SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON 43

STEPS TOWARD SOLUTION OF THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM.—Ecclesiastes 10: 17; Amos 5: 21-24; Romans 14: 19-21; 2 Corinthians 6: 17; 1 Peter 4: 1-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.—Amos 5: 24.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—The book of Ecclesiastes may have been written about 975 B.C. Amos prophesied about 790 to 785 B.C. The Second Epistle to the Corinthians, and the First Epiistle of Peter, were both written about A.D. 60.

Place.—Ecclesiastes may have been written in the city of Jerusalem. Amos was a prophet to the northern city of Israel. The Epistle To The Romans was written from the city of Corinth. The Second Epistle to the Corinthians was probably written from the city of Phillipi. We do not know where the Apostle Peter was when he wrote his First Epistle.

Daily Righteousness

21. "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22. Yea, though ye offer me your burnt-offerings and meal-offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts. 23. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. 24. But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." The Lord said He simply despised their feast days, and would not receive the sweet-smelling savour of their sacrifices, nor have any regard for their peace offerings. These sacrifices were all right in their place, but they were worthless if those offering them chose to live in constant disobedience to the laws of holiness. It is so easy to substitute ritual for righteousness. The ritual is soon finished, but righteousness is something that should mark every aspect of our life, every day of our life.

Abuse of Liberty

19. "So then let us follow after things which make for peace, and things whereby we may edify one another. 20. Overthrow not for meat's sake the work of God. All things indeed are clean; howbeit it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. 21. It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth." The Apostle has been talking in this chapter about the love which Christians ought to have for one another and the fruits of such a love, namely an avoidance of judgment of others, and especially a strong determination not to do anything, even in the matter of eating and drinking, which would cause their Christian brethren to stumble. Any use of Christian liberty which disregards the damaging effect it may produce upon a weak brother is a bad use. How such eating may prove a stumbling-block is not said but we certainly can hurt others by what we drink, namely, intoxicating beverages. We have liberty for doing this, but we should not use this liberty, because in so doing, we are liable to lead a weaker brother, who looks up to us for guidance,into bondage in these things.

God's Assurance

17. "Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, said the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; and I will receive you." This separation from the world was not to be physical and local and social, but moral and spiritual. These Corinthians were not to migrate to other cities, but to keep free from the intimacies and fellowships which might ally them with idolatry; and today Christians are to live in the world, while they are not of the world. They live among their fellow men in close relationships: yet all the while they belong to another sphere of life. But this separation does not mean loneliness or loss. It results in a divine companionship which is more than compensation for all that the world offers. Such was the promise to God's people of old, and such is the assurance made to his servants today.

1. "Forasmuch then as Christ suffered in the flesh, arm ye yourselves also with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin." Let us refuse the lawless strivings of self. It will need resolution and determination. But victory is sure. And though there will be no cessation in the temptation, there will be cessation in the yielding to it, which is sin. In time the bodily desires, long thwarted, will give less and less trouble.

Excess Of Wine

2. "That ye no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God."

Excess of wine is closely connected with abominable idolatries. Is not any use of wine excessive, unless it be taken for some very distinct purpose of health, prescribed by medical authority—and, even then, often mistakenly.

3. "For the time past may suffice to have wrought the desire of the Gentiles, and to have walked in lasciviousness, lusts, winebibbings, revellings, carousings, and abominable idolatries: 4. wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them into the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you". The attitude of worldly people wasting their lives in riotous living toward Christians who utterly spurn such orgies of iniquity is the same today as it was when the Apostle Peter wrote, 1900 years ago. A man who refuses to drink with a number of other men on a train, or in a restaurant, may often have to stand ridicule. Christian people who make it known that they do not gamble may have to be thought of as strange. We, by our salvation, have been separated from worldliness, which leads down to destruction, and know a path of righteousness, the fruit of which is a joy, and peace, and increasing strength, and unselfishness, a holiness of life, and righteousness of conduct, which the world has never known, outside of union with Jesus Christ. There will come a time when we will just have to make a definite decision in our own life, whether we are going the way the world goes, or the way the Lord leads. The wages of one is disillusionment, and death, whereas the fruit of the other is holiness, and peace, and eternal life.

Judgment Awaits

5. "Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the living and the dead." Judgment awaits men on the other side of death—the judgment seat of Christ for his servants, to adjust their rewards, and the final judgment of the ungodly: but it is also true that we are now in the presence of our Judge.

