

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan (Copyright)

One of the most dramatic scenes ever recorded is that of Jesus before the judgment-seat of Pilate. The most dramatic element in that scene is Jesus' reply to Pilate's question asking him if he were a King. "Thou sayest it, I am a King. This is why I was born and why I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice." Pilate, who was annoyed, interrupted roughly: "What is the truth?" Then this sceptic proceeded to commit himself to one of the most illogical statements ever made. "I have found no guilt in this man touching those things of which you accuse him. I will therefore chastise him and release him." The "therefore" is a serious mistake in logic.

But the sceptic was not to get off that easily. The howling mob stirred up by the leaders, clamored for his crucifixion and got it. This Roman magistrate, then, Pilate weakly washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus died for his witness and this smug Roman politician became a symbol of shame forever.

There are several instructive features of this Gospel narrative which can bear translation into the context of our day and of our lives. In the case of Jesus the truth was being for defenders; the truth was being for an extraordinary malevolence; the mob, urged by the leaders, will always remain a perfect example of unenlightened hysterical ignorance which brings about catastrophe; the man charged with the administration of justice, a travesty in his office.

Does truth go begging for defenders today? To a great extent it does. The world today is a world of compromise, of watered down truths, a world in which errors are given equal recognition with the truth. But with the truth you cannot compromise. If you attempt it you end up by crucifying it just as Pilate and the Jews ended by crucifying Jesus. That it is crucified today in some countries is beyond question. We see today the canonization of falsity and lies. The United Nations are called aggressors in Korea. The Communist regime in Russia is called a freedom-loving group and the only true democracy. What do we have to oppose such barbed lies? We know that they are false, but by the kind of education we have been given there has been engendered in us an attitude of mind that almost makes it spontaneous for us to ask as Pilate did: "What is truth?"

That skeptical frame of mind in regard to truth in every sphere, religious, moral, familial, social, economic, etc., is the surest guarantee of disaster. Our enemies know it, they count on it. It is one of the foulest stones of their plans for aggression. We can't make up our minds, we are thralls of indecision. The recent history of our actions proves it. If we carry on in this way much longer we are going to hand over the world to the dominion of falsehood. Evidently our enemies don't think

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Annual Meeting Auburn W. I. Mrs. Patrick Callaghan was hostess to the members of Auburn W. I. for their annual meeting. The meeting opened with the singing of the Institute Ode, and the repetition of the collect for Club Women.

Thirteen members answered the roll call by paying the annual fee and three women sent their membership fee. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The secretary-treasurer read the financial report for the year. Nominations were brought in for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and following is the slate of officers elected: President, Mrs. Emmett Hughes; vice president, Mrs. Guy Gamemaster; secretary, Mrs. Guy Gamemaster; treasurer, Mrs. Edwin Callaghan; directors, Miss Catherine Boylan, Mrs. Joseph McCarron, Mrs. Jas. McCaughey; auditors, Mrs. Adelbert Shea, Miss Mary Boylan. Conveners are: Agriculture, Mrs. A. Callaghan; home economics, Mrs. E. Hughes; citizenship, Mrs. Jas. McCaughey; social welfare, Miss Catherine Boylan; art and literature, Miss Rita Callaghan. Committees for the month gave their reports and the following new ones were appointed: Sick, Misses Catherine Boylan and Rita Callaghan; school, Mrs. Emmett Hughes, Mrs. Ambrose Callaghan; programme, Mrs. Jos McCaughey, Miss Mary Boylan. Following the reading of the correspondence, the secretary was advised to order Oleum capsules from the Red Cross, to advertise a dance, to write concerning new seats for school, to order two subscriptions to the Institute News, to purchase material for the Institute quilt. Roll call will be answered by bringing two articles for a grab bag. Mrs. E. J. Roache kindly invited the members to her home for the December meeting. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. The meeting adjourned.

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ATTENTION Community Concert Members. Richard Rhodes, Barton, P. W. College, Monday, December 4th, at 8.30 P. M.

CITY POLICE COURT - At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court Saturday, the remanded case of a young man charged with false pretenses was further remanded until Tuesday. A man charged with theft of a sum of money was remanded also until Tuesday.

PERSONALS Mrs. Thomas W. Baribeau of Enid, North Dakota, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Griffith and family, left Saturday on return home. Friends of Mr. Keir Bassett of Albany will regret to learn that he has entered the Charlottetown Hospital for treatment. All wish him a speedy recovery.

