Sunday School Lesson

LESSON VII

THE RELATION OF TEMPERANCE TO CHARACTER

(A Personal Aspect of Temperance) — Proverbs 4:10-23; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8

GOLDEN TEXT—"Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise." Prov. 20:1.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — Of course we do not know exactly when Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs, but it can be rougly estimated as about 1000 B.C. The apostle Paul wrote the First Epistle to the Thessalonians before 54 A.D.

Place — There is nothing to tell us where the book of Proverbs was written, though, of course, we all know that Solomon ruled as king in city of Jerusalem. The epistle to the Thessalonians was written from the city of Corinth in Greece to the church of Thessalonica, a city in Macedonia, now known as Saloniki in European Turkey.

The major part of this lesson is taken from the book of Proverbs, a book written, for the most part, by Solomon, and completed sometime after his death. The central, fundamental word of the book of Proverbs is "wisdom." "In all its teaching thisi book takes for granted the wisdom of God, and seeks to instruct men concerning what God's wisdom really is. Man is wise in proportion as he recognizes these truths and accepts them in the conduct of his life. The perfectly wise man is the one who in his whole being lives and thinks and acts in right relationship to the All-wise God."

Wise Instruction

10. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. Solomon is here not so much thinking of his own sons or sons according to the flesh, but of all young men, who would look up to him as a guide and instructor of youth. Solomon would have the young man to know that, by adopting the principles about to be mentioned he will prolong the years of his life.

11. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in the paths of uprightness.

12. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. By following the ways of uprightness, the path of wisdom which God has marked for us in his word, we have the promise of freedom and liberty in the way that we travel. We do not very often have to run in life; the times when we do are times of crises and these are times of danger. God promises us that in such moments if we are in his way, we shall not fall. The New Testament supplements this promise by assuring us that the Lord Jesus Christ himself, our wisdom, will keep us from stumbling (Jude 24).

13. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life. No man is sufficient unto himself. The Lord himself is our perfect example, and we are to follow in his steps, we are to learn of him (1 Pet. 2:21; Matt. 11:20). The reason why we are to lay hold of God's will for us so firmly is because, if we do not determine to walk in his ways, our whole life is foredoomed to ultimate failure, disappointment and sorrow.

Folly of Wickedness

14. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and walk not in the way of evil men. 15. Avoid it, pass not by it! turn from it, and pass on. "Verses 14 to 17 give the picture of the other path, in terrible contrast with the preceding. Righteousness was dealt with, as it were, in the abstract; but wickedness is too awful and dark to be painted thus, and is set forth only in the concrete, as seen in its doers. True, negative virtue is incomplete, but there will be no positive virtue without it. We must be accustomed to say, 'No,' or we shall come to little good. The Decalogue is mostly prohibitions.

16. For they sleep not, except they do evil; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

17. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. Every man who lives in sin contributes financially to the support of sinful businesses.

Study In Contrast

18. But the path of the righteous is as the dawning light, that shineth more and more unto tho perfect day. Here is one of the most exquisite sentences in all of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament. Our Lord said much about the light, and so did the apostles. Jesus said that we should walk in the light, lest darkness overtake us. Paul frankly tells us that we, born again by the Holy Spirit, are the children of light, and that as such we should put off the works of darkness and put on robes of light.

19. The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble. Wicked things are black things; sin blows out the light in our hearts; a sinner cannot see God, cannot discern the right from the wrong, cannot see beauty in virtue and innocence and honor and uprightness. A sinner does not know where the right road is. A sinner stumbles.

20. My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thy heart. 22. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. 23. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. The teaching of all these four verses is summed up in the last one. Literally, the opening clause should read, "with all watching, guard," i.e., in every way with all possible vigilance and diligence. "The word 'heart' is to be understood as the word 'self', and not as indicating a contrast between inward and outward life, for the outward life in Proverbs is treated as the expression of the inward self. The fountains and wells of the East were watched over with special care. A stone was rolled to the mouth of the well so that 'a spring shut up, a fountain sealed' (Song of Sol. 4:12) because the type of all that is most jealously guarded. So it is here. The heart is such a fountain; out of it flow the issues of life. Shall we let those streams be tainted at the fountain head?

Virtue of Sobriety

1 Thess. 5:6-8. Paul's entire paragraph here, beginning with verse 4, has to do with the life that the Christians ought to live as sons of light and sons of the day. While verse 4 is not included in our lesson, it is really at the foundation of the three verses which are assigned to us. Light is always a synonym for openness, frankness, honesty, purity, sincerity, singleness of purpose. As God our Father possesses all these characteristics because he is light, so ought we as his children.

6. So then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober. There are logical consequences in our being sons of the light. We show ourselves to be truly such by living in the light lives that are transparently honest and undeniably holy and good.