FIGHTING WORDS FOR FIGHTING MEN

A British woman war worker chalks a warlike message on the gun of a Covenanter tank, brought to the factory where she works to show workers how the equipment they make is used in fighting machines.

The Citizen's Army

INDIVIDUAL By ALAN MAURICE IRWIN

A Weekly Column About This and That in Our Canadian Army

It is quite a few weeks now since I was urgently chided by an editor for getting too personal about the Reserve Army, but it can't have been too bad because he published the article anyway.

If you give a columnist an inch he always takes the proverbial ell, so here goes a little more about the men who are training themselves for home defence.

What brought the whole thing up was a suggestion made before the parade was dismissed the other night by the colonel that the best way to bring the regiment up to strength would be for every member to bring in one recruit. This suggestion appealed so strongly to a private soldier in one of the companies that he turned over to the battalion for recruiting purposes 500 agate lines of space which would otherwise have been devoted to advertising his own business during the month of September.

Another incident worth mentioning is the case of a private soldier who spent 14 days with us at camp. For this he drew pay at the rate of $1.20 per day and when his cheque was handed to him he borrowed a pen from his company commander and endorsed it over to the colonel with the message that there were no strings attached. In due course the Ladies' Auxiliary of our active service unit acknowledged to the soldier a contribution of $16.80 to its wool fund.

It is interesting to note that both the private soldiers referred to are Jews.

You can't help being personal about a Reserve Army which is looked upon as so personal an institution as is illustrated by the two cases I have mentioned. Both of these men are of categories that do not fit them for active service, both own their own businesses—they train in their own time and no generous employer makes them a present of two weeks' holiday in which to go to camp.

These men are not unique, in fact it is pretty safe to say that they are representative of the calibre of the soldiers of the Reserve Army as it is now constituted.

In other words, to the reserve soldier of today his unit is a personal thing, it is something to which he devotes not just the after-work hours two nights a week, 10 full Sundays in the year and 14 days at camp, but a good many minutes of fun time during the day.

He may not consciously think it, but in the back of the mind of every man who, though he may be working hard at a war job, puts in these extra hours in training for the eventuality of attack upon his homeland, there is the realization that had it not been for trained citizen soldiers, the story in Yugoslavia and Russia would have been very different.

History bears out that a country possessed of a trained citizen-soldiery in peacetime is in less danger of attack than the country which has not taken this precaution. There must have been something wrong with Hitler's intelligence service. It obviously fell down badly so far as Russia was concerned—and his own intelligence should have told him what to expect from the Yugoslavs!

A few years before the outbreak of war in 1914 a melodrama was produced in England under the title "An Englishman's Home." This play demonstrated with terrific stage effects and blood and death what happens when untrained citizens attempt to defend their homes against fully trained invaders. If the lesson of this play had been learned and peaceful peoples had been prepared undoubtedly the 1914-1919 war would have been shorter and this one might not have occurred.

It is not only for the warlike arts that we should prepare ourselves in peacetime, there are many peaceful arts that become not only virtues but stern necessities in time of war. The first of these, beyond doubt, is defence against inflation. It can the more rapidly become successful if, like military training, it has been carried on during the softer years of peace.

We were unprepared on both counts, and on both counts the Individual Citizen's Army was responsible. We found that we had more pennies in our pockets for luxuries, if we elected, or allowed to remain in office, politicians who pared down the budget by failing to provide funds for military training. Having saved those necessary tax pennies we wasted them on unnecessary frills—and now we find it hard to forego those frills.

So hard, in fact, have we found it that we have welcomed the setting up of governmental boards and commissions to compel us to discontinue our wasteful practices.

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board, one of the many wartime bodies we have created, is very much in the position of the instructors of the Reserve Army. We have placed ourselves under it just as volunteers place themselves under their sergeants and officers, and we are learning from it just as privates in the Reserve Army learn from their instructors, how to discipline ourselves so that we may become fit to meet the rigours of campaigning.

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"COUNTRY NEWS"

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ONTARIO WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS

EACH SUNDAY AT 2 P.M.

CFRB - 860 On Your Dial

War Workers Face Problem Of Tires

Most industrial war workers are being carried to their jobs in automobiles having tires that will be worn out before next winter is over. Nearly all the rest must face the same conditions before the end of the following winter. These conclusions are derived from a survey being conducted in Massachusetts, and apply to conditions found there, but they have much more than merely regional significance. The survey is still under way, and is being conducted by the State Planning Board. Probably its findings are broadly applicable to hundreds of munitions centers throughout the country.

