

Religion for Today

The Only Perfect Man

A Weekly Talk By Rev. R. R. Nicholson



Jesus Christ was a perfect man—the only perfect man that ever lived. If you will study carefully the story of His life, as it is given in the Gospels, you will not be able to find a single flaw in it. He was absolutely sinless.

But you may say: "Did not Jesus on one occasion become angry and lose his temper?" Yes; he was angry. In the third chapter of St. Mark's Gospel we are told that one Sabbath day he went into a synagogue, and there was a man there with a withered hand. He was evidently set there by the Pharisees to entrap Jesus, and they were watching Him to see if he would heal on the Sabbath.

Jesus "looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts." These men cared more for the punctilious observance of the traditions of the elders, than they did for the relieving of the distress of a fellowman. Jesus was angry, but it was anger with

out sin. It was righteous indignation against that which was evil. If you desire to know the true character of a man, you should listen to the testimony of his enemies as well as that of his friends. Now, what is the testimony of the enemies of Jesus?

The Jews were constantly pursuing Him from place to place, seeking to entrap Him in word or deed, but all their efforts were in vain. They could find no fault, no weakness, in his character. There was Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor. He was a judge, accustomed to examine men. He could read character, and he said: "I find no fault in Him." (John 19:6)

Again he said: "I have found no cause of death in Him." (Luke 23:22). Again he declared: "I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man." (Matt. 27:24).

Pilate's wife sent a warning to her husband. Women have keener intuition than men and she sent a message to Pilate, saying, "Have thou nothing to do with that righteous man." (Matt. 27:19). There is the evidence of the penitent thief. Two thieves were crucified with Jesus, one on either side. At first both mocked and reviled Him. But presently one repented. He was touched by the marvellous forbearance and gen-

leness of Jesus. He believed that he was indeed the Messiah, the Saviour of men. He therefore rebuked his fellow thief, and at the last moment tried to lead him to amend his ways, and he said: "We receive the due reward of our deeds, but this man hath done nothing amiss." (Luke 23:41).

There was the Roman centurion who was in charge of the soldiers who crucified Jesus. He stood at the place of duty at the foot of the cross. He witnessed the actions of Jesus and heard his last words. He was surprised to note that when he was reviled, he did not revile again; he did not gnash his teeth and spit in the faces of his tormentors like other criminals. But he was calm and self-possessed, and he offered that marvelous prayer: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34). The heart of this hardened, mercenary soldier was touched, and he exclaimed: "Truly this was a righteous man." (Luke 23:47). "Truly this man was the Son of God." (Mark 15:39).

His enemies bear involuntary testimony to His piety, when they utter their gibes: "He trusted in God!" "He saved others, himself he cannot save." (Matt. 27:42, 43).

There is the striking testimony of Judas Iscariot. Judas knew Jesus intimately. He had lived with him for three years. He had sold his Master for thirty pieces of silver, but conscience-stricken he went back to the chief priests with the money, saying: "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood." (Matt. 27:4).

Jesus, Himself, challenged his enemies to convict Him of sin. "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" he demanded, and his challenge was never met. His enemies could find no fault in his character or conduct, and at last he was condemned only by the production of false witnesses.

Thus we see that according to the testimony of his enemies Jesus was a perfect man. "Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, thou Light of men, From the best bliss that earth imparts, We turn unfiled to thee again. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those who on thee call; To them that seek thee, thou art good, To them that find thee, all in all."

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Chief Reports

BIG INCREASE IN CRIME

(Continued from last week)

7. We respectfully request the assistance of all people in our efforts to combat crime. We suggest that you take the serial numbers of your tires, radios, television sets, power tools and equipment. We do send out circulars on all stolen goods that we can identify. This is positive identification. To the Merchants—We realize that new merchandising methods and the impulse sales forms are being used for sales. There are times when it is impossible to have two clerks on duty. Please take and record the serial numbers of such articles as can easily be taken by shoplifting or breaking and entering. We require them for identification purposes. Leave lights burning when you leave your homes and places of business. Do not cash any type of cheque for any stranger. Stolen Baby-Bonus and other Government cheques have turned up in Bowmanville.