Sobriety refers to the moral aspect of the life of a Christian looking for the coming of the Lord, while watchfulness has reference more to the mental aspect of such waiting. Soberness not only means freedom from drunkenness, but includes all habits of moderation and self-control. It does not refer exclusively to the matter of intoxicating liquors, we are to be sober in our amusements, sober in our eating, sober in the hours that we work, temperate in all things.

7. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that are also drunken are drunken in the night. This verse principally refers to the facts observable in the natural and physical world, namely, that sleep and drunkeness are indulged in almost exclusively after dark. This is used by Paul as an illustration of life in general.

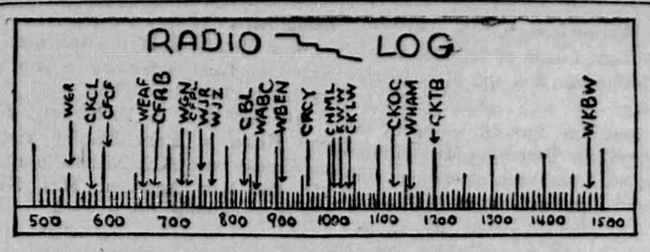
8. But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breast plate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. We are not only to be wakeful, but we are also to be fully armed, soldiers of Christ. The breastplate is that part of the armour which covers the heart. The helmet is a military cap which covers and defends the head, and is here identified with salvation.

Nearly 4,000,000 volumes of the Telephone Directory for London, weighing 4,000 tons, will be issued this year.

Belgium has increased existing taxes and re-established the national crisis tax which was repealed last year.

Are You Listening?

By FREDDIE TEE



AIRLANES GOSSIP

One of the most popular Canadian programs is Ken Soble's Amateurs, which is heard each Sunday from 12.30 noon to 1 p.m. from CFRB, CKCL, and a network of Canadian Stations.

Originating from the stage of the Lansdowne Theatre in Toronto, this half-hour program brings a variety of amateur artists. Some of the winners of the contest appear in various Toronto theatres. If you like amateurs, listen to Ken Soble's Amateurs over CFRB, 12.30 noon to 1.00 p.m. Sundays.

Here's a program for you hunting and fishing fiends--every Monday from 7.30 to 7.45 p.m., E.D.S.T., Staff of the New York Times, Raymond R. Camp of the Sports serves as commentator and presents guest speakers on topics of special interest to hunting and fishing enthusiasts. The program is heard over the NBC Red Network.

The great orchestra of New York's largest theatre is heard each week under the direction of Erno Rapee from the Radio City Music Hall over the NBC blue network every Sunday from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., E.D.S.T. Widely known soloists and a mixed chorus are highlights of the program. Operatic and concert selections are the features of this enjoyable broadcast.

One of the finest contributions to the nation-wide "Safety Drive" is the amusing program "Sunday Drivers" heard over the N.B.C. red network on Sundays from 3.00 to 3.30 p.m., E.D.S.T. Under the direction of Arthur Fields and Fred Hall, veteran singing comedians, this program of hill-billy tunes and old-time songs is very entertaining. Occasional bits of safe-driving advice are given in a pleasant human way. You will enjoy this program.

FOR CAMERA FANS

With the recent introduction of popular-priced miniature and motion picture equipment for home use, it is felt that radio listeners would like some expert information on the subject. With this in mind, the CBC has engaged Mr. Hazen Sise of Montreal, perhaps the most noted photographer in Canada, to present a series of six programmes to be aired Friday afternoons, 4.45 to 5.00 EDST. Broadcasts will describe such subjects as "Photography as an Art," "Photo-Murals and the Cinema," "Photographing the Spanish War," etc. In short, it will be a most interesting and informative series.

TRAVEL ADVENTURES

A new series of programmes, entitled "Travel Adventures," is being heard over the national network of the CBC Tuesday evenings from 11.15 to 11.30 EDST.

MUSIC FOR YOU

Virginia Woods, Dorothy Alt and William Morton, singing stars of "Music for You," to be broadcast Sunday, August 14, 9.00 to 9.30 p.m. EDST, will offer compositions of Romberg, Lehar, Kern, Gershwin, Seitz and Ayer. The large orchestra will be conducted by Geoffrey Waddington and the broadcast will originate in the CBC's Toronto studios. Edward Grieg's "To Spring" will be the orchestra's initial number.

Arctic Voyage of Priest Unique in Modern Times

With Eight Companions He Negotiated the Perilous Bering Strait In A Walrus-Skin Canoe—Wants to Prove Theory That North America Was Originally Populated by Asiatic Migration.

Father Bernard J. Hubbard, the Jesuit explorer-scientist, and eight companions "dried out" at Kotzebie, Alaska, after a perilous 250-mile voyage through treacherous Bering Strait in a walrus-skin canoe.

