SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

June 6

PETER COMFORTS PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS—
1 Peter 3 : 13-17; 4 : 12-16; 5 : 6-10

GOLDEN TEXT—For it is better if the will of God should so will that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing. 1 Peter 3 : 17.

Memory Verse: Thou art night, O Jehovah. Psalm 119 : 151.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—The exact time for the writing of this Epistle cannot be determined, but it was probably not far from A.D. 60.

Place.—In the last chapter of this Epistle, the writer refers to "She that is in Babylon," which has led some to believe that First Peter was written from the great city on the Euphrates River bearing that name; others have suggested that, because the city now known as Cairo, Egypt, was anciently called Babylon, the Epistle was written from there. A majority of scholars, however, believe that Peter used the word Babylon to designate the city of Rome.

Principles of Conduct

"And who is he that will harm you, if ye be zealots of that which is good?" If we go about doing good we need not be afraid of those who, in a civil capacity, are over us. "But even if ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed are ye: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled." Blessedness is a higher thing than happiness, and is consistent with the most trying circumstances.

A Reasoning Faith

"But sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord." Be sure that you give Him all that is His due, and in the love of your hearts, as well as in the thoughts of your hearts, recognize Him for what He is, The Lord. "Being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear." Let us have a reason for our faith and let us never flinch from stating it when asked and let us give our reasons in a temper which shall be the best evidence of the divine character of our faith.

A Heart at Peace

"Having a good conscience; that, wherein ye are spoken against, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of life in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing." If we suffer because we are faithful to Christ, then we can still rejoice, even though we suffer, for our hearts are at peace with God and we know we are in His will.

Comforting Truths

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, Which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you." What is the purpose of the fiery trial? It is to test character. It unfolds our strengths and weaknesses. How often it happens, that men who, in soft circumstances, have been weak and irresolute, are hardened into fruitful decision by the ministry of antagonism and pain.

Glory, Not Dishonor

"But inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory, ye may rejoice with exceeding joy." Men are to rejoice in proportion as they are sharers in the sufferings of Christ. "If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are ye; because the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of God resteth upon you." The outward reviling to which the disciples were exposed brought glory and not dishonor.

"For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler in other men's matters: but if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name." That very separation from evil which stirred enmity in the hearts of men against Christ is the condition of life which creates reproach for the believer.

A Life of Humility

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." The mighty hand of God is not to be regarded as that which is chastising us, but as the protecting shelter which we are humbly to seek.

Victory Through Faith

"Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world." Resist the beginnings of evil; a mere remedy is all too late. If you have not resisted at the stage of thought, then summon every power of your soul to resist at the stage of the act. But bear in mind that each stage of the losing battle is more perilous, more difficult than the last. It is a very interesting point that whenever Satan is introduced in The New Testament as an enemy of the followers of Christ, a victory is spoken of, and that victory is always expressed as obtained through faith.

Increasing Strength

"And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you." God is the author and giver of all grace that the child of God needs. In connection with this attribute of God, there follows the fact that He had called those to whom the apostle writes to nothing less than a share in His 'eternal glory'. . . This calling is 'in Christ,' i.e., not merely by Him as the instrument through whom the call came, but as being 'in him,' i.e., by virtue of our union with Him.

"UNCONDITIONAL" SURRENDER

Thrilled Australian lass breaks into parade to give her man a hug and a kiss as Aussie division arrives in Melbourne from the Middle East.

RADIO REPORTER By REX FROST

Music now has been definitely established as a factor in war production. Recently the Ottawa Department of Labour summarised the experiences of certain Canadian war plants who have been providing radio and recorded programmes for the stimulation of their workers. A number of industrial organisations recently have followed the lead of British factories engaged on war production and equipped their plants with central radio receiving sets and loud speaker systems over which both radio broadcasts and phonograph music can be presented for the entertainment of their staffs . . . Canadian plants using this method of improving working conditions in their factories have reported an increase in production and efficiency, a reduction in errors on the production line, a decrease in absenteeism, sickness and accidents, a reduction in mental fatigue and an improvement in morale. A complete and detailed survey compiled by Canadian experts has indicated that radio broadcasts of musical programmes and phonograph recordings dispersed over loudspeaker systems in war plants resulted in an increase of from 14 to 22% in production. A similar survey in Great Britain showed average production to be increased from 12½ to 15% when music was played from an hour to an hour and a half, but there were exceptional cases where factory increases as high as 23% were recorded.

