SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON II.

THE INFANCY AND BOYHOOD OF JESUS. — Matthew 1, 2; Luke 1, 2.

PRINTED TEXT, Luke 2: 25-38, 39, 40.

GOLDEN TEXT. — Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:52.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time. The annunciation to Joseph and to Mary probably took place in 6 B.C. Our Lord was born in the winter of 5-4 B.C. The visit to the Temple at Jerusalem, when Jesus was twelve years old, is thought to have occurred in April, A.D.. 8.

Place. — The annunciation to Joseph and Mary took place in Nazareth some seventy miles north of Jerusalem, where Jesus lived until He was a mature man. The birth of our Lord took place in Bethlehem six miles below Jerusalem. The circumcision of Christ, and all events connected with the Temple at the time of His birth, took place in Jerusalem. To what place in Egypt the holy family fled we do not know.

Adoration of Simeon

25. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26. And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27. And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law, 28. then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and saith, 29. Now lettest thou thy servant depart, Lord, According to thy word, in peace; 30. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31. Which thou has prepared before the face of all peoples; 32. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. 33. And his father and his mother were marvelling at the things which were spoken concerning him; 34. and Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel; and for a sign which is spoken against; 35. yea and a sword shall pierce thine own soul; that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." Nothing is known of this aged saint, except what is here recorded by Luke. He is described simply as righteous and devout, as looking for the Messiah, and as moved by the Holy Spirit to believe that he would not die before he had seen the Messiah. Guided by the Spirit to the courts of the Temple, he no sooner saw Jesus there, than the words of the famous Nunc Dimittis rose to his lips. Whilst Mary was wondering at the meaning of such words, Simeon turned to her and foretold the diverse results of the mission of Jesus. A stumbling block and an offense to some, it would be the inspiration of a new life to others; and with her own blessedness would mingle anguish unspeakable. In the issue the deepest needs of many souls would be excited and met and men's heats would be probed, enriched and satisfied. By what sign Simeon was taught of the spirit to recognize the child of Mary as Christ, we are not told. In his song Simeon does not pray for death, he thanks God for permitting him to see what many prophets and kings had desired to see and were not permitted, the salvation he had promised; and having seen it, he says that he is ready to go when God wills. The singular sweetness, the calm beauty of the song of Simeon has always been recognized and for ages it has entered into evening service of the church. Both the Anglican and the Roman Catholic churches have appointed it as a hymn at vespers, teaching us to live every day as if we knew it to be our last; and embracing Christ in faith, to thank God for Him and to be ready in peace to depart in him.

Growth of Jesus

39. "And when they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. 40. and the child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom: and the Grace of God was upon him." The Saviour of the world, God's Son Incarnate, grew up physically in the most normal way, with nothing to mar his bodily deveopment. In the same way, he grew up mentally, attaining more and more strength in mind, understanding and reasoning. The young lad attained more and more wisdom in the Biblical sense of the right knowledge of God and His salvation, coupled with its application to life. In the case of Jesus this included the realization of His own relation to God in connection with the saving thoughts of God.

A Normal Boy

In Luke 2: 41-52 is the only account we have of any event between the early childhood of Jesus in Nazareth and His baptism, which probably took place at the age of thirty. This is probably the first time that Jesus beheld the city of Jerusalem. It may be that He went up every year thereafter, but we do not know. And where would the Son of God be found? In the Temple of God, in the midst of the teachers, "both hearing them, and asking them questions." The entire text clearly implies that Jesus did not know everything when he was twelve years of age. He was a normal boy. He grew in wisdom. At the same time, we do not believe there was any actual ignorance in the mind of Jesus. He knew God perfectly as a boy of twelve. He also knew Him perfectly as a man of thirty. Furthermore, our Lord knew definitely at this time what He had come to earth to accomplish, just as He knew definitely throughout His life the purpose for which God had sent Him. His heart directed Him into what should have been the holiest place in the City of Jerusalem, open to one not a priest. By His conversation, He indicated that His life, even at this early age, was dominated by the will of His Father. Nevertheless, though He knew God, and knew Himself to be the Son of God, and the Messiah announced by the prophets, yet He returned to Nazareth with His parents, and remained obedient to them as a perfect boy.

The Individual Citizen's Army

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A Weekly Column About This and That In The Canadian Army

It's easy enough to figure out for yourself why the Army applies the nickname, "Dusty" to Private Miller or Corporal Rhodes, but it is a vastly different matter when you come to Sergeant Clark—or Colonel Clark—or even Lieutenant-General Clark, for that matter. All "Clarks" in the Army are called "Nobby" or "Knobby" according to the edudition of the sponsor.

Don't ask me why. I don't know. Furthermore, I don't think even Rudyard Kipling knew.