The party's trip, which started from King Island, was the first such voyage in modern memory. It was the first leg of their projected cruise to the Barren Lands east of Point Barrow.

The "Glacier Priest" arrived just as rescue parties were forming to seek the fragile craft, overdue here after a week at sea. High seas forced the group to seek haven on the beach at Sinrok and Cape Prince of Wales during the voyage, Father Hubbard said.

Eskimos In Party

He is accompanied by Ed Levin and Ken Chisholm, former Santa Clara University football stars, Aolarana, chief of the King Island Eskimos; Patunak, Mayae, Tatayuna, Alliak, and Peter Mayac, native hunters.

Father Hubbard reported members of the party were constantly soaked by spray as the 36-foot skin canoe, powered with an outboard motor, sail and paddles, battled the swirling currents of Bering Strait. High winds slowed the progress of the oomiak.

Around Corner of Continent

The priest said he hoped the voyage would prove that prehistoric migrations from Siberia could have been made in skin boats similar to his craft. Skeptics who have doubted the theory that North America was originally populated by an Asiatic migration have said that skin boats could not negotiate Bering Strait.

From Kotzebue, the skin boat expedition will attempt to reach Point Hope before going eastward "around the corner" to the northernmost settlements on continental America.

New Tory Organizer

Dr. J. M. Robb, minister of health in the former Ferguson and Henry governments of Ontario, has been named to the post of Conservative party national organizer.

Scottish Emblem

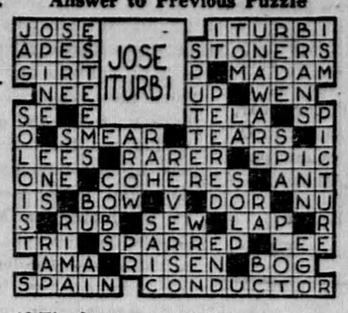
HORIZONTAL.

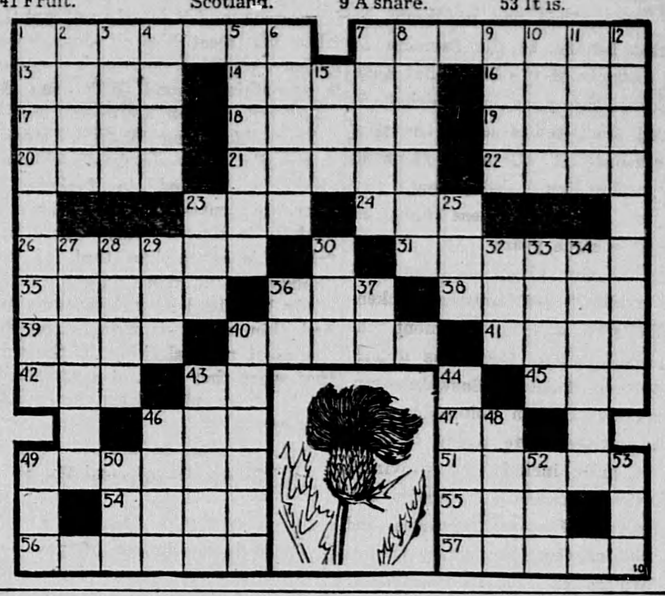
1 Prickly plant pictured here.
7 It belongs to the genus ——
13 Relaxation.
14 To ornament.
16 Gaelic.
17 Male fish.
18 Enticing woman.
19 Dyeing apparatus.
20 Prayer.
21 Feather shaft.
22 Sweet secretion.
23 Nevertheless.
24 Child's marble.
26 Raised strips.
31 Made of lead.
35 Surface measurements.
36 Chestnut covering.
38 Dull.
39 Digits of the foot.
40 Irascible.
41 Fruit.
42 Finale.
43 Compass point.
45 Eye tumor.
46 Feminine pronoun.
47 And.
49 Spotted cat.
51 Upright.
54 Blood.
55 Mongrel.
56 It is the national —— of Scotland.
57 It is a prickly —— (pl.).

VERTICAL.

1 It grows in —— regions.
2 To salute.
3 Island.
4 Bristle.
5 Maidens.
6 Proclamation.
7 Crawled.
8 To temper.
9 A share.
10 To insist upon.
11 Consumer.
12 Serpents collectively.
15 Coin.
23 Aye.
25 Spider's home
27 Satiric.
28 Achievement.
29 Fuel.
30 Public auto.
32 High mountain.
33 Club fees.
34 Descended from the same mother.
36 Common verb.
37 Right.
40 To seesaw.
43 Coast.
44 Well-known tree.
46 Not swift.
48 Genuine.
49 Away.
50 Self.
52 To make a mistake.
53 It is.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





Queer World

The array of candles to be seen at some gatherings gives the table a tallowe'en party aspect.