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Different types of music were found desirable according to the work being done in the plant. For example, at the John Inglis Co. in Toronto, extensive experiment was made. As a result, because of the high noise level of the machines, it was decided to use string music exclusively. The waltzes of Johann Strauss proved the most popular. In the Small Electric Motors plant at Leaside military marches and brisk music seemed better suited to local conditions. All of which suggests that we may be entering an era of radio broadcasting in which planned programmes will be sent out over the air calculated to relieve the monotony of household routine, or to get junior in a suitable frame of mind to do his homework. Sounds far fetched perhaps, but there's no knowing what research and progress will evolve in the super-scientific world that lies ahead.

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In case you enjoy joining in the singing yourself, the open air community singsong which has been so popular a feature of CFRB's Sunday evening programmes for a number of years, will be broadcast again during the coming summer. The series will be heard Sunday evening 8.30 to 9 and is due to commence almost immediately.

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The Battle of the Atlantic began in September 1939. It has since risen to furious and destructive heights. Early in the war the Royal Canadian Navy had little to throw into the struggle, but during the last three years it has been carrying the major convoy burden of the North Atlantic. Friday, May 28th, at 10.15 p.m. will find the CBC feature "Comrades in Arms" telling the story of Canada's increasing role in the Battle of the Atlantic. Arm in arm with the sailors in the broadcast, the khaki clad men of the Canadian army will bring listeners a picture of the toughest soldiers in any army division . . . the Sky Commandos, the men of the Canadian paratroops. To round out the programme the Royal Canadian Air Force will describe the technical side of the air fight for the benefit of radio audiences, with a dramatic sketch "Assembly Line." It promises to be a show worth listening to.

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Quiz programme may come, and quiz programmes may go, but somebody always seems capable of thinking up another kind of quiz. The inimitable Red Foster claims he has something "extra" in quiz programmes. Thursday evening, 8.30 to 9 is the time. The station CFRB Toronto.

CAPTIVE PATRIOT

This young Yugoslav partisan fighter, wounded battling the Nazis, was photographed after capture. Captive guerrillas get short shrift from Nazis.

SCOUTING . . .

Boy Scout training is so valuable for boys later going into military service, that Col. G. C. M. Grier, head of Canada's Army Cadets has urged boys who join the Cadets to retain their membership in the Boy Scouts. So much of the training in the Scouts, he said, is what we want to have the Cadets receive. Col. Grier, incidentally, was one of the first Boy Scouts in Canada, being a member of one of the earliest Scout Troops in Toronto. He is a son of Sir Wylie Grier, the eminent Canadian artist.

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A Winnipeg Wolf Cub, Gordon Larson found a tin in which was stuffed $400. He turned it over to the police who located the owner. Pleased to find the lost money the owner turned 10 per cent or $40 over to the finder who when asked what he was going to do with his windfall replied: "I am going to buy a Wolf Cub sweater, roller skates, running shoes and war savings certificates."

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Because Scouting had done so much for him as a boy, the late Pilot Officer Kenneth Peterson, D.F.C., of New Zealand, in his will provided a bequest of $250 for the Wellington, N.Z., Boy Scouts Association, and $125 to his old Troop, the 1st Kelburn, N.Z., Troop.

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When Queen Elizabeth visited Calgary in 1939 she presented Scout R. B. Rasmusson with his King's Scout badge and remarked, "You'll be a great man some day." Rasmusson is doing his best to fulfil the Queen's prediction now that he is in the R.C.A.F. He obtained highest marks in all Canada in his ground school class, the highest marks in his class in his wireless course, and was awarded the Gerald Murphy award as the most promising pilot in a specially selected class.

