Sunday School Lesson

LESSON V
PETER DECLARES HIS LOVE
John 21: 11-19
Golden Text—If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. John 14: 15.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—In the month of April, A.D. 30.

Place—At the Sea of Galilee, probably near Capernaum.

Simon Peter therefore went up, and drew the net to land, full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, the net was not rent. Peter ever takes the initiative (John 21:3).

"It Is The Lord"

No more beautiful portrait in all these exquisite Gospel narratives was ever drawn than this early morning scene, where the disciples, more or less bewildered by the Lord's presence, sat down together for a simple breakfast.

Christ Knows Our Needs

John 21: 12-14. 12. Jesus saith unto them, Come and break your fast. And none of the disciples durst inquire of him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. 13. Jesus cometh, and taketh the bread, and giveth them, and the fish likewise. The meal proceeded in silence. Jesus himself passed from one to another, bringing to each the bread and fish. No one dared ask who he was, for all by this time knew him to be the Lord.

14. This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after that he was risen from the dead. The two previous appearances which are here referred to were, no doubt, those recorded by John in the preceding chapter, the first, verses 19-23; the second, verses 26-29.

"Lovest Thou Me?"

John 21: 15-17. 15. So when they had broken their fast, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John. Lovest thou me more than these? Some days before this Peter had insinuated that he was more faithful and more dependable than any of the other disciples (Mark 14: 29-31. Now our Lord faces him with this penetrating question whether he really loved the Master more than any of the other disciples. "Lovest thou me?" Jesus Christ sues each of us, not for obedience primarily, not for repentance, not for vows, not for conduct, but for a heart; and, that being given, all the rest will follow. That is the distinguishing characteristic of Christian morality, that Jesus seeks first for the surrender of the affections, and believes, and is warranted in the belief, that if these are surrendered, all else will follow; and, love being given, loyalty and service and repentance and hatred of self-will and of self-seeking will follow in her train.

He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. No man can speak this way to the Lord, whether face to face as Peter was here, or, as we speak to Christ, in prayer, unless he absolutely believes in his own heart that he does love the Lord, and, because he is convinced he does love him, he is also convinced that the Lord knows he loves him. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. As long as they had Christ's sheep to care for, Christ would not seem to be quite gone out of the world. And how are we to feed the sheep? By giving them the word of God.

"Feed My Sheep"

16. He saith to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Tend my sheep. The verb here translated "tend" means "to shepherd."

17. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou woulest not. 19a Now this he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should glorify God. Jesus foretells at least that this disciple shall be spared to old age, and that then he shall meet with a violent death. We have now no certain knowledge of the time or place or mode of Peter's death. With the exception of a passing and general allusion to his death in Clement of Rome there is not for a century after it must have taken place any historical mention of him. From the end of the second century, however, there flows a steady stream of tradition, testifying to the fact that Peter visited Rome and suffered the martyr's death there under Nero, probably about 64 A.D.

"Follow Me"

19b. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. During the Lord's earthly life following him implied the abandonment of previous occupations (Matt. 9: 9) and duties (Matt. 8: 22), attendance upon him, perhaps in disgrace and danger (Matt. 10: 38). Now to "follow Christ" required coming to him as a sinful creature, and finding one's whole salvation and hope in humble reliance on the merit of his death. Then we may follow him in obedience and imitation and glad communion.

University Preserves Native Canadian Crafts

A course to stimulate interest in the home and community arts of Canada is being planned at the University of Toronto. In the photo above are seen some fine samples of wood carving executed by Canadian handicraft students. Expert craftsmanship is revealed by the pottery figures and the exquisite pieces of hand-decorated tile pottery.

Thirty-one permits involving building operations to the value of $19,130 were issued in Banff townsite in October.

Canadian Hens Aim To Produce 144 Eggs Yearly

Head of Poultry Department at Macdonald College Says Average Production Is Now Less Than 100 Annually Per Bird.

Hens in Germany must do their best for the Nazi regime. Regimented birds are expected to increase their annual production of eggs from 80 to 90 apiece to 140 apiece a year. That's an order, according to Canadian poultry experts. While it may be quite an order, unregimented Canadian hens are expected to do their full duty. While the average annual production per bird in Canada falls under 100 a year, Canada is aiming at 144 a year. So says Dr. W. A. Maw, head of the poultry department of Macdonald College.

