Sunday School Lesson

LESSON XII

Peter Exhorts To Christian Living
1 Peter 3:8-18

Golden Text: Like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living. 1 Pet. 1:15.

The Lesson In Its Setting

Time — We cannot determine with absolute accuracy the year in which the apostle Peter wrote his two epistles, but it is generally believed that the First Epistle was written somewhere near A.D. 60.

Place — In the thirteenth verse of the last chapter of this epistle the apostle uses the phrase, "she that is in Babylon," and from this some have argued that Peter wrote this epistle from the great city on the Euphrates River; others have advanced the theory that because the ancient city of Cairo, Egypt, was called Babylon, the epistle was written there. It is more generally believed that here Peter used the word "Babylon" to designate the city of Rome.

8. Finally, be ye all likeminded. Christians ought to be of the same mind because they are members of the same body, the Lord Jesus Christ. Compassionate. Loving as brethren. In secular Greek the word here means the love of brothers for brothers, but in the New Testament it is used in what is really a new sense, of love for those who are brethren by virtue of the fact that they are "begotten again" (1 Pet. 1:3). Tenderhearted. Humbleminded. Having a modest opinion of one's self.

Return Good For Evil

9. Not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but contrariwise blessing. We can hardly show ourselves Christians more vividly than in obedience to just such an admonition as this. Not an easy thing to do, yet certainly possible, as the Holy Spirit dwells within us. For hereunto were ye called, that ye should inherit a blessing. God blesses, therefore we should bless; he forgives us, and therefore we should forgive others. We were called into such a high life as this when we accepted Christ and received from him a new life.

Men may give good words with the lips, while the heart is full of bitterness.

10. For, He that would love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. The object wished for is not mere life, as such, but a life that a man can love instead of hating with the hatred that is engendered, on the one hand by the satiety of the pleasure-seeker, and on the other, by bitterness and wrath.

Turning Away From Evil

11. And let him turn away from evil, and do good. The objectives which are here expressed will never be attained unless there is definite determination on the part of the man to achieve these virtues. Let us remember that we cannot do good until we turn from evil. These things we do because the life of Christ in us impels us to these efforts. Let him seek his peace, and pursue it. To live together in families, in nations, as a race, to seek peace, to seek the smooth working of this complicated fellowship, we are to rid human fellowship of its envy and jealousy and thoughtlessness and ill will.

12. For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears unto their supplication; but the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil. The springs for all holy endeavor are in our knowledge of God and his Son, Jesus Christ. In other words, the future rules the present; heaven controls our actions on earth.

13. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be zealous of that which is good?

Above Fear of Man

14. But even if ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed are ye: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled. Compare the words of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:10; Rom. 8:33-35). The righteousness here spoken of is, of course, not the righteousness of Christ, which is imputed to us, but the righteousness which we ourselves practice, after our conversion, in doing the things that are right. Fear not their fear — the things which they would dread, and with which they will threaten you. For what are they?

15. But sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord. Peter says that the holy fear of God will lift us above the fear of man. Being ready always to give answer. The word translated "answer" means to defend one's self. To every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you. Yet with meekness and fear.

16. Having a good conscience; that, wherein ye are spoken against, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of life in Christ. A good conscience is the best reason for the hope that is within us. An apology may be well learned, well expressed, eloquent; but it will not be convincing unless it comes from the heart, and is backed up by life.

17. For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing. If, we know ourselves to have committed no evil worthy of suffering, and are being punished only for the sake of our Lord, then is there no sorrow, and no sense of defeat, and we can praise God every hour of the day and night, no matter what the punishment may be. To be right with God is everything.

18. Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit. The suffering we endure is never something that we plan for; the suffering that Christ endured he purposed, even in the long ages before he came down on earth, for by his suffering, even unto death, he was able to make atonement for all unrighteousness and thus bring us to God.