All this looks beside the point. But it isn't. It plays a part in the explanation of this column. You see the general idea of this weekly feature, which will come to you from all sorts of places where Canadians are training to play their part as men, is to tell John Citizen all—well, nearly all—about the Canadian Army.

"What do you mean, all about the Army?" asked a Brass Hat with whom I discussed the column. Never mind the rest of the conversation—the answer is in the preceding sentence and that answer is: "What is a Brass Hat?"

A "Brass Hat," paradoxicaly enough, may not have any brass (gold braid or leaves) on his hat at all. Generally speaking, though, a Brass Hat is a senior officer on the Staff. He may be recognized by colored "gorget patches" on his lapels and a band of the same color aound his cap which varies to the branch of the Staff to which he belongs.

We'll go into that detail later—it only came in here, like "Dusty" Rhodes, as an illustration or the sort of thing, amongst others, that this column will interest itself in from week to week.

By now, perhaps you are wondering how the title was chosen. Well, you see it was this way. Any time you want a name for a new baby, or a pup, or a column, you describe it to your friends, ask for their suggestions, discard them all—and choose a name yourself.

That's what happened in this case. One suggestion offered was, "Your Army." True enough, it is your Army and it's my Army—sometimes we don't realize our ownership and responsibility as much as we should. But one or two publisers thought that sounded too reminiscent of "My Day."

So it followed several other suggestions into the discard.

Then, a few nights ago, together with a dozen and a half other shivering reporters and cameramen, the Adjutant-General, the Chief of the Air Staff, some Air Force officers and ground crews who have to brave the weather regardless of rain and sleet, I watched a transport aircraft descend in the darkness at Ottawa. Out of the plane stepped Defence Minister Ralston, back from England. I remembered the legend that even on a 45-minute flight Colonel Ralston sits right down at a desk and works from start to finish of the trip.

What he must have been working on this time would be, obviously, a speech to be made in the House of Commons, the opening of which he had missed, by the way, because of bad weather encountered on his crossing from England. Forgetting new columns and their vexatious titles I decided I would go to the "House" when, as the Press Gallery men put it, "Ralston is up" and listen to the kind of speech that is prepared on a plane.

I did. So, I noticed, did a number of members who had been absent from the chamber until Col. Ralston started to speak. What he said covered many columns in the daily papers. That is what he said to you. But what he said to me was contained in one paragraph of Hansard—he gave me a title for this column. Here is the quotation which followed a reference to the work of civilian recruiting committees. Their work, he said, would "bring to all our citizens a keener appreciation of the fact that the Army is the individual citizen's army, and not an outside organization of which they know nothing and care less."

There was the title—"The Individual Citizen's Army," and here except for one more brief note, is your first column.

The brief note? Another paradox. All "Browns" in the Army are nicknamed "Buster"—except, and this must prove the rule, Major-General B. W. Brown, D.S.O., M.C., Adjutant-General, whose nickname is "Sam."

Canada Produces Most Aluminum

Canada's production of aluminum has increased five times since the start of the war, bringing her up from third to first place among the producing nations of the world, John Bassett, jr., told the Royal Montreal Club at a lunch recently. Mr. Bassett said the United States would not attain the Dominion production figure before March, 1942.

Before the war, he said, first place alternated between Germany and the United States. He observed, however, that Canada's output would not remain static when the U.S. regained premier production honors.

Mr. Bassett outlined the development of the aluminum industry on its present continent-wide scope, from the creolite sources of Greenland to the bauxite mines of British Guiana. In this connection he noted the great development of the Saguenay district which only 15 years ago was a farming area. Hydroelectric development in the Saguenay had today reached 1,250,000 h.p. with a potential output of 1,750,000 h.p. Just before the war, its output was 750,000 h.p.

Ball-Bearing Shells For Trench Mortars

Ball-bearing shells for trench mortars, enabling them to be fired on a flat trajectory instead of having to be lobbed high in the air, are outstanding among new patents announced by the U.S. Patent Office. They are the invention of General Amos A. Fries, former chief of the Army's Chemical Warfare Service, says Science Service.

FOREIGN MINISTER

China moves toward even closer co-operation with the United States with elevation of T. V. Soong, above, to foreign ministry. Soong is a long-time good friend of America.

Hitherto, trench mortar fire has had to be conducted at high angles—45 degrees or more—because of the friction offered by the shell as it was dropped into the barrel. Weapons of this type are loaded from the muzzle; the shell carries its propelling charge in a cartridge attached to its base, which is fired by a fixed pin at the bottom of the tube. By eliminating much of the friction with ball bearings, General Fries states, it now becomes possible to slide the shell down the tube at a very low angle, permitting the weapon to be used for direct instead of indirect fire.

