SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE EVER-PRESENT GOD.—Psalm 139.
PRINTED TEXT, Ps. 139: 1-12, 23, 24

GOLDEN TEXT.—If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14: 23.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—We are not able to ascertain when this psalm was written, though its title makes it to be a product of the time of King David.

Place.—There is nothing in the pslam to indicate at what place it was first written.

In this lesson we have the opportunity of considering a subject which has almost fallen out of modern thought, i.e. God's perfect knowledge of all a man's deeds, even of his inner life. Nowhere are the great attributes of God — his omniscience, his omnipresence, his omnipotence — set forth so strikingly as they are in this magnificent psalm. Nowhere is there a more overwhelming sense of the fact that man is beset and compassed about by God, pervaded by his Spirit; and yet nowhere is there a more emphatic assertion of the personality of man as distinct from, not absorbed in, the Deity. In this psalm, the power of conscience, the sense of sin and of responsibility, are felt and acknowledged, and prayer is offered to One who is not only the Judge, but the Friend.

His Perfect Knowledge

The first section of the psalm is a declaration and confession on the part of the psalmist of God's absolute omniscience, acknowledging that God knows all things including the psalmists's own life and thoughts and deeds. 1. O Jehovah, thou has searched me, and known me. 2. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off. 3. Thou searchest out my path and my lying down, And art acquainted with all my ways. 4. For there is not a word in my tongue, But lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether. 5. Thou hast beset me behind and before, And laid thy hand upon me.

Jehovah knows every individual thoroughly; knows, with first-hand knowledge, as the result of personal search and tracing and testing. The hand suggests the sweet sense of companionship; the ministry of soothing; and the ministry of guidance. 6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain unto it. Our mind has no line with which to measure the Infinite. Do we therefore question? Say, rather, that we therefore believe and adore.

His Omnipresence

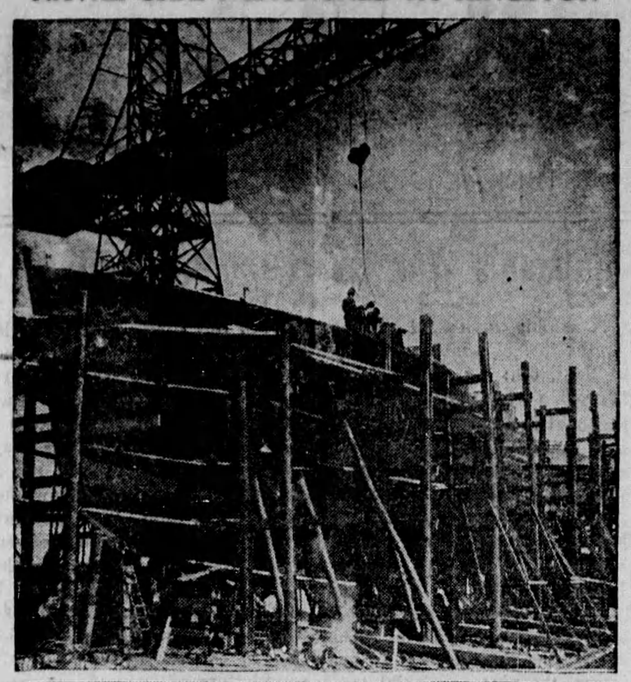
As man's thoughts can never be hidden from God, who knows all things, so now the psalmist declares that man cannot hide himself from God, no matter in which direction he might flee, for God is everywhere present in the world.

7. Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8. If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there. 9. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10. Even there shall thy hand lead me, And thy right hand shall hold me. 11. If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me, And the light about me shall be night; 12. Even the darkness hideth not from thee, But the night shineth as the day: The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Abhorrence of Wickedness

In the 19th verse the psalmist switches abruptly from contemplation of the divine to express a hope that righteous vengeance will overtake the wicked. Yet the psalmist does not think of himself as incapable of sinning in his own life — he is suddenly overwhelmed with a new longing to be utterly clean from any possible sin in his own inner life. And thus he brings his marvellous confession of God's omniscience and omnipresence to a close, with a personal prayer that God would make his own life what it ought to be in the light of these truths. 23. Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts. 24. And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. The psalmist felt that what he wanted was a guide, who would take him by the hand, and hold him up when he was ready to fall, along the rugged journey of life, or on the brink of a dangerous precipice. "Lead me in the way everlasting."

