SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON XI
HAGGAI URGES THE BUILDING OF GOD'S HOUSE
Haggai
Printed Text, Hag. 1:2-12

Golden Text — "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is. Heb. 10:24, 25.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — About 520 B.C.

Place — The city of Jerusalem.

This lesson will be made particularly interesting if the teacher can secure some accurate statistics concerning church expenses in the community, comparing these sums with the sums of money spent upon pleasure in the same locality —movies, ball games, race-horses, slot machines, smokes, beverages, gasoline. Is it true that we are spending more for the maintenance of pleasure automobiles than for the maintenance of the house of the Lord?

REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

Haggai 1:2. Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, This people say, It is not the time for us to come, the time for Jehovah's own house to be built. The one great event in which Haggai and Zechariah took a leading part was the rebuilding of the temple. For the history of this event read Ezra, first six chapters, together with the books of the two prophets themselves. In the second year of Darius (520 B.C.), the Jews were suffering from drought, possibly from a drought prolonged over some years. A sense of failure lay upon the people. In a prosperous season a prophet might have spoken in vain, but now that the people were softened by adversity, they were disposed to listen. The time had come, and the man. This was Haggai, a prophet of whose antecedents nothing is known. He declared that the scarcity from which the Jews were suffering was a reminder from Jehovah to stir them up to consider their ways.

FINISH THE WORK

3. Then came the word of Jehovah by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4. Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your ceiled houses, while this house lieth waste? 5. Now therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Consider your ways.

6. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. 7. So thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Consider your ways. 8. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and then build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith Jehovah. 9. Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith Jehovah of hosts. Because of my house that lieth waste, while ye run every man to his own house. 10. Therefore for your sake the heavens will withhold the dew, and the earth withholdeth its fruit. 11. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the grain, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands. Here the prophet directly accuses the people of being concerned primarily with their own comfort, and sinfully neglecting to rebuild the temple where the worship of Jehovah should be resumed. They justified such negligence by saying that the time had not yet come to rebuild the temple, and it was the prophet's purpose to bring them to a realization that they had been living upon the foundation of a mistaken sense of relative values, that they had given secondary consideration to what should have been first, and they were giving first consideration to what should have been secondary. The evil is common, but it is disastrous. The evil consequences in national and social life that had followed such negligence the prophet now vividly depicts, with the implication that if they would come back to God and give Him first place in their life, such failure and impoverishment and tragedy as they were beholding would pass.

RENEWED ENERGY

12. Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnants of the people obeyed the voice of Jehovah their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as Jehovah their God had sent him; and the people did fear before Jehovah. The prophet had not more than finished his message, than the entire remnant of the people felt the quickening of new courage, and set about at once to rectify the situation. Especially was the spirit of Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, stirred up, so that the people "came and did work in the house of the Lord of Hosts, their God. (Zerubbabel was the leader of the captives who returned in response to the decree of Cyrus. He helped Joshua to set up the altar of the God of Israel at Jerusalem, though the circumstances were very threatening.

People today need continual encouragement in Christian work. Encouragement needed as never before. Are you one of those who encourage servants of the Lord, or do you burden their life, and make their existence more difficult instead of easier?

This Wounded Soldier Lands Safely In Britain

Untold feats of heroism and self-sacrifice were enacted during the evacuation of British, French and Belgian troops from the coast of Belgium and northern France. A naval petty officer is shown assisting a wounded soldier up the gangway of a destroyer at an unidentified French port during the epic evacuation. French troops may be seen behind.

—(Radio Photo)

Farm Notes . . .

WEED OF THE WEEK: YELLOW ROCKET

A weed may be observed in flower at this particular time of the year which resembles Wild Mustard and is often mistaken for it, says John D. MacLeod, Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Ont. Department of Agriculture, Toronto. This is Yellow Rocket, a perennial weed which appears in new parts of the Province each year and which is apparently on the increase. It is usually found in low, damp parts of the fields.

