SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON III

THE SLIGHTED INVITATION.—Luke 14 : 15-35.

PRNTED TEXT, Luke 14 : 15-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Come; for all things are now ready. Luke 14: 17.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—January, A.D. 30.

Place.—Somewhere in Peraea, the province of Palestine, opposite Judaea, on the Eastern side of the Jordan River.

In this lesson we have revealed to us the remarkable ability of the Lord Jesus to teach the profoundest spiritual truths in the simplest form, in stories, in parables and in sentences which are so vivid and picturesque that they stay in our minds all the years of our life. We remember far more of what Jesus said than of what Paul said. This is one of the ways in which Jesus manifests himself as a teacher come from God. No man ever spoke as he spoke.

Our Lord is here dining as a guest in the home of a Pharisee; he has just finished his remarkable discourse on the importance of one taking a humble place when invited to dinner, when, because of a superficially pious exclamation of one sitting nearby at the feast, He was led to give His famous parable of the Great Supper. Our Lord here is going to show how feasts held in our homes are pictures, we might say, of a greater and more important feast to which all men are invited by the grace of God, a spiritual feast, if partaken of, will bestow benefits for all eternity.

The Great Supper

Luke 14: 15. "And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God." This was an edifying remark made by one of the Pharisee guests in an effort to turn the converastion from what was personal and profitable to a vague generality which touched nobody. 16. "But he said unto him, A certain man made a great supper; and he bade many. 17. And he sent forth his servant at supper time to say to them that they were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. "The custom in our Lord's day in inviting friends to a dinner was first to issue a general invitation to them, without specifying the exact time for the banquet, and then, when the banquet was all ready, to send out a servant who would announce ot all the previously invited guests that everything was ready for their coming. It is inferred here that the preparation by Christ of the spiritual feast was made in a similar manner, and a similar invitation issued to it.

They Make Excuses

18. "And they all with one consent began to make excuse." These people ought to have excused themselves, if they wished, when the first invitation came. Their begging off now was breaking their promise; and the excuses were transparently worthless. 18. "The first said unto him, I have bought a field, and I must needs go out and see it; I pray thee have me excused. 19. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. 20. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." The point of this story is that these men thought more of property, the pressure of business and the pleaures of home, than they did of the privilege of being the guests of one who had invited them. Of how many men in their prime do these men stand as the representatives; men so engrossed in the business or pursuits of the world that they positively do not know that God had any claims upon their time,—so busy with their affairs that it never once occurs to them that there are other objects for the sake of which these things could be for a time laid aside.

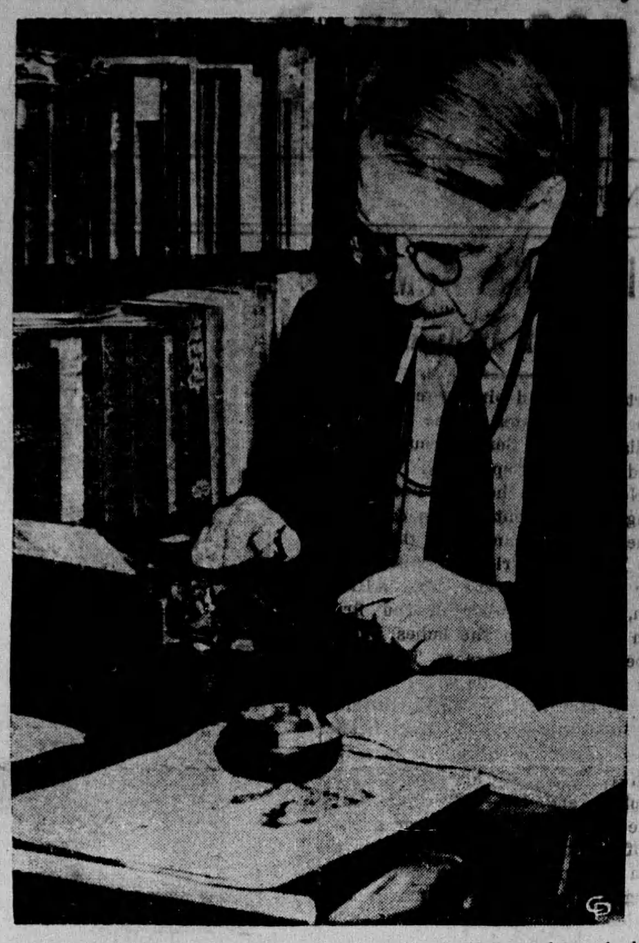
The Second Invitation

21. "And the servant came, and told his Lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and maimed and blind and lame." Those referred to in this verse, people who received the second invitation, are certainly those Jews who might be called the publicans and sinner, the unrighteous who did not observe the law. The blind had no field to view, the lame could not go along behind his oxen, the maimed had no wife who could have hindered him from coming; only the feelin of poverty could have held them back. 22. "And the servant said, Lord, what thou didst command is done, and yet there is room."

