Sunday School Lesson

October 9. Lesson II—The Christian In the Family—Luke 2: 40-52; 10: 38-42. Golden Text—I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.—Psalm 101: 2.

ANALYSIS

I. THE CHILD AT HOME, Luke 2: 40.

II. THE PARENTS AT HOME, Luke 2: 41-50.

III. MARY AND MARTHA AT HOME, Luke 10: 38-42.

INTRODUCTION—"There was a time in the life of Principal Rainy," writes Dr. Morrison, "when he was exposed to violen abuse. Hardly a day passed but in the newspapers his actions were misinterpreted and distorted. One day Dr. Whyte met him. 'Rainy,' he said, 'I can't understand you. You seem as radiant and blissful as a child.' And Rainy answered very quietly, 'Ah! but Whyte, I'm very happy at home.'" The people in it were Christian at home. Home conditions have much to do with success or failure in work.

I. THE CHILD AT HOME, Luke 2: 40.

From the time of his birth until he enters upon his public ministry, only one glimpse is given us of the home life of Jesus. This silence is of a piece with the usage of the early Jews. They were interested in a great man's life only during the period in which it was conspicuous. A man's earlier years, or the years of his retirement, did not matter.

This silence regarding Jesus' early life is eloquent proof of the inspiration of the Gospel writers. In the Gospels not included in the New Testament, he carried the spilt water in his robe; he pulls the short board to the required length; he strikes dead with a curse a boy who runs against him; the neighbors protest; Mary is afraid to let him leave the house. Our Gospels, on the other hand, tell of a normal child and of a strictly human development. Jesus is free from the wilfulness characteristic of so many spoiled children. Eager to stay with the Temple teachers, he goes home, submitting himself to parental authority (v. 51), and there continued his all-round development, v. 52.

II. THE PARENTS AT HOME, Luke 2: 41-50.

Joseph and Mary observed faithfully the requirements of their religion, v. 41. As soon as Jesus was old enough to make the journey to Jerusalem, they took him along, too. The Passover, itself, was eaten only by males, but the week of the Feast was a time of universal rejoicing, so that husbands usually took their wives as well as their sons. When Jesus, as it were, joined the church, he had the support and example of an earnestly religious home.

Trained to love his religion, to look upon Israel as God's chosen people, to hope and pray for a great redemption, Jesus, on that memorable visit to Jerusalem, found his absorbing interest in the Temple. The children of one parents find their major interest in the church when they come to the city. Others do not. Pilgrims, coming from a distant community, traveled in large caravans for company, and especially for safety along the bandit-infested roads. It was quite possible for one parent to assume that the twelve-year-old boy was with the other parent. Thus Jesus' absence was not discovered until evening. The return to Jerusalem would occupy another day. On the third day (v. 46, after three days would mean this) they found him. Many a boy of twelve properly instructed and unusually intelligent, surprises his elders. How much more Jesus!

"And they understood not," v. 50. It is a lonely hour when parents discover their their children have moved forward into a world where they cannot follow. Mary's failure to understand her boy in the Temple was only the first of many a painful, and even bitter, misunderstanding.

III. MARY AND MARTHA AT HOME, Luke 10: 38-42.

Jesus was a frequent guest in the home of Mary and Martha. Mary assumed that he cared more for the society of his friends than for a big dinner. Martha the notable housekeeper and cook, resolved that no ordinary meal was good enough to set before so loved a guest. In any case, thirteen to dinner on short notice is not always a simple matter (it is probable that the disciples were there, too). The Marthas leave you in the parlor while they fuss about in the kitchen; the Marys give you the best they happen to have, but they do not permit mere food to interfere with the fellowship. Mary, doubtless, had worked with her sister until such a meal as she thought necessary was prepared. Martha continued to be "cumbered with much service," flying all ways at once, a worried activity which accomplished much less than quiet, unhurried, methodical labor. Her sense of injury at being left alone finally burst forth with the complaint of v. 40. Jesus warned Martha against the tendency so to crowd life with activities that no time or energy is left for that "better part" communion with himself. Our homes are not intended primarily for the display of foods, floors, furniture, but for the development of personality, the cultivating of our friendships.

Prince of Wales Called Best Linguist in Royal Family

The Prince of Wales is the best linguist of the royal family, says "The Manchester Guardian." Eighteen months ago he knew scarcely any Spanish, but after acquiring a thorough groundwork in the tongue by regular daily studies with Dr. Antonio Pastor, professor of Spanish at London University, he took every opportunity of procticing while on his tour of South America, with the result that he not only can deliver a formal public speech in correct Spanish but can carry on intimate personal conversations with ease and fluency.