Can Do 177 In Contests

The average production at the Canadian egg-laying contests is 177 eggs. Macdonald College does even better with its selected birds—185 it was last year. But it took a University of Saskatchewan hen to touch the high spot with 359 eggs in one year.

Eat More, Lay More

The Nazis say the increase in eggs among German hens must be brought about without increasing the feed. Dr. Maw says the more hens lay the more they eat. But it is not the eating that is important in laying more eggs—it's the selective breeding. That is how the Canadian Government hopes to increase the egg production in all flocks throughout Canada.

Gold production in Canada during the first ten months of 1938 totalled 3,871,956 ounces compared with 3,380,735 ounces in the corresponding period of 1937.

Good Stars

Mr. George Cawley, tree-feller, Chertsey, England, fell seventy feet from a tree and was unharmed. Twice a truck in which he was driving overturned and he escaped. Blasting powder exploded prematurely and only his hands were burned. His house caught fire and he and his family escaped through a window.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

THE earth's greatest diameter is 7926.7 miles, which gives it a circumference of approximately 25,000 miles. Therefore, in order to reach a point at the opposite end of the earth, we would need to travel only 12,500 miles.

NEXT: Is it true that all babies are born with blue eyes?

High Heels Tire Feet and Body

Watch Out For the Peril of "High-Heel Hobble", Brtiish Physician Warns.

From a study of waitresses, a prominent London, England, doctor has deduced that vanity and too-high heels are ruining the feet and grace of British women.

In a letter to the British Medical Journal Dr. Elwin H. T. Nash declares that so easily do such heels wear down at one side there is a constant abnormal strain on the feet and body.

Abnormal Strain

"The psychological damage, too, is often considerable," he says, "as the victim seems to think that everyone behind her is looking at her heels.

"She cannot get away from the fact that, to keep her feet decent, she has to buy many more pairs."

Nagayo Motoori, a composer of Japan, urges a boycott of foreign music.

Rabbit Waits Till He Gets Shotgun

They had rabbit pie at the Victor household in Oshawa last week, and thereby hangs the tale of an optimistic hunter, Charles Victor, a motorman of the Oshawa Street Railway on an early run to Oshawa-on-the-Lake, noticed a large jack rabbit sleeping on the side of the road near the Oshawa Creek bridge. Telephoning home, Mr. Victor made arrangements to have his shotgun available at the completion of his run. As soon as he was off duty he returned to the lake to see the jack rabbit still sleeping.

Unwilling to take advantage of the rabbit's trust in safety, the "hunter" roused him, and as he bounded for safety took aim and fired.

Are You Listening?

By FREDDIE TEE

GEORGE MURPHY, m.c.

George Murphy, the young actor who rose to his present eminence in the films after sessions at Yale University, a Ford factory, a coal mine, a real estate office and a night club, further demonstrates his versatility as master of ceremonies for the new "Screen Guild Shows", to be heard over the Columbia network every Sunday night (WABC-CBS, 7.30 to 8.00 p.m. EST.) Murphy has been seen as actor and dancer in the Broadway hits "Good News", "Of Thee I Sing", "Shoot the Works", "Hold Everything" and "Roberta". Among the many pictures in which he has had major roles have been "Kid Millions", "Jealousy," "Broadway Melody of 1938", and "Hold That Co-Ed". The Screen Guild shows each week present a number of Hollywood's leading players who are contributing proceeds for the building of a home for the aged and needy in the film colony.

George Murphy

Italians Love Swing

Italians want more American swing music, says Max Jordan, NBC continental European representative, now in this country. They love swing and enjoy dancing to it, he said, and to meet this demand the NBC and the Italian Radio Co. have arranged for the re-broadcast of two swing programs a month throughout Italy.

That's The Truth

Frank Morgan can no longer deny that he's a prevaricator! He has just received a membership card from the famous Burlington, Wisconsin Liars' Club reading, "Officers of the Burlington Liars' Club after due consideration of evidence submitted, do declare that Frank Morgan is a full-fledged LIAR, entitled to every courtesy from Liars everywhere and an Honorary Member of our Club for Life."