In Highways and Hedges

23. "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and can train them to come in, that my house may be filled." Here of course the invitation is extended to those outside the city which would seem to point to the Gentiles, to those who never had the Law. The giver of the feast expects that these houseless dwellers in the open will hold themselves so u worthy of the invitation as hardly to be persuaded that it was intended for them. 24. "For I say unto you, that none of these men that were bidden shall taste of my supper." Thus far Christ uses love as a compelling power to persuade men to accept the invitation offered in the Gospel. Now, in one short concluding sentence, He tries to appeal with a warning to the hearts of those who have not thus far yielded to Him. Think not to gain admission to the banquet after the door is shut.

Dean of Canadian Letters Celebrates 81st Birthday



Sir Charles G. D. Roberts, dean of Canadian letters, is shown in his Toronto study as he celebrated his 81st birthday last week.

Merry Bells

Chimes are barred in Britain, to be rung only in case of invasion. But not so in less threatened parts of the world. In Glendale, Ohio, the birth of a child is announced by chiming out familiar nursery rhymes on the bells of Christ Episcopal Church. "Little Jack Horner," when boys are born, and "Mary Had a Little Lamb," for girls. It may be some time before we hear our town criers again, but in Provincetown, Mass., the crier still trudges his round through the streets, ringing a five-pound dinner-bell while he announces village news, weather forecasts, church suppers, sales, markets, and anything unusual which may interest the local people.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

TRY FOR PRIZES

The two hit shows of the Canadian air lanes are now brought to Ontario listeners by CKOC, for each Saturday night from 1120 on the radio dial, you can enjoy "Sweet and Swing" and "Share the Wealth," starting at eight o'clock.

"Sweet and Swing" is a smartly styled novelty program with personality, punch and rhythm—served up by talented Canadian bands in a style that is at once pleasing and original. Then, too, you might win some of the one hundred dollars prize. If you know tunes.

"Share the Wealth" is an exciting quizz program conducted by Bert Pearl, diminutive Happy Gang comic and Hugh Bartlett, one of the better Canadian announcers. This is strictly a Share - the - Wealth program—last season forty five hundred dollars in prizes given away to folks throughout Ontario. See what you know and how much you can win!

You get both these features by dialling 1120 on your radio, next Saturday evening at eight (daylight).

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AROUND THE DIAL

From WBEN at Buffalo you get a solid hour of top-flight entertainment on Tuesday nights when "The Battle of the Sexes" and "Fibber McGee and Molly" are on the air. At nine (standard) each Tuesday evening Frank Crummit and Julia Sanderson present their quizz — Battle of the Sexes — one of the best features of this type on the radio, and it brings fun, knowledge and enjoyment to thousands of listeners.

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Then at 9.30 (standard) Fibber McGee and Molly take the stage. With McGee's tall stories, and the other fast moving features of this show — sixty minutes of gold star showmanship are offered to radio fans everywhere.

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One of the Columbia chain's best shows is heard from CFRB at Toronto each Wednesday night at nine (daylight), when Big Town is featured. With Edward G. Robinson and Ona Munson in the lead roles — this show takes you through the breathless adventures of the metropolis newspaper world, as criminals are hunted and jailed.

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A dreamy show that breathes romance is offered by WGR each Saturday midnight, when "Hawaii Calls." This show comes from over the blue Pacific, from the land of sunny beaches and waving palms — and offers a restful interlude in this hectic world. You'll like this one.

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Mart Kenney has a smart new dance program that will be heard over the CBC chain every Friday evening at 9.45 "Sweet and Low" is the name of the program, and that phase aptly describes it. Kenney topped all Canadian bands in the 1940 radio poll and his capable soloists, and his vocal trio, are worth fifteen minutes of anyone's time.

Farm Notes . . .

Storage of Ice For Farm Use

There are several methods of storing ice on the farm. There is the ordinary ice house, the still more elaborate insulated ice house, and the "ice-well" which is used in many parts of the West for making ice during the cold weather and then utilizing the space over the ice for cooling purposes during the summer months. Full details of construction along with illustrated specifications of the three methods are given in the farmers' bulletin "Simple Methods for the Storage of Ice" which may be obtained free from Publicity and Extension Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

The storage of a few blocks of ice for summer use is a very simple matter where ice is available. Any unoccupied corner of a shed will serve the purpose. A rough board enclosure, ten feet square by eight feet high, will hold enough ice to provide 50 pounds per day for 130 days, after allowing for a reasonable amount of wastage. The smaller the quantity stored, the larger the proportion of waste. The bottom of the enclosure should be covered with about one foot of sawdust. If the soil underneath is impervious clay, it will be all the better if there are several inches of gravel under the sawdust.

If it is necessary to erect a special ice house, the roughest kind of a shed that will keep out the weather is all that is necessary. Poles may be driven into the ground and lined on the inside with rough lumber or slabs, leaving a space of about three-eighths of an inch between each board, and the whole covered with a roof to keep out the rain.

Plan No. 1 in the bulletin shows the construction of a building with 2 x 4 inch studding, lined with rough lumber inside, and a space of three-eighths of an inch left between each board.