RESEMBLES MUSTARD

Upon close examination Yellow Rocket will be found to resemble Mustard only in the colour of the flower. It may be easily distinguished from this weed by its dark green, smooth and shiny leaves, somewhat oval in outline. It is usually in flower from May to July, and matures seed during July and August.

Hand pulling of scattered plants, drainage and thorough cultivation in preparation for a spring crop will keep it under control.

DON'T LET IT MATURE

The seed of Yellow Rocket is a common impurity in clover and alfalfa seed and has been listed as a secondary noxious seed in the Canada Seeds Act. This weed should not be permitted to mature seed, particularly in the clover seed producing areas.

Learn to distinguish Yellow Rocket and eradicate it before it becomes established, advises Mr. MacLeod.

Most Dangerous Ages: 16 to 23

Canadian Welfare Council Expects Wave of Post-War Delinquency in Boys and Girls

The aftermath of war with its social maladjustments will strike most forcibly at the boy and girl between 16 and 23 years of age, Miss Charlotte Whitton, executive director of the Canadian Welfare Council told the Canadian Conference on Social Work at its biennial convention in Toronto.

The boy and girl of these ages "will be the highly vulnerable centre of the war's disintegrating blows," Miss Whitton said in advising the convention that the Canadian Welfare Council "is strengthening its delinquency division" and has been consulted recently by two Provinces "on better provisions for certain types of delinquents."

THEY'LL BE MOST VULNERABLE

Miss Whitton said the need for protection of juvenile immigrants assumes "difficult angles" with the possible movement of child refugees to this continent. "It is hoped that from the continuing negotiations of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees, arrangements will be concluded with the Canadian Provinces and the child-caring services of Canada, whereby aid will be assured for these children both overseas and in Canada," she said.

Arctic Talks To Antarctic

Alaskan Wireless Station, Byrd's Aides Gossip About Weather

When distinguished scientists established communication virtually between North Pole and South Pole what do they talk about?

Why, even as you and I — the weather.

Stanton D. Bennett, operator of amateur wireless station K7BUB established contact last month with station KC4USA at the west base of Little America in the Antarctic where members of the Byrd expedition are encamped.

NORTH, SOUTH POLE

Speaking over a telephone line from his home three miles from Bennett's station, Dr. Ervin H. Bramhall, member of Byrd's 1933 Antarctic expedition and now professor of physics at the University of Alaska, talked with Dr. Alton Wade, in charge of the west base, and his fellow scientists. The conversation went something like this:

Brahmall — "It's spring time in the Arctic. Trees are green, flowers are blooming, and the temperature is around 60 above."

Wade — "Winter's approaching rapidly. During the current cold spell the temperature has been hovering around 70 below."

B-r-r-r!

Group Reading Is Recommended

Solitary reading is comparable to solitary drinking in the opinion of Professor Mortimer Adler of Chicago University. In a speech to members of the American Booksellers Association, Prof. Adler said: "Solitary reading is not as much fun as bookish conviviality. A great pleasure and source of fruitfulness comes from reading books with others and discussing them. The variety of approaches to the same book opens up understanding."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

OF ALL THE WORLD'S SEVERAL HUNDRED SPECIES OF **PARROTS**, ONLY ONE, THE CAROLINA PARRAKEET, IS A NATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES.... AND IT IS BELIEVED TO BE EXTINCT.

CAROLINA parrakeets once were common in the southern states, from Maryland to Colorado, but no record of their appearance has been made for several years, and it is believed that the white man's gun has wiped another race of birds from the earth.

NEXT: How much is spent in Australia annually controlling the spread of rabbits?

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

SUMMER MUSIC

With the coming of summer, music takes a lighter turn. From outdoor parks, bandstands, and radio studios come melodies designed to soothe the summer mood. Wise radio executives have taken cognizance of this fact and dot their schedules each evening with music of every type and shade, enough to satisfy the most insatiable musical appetite.

So, in the privacy of his parlour, veranda or garden a man can take his coat off and with his family listen in comfort, while an electric fan buzzes an artificial breeze in his face.

