SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON II
CHRISTIANITY EXPANDS IN ASIA.—Acts 19:1—21:17.
PRINTED TEXT
Acts 19:8-10, 23-32.

GOLDEN TEXT.—So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed. Acts 19:20.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—The chronology of the Apostle Paul's life is a subject in which great differences of opinion are held, but we may date the events of our lesson, approximately, A.D. 54 to 58.

Place.—The great city of Ephesus was on the western coast of Asia Minor, Miletus being about 20 miles below. Troas was on the same coast, though far north. The cities of Tyre and Caesarea were in Syria.

In this lesson we have another illustration of the profound truth, which is continually emphasized in the narrative of the Book of Acts, that the gospel of the Kingdom of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ, must face a host of antagonistic forces — false philosophies, pagan and sensual religions, the power of sin in the human heart, and the selfishness of human nature itself. These must all be overcome if the gospel is to conquer, and conquer it did in these great events here recorded.

Paul in Ephesus

Ephesus was one of the greatest cities of the ancient world. The first experience of Paul in Ephesus of which we have record is his meeting with a group of disciples, the followers of the teachings of John the Baptist, a situation similar to that in which Aquila and Priscilla found Apollos, in the section immediately preceding the opening paragraph of our lesson. Acts 19:8. "And he entered into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, reasoning and persuading as to the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9. But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10. And this continued for the space of two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks." Paul's ministry here was marked by special thoroughness of teaching, due probably to his experience of errors among his earlier converts; by extraordinary miraculous attestations, which seem to have been intended specifically to offset and overcome the power of magic and sorcery in Ephesus; by varied and widespread success, so that through the entire province his influence extended; by fierce opposition, of which the exciting demonstration caused by Demetrius was only one, and probably not the most serious; and finally by constant attention to the difficulties existing in distant churches, the care of which pressed upon him daily. The details of Paul's life in Ephesus would furnish a story of physical, intellectual and spiritual activity, marvellous for its intensity and versatility.

Paul Preaches Against Diana

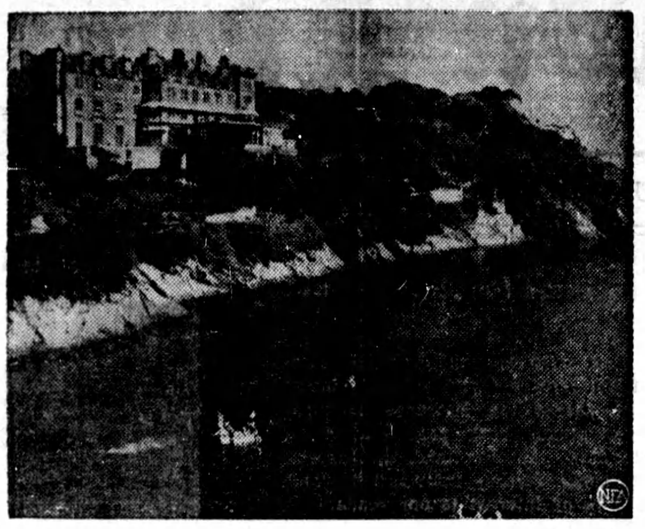
At the end of three years, Luke tells us, Paul determined in his heart that he must leave for Jerusalem, and then proceed to Rome. Paul struck at all the great cities he could reach in the Roman Empire, at least north of the Mediterranean, and the greatest of these was Rome, which he had not yet seen.

"23. And about that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way. 24. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no little business unto the craftsmen; 25. whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this business we have our wealth. 26. And ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they are no gods, that are made with hands: 27. and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana be made of no account, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. 28. And when they heard this they were filled with wrath, and cried out, saying Great is Diana of the Ephesians. 29. And the city was filled with the confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theatre, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel. 30. And when Paul was minded to enter in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. 31. And certain also of the Asiarchs, being his friends, sent unto him and besought him not to adventure himself into the theatre. 32. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was in confusion; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together."