Britain Training Future Farmers

Over 20,000 Children Belong To Young Farmers' Clubs

Every county in Great Britain now has its war agricultural committees, which sees that the local farmers are getting the best out of their land. These committees are training the boys and girls who live in the country and who will become the future farmers of Britain through the medium of Young Farmers' Clubs.

Over 20,000 children, aged between 10 and 21, who are interested in farming — either as a part-time interest or full-time interest — now belong to Young Farmers' Clubs, which were first started over 20 years ago.

They keep calves, pigs, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits and bees, and learn such things as sheep-shearing, milking, butter and cheese-making, poultry-dressing, carpentry, repair of harness, maintenance of machinery, forestry, ditching, collecting and drying medicinal herbs, hoeing, thatching, and concrete work.

There are now 550 Young Farmers' Clubs in the country. In many cases their activities are financed by neighboring farmers. Many of them are run by country schoolmasters.

U. S. ARMY CORPS

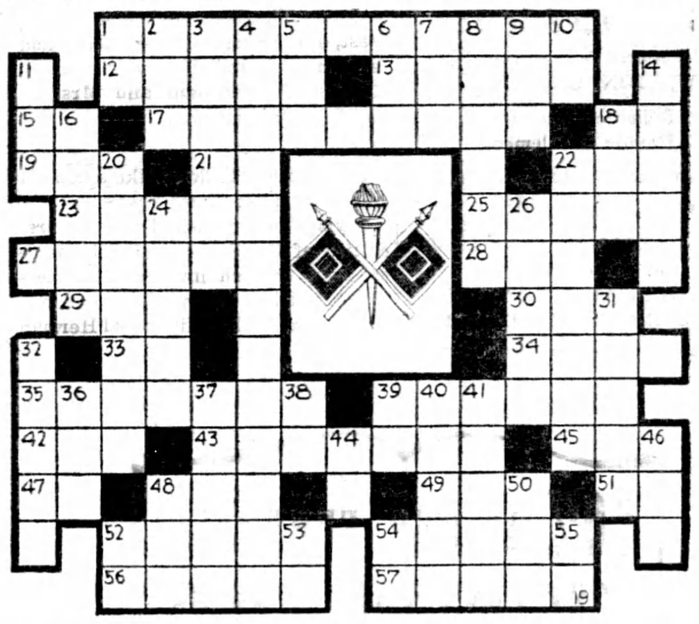
HORIZONTAL

1 U. S. Army Corps wearing pictured insignia, ——.
12 Pacify.
13 Wharves.
15 Rhode Island (abbr.).
17 Sidewise.
18 Music note.
19 Hotel.
21 Tone E (music).
22 Bright color.
23 Prohibit.
25 South African tribesman.
27 Come back.
28 Head cover.
29 Russian (abbr.).
30 Iniquity.
33 Music note.
34 Implement.
35 Springy.
39 Indications.
42 Chum.
43 Separate from others.
45 Place.
47 Advertisement (abbr.).
48 Attorney (abbr.).
49 Beverage.
51 Therefore.
52 Upper part of head.
54 Assists.
56 Imagine,
57 Malicious burning.

VERTICAL

1 Samarium (abbr.).
2 Sick.
3 Charm.
4 Pertaining to a nationalist.
5 Affirmative.
6 Certified public accountant (abbr.).
7 Lubricant.
8 Condiment.
9 Inspect closely
10 Steamship (abbr.).
11 Silkworm.
14 Field —— sets are used in its equipment.
16 Bury.
18 Turkish cap.
20 Not artificial.
22 Allowances of provisions.
24 Passenger vehicles.
26 Lose bulk.
31 Organs of smell.
32 Pay back.
36 Boy.
37 Giant (myth.).
38 Company (abbr.).
39 Symbol for tantalum.
40 Animal.
41 Parts of boats.
44 Music note.
46 2000 pounds.
48 Constellation.
50 Away from (prefix).
52 Brought forward (abbr.).
53 New York (abbr.).
54 Exclamation.
55 Tin (symbol).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