8. Motor Vehicle accidents have been cut by about 20% with a corresponding decrease in the number of persons injured in these accidents. This speaks well for drivers. The number of young persons under 21 obtaining liquor and having liquor in a place other than a residence, namely a motor vehicle is the cause of some concern. I do not feel that this great social problem can be overcome by prohibition—I do not pretend that it may be helped by example and education at home. The first instruction I received as a Police Constable 21 years ago was—On the biggest job, a policeman has today is to try and get our young people through the years to about 25 years of age, without them getting into serious trouble, if we can do this, they will turn out to be excellent citizens. The great majority of our young people give no cause for concern. There is this minority that I am trying to reach and that is the reason for the concern. The court-room is not the place to deal with drinking and drinking are not compatible. This combination winds

up with a suspension of driving privileges.

9. 68 business premises were found insecure during the constables' night patrols. This is down from 116 in 1958. We checked 103 homes while people were away on vacation from periods of overnight to a period of the winter months. It is in our best interest to notify the police department when you will be away from your homes and where you can be located and who is in charge of your home while you are away. Periodic checks are made daily.

10. 191 Transients were given meals during the year and put up in the cells for overnight lodging. This is an unsatisfactory condition. We need more cell space. We only have two cells. Many times during the year we have had 7 prisoners. On two occasions I feel the cells should be at least doubled to 4 cells and a steel door replace the wooden door at the entrance to the cells.

11. Equipment added during the year was a camera, the works department and men of the police department built a dark room and all of our film is processed by Cpl. Freethy. The thanks to the corporation should go to Mr. E. Rehder and Mr. J. James. Mr. Rehder allowed us the use of a camera and his dark-room until we were able to purchase this equipment. Mr. James has allowed us to use a dryer for drying prints from the time our dark-room was set up. Cpl. Freethy's specialized training has paid off in many ways and has made us more effective as a police department. We are also using a Thermo-Fax copier in the Clerk's office. This enables us to supply reports of Motor Vehicle accidents to Insurance Companies for a fee of \$2.00 each. We also charge a fee of \$1.00 for police clearance for persons needing them in emigrating to the U.S.

This year we changed to an 8 cylinder automatic motor vehicle. It has been more effective in Traffic violations as 37 speeders can attest.

The second car question has been partially solved by the acquisition by the Chief Constable of a Motor Vehicle. We are responsible for the transportation of prisoners to and from the county gaol. This was formerly done by the County Gaol Staff until the law was changed in 1958. The Town recovered from the Counties \$776.10 Town paid the Chief Constable \$700.00 Surplus to the Town \$76.10 Town paid \$823.40 in 1958 in car rentals. Miles travelled in 1959 with the rental car on Town business was 9356 miles. This system makes a car available at all times for patrol work in the Town. This is NOT a money making proposition.

12. Town paid the constables for 793 hours of overtime at \$1.50 per hour, \$1189.50. This was necessary in order that a minimum staff might be maintained at all times. The constables were granted a 40 hour work week with their last contract. I was instructed to give time off for overtime worked. I found this impossible, as by this report you can see that we have had a heavy work load this year. It is in the two weeks we have 8 constables. But unlike industry, I cannot compress 7 days work into 5 days. Eight men have 16 days off per week. In actuality we are working with a 6 man force, with the other two men working relief shifts. This makes us short one man for two days a week. On vacations and for sickness, I have no alternative but to work the men extra hours. To be best of my knowledge, they have never grumbled or complained.

13. All members of the Police Department have graduated from the Ontario Police College. Cpl. Freethy

graduated from the R.C.M. Police identification school. I recommend that this year the Chief Constable be sent to the Chief Constable's School at McMaster University and Cpl. Freethy be sent to the Sergeant's School at Gravenhurst. There is no charge to the Municipality except a \$10 registration fee and the return transportation, plus the man's salary while he is at this school. This school program is sponsored and paid for by the Attorney-General's Department of the Province of Ontario in conjunction with the Chief Constables Association of Ontario. In order to prevent ignorance of the times and to keep up with changing conditions, as long as I am your Chief Constable, I will recommend that these courses be attended every year by members of my department. When I became Chief Constable, I promised only that we would have the most alert and efficient Police Department it was possible to direct. These recommendations are in keeping with these aims.