Their Concern Is Money

Suddenly the whole city of Ephesus was inflamed and rising against the apostle and the disciples, because so many were turning in disgust from the temple worship of Diana, and were no longer buying images either to offer as sacrifices or to carry home with them as objects of worship. The silversmiths who grew rich on this kind of traffic were afraid their business would be lost, and they would be deprived of their large incomes. These silversmiths cared nothing for the truth of the religion their shrines represented but, their concern being money, they were determined that this man must either be put out of the city, or be put to death. What an acknowledgment of the power of the gospel, that the whole city should be in such an uproar over the message of one Jew, by the name of Paul concerning a crucified person by the name of Jesus! One thing the authorities couldn't do was to "laugh off" this gospel message, for it was actually transforming the lives of great multitudes of Ephesian citizens and visitors, and everyone in Ephesus knew it.

Rich Fugitives Live in Bomb-free English Resort



"You'd never know there was a war on" is a conversational bromide around the luxurious Imperial Hotel, above, at Torquay, famed English Channel pleasure resort.

Canada Builds Big Warships

Rank Between Destroyer and Cruiser in Size

Munitions Minister Howe told a group of 10 United States newspaper women visiting the capital recently that Canada now is constructing a naval craft which ranks in size "between a destroyer and a cruiser."

He declined to disclose the tonnage of the vessels which he said were "long-range and larger than the usual destroyer," nor did he disclose the number under construction.

"Those now under construction will be launched about the end of 1942," the minister said. One of the newspaper women asked if the ships would be used for convoy duty and he said they would be "useful for that purpose but will be used for patrol work off the coast."

Mr. Howe some time ago announced it was planned to launch a destroyer-construction program in Canada and that British technical experts were coming to the Dominion to help get it under way.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

REPORTS of the U. S. Forest Service for the year 1936 show that about 90 per cent of the acreage burned over by forest fires was unprotected land. Approximately 187,122,400 acres of nationally owned land is under protection of organized fire control systems, but millions of acres of private and state-owned forest areas are not.

NEXT: What would happen if the earth stopped moving in its orbit?

SCOUTING...

A former Boy Scout of Brockville and Ottawa, Scoutmaster of the Rothesay School, N.B., and a Rhodes scholar, Sub.-Lt. A. G. C. Whalley, of the R.C.N.V.R., was credited with the saving of three seamen when the destroyer Mashona was sunk by dive bombers following the destruction of the German battleship Bismarck. Ieut. Whalley dived from the deck of the destroyer Tartar to take a life-line to the men, who were thus brought aboard. Sub.-Lt. Whalley is the son of Very Rev. A. F. C. Whalley, himself a former Scoutmaster.

The part being played by Chinese Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in the war-transplanted life of that country, and the value of Scouting and Guiding in helping shape the character of the boys and girls of future China are acknowledged by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek in her recent book.

Writes the Chinese President's wife: "When we came to this river we were met by a procession of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. I was surprised to see them in this far-away part of Western China, yet we encountered them everywhere. The Boy Scout uniform is now part and parcel of the student life of China, no matter how far or in what direction one may travel.

"I have seen them here in sight of the snow-clad mountains of Tibet, away in the north-west near the burning sands of the Gobi Desert, in the loess regions of Kansu, in the tropics of Yunnan, in the remote Kewichow, and everywhere through the vast provinces from North to South China.

"They should have tremendous influence in time to come upon the character of our people, especially the illiterate ones, so you boys and girls must always be 'good Scouts.'"

Improve Your Conversation

Here Are Some Suggestions On How To Do It

Tips on conversation are offered by Ruth Millet who believes that the average person (and that includes the majority of us) hasn't a chance of becoming a witty or a brilliant conversationalist, in spite of the claims of all the "how to" books.

It is possible to improve the quality of conversation in general, she believes. Remember these do's and don'ts (it's surprising how few people do remember them) and your talk will be interesting enough and of a high enough quality to get you by without irritating or boring your friends, she advises. To begin with, don't feel that when two persons are together for several hours one of them has to be talking every minute. Learn not to be embarrassed by silences. The person who isn't afraid of occasional silences is a restful person to have around.

Don't grab the conversational ball the moment your opponent drops or fumbles it. If you pick it up throw it back to him once. That is, if your companion is telling a story, don't wait eagerly for him to pause long enough for you to say, "That reminds me"—and plunge into a story of your own. Ask him a question, or make a comment on his story when he's finished. He thinks it is worth that much of your attention, or he wouldn't have bothered to tell it.

Steer clear of talking about your health, your husband's or wife's health, your children's health, your parent's health.