LATEST AUXILIARY OF CANADIAN NAVY COMPLETE TRAINING

Skippers of the Fishermen's Reserve, the latest auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Navy, were reviewed by Hon. E. W. Hamber, lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, CENTRE, as they neared the close of their training period at Esquimalt naval base. The auxiliary comprises forty boats and 200 men and the training course included navigation, signalling, mine sweeping and machine-gun practice. The Reserve will be available in case of need along the British Columbia coast. Pictured at the extreme RIGHT is Jarvis H. McLeod, collector of customs at Prince Rupert, who recruited many of the skippers for the Reserve.

Making of Cheese An Ancient Art

Origin of Its Manufacture Lost In Mists Of Antiquity

The manufacture of cheese is so old that its origin may be said to be lost in the mists of antiquity. There does not appear to be any country or tribe in the world's history, stated P. W. McLagan of Montreal in an address on the development of cheesemaking in Canada to the meeting of the Canadian Produce Association, recently held at Montreal, which has not made milk fat its sustenance into some form of cheese. There seem to be hundred of varieties.

Cheese is mentioned in the Bible in the Book of Chronicles, where it is written that at a time when the Israelites were at war with the Philistines, a farmer named Jesse sent his young son, David, to visit his three brothers who were in the arm, and to carry to them a quantity of parched corn, but, to the captain of the company, he was enjoined to present ten small cheeses.

In the recent excavations of Ur of the Chaldees, the birth place of Abraham, a mosaic frieze was discovered representing dairying scenes on a farm attached to a temple, more than 5,000 years ago (3,100 B.C.). There is a procession of cows, two calves are seen issuing from the barn door, and men sitting on low stools are milking cows. Calves duly muzzled are roped to the cows' head-stalls so as to encourage her to give milk. Another part of the frieze shows two clean shaven men wearing fleece petticoats, the official dress of priests, pouring milk through a strainer into a vessel set on the ground, while two others are collecting the strained liquid into great stone jars, perhaps preparatory to making cheese.

The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

"THREE MARRIAGES"
By E. M. Delafield

This clever author who writes so entertainingly has long been noted for her satirical portraits of women who get married for the sake of being married; or of women who just fall short of doing that. Come to think of it, Mrs. Delafield can be cruel as well as amusing.

In "Three Marriages" Mrs. Delafield treats three women of different types, different periods—Rose who lived in the 1850's; Violet the little prude who belonged to the Mauve Decade; Cathleen, a lovely-souled creature "who meant to be happy" in 1937, but was defeated by circumstances. Three stories, illuminating commentaries on women and marriage and what the former think about the latter.

"Three Marriages" . . . by E. M. Delafield . . . Toronto: Macmillan Company of Canada . . . $2.25.

Definite Weather Forecasts Coming

Reports To Be More Accurate Shortly As Soon As Extensive Studies In Northern Canada Are Completed

Weather reports will be more definite shortly as a result of meteorological studies under way in Northern Canada and a study by United States weather men in 1937 on Ellesmere Island off the Northwest coast of Greenland, Capt. Clifford J. MacGregor, United States weather expert said last week.

He said that most weather conditions in the Lower Lakes region result from movements of polar air masses and of air masses from the Gulf of Mexico.

"The polar air masses either come down by way of the Pacific Ocean, or over a snow covered or dry Canada," said MacGregor.

"The warm-air mass from the south comes either laden with moisture from the gulf or from the desert.

"At present we chart the Southern movements pretty completely. We are now beginning to check more closely on the polar masses.

"We can tell where they'll meet, when they'll meet and whether the result will be snow or rain and so forth. When weather is charted like that, it no longer becomes a question of 'probably rain or snow tomorrow or the next day.'

"Instead, we can answer all the questions definitely."

Steel Wigwams

The first 1,500 of ten million "steel wigwams" were distributed in Islington, Greater London working class district last week, to the puzzlement of residents who asked "What are we going to do with them?"

Government regulations require the bases of the air raid shelters be buried three feet underground in the backyards of homes.

Inaugurate Toronto-Montreal Air Mail Service

Inaugurating the first air mail flight between Toronto and Montreal, via North Bay and Ottawa, under the new Trans-Canada Airways air mail service, Capt. M. W. Fowler, LEFT, and First Officer Humphries look over their mail cargo shortly before taking off from Toronto.