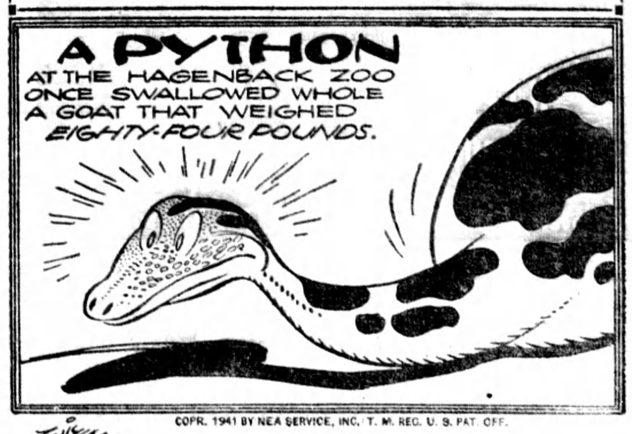


Finland Is Vassal State Of Germany

The story of the relations between Finland and America is the story of a frustrated love affair, says Dorothy Thompson. Ever since the last war we have adored Finland as the little country which always paid its debts. But we quickly forgot that Finland had another debt — a debt to Germany, a military and political debt. The military development of Finland was made by Germany. German engineers built the Mannerheim Line, and German generals instructed the Finnish army and for two generations Finland was a military outpost for Germany. In other words, Finland is a German vassal state and, like it or not, those are the facts.

Approximately 12 pounds of manganese go into each ton of steel to give it strength and workability.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



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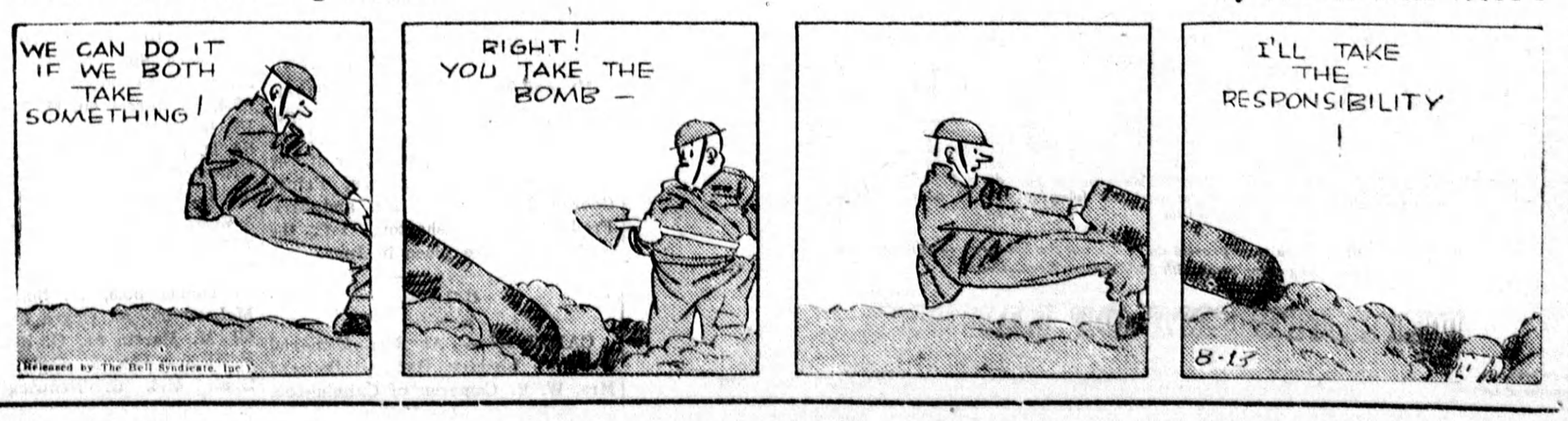
POP—Like Most Big Bosses By J. MILLAR WATT