Keep your stories as short as you can make them. Remember how pleased you always are when an after-dinner speaker talks for two minutes and then sits down.

Don't bother too much about details. The "let's see, was it Monday or was it Tuesday" stuff drives anybody crazy.

Don't tell a story that doesn't have any point. If your stories always seem to ramble and fall flat at the end, try writing them out—ond you'll be able to discover why.

Following this advice won't make your talk sparkle. But if you follow it, your talk will be good enough to get you by.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

"BETWEEN OURSELVES"

Comment on world events, histories of famous regiments, and stories about famous musicians, artists and statesmen come within the wide scope of R. B. Farrell, whose talks, "Between Ourselves" are a feature of CBC'S network at 12.15 p.m. on Sundays.

Born in Halifax, N.S., Mr. Farrell was educated in England and at Dalhousie University in the Maritimes. During the World War No. 1, he served first in the Canadian Navy, then as a recruiting officer throughout Canada, and as an infantry officer in England and France. After the war he did a great deal of work for the Federal Department of Labour before going into journalism, (he is now Associate Editor of the Ottawa Journal). This varied career may in part account for the wide scope of his broadcast talks.

During the past four months, Mr. Farrell has received more than twenty-five thousand letters from listeners. These came from all parts of the continent, from the North-West Territories and the Yukon and from below Canada's southern borders — from housewives and archbishops, from soldiers, and even from inmates of prisons. A large number come from the United States, although American networks do not carry Mr. Farrell's talks.

These talks are haerd in this part of Ontario from CBY and CKOC.

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AROUND THE DIAL

Fair warning to sourdoughs, Eskimos, trappers, and other residents of the territory of Alaska! The Yukon won't be the same next month . . . Henry Morgan, WOR's wacky humorist, leaves New York on a three-week vacation June 29th and he's going to Alaska.

No fooling! Morgan really is taking his vacation in Alaska!

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Jim and Vera, who are really songstress Vera Holly and Jim Frieling of the Three Treys, have moved up to a new Monday afternoon spot on WBEN's schedule—12:45 o'clock.

This is a song-and-patter program in which two favorite WBEN singers clown a bit, sing some of the day's top songs and toss a few "gags."

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Comedians Lou Abbott and Bud Costello whom you recently saw in the film "Buck Privates," have gone into the cauliflower business with the purchase of Ritchie Fontaine, promising lightweight contender. They join numerous other radio and film folks who have done the same thing. Al Jolson, Dick Powell, Bing Crosby and others all have a fighter under contract. Usually it's a "break" for the fighter in that being "owned" by a big film or radio name helps him get fights.

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Trivia: Swing-catt Benny Goodman is much in demand for "Long Hair" dates as featured clarinet soloist with various high class symphony orks . . . Ork-leader Anson Weeks lost the use of his right arm in auto crash . . . Austrian tenor Richard Tauber is now giving concerts in England . . . Radio news-spieler Raymond Gram Swing is enroute to England for first hand dope.

Refrigerator Care In Summertime

Absolute cleanliness in handling and storing foods becomes more important as the weather becomes hotter. Refrigerators should be kept spotless. Wipe up spilled foods immediately. Keep an eye on leftover foods; don't allow them to remain in the ice box too long. Besides ordinary daily care, give the box a complete cleaning at least once a week with lukewarm suds and a clear rinse.