Low-trajectory or direct fire is desirable, especially for action against tanks, rapidly moving troops in the open, and pillboxes with overhead protection but open firing ports which cannot be effectively reached by high-angle fire.

10 Rules On How To Save On Tires

27,000,000 Motorists in United States Told How To Save Rubber

The Office of Poduction Management of the United States has asked the country's 27,000,000 motorists to save rubber by using street cars and public buses where possibe, and to hold pleasure driving to a minimum.

The defense agency suggested that neighbors pool their automobiles, using only one to go to work, instead of several, and urged housewives to carry home small packages instead of asking the merchant to deliver them.

Where cars must be used, OPM asked observance of 10 rules to make tires last longer:

1. Have worn tires retreaded instead of buying new ones; the cost is usually about half that of a new tire, and will give about 80 per cent as much wear.
2. Cut out high speeds; tires will last twice as long at 40 miles an hour as at 60.
3. Inflate tires weekly to recommended levels. Never let pressure fall more than three pounds below recommended minimums.
4. Don't stop short or make jack-rabbit starts.
5. Avoid striking curbs, road holes, and rocks.
6. Check wheel alignment twice a year. A tire one-half inch out of line will be dragged sideways 87 feet out of every mile.
7. Repair all cuts, leaks and breaks promptly; delay may cause damage that cannot be repaired.
8. Change wheel positions every 5,000 miles.
9. Always get the tire made to fit the rim of your car; check with your garage if you are not sure what size tire you require.
10. Don't speed around curves.

Real Worries

Home from a voyage in which he was attacked twice by enemy boats, once by a U-boat, three times by bombs, and once by shells, one of the British merchant captains expressed himself as follows: "That was by the way, but what worries me are these—perishing income tax people."

RADIO REPORTER

DIALING WITH DAVE:

When United Press in the United States and British United Press in Canada flashed the eight p.m. bulletin Monday night Dec. 22nd, that Prime Minister Winston Churchill was in Washington, a nation was electrified; and the holiday season had its radio interest keyed to the highest pitch in history, as a result. The Christmas Eve tree-lighting ceremony—Friday's Churchill speech to the U.S. Congress, and the regular Empire broadcast by His Majesty the King on Christmas day were many of the highlights. Christmas day itself was darkened for Canadians by the news of the surrender of Hong Kong. CKOC and a great network of Canadian stations use British United Press News — one of the world's truly GREAT newsgathering agencies.

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The New Year has turned, and radio marches on — undaunted by the new demands of this continent at war; unafraid of the hectically important future it has to face in the months to come. The favorite network shows — the standard of local station production — the news coverage — ALL the various phases of radio's part in the world today, have been keyed to the highest standard of performance for 1942!

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Jack Benny, star of the Sunday night eight o'clock funfest on the CBC network, is making a new picture with Carole Lombard — To Be or Not To Be! Has a Shakespearean title, and Jack as Hamlet, (seriously too, mind you!) is a startlingly attractive sight. In spite of all the kidding about Benny's penny-pinching, "Rochester" is one of the wealthiest comedians in the movie-radio colony — and a big slice of his income comes from his weekly radio chore with the Benny troupe.

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A few listening tips from 1150 on your dial: Be listening Sunday night, January 11th, at 9.00 D.S.T. for a new program surprise on CKOC — follows Charlie McCarthy, which show, incidentally, has gone into the New Year with a few changes in the cast and set-up. Dr. Salmon's commentary on Sunday night at 6.00 o'cock — AND — the following half-hour period — it's fine listening! Back in CKOC's daily schedule now, with the Christmas rush over, are Waltzes and Song at 11.30 a.m., Music for Everyone at one o'clock, and the Five O'clock Show at 5.00 p.m. Record of the week is out of the popular line — Marian Anderson, brilliant negro contralto, singing "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny"—truly beautiful, with the deep soul of the southland caught as never before in song!

OUR RADIO LOG

TORONTO STATIONS		
CFRB	860k.	CBL 740k
CKCL	580k.	CBY 1010k
U.S. NETWORKS		
WEAF	N.B.C. Red	660k
WJZ	N.B.C. Blue	770k
WABC	(C.B.S.)	880k
WOR	(M.B.S.)	710k
CANADIAN STATIONS		
CFOS	Owen Sd.	1400k
CKOC	Hamilton	1150k
CHML	Hamilton	900k
CKTB	St. Cath.	1230k
CFCF	Montreal	600k
CFCH	North Bay	1230k
CFCO	Chatham	630k
CFPL	London	1570k
CJCS	Stratford	1240k
CFRC	Kingston	1490k
CJIC	Sault Ste. M.	1490k