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NOTES AND NEWS

The CBC variety program goes to the air base at Trenton this Friday, and at eight o'clock a smart program of music, songs and gags will be presented by Royal Air Force men. Tune in, you will like this one!

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David Sarnoff, an executive of the radio corporation of America offers the opinion that soon little radio sets that can be carried in your pocket will be available. Just think what an advantage that will be—for it means no longer will there be squabbling where to set the dial, everyone will have their own set!

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Betty Carter Barbour, in real life Jean Rouveral, is absent from the "One Man's Family" circle while she takes a month's vacation in the east with her husband, screen-writer Hugo Rouveral. Betty, as she is known to millions of radio listeners, persuaded author Carlton Morse to write her out of the story for the time being — by offering to bring him back a bucket of honest to goodness maple syrup from New England.

Meanwhile, Lurene Tuttle, who played leading roles in the Cavalcade of Drama series, is playing the new character in One Man's Family.

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The CBC is offering Canadians plenty of entertainment from the lads on the other side of the water these days — but at the same time they are not neglecting the boys in the King's forces that wear the maple leaf. Records of the Happy Gang, Woodhouse and Appointment with Agostini are made and sent across the briny, along with a specially made-up record of district news from the Dominion — and how the lads over there enjoy these special items.

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Spotlight Dialing — Sunday—Neighbourly News from CBL at ten . . . Silver Strings on the NBC-Red chain at 1.30 . . Songs the Soldiers Sing via CKOC at 5.30 . . . With Ellery Queen, Detective on Columbia at 7.30 . . Tuesday — A City Mother Pioneers from CBC 5.15 . . . Cats 'n Jammers Swing Sessions via WOR-Mutual at 8.30 . . . Brant House, drama, on NBC-blue network at 10.30 . . . Thursday — The Stamp Man from CKOC 5.30 . . . Strange As It Seems from CBS at 8.30 . . . Henry Weber's Concert Revue from CBC at 10.30 . . . Saturday — This Wonderful World, all about the stars, from the Mutual chain at 11.45 a.m. . . . A Boy, A Girl, A Band from NBC-Red network at 4.30 . . . The Band of the Week from CKOC at 6.30 . . . The Music Hall from CBC at 10.30.

FAMOUS AUTHOR

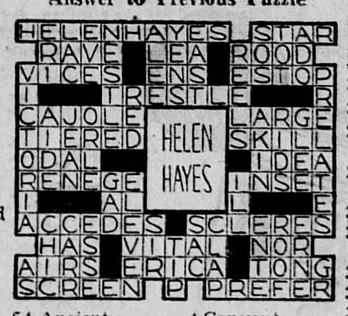
HORIZONTAL

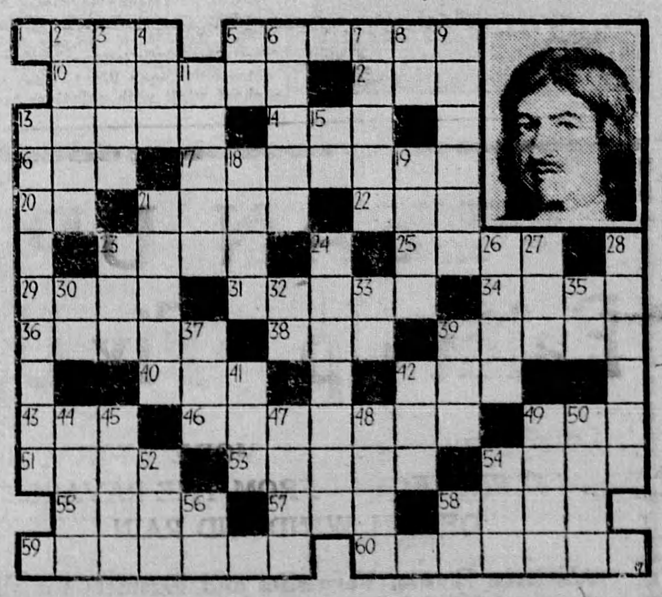
1, 5 Author of "Pilgrim's Progress."
10 Drenches.
12 Indian.
13 Ear auricle.
14 Concealed.
16 To repent.
17 To feign.
20 Type standard
21 Owner of an estate fee.
22 Sheltered place.
23 Unopened flowers.
25 Brink.
29 The shank.
31 Peeled.
34 Branches
36 Abhorred.
38 To soak flax.
39 Vampire.
40 To dine.
42 Dusky.
43 Novel.
46 Pertaining to the liver.
49 Pronoun.
51 Broad smile
53 Wall recess.
54 Ancient.
55 Dolphinlike creature.
57 Afternoon meal.
58 Sanskrit dialect.
59 He was —— by birth.
60 He ranks among the great ——