Most Popular Radio

The convenience of the famous DeForest Crosley Sloping Tuning Panel which provides "No-Stoop, No-Squint" Tuning, must be responsible for the popularity of the new 1939 DeForest Crosley radio models—as it has been rated, in a magazine survey, the most popular Canadian made radio.

Canadian Roman Catholic Prelates Sail For Rome

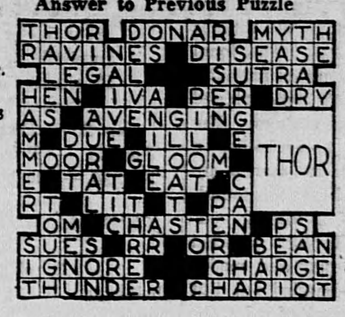
These three Canadian dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church are pictured as they sailed from New York for Rome, Italy. LEFT to RIGHT they are Bishop Arthase Forget, of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec; Auxiliary Bishop Alphonse E. Deschamp, of Montreal; and His Excellency Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve.

National Insignia

HORIZONTAL

1 Coat of arms of —— pictured here.
6 General Lazaro —— is this country's president.
12 Sea eagle.
13 Gleamed.
15 Moisture.
16 Schemes.
18 Social insect.
19 Tricks.
21 Barks.
23 Decree.
25 Transposed.
27 Eggs of fishes.
29 Unit.
30 Morindin dye.
31 Rodent.
33 Supplying heat.
36 Era.
37 To leave out.
39 Hair ornament.
40 Cuckoopint.
41 Purple flowered shrub
43 Data.
44 Devil.
45 Bed lath.
47 Point.
48 Plural pronoun.
50 Animal or human being.
53 Encountered.
55 Cutting tooth.
56 Lunar orb.
57 Pedal digit.
58,59 The —— —— River forms one of its boundaries.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

2 Snaky fish.
3 Roentgen ray.
4 Interior.
5 Bone.
6 To peruse.
7 Poker stake.
8 Musical note.
9 To evolve.
10 Birds' home.
11 Reverence.
14 Possesses.
16 Important industry in this country.
17 Opposed to fast.
19 Finger ornament.
20 Serious.
22 Irish fuel.
24 Lady.
26 Branches.
28 A flowing forth.
30 Largest toad.
32 Sesames.
34 Inlet.
35 God of war.
36 Work of skill.
38 Powder ingredient.
40 Lava.
42 Feeling concern.
44 Cubic meter.
46 Five and five.
47 Golf professional.
49 Half.
51 Deeds.
52 Consumed.
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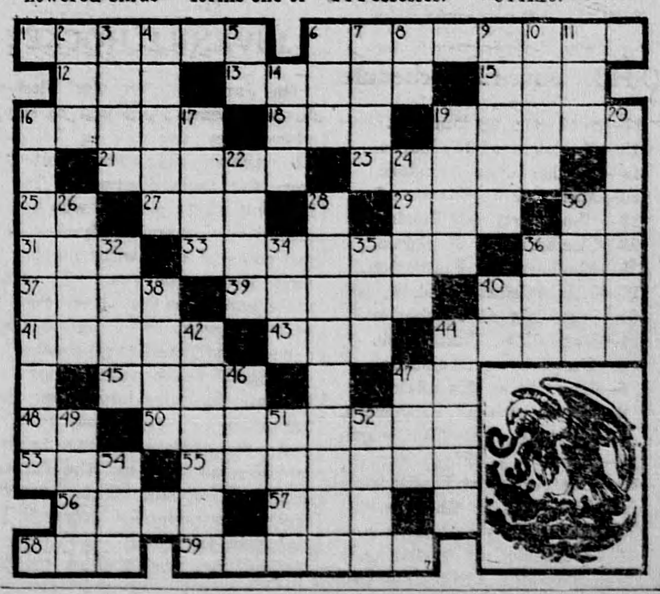

POP—Jig-Saw Nerves By J. MILLAR WATT