Daring Dramatic Effects in Newest Paris Fashions By Florence Mills PARIS, Dec. 2 - (CP) - Important formal fashions for a brilliant winter season featured the mid-season style shows here. Designers are shooting the works on daring silhouettes and dramatic treatments, with lavish use of jewelled trimming and elegant fabrics.

Scout News and Notices In Noranda, Quebec, there is a Wolf Cub Pack sponsored by an Anglican Church, which holds its meetings in a Synagogue, and two-thirds of the members are Roman Catholics. A Boy Scout from the School for the Deaf Troop in Halifax, N. S., who is both deaf and unable to talk, turned in the second highest amount of cash from Apple Day Sales at his depot this Fall.

Canada's Chief Scout, His Excellency Viscount Alexander, presented 20 Scout gallantry and service medals in a colourful investiture ceremony at Government House, Ottawa, in November. One Wolf Cub and six Scouts were honoured for life-saving acts, while outstanding service to Scouting by 13 adults was recognized.

CLINTON W. I. The eleventh annual meeting of Clinton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. C. B. Goss. The retiring president, Mrs. George McKay was in the chair, and meeting opened with the singing of the Ode, followed by repeating the creed in unison. Eleven members paid their membership fee. There was one visitor present. The minutes of the last annual and regular meeting were read - the latter approved and signed. The president, in her address, voiced her appreciation of the cooperation she had received through out her two-year term of office and spoke of the harmony and goodwill which at all times prevailed among the members. The secretary-treasurer reported receipts amounting to \$643.33 and Expenditures \$629.75, leaving a balance of \$13.58. The auditors reported having examined the books and found them to be correct. The Red Cross convener reported two child's sweaters, four pair boys' stockings, four girls' dresses, five men's pyjamas and five child's pyjamas. The Birthday Box was opened. A donation of \$1.00 was received. The sick committee reported five calls made during the month. Contributions were completed for the Protestant Orphanage, the amount received being \$20.50 and for the Canadian Cancer Society \$25.50.

Card Of Thanks Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen and Family, wish to extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who donated money and who helped in any way, during and after the fire which destroyed our barns.

IN MEMORIAM IN LOVING MEMORY of MRS. JOHN J. O'CONNELL Died December 3rd, 1944. Husband.

Protestant Orphanage Contributions

SPECIAL - Mizpah Lodge A.F. & A.M. Service in Belfast, 17.55. Victoria District by Mrs. Fred Inman & Mrs. Keith Boswell. 2.00 Each: L. D. MacLeod & Sons; Miner MacNevin.

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tee for the next quarter. Mrs. Stirling McKay and Miss Vivian Woodside. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Bruce Clark; Vice-President, Mrs. Stirling McKay; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Wilfred Pickering; assistant secretary, Mrs. Willard Riley; Red Cross Convener, Mrs. Charles Woodside; directors, Mrs. Elsie Payne, Mrs. C. B. Goss and Mrs. Willard Riley; auditors, Mrs. James Smith and Miss Vivian Woodside; organist, Mrs. Stirling McKay; birthday box, Mrs. George Riley. The Institute News were distributed and Christmas Cards given out. An order form was received for procuring oleum capsules and it was decided to consult the teacher concerning these. A letter was read announcing the Exhibition of the Queen Mary carpet in Charlottetown. Notice was taken of an advertisement in the Guardian concerning the sending of good used clothing to the needy in Europe, and it was decided to send some, if possible. Plans were made for the packing of a parcel to our adopted Institute in England, and Mrs. Keir Duggan, Mrs. Charles Woodside were appointed to do the packing. Collection was taken and the singing of "The King" closed the meeting. Mrs. Bruce Clark entertained the members with a contest entitled "Places on Prince Edward Island," after which the hostess and her committee served a dainty lunch.

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Girl Guide News Brownies might use to get their Collectors badge. Guides of the 8th Company Basilica The 8th had a very inspiring meeting on Wednesday evening when 16 Recruits were enrolled by District Commissioner Mrs. J. G. MacDonald. Cook and Child Nurse badges were also presented. Every Guide was in uniform and looked very smart. Parents and members of the Church Committee were present. A gift to the Bluebird Patrol was presented to P. Leader Thelma MacDonald for obtaining the highest number of points in Oct. Colors were marched on by Winifred and Helen MacDonald and Betty Mstage. Those enrolled were June and Joan Sherry, Anne Bradley, Helen McCabe, Sylvia Stanley, Rita Reeves, Anne Doyle, Virginia Mc-

MEETING AT NORTH RIVER A meeting will be held in the North River Community Hall, Monday, December 4th at 8 P. M. to arrange a benefit fire fund, concerning a recent fire at North River Corner.

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