Besides Spanish, the Prince's other foreign languages are French, Italian, German and Danish. Frequently at York House, when receiving an official visitor from abroad, or some embassy representative, the Prince will delight and surprise him by speaking in his own tongue.

SUCH IS TIME . . .

Even such is Time, that takes in trust
Our youth, our joys, our all we have,
And pays us but with earth and dust;
Who in the dark and silent grave,
When we have wandered all our ways,
Shuts up the story of our days;
But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust.
—By Sir Walter Raleigh.

Written on the night before his execution for treason in Old Palace Yard, Westminster, on October 29, 1618.

What Are the Things

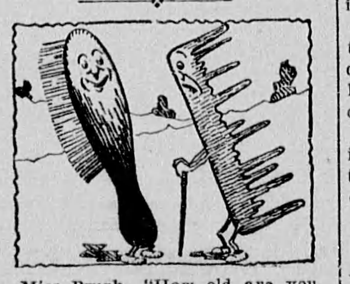
What are the things that make life bright?
A star gleam in the night.
What hearts us for the coming fray?
The dawn tints of the day.
What helps to speed the weary mile?
A brother's friendly smile.
What turns o' gold the evening gray?
A flower beside the way.
—Paul Laurence Dunbar, in "Complete Poems."

BORROWERS

Charles Lamb, tired of lending his books, threatened to chain Wordsworth's poems to his shelves, adding: "For of those who borrow, some read slow; some mean to read, but don't read; and some neither read nor mean to read, but borrow, to leave you an opinion of their sagacity. I must do my money-borrowing friends the justice to say that there is nothing of this caprice or wantonness of alienation in them. When they borrow my money they never fail to make use of it."

LIFE IS HAPPINESS

To exist is to bless. Life is Happiness. In this sublime pause of things all dissonances have disappeared. It is as though Creation were but one vast symphony, glorifying the God of Goodness with an inexhaustible wealth of praise and harmony. . . .we have ourselves become notes in the great concert, and the soul breaks the silence of ecstasy, only to virbrate in unison with the Eeternal Joy!



Miss Brush—"How old are you, Mr. Comb?"

Mr. Comb—"I don't know exactly but I have lost most of my teeth."

Electrical Device Writes Music

Harmony parts for each instrument in an orchestra are produced by an electrical music writer which makes it possible to compose music and record it simply by playng over the composition on the piano.

Latest Findings Of Science

Down 3,000 Feet Under the Sea — Stomachs that Digest Aluminum

Another Unit of Matter

One of Professor Millikan's associates in the California Institute of Technology, Dr. Carl D. Anderson, reports in Science the probable discovery of a new particle of matter.

A proton is 1,850 times more massive than an electron. In measuring the energies of charged particles produced by cosmic rays Anderson finds tracks which seem to have been produced by protons, and yet the masses of these supposed protons are much too small. Confronted with something that is neither a proton nor an electron, Dr. Anderson believes that he has found a particle no more massive than an electron yet much smaller than a proton.

If this theory is verified we have here a discovery of even greater importance than that of the neutron. After all, the neutron is a composite—a close packing of a proton and an electron. Anderson presents evidence of a new ultimate unit, something that is neither proton nor electron.

In the new world of quantum mechanics mass and energy no longer have the old significance; indeed, there is no distinction between the two. Physicists may find here a mathematical loophole which may make it possible to explain what Anderson observed and thus to escape the acceptance of a third unit of matter.

Samples of the Universe

Millions of meteors are plowed through by the earth every day. We see them occasionally as vivid streaks of light, the visible evidence that they are being burned up as they rub against the atmosphere. Yet despite the merciful provision of an atmosphere the earth has been occasionally struck. Thus the largest known meteor that managed to survive atmospheric friction was the Ahniphito, found some years ago in Northern Greenland. Roughly it measures 11 by 7 by 3 feet and weighs 37½ tons. For years the Eskimos had been making knives and weapons out of its iron.

Although the chemical composition is known, there is no information at all on the technical quality of their iron. So it occurred to Dr. A. Nedai and C. W. MacGregor, Westinghouse research engineers, to test meteoric iron just as if it had been produced in a modern foundry Pieces were cut from a slab of luminous fire ball that had fallen at Huizopa, Mexico, and tested. It turned out that the meteoric iron behaved much like soft annealed ductile metal, a fact attributed to the intense heat generated in the meteor as it shot earthward. The crystalline structure characteristic of iron had been destroyed by the terrific heat and possibly by impact during the last mad moment of the meteor's career.