CKAC	Montreal	730k
CJKL	Kirkland L.	560k
CKCR	Waterloo	1400k
CKCO	Ottawa	1310k
CKGB	Timmins	1470k
CKSO	Sudbury	700k
CKPC	Brantford	1380k
CKLW	Windsor	800k
CKNX	Wingham	1230k
U.S. STATIONS		
WEBR	Buffalo	1340k
WHAM	Rochester	1180k
WLW	Cincinnati	700k
WGY	Schenectady	810k
KDKA	Pittsburgh	1020k
WBBM	Chicago	780k
WBEN	Buffalo	930k
WGR	Buffalo	550k
WKBW	Buffalo	1520k
WJR	Detroit	760k

SHORT WAVE		
GSB	England	9.51m
GSC	England	9.58m
GSD	England	11.75m
GSE	England	11.86m
GSF	England	15.14m
GSG	England	17.79m
GSP	England	15.31m
GSV	England	17.81m
EAR	Spain	9.48m
EAQ	Spain	9.86m
RAN	Russia	960m
RNE	Russia	12.00m
RV96	Russia	15.18m
WGEA	Schenectady	15.33m
WCAB	Phila.	15.27m
WRUL	Boston	15.15m
WCBX	N. York	11.83m

NOTED WOMAN SCIENTIST

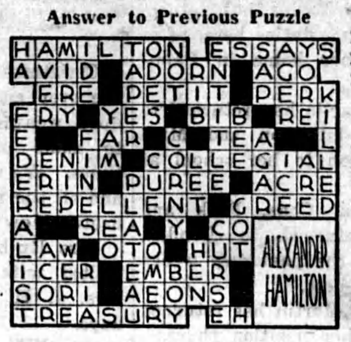
HORIZONTAL

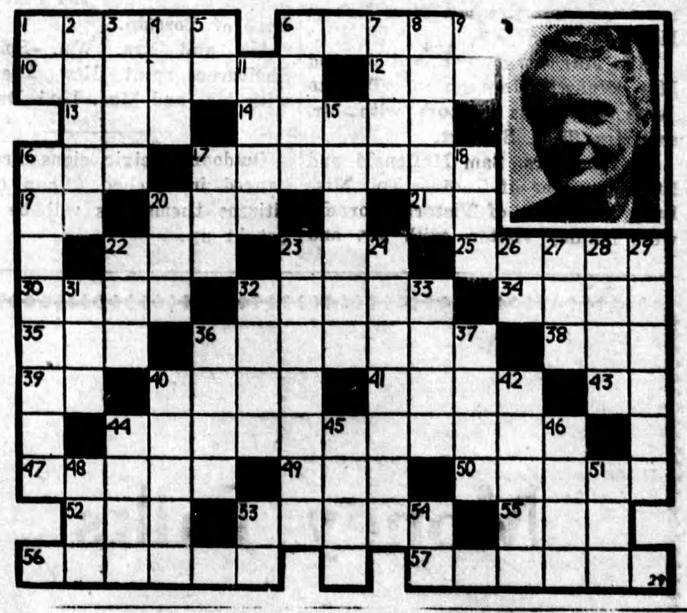
1, 6 Woman, co-discoverer or radium.
10 To hamper.
12 Being.
13 To immerse.
14 Rustic.
16 Mountain pass.
17 Small lobes.
19 Hour (abbr.).
20 Public auto.
21 Note in scale.
22 Carpet.
23 Heart.
25 Steep slope.
30 Ham.
32 Acts as a model.
34 Wild ox.
35 Clinging shrub
36 Revokes.
38 Name.
39 Southeast (abbr.).
40 Hindu garment.
41 Indians.
43 To accomplish
44 Made shrill noises.
47 To question.
49 Constellation.
50 Winter precipitations.
52 Coin.
53 Erects.
55 Body of water.
56 She was a native of ——.
57 She discovered radium with her husband, ——.

VERTICAL

1 Mountain (abbr.).
2 Fervor.
3 Fence bar.
4 Little devil.
5 Standard type measure.
6 Association.
7 Genuine.
8 Bay.
9 Electric unit.
11 God of love.
15 Wrinkled.
16 She was a —— by profession (pl.).
17 Pitcher ear
18 Thus.
20 Yet.
22 Beam.
23 Family of cone shells.
24 Normal.
26 Musical note.
27 Wayside hotel.
28 Provisions.
29 Her two daughters are also —— or celebrated.
31 Adam's mate.
32 Sprite.
33 Caterpillar hair.
36 Uncommon.
37 Coteries.
40 Threadlike line.
42 Intelligence.
44 To blind.
45 Russian mountains.
46 Agent.
48 Opposed to con.
51 Strife.
53 Road (abbr.).
54 Spanish (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle





POP—In Other Words, Will It Work?

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