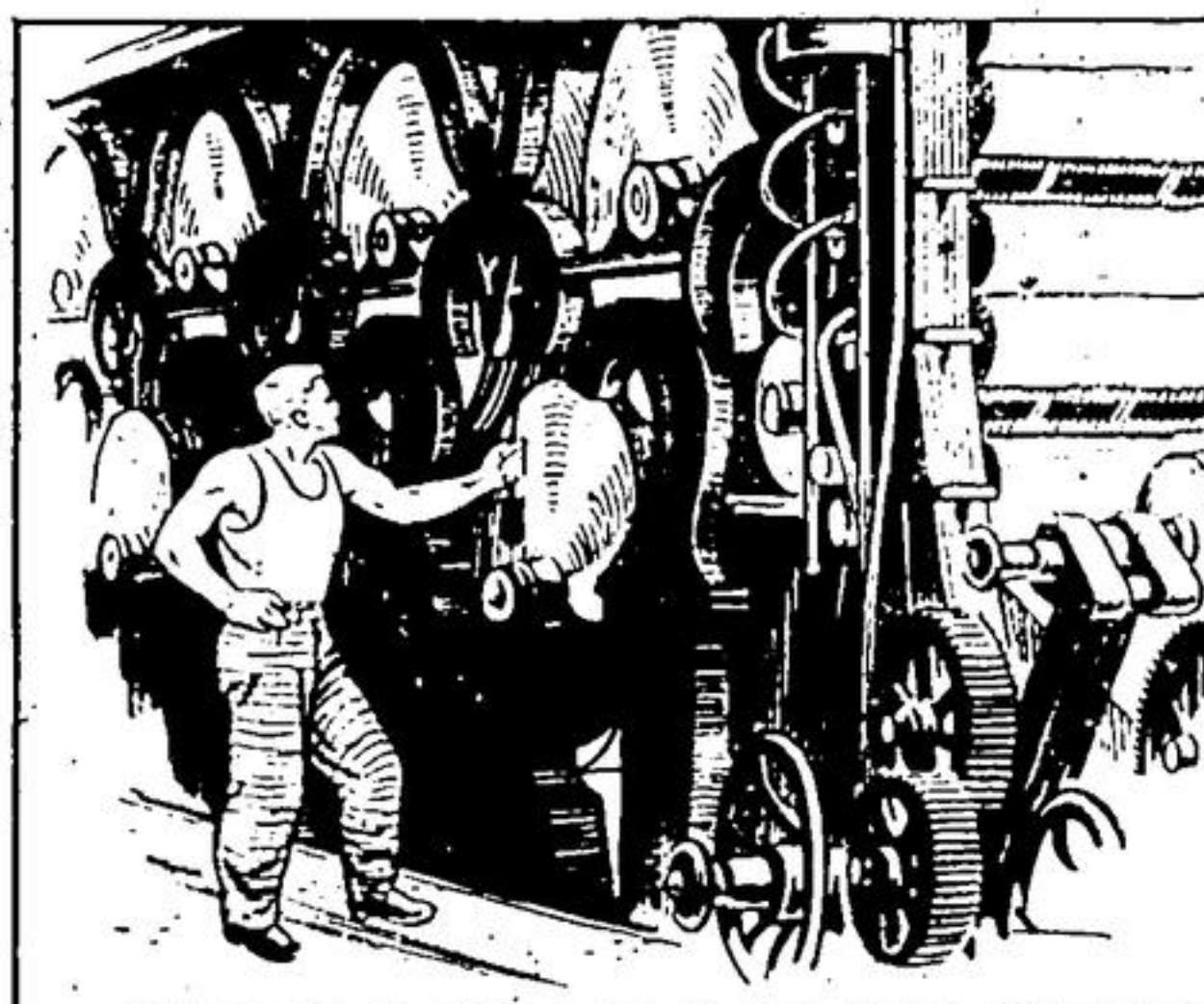
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