The percentages of tires of the war workers that are expected to remain in service each month are as follows: It is estimated that one quarter of them will be worn out and unusuable by the end of this month, that half of them will be gone by March, that less than 20 percent of them will last through next year, and that by June of 1943 only two or three percent of the tires will still survive in service. These figures are based on data covering only seven localities, but there is so much similarity in the figures for the different plants that it seems likely that they may be fairly representative of such conditions elsewhere.

Perhaps the most important conclusion at which a reader arrives after studying the situation, is that gasoline rationing can provide only an inadequate and ineffective solution for these tire problems. Retreads are needed and promptly. The data forecast a rapidly approaching war worker transportation crisis.

RADIO REPORTER

By REX FROST

He's back again . . . that pride of the youthful generation . . . that daring, trouble shooting, dare devil aviator of the airwaves . . . Jimmy Allen! So, ladies, if those youngsters of yours have an unfortunate habit of getting in your way around the kitchen just when you're preparing the supper, take them over to the radio at 6 o'clock any day Monday through Friday and you can just about bet dollars to doughnuts that from then on it will be part of the regular routine of the household. Jimmy Allen brings his thrilling and inspiring adventure stories to young Ontario through CFRB Toronto. There is just one thing. If Junior suddenly starts pestering you to get a certain brand of breakfast food, you'll quite understand that he has visions of becoming another husky, adventurous addition of Jimmy Allen himself.

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Another old friend has just returned to the airwaves, that perennial star of vaudeville, screen and radio, Al Jolson. Assisted by comedian Parkyakarkus, veteran Al started a new series of variety shows over the Columbia Broadcasting System last week. Tuesday is the night, 10 o'clock the time, CFRB is included in the hook-up. Here is a show the extreme versatility of which will surely appeal to every member of the household. It has good music, a plentiful sprinkling of the absurdities and laughs of Parkyakarkus, while Al Jolson himself with his inimitable style and individual interpretation of the songs most of us know so well rounds out a presentation which as a sparkling nightcap should prepare you for happy dreams.

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Since 1934 when the Lux Radio Theatre first went on the air, Monday evening has always been regarded as a highlight of radio enthusiasts of the drama. In fact this top-rating dramatic broadcast now boasts to have an average listening audience of thirty millions. Monday evenings 9 to 10 o'clock has seen an ever increasing number of radio sets in operation the continent wide, tuned to the 114 Columbia stations who carry this popular program. From now on, Monday evening will provide an even greater opportunity than before for lovers of dramatic art to indulge their preference. Immediately following the Lux Radio Theatre will follow a series of plays by the Screen Guild Players, both programmes originating in Hollywood. The sponsor, Lady Esther.

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Personality of the Week

It has been said that some people succeed by what they know, others by what they do, and a few by what they are. The personality behind that friendly feminine voice you hear Monday through Friday mornings 10.30 to 10.45 over CFRB, Mrs. Aitken, succeeds on all three counts. She's slender, sparkling, vivacious, always smiling, and always has something amusing to tell. For many years Mrs. Aitken has brought to her morning listeners interesting items of home news, international affairs, current books, and happenings around town and country. But Mrs. Aitken has many interests outside of radio. Currently she is in charge of all womens' activities associated with the Victory Loan Campaign. It was Mrs. Aitken who co-ordinated, organized and supervised the Womens' Section of the Canadian National Exhibition. Most housewives know of her cooking schools, many have attended them. One thing you probably don't know is that Mrs. Aitken has long instructed a cooking school for boys, yes, boys! Just young lads gathered from the homes in a certain section of downtown Toronto. Every Wednesday evening these youngsters learn how to prepare and cook a dinner, and not only that. When the dinner has been cooked, they all sit down and enjoy it, and carry away with them not only the memory of a truly enjoyable meal, but the recipes and instructions to pass along to mother.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