14. A good portion of the Chief Constable's time is spent in planning. He must know what is going on. I work very closely with the Industrial Commissioner. I must have generalities of any large scale project. I do not require specifics. Mr. Morris has been most helpful during my term as Chief Constable. Industry-Subdivision - New Commercial establishments bring people and people bring problems to the police for advice and a possible solution.

Fifty new homes in a subdivision bring 400 plus people and possibly 50 more cars. We are at the Eastern End of the Golden Horseshoe that extends to Hamilton. Bowmanville has experienced a population increase in every decade since 1901, except the depression years when it was level. It has nearly doubled since 1945 viz; 1945-4042; 1950-7203.

Projections of population at a normal growth rate show that Bowmanville will have by 1970-Ontario Water Resources Commission, 12,000 people; 1977-Procter, Refern & Laughlin, 14,700 people; (We are building a sewage disposal for this number); 1980-Gordon Report with new Industrial Growth, 20,000 people.

The growth of Oshawa also effects or affects the Town of Bowmanville. 1500 new jobs at General Motors means that we will supply the housing, and schools for a proportion of this people, which could number 6000 new faces in this area.

A growing problem is the Lake area. I am not looking for extra work, but I must be concerned with Public Safety. We do not have any equipment to enforce the rules of the road on the water. We

Present J. Buttonshaw With His 30 Year Pin

Jack Buttonshaw, Department 274, has completed 30 years with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Canada, Ltd. He was presented with his 30-Year Service Pin by Charles Catran, Manager of the company's Bowmanville Plant. He started work at the plant in March 1923, but after six years left to work with a Toronto firm in August 1929. He returned to his job in Department 274 at the Good-

Police Chief Will Speak on Traffic Clinic

Sunday, April 3rd was tentatively set as the date of the Men's Communion Breakfast at the meeting of the Holy Name Society held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening. Officers present were Joe Masterson, vice - president, Bert Payne, secretary, and Joseph Cuddehe, treasurer.

It was decided to sponsor an address by Police Chief Bernard R. Kitney on the Traffic Clinic. Parents are especially urged to attend to learn of the important instruction given in the local traffic clinic. Chief Kitney will also show motion picture films dealing with all aspects of the subject. The address will be given in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday afternoon, March 6th at 3:15 o'clock.

The president, Mr. Cooper, announced that the Fire Marshall has forbidden parking in the church driveway, and plans were made to have members of the organization mark the parking lot to facilitate entrance and exit.

Arrangements were also discussed for making additional tables for St. Joseph's Hall. It was decided to give 10 boxes of chocolates at the Bingo to be held in the hall this Thursday evening.

Everyone had so much fun at the enjoyable 'Hard Times' Dance on Saturday that the club plans to hold another before the end of the season.

The Central Ontario Badminton Championships will be held in Bowmanville on Friday and Saturday, February 19th and 20th. Top players in the district will take part, and the Bowmanville Badminton Club executive has stated that the public is invited to go and watch the exciting sets.

New Small English Car Introduced by G.M.

OSHAWA—General Motors of Canada, Limited, today introduced a new British car designed and built especially for Canadians. It will be sold in this area by Roy W. Nichols, Courtice and Bowmanville.

Called the Envoy, it has a four-cylinder engine and a 98-inch wheelbase, and will be available in four series: Envoy Standard, Envoy Special, Envoy Custom, all in four-door sedan models, and Sherwood, a five-passenger station wagon.

The new car is to be manufactured for General Motors Products of Canada, Limited by Vauxhall Motors Limited, Luton, England, and will be sold only in Canada. Parts and servicing will be available coast-to-coast.

The Envoy will offer an unusually wide range of color combinations and luxurious interior treatments.

There will be pile carpets on the floor of some models and rubber floor mats on others. Upholstery is of soft durable leather and vinyl, or combinations of nylon cloth and vinyl. The front and rear seats in some models have foam padding and the floor carpets have thick underlays of felt and foam.

The Envoy's striking grille and front hood give it a characteristic long, low look. The grille has a series of horizontal bright metal bars topped on each side by wide turn-signals and parking lights. The front hood emblem is a thin, bright metal line surrounded by a metal oval which extends nearly to the headlights.

The side trim treatment, which makes the Envoy instantly recognizable, further emphasizes the long, low look.

The long, low look treatment has been carried to the rear end too. Big tail lights are set at the bottom of the rear fenders, and on the trunk

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