But to a timid dyspeptic a full-course dinner is a case of "eat here and diet home."

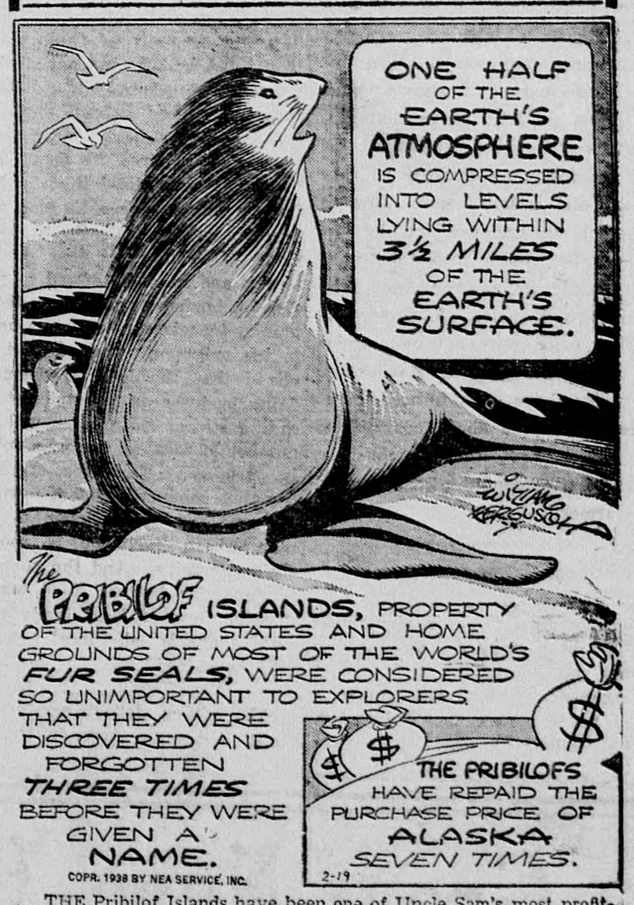
First-of-the-month bills descend like due drops.

Monetary, as well as physical, disturbances are often caused by inflation at the "waste" line.

In pugilism only is it an honor to be on top of the scrap heap.

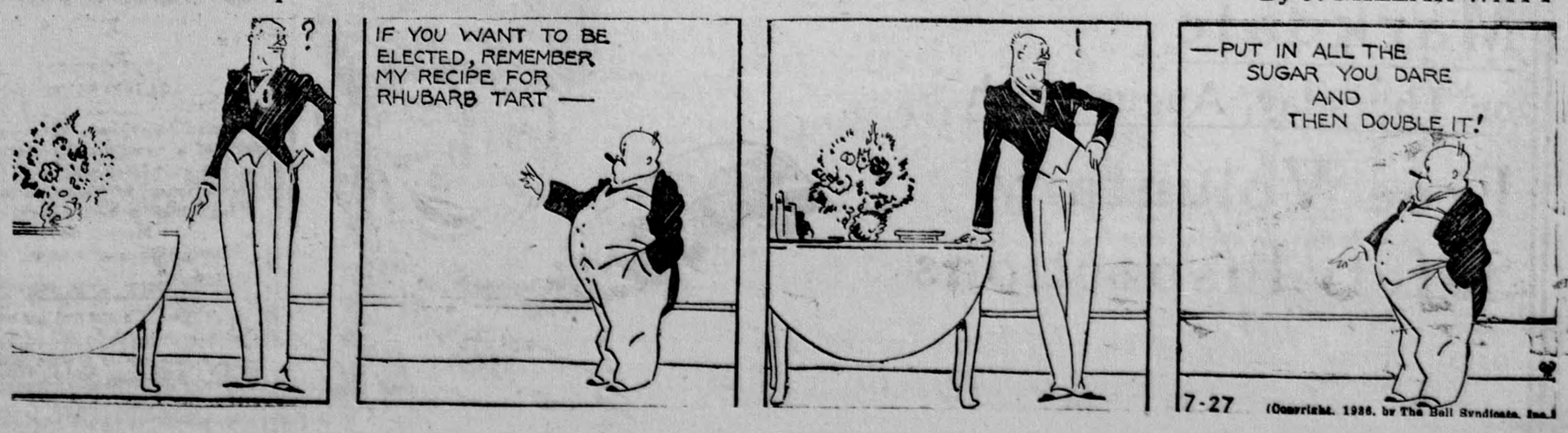
THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



THE Pribilof Islands have been one of Uncle Sam's most profitable investments, due to the fact that they are the breeding grounds of the fur seal. And he intends to keep the investment safe. Strict regulations are in force in the sealing industry, and even tourists are forbidden from visiting the islands.

NEXT: The giant beetle which has never been captured alive.

POP—Election Recipe

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