Plan No. 2 gives full specifications for the insulated ice house, and Plan No. 3 for the ice well.

Hunger Makes Good Sauce

If Your Child Won't Eat, We've Some Tips For You

Your child may not be eating well by the time he is three years old and even his 20 minutes of "grace" so frequently recommended before the lunch is removed will not hurry him and away goes the plate with Jackie unfed. Why won't he eat?

Doctors recommend a change of food. Some stomachs, it is true, cannot digest this and that food, and certain things will disagree with Jackie which Kay can digest by the plateful.

With all that, however, Jack needs to get into the habit of being hungry for the good, wholesome general diet prescribed for any child of his age. In other words, he must develop the "habit" of eating.

And how is any habit set? By stimulating interest. Over-solicitation may be very undoing. He may set interest in your pleading above the important one of eating.

"Sameness" palls on children, too. They enjoy a little catering to as much as adults. Food needs to be appetizing and tasty and nice looking.

If all these things are taken care of and the doctor says he's quite healthy, try letting him get good and hungry — it's very good sauce.

Soo Experiences Record Shipping

More Freight Went Through The Locks In 1940 Than In Any Year Since 1929

Freight shipments through the Soo locks in 1940 were the greatest since the big shipping year of 1929.

The annual lock report of the United States army engineers office showed that 89,858,319 tons of freight were shipped.

BIG IRON ORE SHIPMENTS

This total was a 29-per cent increase over 1939, when 69,850,262 tons were shipped, and compared to the aggregate of 92,622,017 for 1929.

The 1940 season produced a record for iron ore shipments with a tonnage of 66,177,996. The previous record was 65,616,328 in 1937. In 1939 the tonnage was 46,803,691.

As there was plenty of tobacco but a shortage of pipes during the bombardment of Alexandria in 1832, an Egyptian soldier had a brain-wave and made the first cigarette.

A portable electric chair, now being constructed in the United Sttaes, is intended for transport to county towns where condemned criminals are awaiting execution.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

ANSWER: Falconry, the sport, or art, of hunting with falcons. This practice was begun some 4000 years ago, as a sport of kings, and still has its followers in various countries.

A MYTHICAL BEAUTY

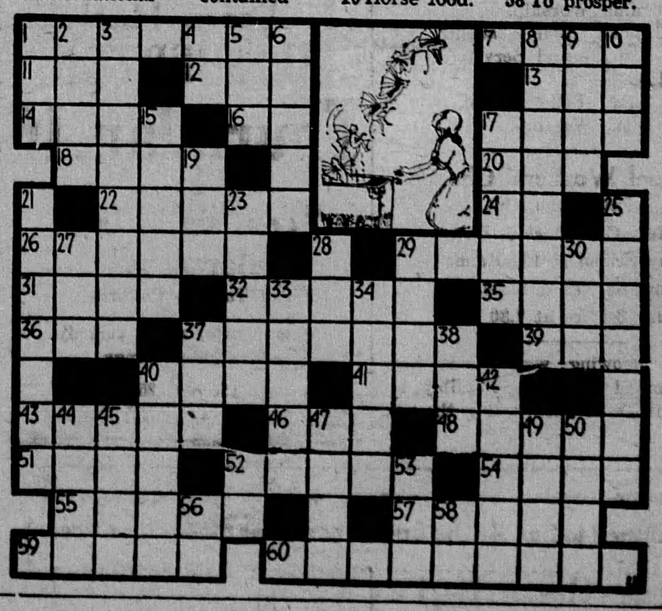
HORIZONTAL

1 Beautiful woman to whom Zeus gave a closed box.
7 Her story is in the Greek ——s.
11 Bugle plant.
12 To perch.
13 Constellation.
14 Careens.
16 Indian mulberry.
17 Three.
18 Indentation.
20 Poem.
22 Becomes delapidated.
24 North America.
26 To quench.
29 To snicker.
31 Cook.
32 Natural magic
35 Crystal gazer.
36 Copper.
37 The cat family.
39 International sea distress signal.
40 Festival.
41 Has.
43 Lighted coal.
46 Bucket.
48 The aforesaid thing.
51 To opine.
52 Goddess of vegetation.
54 Cut of meat.
55 One that names.
57 To trim.
59 The box contained —— ills.
60 Her —— forced her to open the box.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

1 Hole.
2 Greedy.
3 Table linens.
4 Bone.
5 Inlet.
6 Book of maps.
8 Coal miners' payments.
9 Oak.
10 Horse food.
15 Pulverized tobacco.
17 Lifting device.
19 Sesame.
21 These ills —— over the earth.
23 Stair post.
25 Paraphrase.
27 Definite article.
28 Snow glider.
29 To chew.
30 Lion.
33 Winged.
34 Clay house.
37 Distant.
38 Finish.
40 Bud.
42 Fodder vats.
44 Bill of fare.
45 Ray.
47 Hindi dialect.
49 Convex moldings.
50 Faint color.
52 Credit.
53 Monkey.
56 Half an em.
58 To prosper.



POP — Astronomy That Rises the Prof

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