They Fixed Skulls 40 Centuries Ago

Evidence that trepanning operations were performed by primitive man in Britain nearly 4,000 years ago has been discovered by archeologists.

A skeleton whose skull had been operated upon with flint "surgical instruments" was dug up by archeologist Stuart Piggot and his wife while investigating ancient burial mounds near Long Crichel in Dorset.

This is not the first evidence of a prehistoric trepanning operation found in England, Piggot declared. But it was the first with evidence that gave the date of the skull. This was determined by a pottery vessel found alongside the skeleton.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

NO king has the full support of all his people, and so there are those who oppose the bald eagle as the national bird of America. Because of the love and respect held for the cheerful meadowlark, his name often is mentioned as a true All-America successor to the present ruler.

Feminine Athlete

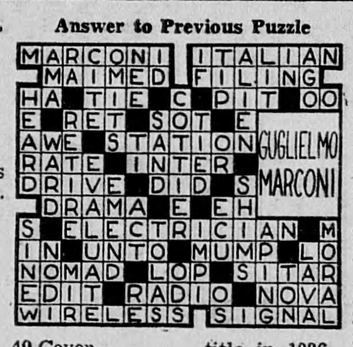
HORIZONTAL

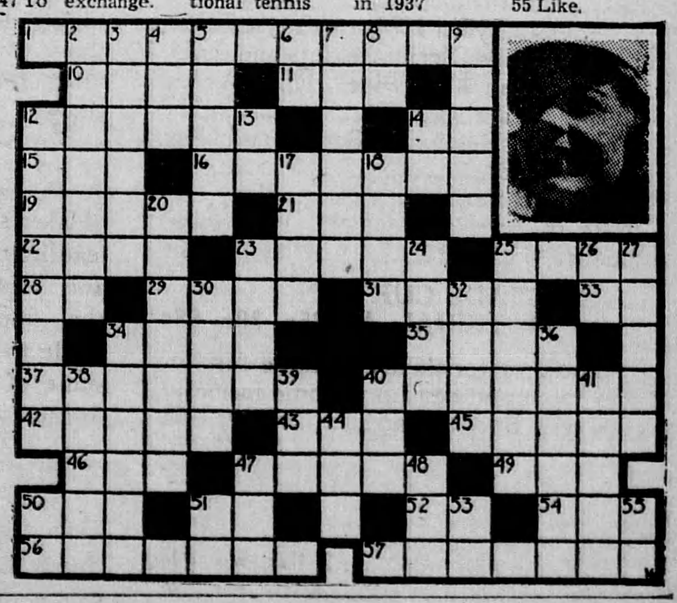
1 Pictured American tennis ace.
10 Soon.
11 Golf device.
12 Bundle of official papers
14 Musical note.
15 Before.
16 Conducted.
19 Small transport boat.
21 Wing.
22 Otherwise.
23 Instigates.
25 Hair tool.
28 Like.
29 Writing tools.
31 Starch.
33 Morindin dye.
34 Nick.
35 Male children
37 Rectified.
40 To punish.
42 Ladies.
43 English coin.
45 Ghastly.
46 Grazed.
47 To exchange.
49 Cover.
50 Inlet.
51 Toward.
52 Father.
54 Tiny vegetable.
56 She was chosen —— woman tennis player in 1937.
57 She was —— of the national tennis title in 1936 (pl.).

VERTICAL

2 Honors.
3 Deduces.
4 Folding bed.
5 Foe.
6 Preposition.
7 To feast.
8 To exist.
9 To ignore.
12 She was —— in the finals in 1937
13 Sun god.
14 Myself.
17 Lock parts.
18 Guns.
20 Complained.
23 To put up an ante.
24 Girdle.
25 Government official.
26 Mother.
27 She is a tall —— girl.
30 Finishes.
32 Race end.
34 To behave.
36 Line of color.
38 Hostility to law.
39 Drone bee.
40 Vulgar fellow
41 Sea duck.
44 Tatter.
47 2000 pounds.
48 Roof point covering.
50 Railroad.
51 Note in scale.
53 Form of "a."
55 Like.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





REG'LAR FELLERS—A Heart Attack

By GENE BYRNES