BOAT BUILDER

HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured inventor of a war vessel.
13 Shoe.
14 Ratite bird.
15 Hammer.
16 Black.
17 To lift up.
19 Couple.
21 Pile of fabric.
22 His boat had revolving ——
24 Fish eggs.
25 Swamp.
26 Additional message (abbr.).
28 Surmises.
31 Dispositions.
34 Brads.
35 Stormed.
36 Hole for a shoelace.
38 Fuel basket.
39 Sneaky.
40 Ell.
41 Battering machine.
44 To splutter.
49 Varnish ingredient.
51 Long aperture.
53 Magistrate.
54 Shoe bottom.
55 Street car.
57 Yes.
58 Emanation.
59 Name of his boat.
60 His type boat is used for coast ——.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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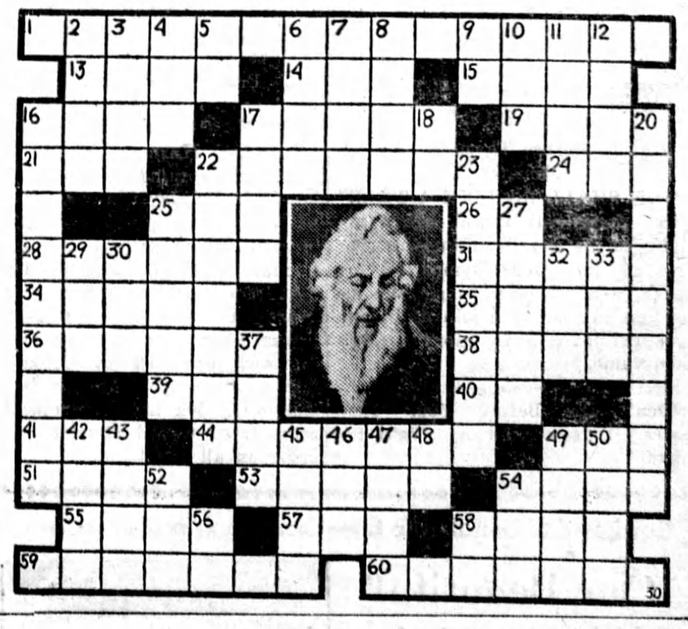
ORANGE

VERTICAL

2 Father.
3 Boat deck.
4 2000 pounds.
5 In.
6 Stingy.
7 Arabian commander.
8 Trick.
9 Court (abbr.).
10 To soak up.
11 To fly.
12 Potpourri.
16 He was a Swedish —— (pl.).
17 Carpets.
18 And.
20 His —— was in America.
22 Stone supports.
23 Sprinkler.
25 Gongs.
27 To speak crossly.
29 No.
30 Sound of disgust.
32 Bugle plant.
33 Encountered.
37 A model.
42 Singing voice.
43 Morning.
45 Armadillo.
46 Your.
47 Touched with toes.
48 Noun ending.
49 Bereft.
50 Exclamation.
52 Japanese fish.
54 To woo.
56 Mountain (abbr.).
58 Africa (abbr.).



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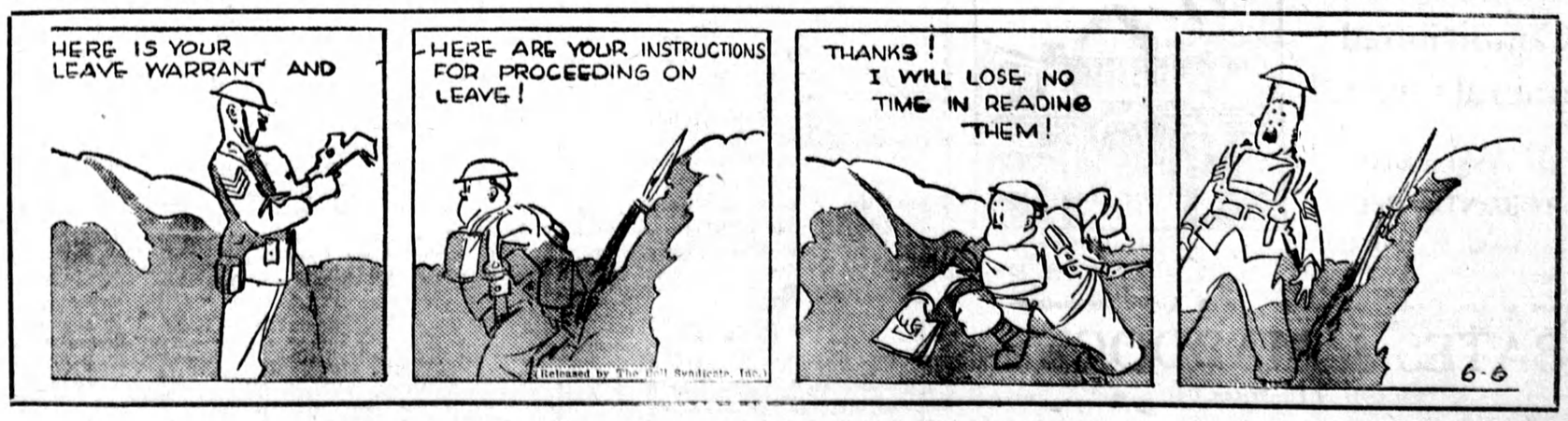
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