NAVAL CRAFT LAUNCHED AT KINGSTON



The latest war vessel to hit the water at Canadian shipyards, the corvette-type vessel Napanee is shown (top) on the ways at Kingston, Ont., a few minutes before she slipped into the water in a "side-launching." The new vessel was christened by Mrs. Angus Macdonald, wife of Canada's minister of naval affairs. At all Canadian shipyards that are building naval vessels, experts of the R.C.N. are on hand to give advice and supervise the work. Lieut. James Child, shipbuilding engineer, is shown (bottom) discussing a fine point of construction with Assistant Superintendent Dougald MacCorquodale (centre) and John Greig, shipfitter.

Confucius Was Born 2,942 Years Ago

China, on August 27 commemorated the 2,492nd anniversary of the birth of Confucius, venerated for centuries as the "perfect sage of 10,000 generations."

Traditional ceremonies at the birthplace at Chufu, in Shantung Province, and at Chungking's Confucian temple were denied Chinese patriots this year, for Chufu is in Japanese hands and the Chungking temple was smashed by Japanese bombs last month.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

VISIT FROM THE KING

During a recent visit to the Overseas Division of the British Broadcasting Corporation, the King and Queen spent some minutes chatting with Gerald Wilmot and Gerard Arthur, Canadian announcers who are now in England with the Overseas Unit of the CBC.

The King recalled that he had first discovered Mr. Wilmot through hearing his voice from a bush where he lay concealed while giving a commentary for Canadian listeners on a visit by His Majesty to Canadian Forces in an English camp.

Their Majesties met many representatives of the British Dominions and Colonies, and watched the preparation of news bulletins and programs in many foreign languages, as well as English.

NOTES AND NEWS

Edward G. Robinson has returned to Hollywood from Pebble Beach where he spent a two weeks' vacation, and he is now working on preliminary arrangements for his "Big Town" program, which will begin its fourth year over the Columbia network in October. Robinson cancelled a proposed trip to South America this summer.

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Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians, who will soon be leaving for out-of-town engagements, play "the sweetest music this side of heaven" in their regular CBS program from New York. On September 16 the Lombardos will be heard from Chicago and on September 23 they will broadcast from Cleveland.

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The Southernaires, NBC's ace Negro male quartet that is heard from CKOC each Sunday morning at 10.30, have just been made honorary members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

This famous group is the only professional quartet so honoured. Several chapters of this society actually came to be formed as a result of inspiration from the Southernaires broadcasts.

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When Gwynne Evans, president of the Evans Coffee Company in St. Louis, offered to pay the expenses of a trip to New York for the winner of a contest in his radio show—he certainly got more than he bargained for. The winner turned out to be six members of a harmonica band, but Gwynne kept his promise.

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And then there is the script girl from the Buffalo studio that was telling her girl pals—"I was out with the big noise from the studio last night!" "The president?" she was asked. "Of course not, the sound-effects man!"

Spiders Possess Huge Appetites

Consume Equivalent of Entire Fat Ox for Breakfast, Judging by Human Standards

The spider is one of the most successful animals in the struggle for existence. It has adapted itself to life under almost every condition, in all latitudes and in all temperatures.

Spiders vary very much in size, from the tiny garden spider to a South American form that preys on humming birds.

It is hard to account for the fear so many people have of spiders. They are valuable animals which do a lot of good. All degrees of development can be found amongst spiders, from the hunting variety to the web-spinning garden spider, which snares a plentiful supply of food with its beautiful geometric web. An insect destroyer, the spider demands respect. Its appetite is insatiable.

COULD BE COMMERCIALIZED

A well-known scientist has stated that a man, eating at the same rate as a spider, would require a "whole fat ox for breakfast, an ox and five sheep for dinner, two bullocks, and eight sheep and four hogs for supper, and just before retiring nearly four barrels of fresh fish."

The question of food has so far prevented much use of the spider's silk for commercial purposes. Gloves have been made, and are said to be more durable than those made of silk spun by the silk-worm; but the feeding is a serious item.

Farm Notes . . .

Practical Asset — A Root Cellar

As in Eastern Canada from early pioneer days, the root cellar in the Prairie Provinces has proved one of the most practical means of preserving and storing farm vegetable crops. Among the many methods in use, the root cellar has the advantage of low cost and simplicity of construction. Old lumber and materials on hand may be utilized wherever possible. To show how a substantial root cellar may be made, the Agricultural Engineering Division of the Dominion Experimental Station at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, has drawn up simple and effective plans for the construction of a root cellar, which are given in a recently issued Farmers' Bulletin entitled "A Practical Farm Root Cellar." It can be obtained by writing to Publicity and Extension Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Ideal Location

Important factors upon which the measure of success of storing vegetables depends are the location of the cellar, temperature, humidity, and ventilation. The ideal location for a root cellar is on the side of a hill. This will ensure proper drainage away from the cellar and prevent water from accumulating during run-off periods. By having a south entrance, sunshine and air may be admitted which will help to keep the vegetables in a dry condition. Vegetables, especially potatoes, should not be exposed to very much light as it tends to spoil them for table use.