Free-Wheeling Railcars

On the Newcastle-on-Tyne branch of the London & Northeastern Railway Company a Diesel-electric railcar has made an astonishing record through free wheeling. The total fuel and lubricating costs amount to 3 cents a mile. The train of which the Diesel-electric car forms part is in service seventeen hours a day with an actual running time of eight hours. Of these eight hours four are spent in free-wheeling or coasting.

Unlike the ordinary steam engine the Diesel-electric car does not require daily cleaning, but is thoroughly inspected for about two hours once a fortnight.

A whole narrow-gauge free-wheeling train is about to be shipped to the Gaekwar of Baroda for the Baroda State Railways in India.

Stomachs That "Digest" Metal

Dr. Frederick Hoelzel of the University of Chicago, were he so minded could show iron and aluminum that has been corroded by the juices of the stomach.,

Dr. Hoelzel informs us that a few pieces of aluminum which remained six days in the digestive tract of a rat were eroded about 90 per cent. and that 100 pieces of aluminum showed an average of 15.6 per cent. erosion after an average of 4.4 days in the stomach. A steel ball-bearing lost 24 per cent in weight after being subjected for fifteen days to the action of digestive juices.

All this is purely incidental to a larger and much more important inquiry on the cause of peptic ulcers. Although it is still too early to make a positive report, the evidence seems to point to a restriction of proteins in the diet as the cause of ulceration. The tests with different metals were made simply to determine whether gastric acidity increased as the protein content of the diet was reduced.

Factories Run by Volcanoes

Steam from the interior of the earth in volcanic Italy has long been running the factories and trolley-cars of Larderello and other Tuscan towns near Florence. Prince Ginori Conti, who is mainly responsible for thus treating the earth as if it were a colossal boiler, recently told the International Unit of Power Producers something of the improvements that he has made.

It was easy enough to bore holes and tap reservoirs of both low pressure and high pressure steam. The engineers had to contend with sudphur, borax and carbon dioxide with which the vapor is charged. Because of the corrosive nature of these it was difficult to design durable apparatus. Aluminum was therefore used instead of copper for piping. Although 12,000 kilowatts of energy are now volcanically generated, Prince Giuori Conti freely admits that he has more obstacles to overcome.

California is the only other place on the earth where volcanoes, or rather geysers, are harnessed. There the corrosive elements in the steam are easily removed. About 11,000 kilowatts are now supplied to the district immediately surrounding Sonoma.—Waldemar Kaempffert in the N.Y. Times.

Climbing the Heights

There is inexpressible joy in the realization of having completely conquered a secret weakness, successfully solved a formidable problem, or faithfully discharged a disagreeable duty. To many life is like climbing a long, steep, difficult hill; but as the years pass, those who courageously press on and up find themselves at last upon the mountain top of achievement, where they look out upon a scene of indescribable beauty and, as they turn to look back and down at the road they have traversed, perhaps rough and difficult in many places, they realize that it has all been worthwhile, and that the final reward of work well done has fully compensated them for the effort. Life is a beautiful and inspiring journey for the courageous traveller.—Grenville Kleiser.

It is an art to paint a work of art, and it is still more of an art to sell it.

Still a Favorite

Remember 'way back, when—? Yes, it's Annette Kellerman. Annette has lost little of the old charm despite her years and still thrills Parisians.

Farm Problem 2,000 Years Old Finally Solved By Easy Method

Lafayette, Ind.—Solution of a farm problem 2,000 years old—how a farmer can tell whether his crops have enough phosphorus—was announced recently by Purdue University.

Years of observation hitherto had been the principal method, says the announcement. The new way is as simple and speedy as making a cup of tea.

From crop plants in the soil to be tested a farmer slices off about as much cuttings as would be used in making a cup of tea. With his fingers he crushes them slightly to bring out a little juice. He puts them in a small bottle filled with a pecial chemical compound, and shakes vigorously.

If there is "abundant" phosphorus in his soil, the liquid in the bottle turns dark blue. More illuminating still, this liquid has a whole series of colors indicating precisely all the degrees of soil phosphorus.

Medum blue indicates a sufficiency, light blue "doubtful" and the "danger line" is shown in all its phases with bluish green, green, yellow and finally colorless, which means a phosphorus lack equally bad for crops and for human food.

The chemical test was developed by S. F. Thornton, assistant chemist of the Agricultural Experiment Station, after two years' research. The chemicals are ammonium molybdate, concentrated hydrocholoric acid and stannous chloride.

Witticisms

Safety First—"Did you tell Mr. Beinlich that he is father of triplets?"

"No; he is still shaving."

Ginger-Snaps.—Conductor (helping a stout lady on car)—"Yer should take yeast, mother, ter 'elp yer to rise better."