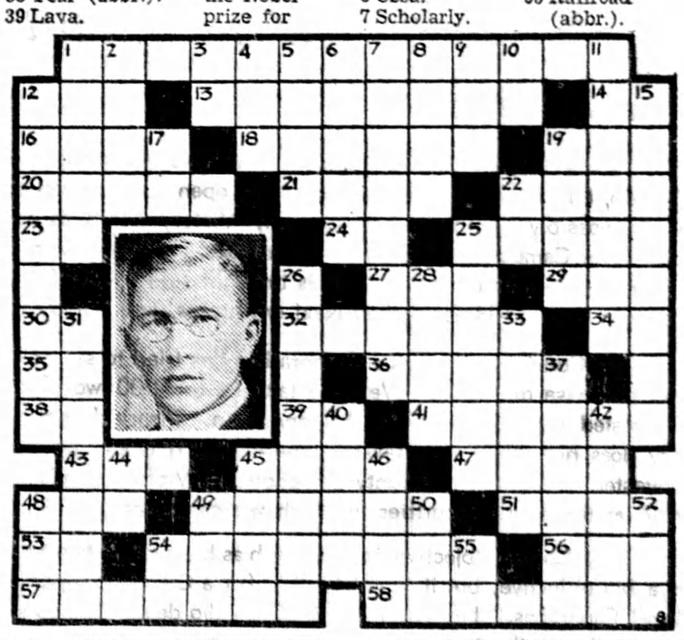
HORIZONTAL

1 Canadian who discovered diabetes cure.
12 Soft broom.
13 Imbecilities.
14 North Africa (abbr.).
16 Virginia willow.
18 To give.
19 Genus of cattle.
20 Slowly.
21 Scatters.
22 Fewer.
23 Idant.
24 Southeast (abbr.).
25 Animal.
27 Blemish.
29 It is (contr.).
30 Sound of pleasure.
32 Hauled up.
34 Court (abbr.).
35 Sun deity.
36 Pine fruit (pl.).
38 Year (abbr.).
39 Lava.
41 Corded.
43 To handle.
45 Skin.
47 Titled nobleman.
48 Genus of grasses.
49 College accounts.
51 Kite end.
53 Yellow bird.
54 Deportment.
56 Frozen water.
57 He received the Nobel prize for discovering ——.
58 He was professor at the University of ——.

VERTICAL

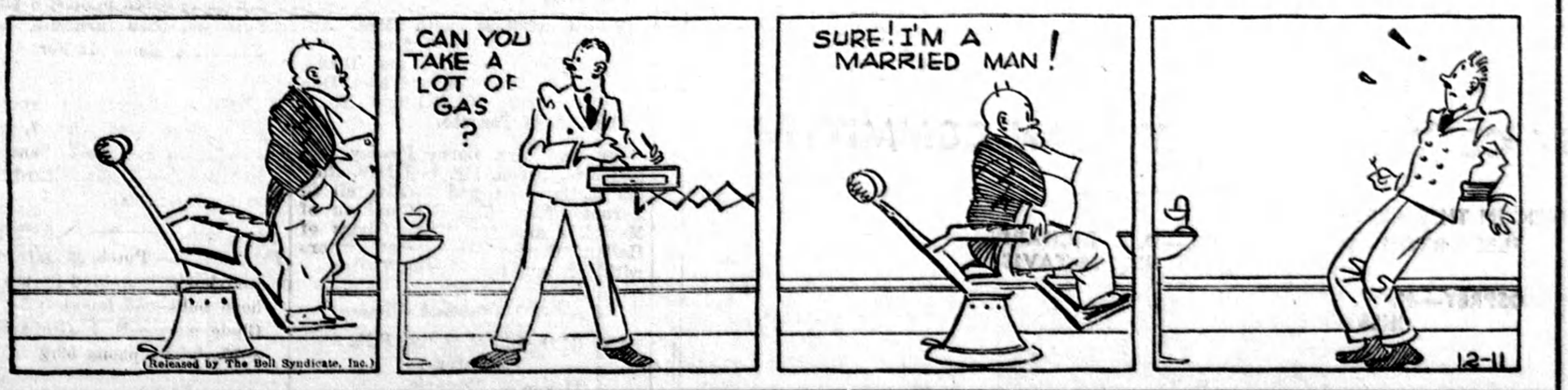
1 Loved excessively.
2 Not closed.
3 Palm lily.
4 Queer.
5 Disturbance.
6 Ossa.
7 Scholarly.
8 Insects' eggs.
9 Golf device.
10 Exists.
11 Shrewd.
12 He won a —— cross in France.
15 Dr. Best —— him in his discovery.
17 Preposition.
19 To throb.
22 Behold.
25 To embattle.
26 To restrict.
28 Acidity.
31 Barbed spear.
33 Station.
37 Strain.
40 Kind of pier.
42 Decree.
44 Note in scale.
45 Branches.
46 Notch.
48 Food.
49 Wood apple.
50 Card game.
52 Lion.
54 Dutch (abbr.).
55 Railroad (abbr.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle



POP—Quite Used to It!

By J. MILLAR WATT



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