Best Temperature

The best temperature for the storage of vegetables is between 35 and 40 degrees F. However, in the case of potatoes better storage is obtained when the temperature is kept around 60 degrees for the first two weeks. At such temperature, tissue injury that may have occurred at harvesting will heal more rapidly.

Production of crude petroleum in Canada was increased in April to 634,869 barrels, as compared with 570,131 barrels in March, and 559,368 in April 1939. Output during the four months ended April totalled 2,347,445, as compared with 1,835,983 in the same period of 1939.

Blindfold Artists

Here's an amusing party game to try:

Cards and pencils are passed to the contestants, and the lights are snapped off. Then, in absolute darkness the players are asked to draw a horse. When this is done, they are told to draw a rider on him; then to draw a feed box for the horse; and lastly, to print "Oats" on the box.

When the lights are flashed back on there will be many astounding pictures exhibited!

The manufacture of machinery is the biggest industry in the United States.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

THE secret of silk leaked out in A. D. 552, when two Persian monks visiting in China, concealed silkworms' eggs and mulberry leaves in a hollow staff and smuggled them into their own country

NEXT: Does our food just slide down when we swallow?

MAP OF EMERALD ISLE

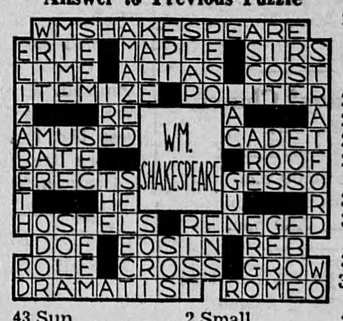
HORIZONTAL

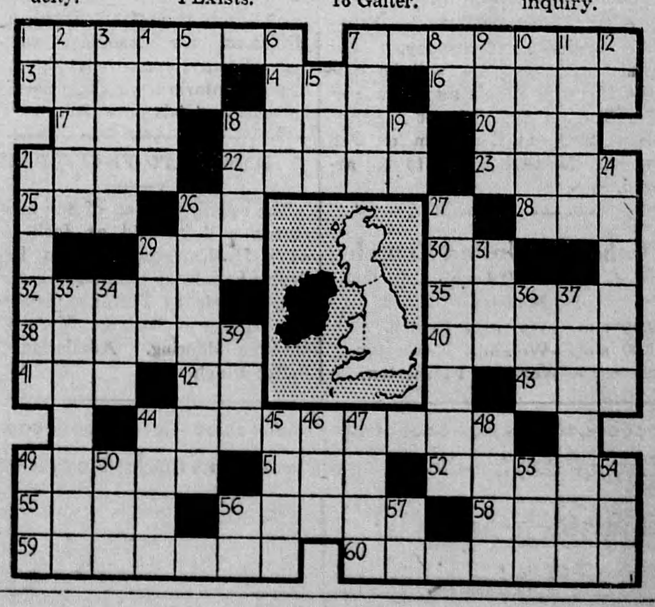
1 Pictured is the map of ——.
7 It has a large center —— or table-land.
13 Auto body.
14 Monkey.
16 Waterfalls.
17 Cover.
18 To emit vapor.
20 Unit of work.
21 Crime.
22 Antiquated
23 Bartered.
25 Part of a drama.
26 South America.
28 Field.
29 Perched.
30 Preposition.
32 To eject.
35 Lights.
38 Opposed to wholesale.
40 To habituate.
41 Devoured.
42 Ancient Egyptian deity.
43 Sun.
44 Loss.
49 Pays one's part.
51 Constellation.
52 Lukewarm.
55 Not common.
56 Condition.
58 To increase in price.
59 It has a mild ——.
60 This land's chief river.

VERTICAL

1 Exists.
2 Small memorial.
3 Decree.
4 To drain.
5 Form of "a."
6 Granted facts.
7 Tiny vegetables.
8 Dye.
9 Cravats.
10 To register.
11 Nook.
12 You and me.
15 Footlike part.
18 Gaiter.
19 Myself.
21 This country's prime minister de ——.
24 Maiden.
26 Ironies.
27 Prominent.
29 Mineral spring.
31 Light brown.
33 Pertaining to the retina.
34 Indian.
36 Genus of rodents.
37 Conditional stipulation.
39 Upright shaft.
44 To opine.
45 To value.
46 Deity of war.
47 Door rugs.
48 Gull.
49 Circle part.
50 Three.
53 Metal fastener
54 Man's reading room.
56 Street (abbr.).
57 Sound of inquiry.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





POP — Sleeping Time Up to the Minister

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