Stout Lady—"Take some yerself, lad, and then yer'd be better bred."

Round 'n Round 'n Round 'n Round.—"Do you remember when we met in the revolving door?"

"Goodness, yes! That was when we started going around together, wasn't it?"

Still Booming.—Our financial adviser, who has made an exhaustive study of the subject, informs us that there is no truth in the rumor of an impending ten per cent. reduction in the wages of sin.

Cheering Innovation.—Real Estate Agent—"Well what do you think of our little city?"

Prospect—"I'll tell you, brother. This is the first cemetery I ever saw with lights."

Plain Logic.—A Scotsman, upon entering a saddler's, asked for a single spur.

"What use is one spur?" asked the man.

"Well," replied Sandy, "if I can get one side of the horse to go the other one will have to come wi' it."

Post-War.—The Magistrate—"The prisoner says he had two glasses of 'double brown.' What is this 'double brown,' sergeant?"

The Sergeant (sadly)—"Not wot it was, your worship!"

Knife and Fork Music.—" Do come and spend the evening with us. My daughter will sing and play, and at nine o'clock we have supper."

"I will be there at nine o'clock, prompt."

Hooray! Call an Ambulance.—"What's happened? Have you had an accident?"

"No. I just bet Hans he couldn't carry me up a ladder on his back, and I won."

Referred to Einstein.—A little miss of four came tearfully to her mother one morning with the complaint, "How can I button my dress when the button is in the back and I'm in the front?"

THOUGHTS

What we are doing speaks with greater force than what we are saying.

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It is the rally of loyal allies which helps most to win a good cause to victory.

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If some felt the pain they thoughtlessly had given to others they would never feel well.

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No one need speak of monotony if only they just look around for another's wants.

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It is quite useless expecting to find perfection when we do so little to promote it ourselves.

—W. Stewart Royston.

IORETHOUGHT

It is one of the most dangerous tendencies of the day that there is too little serious forethought in the great matters of life.

—G. D. Faber, M.P.

Peaches Now Best For Winter Supply

Delicious Flavor Easily Retained in Conserves and Jellies

Beauty is not only skin deep with peaches. The lovely color and wonderful flavor holds a food value that is regarded as important by dietitians. This year of abundant moisture, even temperature, and fine sunshine brings to Canadian markets a rare peach—at its very best these fine September days.

Sun ripened peaches shipped to all parts of Canada give a luscious food at lowest cost. Sliced peaches, with crisp cookie or tender sponge cake, will bring a happy climax to any dinner. Whipped cream to garnish the peach shortcake adds more protein and is considerably more fattening and very festive.

Now, unusual foods, like peach jam or jelly, are so easily made at home that the most inexperienced cook may add them to her Winter store. Then for cold mornings, when peaches are no longer available, there is the fine flavor in a clear, peach jelly, the very color of the fresh fruit. Or there is a jam, sparkling and tender, with the fruit pulp boiled for only one minute in it. Both bring again the flavorsome fruit just as its finest now—fully ripe in the sunshine.

Peach Jam

4 cups (2 lbs.) prepared fruit
7½ cups (3¼ lbs.) sugar
1 cup bottle fruit pectin.

Peel about 3 pounds fully ripe peaches. Pit, and grain or chop very fine. If peaches lack flavor or tartness, add juice of 1 lemon.

Measure sugar and prepared fruit tightly packed into large kettle, mix well, and bring to a full rolling boil over hottest fire. Stir constantly before and while boiling. Boil hard 1 minute. Remove from fire and stir in pectin. Then stir and skim by turns for just 5 minutes to cool jam slightly, to prevent floating fruit. Pour quickly, seal hot jam at once with paraffin. Makes 11 eight ounce jars.

Peach Jelly

3 cups (1½ lbs.) juice
6½ cups (2¾ lbs.) sugar
1 cup bottled fruit pectin.

Remove pits from about 3½ lbs ripe peaches. Do not peel. Crush peaches thoroughly. Add ½ cup (4 oz.) water, bring to a boil, cover, and simmer 5 minutes. Place fruit in jelly cloth or bag and squeeze out juice.

Measure sugar and juice into large saucepan and mix. Bring to a boil over hottest fire and at once add fruit pectin, stirring constantly. Then bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard ½ minute. Remove from fire, skim. Pour quickly. Seal hot jelly at once with parafin wax. This makes about 9 eight ounce jars.

These recipes, applying only to Canadian conditions, have been checked by Canadian dietitians as well as by two Canadian women editors.

"How do you find business?"

"I don't find it. I pay a man to go out and find it for me."

MUTT AND JEFF— By BUD FISHER — The Uncrowned Champ