VERTICAL

2 Hatred.
3 To sharpen a razor.
4 Convent teacher.
5 To exist.
6 Theater guide.
7 To warble.
8 In.
9 Bowed.
11 Possessing flavor.
13 He was imprisoned for unlawful ——
15 Neuter pronoun.
18 To grate harshly.
19 To require.
21 Friction match.
23 Still.
24 Introduction.
26 Ghastly.
27 Organ of hearing.
28 He was a — by trade.
30 Sun god.
32 Measure of area.
33 And.
35 Form of "I."
37 Burmese knife.
39 Thus.
41 Five and five.
42 To perish.
44 Ireland.
45 Organ of aerial flight.
47 Gist.
48 To melt.
49 Shoe bottom.
50 Scalp covering.
52 Nothing.
54 Headgear
56 Sloth.
58 3.1416.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





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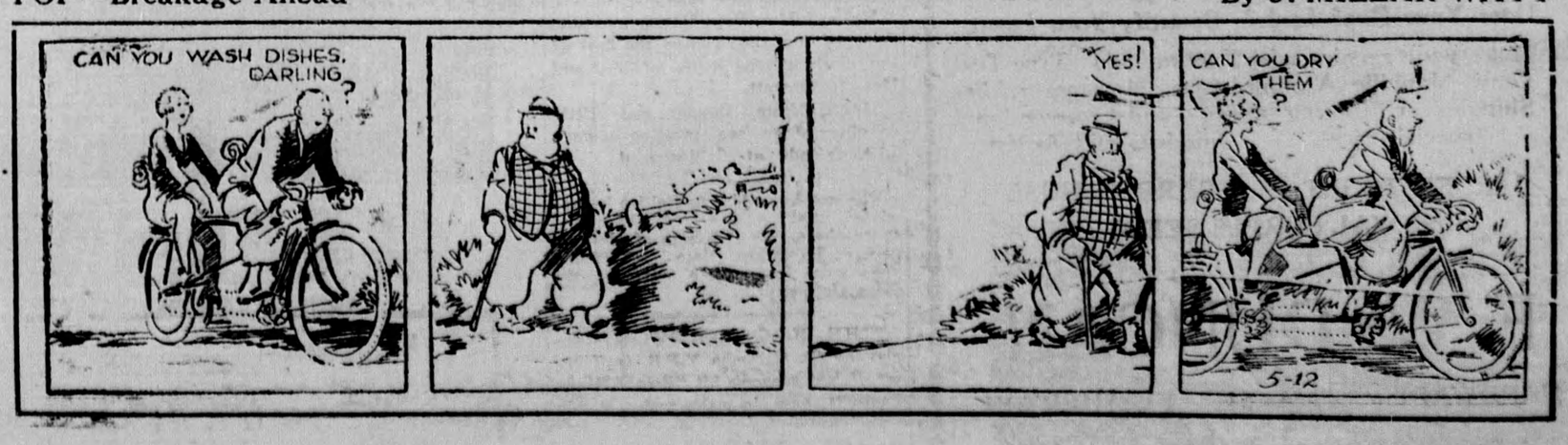
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