

The Sunday School Lesson

ANDREW BRINGS MEN TO JESUS
Golden Text: He brought him to Jesus—Matt. 1:42.

Lesson Text: Jno. 1:37-42; Mk. 1:16-18; Jno. 12:20-22; Exposition: 1 Following Jesus, Jno. 1:37-39.

The formal call of Peter and the other disciples, Andrew, John and James, came later (Matt. 4:18-22); but this was a preparation for that and explains why they then so promptly "left their nets and followed Him." Here we have one of the greatest preachers in the world's history with a congregation of but two men, but it was one of the most important sermons that John the Baptist ever preached and with the furthest results. It laid the foundation of that group of men, the Apostles, to whom we owe all our knowledge of Christ and the gospel. Little did John realize how much was involved in the testimony he gave that day, but, faithful man that he was, he gave it, and it is bearing fruit still. It was looking intently upon Jesus as He walked (R. V. v. 36) that made John burst forth into this exultant and meaningful cry. If we fix our eyes upon Him we will cry the same, unless our eyes are sightless.

There goes the Lamb of God, the Lamb of God's own providing (Jer. 22:3), the Lamb that takes away all men's guilt, the Lamb typified in the Passover and every O. T. sacrifice" (Heb. 9:26; 1 Cor. 5:7).

The result of John's testimony was startling but delightful. John and Andrew at once turned their backs on John and followed Jesus. John, great man that he was, was pleased to be thus deserted (Jno. 3:26-30). Three steps of Christian experience they heard, they looked, they followed. Other steps come shortly. It is by the look, not by the following, that we are saved (Isa. 45:22; Jno. 3:14, 15; cf. Num. 21:9). We must first believe in what Jesus has done (Jno. 19:30; Rom. 3:25), before we ask, "What would Jesus do?" and try to imitate it. But, it is by following that we demonstrate that we really have looked and are saved (Mk. 10:52; 1 Jno. 2:6).

II. Bringing Others to Jesus. No sooner had Andrew really found Jesus, but he started right off and got his own brother and brought him to Jesus. The clear implication of the text is that John did the same. This was just as it should be, as soon as we find Jesus we should go right off and bring someone else, and Andrew did a great work in bringing his brother to Jesus, for it was this brother who preached the great sermon on the day of Pentecost. Andrew's testimony was right to the point. "We have found the Messiah," he said. It was his personal conversation with Jesus that had settled his mind on this point. It will settle any man's mind. A season of personal communion with Jesus is worth tons of apologetic literature. Andrew did not stop with giving his testimony, "he brought him to Jesus."

Never stop short of that. Jesus looked Peter through and through. He saw what he now was and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jona." He saw what he was to become. "Thou shalt be called Cephas" (rock-man). It was faith in the Rock that was to transform ordinary Simon into extraordinary Rock-man. (1 Cor. 10:4; Matt. 16:16-18; 1 Jno. 5:5).

III. Working with Jesus, Mk. 1:16-18. Note that these Callians were attending to their own business when Jesus called them into His work and God most frequently calls men to higher work when they are going faithfully about the humbler duties to which He has called them (Ex. 3:1; 4:5; 1 Ki. 19:19-21; Matt. 9:9). Jesus called them into a work of the same character that they were already doing; heretofore they had been fishing for fish, now they were to fish for men. Jesus commanded them, "Come ye after me" and He promised, "I will make you to become 'fishers of men.'" Commandments and promises always go hand in hand in teaching of our Lord. The day came when Jesus' promise to Peter was so wonderfully fulfilled that Peter caught more men at a single haul than he did fish on this day (Ac. 2:4-11). Jesus says to each one of us just what He said to Andrew and Simon, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men," the one great condition of success in fishing for men is "following Jesus." Any one who does follow Jesus will be a fisher of men, therefore any one who is not a fisher of men is not a follower of Jesus. Andrew and Simon showed that they believed Jesus' promise and appreciated His call by leaving all and following Him (cf. Luke 5:11; Matt. 19:27-29). They not

only left their nets to follow Jesus, but they did it "straightway." The one who would follow Jesus must forsake all (Matt. 16:24; Luke 14:33).

IV. "We would see Jesus," Jno. 12:20-22. There was probably more than curiosity in the request of these Greeks, but it is not likely that they realized its full significance. Or, our really seeing Jesus depends on our salvation, eternal life, gladness and our likeness to Him (Jno. 3:14; 6:40; 20:29; 2 Cor. 3:18). We can see Him in the Word, by the teaching of the Holy Spirit, and in the Lord's Supper (Jno. 5:39; 16:14; 1 Cor. 11:26, 29). There are those who cannot say "We would see Jesus." These Greeks came to Philip, seemingly, because he was not so strict a Jew as some other members of the apostolic company, or, perhaps, because he was of Beth-saida. Their request suggested to Jesus the time when the Gentiles would come to Him.

STEEL OUTPUT IN JUNE BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Britain's steel production in June was equal to a rate of 15,444,000 tons per annum. This new record output announced by the British Iron and Steel Federation is the highest rate in the history of the industry. It compares with an annual rate of 13,200,000 tons in June, 1947, and beats the previous record established last April by 161,000 tons.

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Whenever I read one, I weep that there are So many contraptions in one little car. And though you've repaired 'em, I must motor along. Wondering which will be next to go wrong.

Will a tapered top-up? Are the gears gonna slip? Does the clutch wanna slip? Alas, I have found it quite normal to fear for the health of each valve and each bearing!

So itemize bills for the ladies and gents. Who think they are blest with mechanical hints. And remember that I'm an untalented mite. Who considers mechanical ignorance bliss. Eleanor S. J. Ryberg.

New Varieties Extend Season

Providing it is good, it does not take long for a new vegetable variety to find its way into gardens right across Canada. Amateur and market gardeners alike are quick to adopt new varieties that can be sown earlier and harvested earlier, extending the cropping season; that will grow in regions where the growing season is too short for older varieties; that have greater resistance to drought and disease; that offer improved yield and quality; that are more suitable for canning or freezing.

The Division of Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm, Dominion Department of Agriculture, has originated and introduced about 40 new varieties and strains of vegetables. Some of them—Dorinny corn, Delcor cucumber, Ruby rhubarb, No. 11 Yellow Globe Danvers Onion—already are accepted as standard varieties.

Of the new vegetables gaining popularity, Pacer beans mature about a week before standard varieties, but require a lot of sunshine. Strider beans are a little slower maturing than Pacer, but are a better general purpose bean. They are stringless. Eden snapbeans is early, a good producer and excellent for freezing.

Alton peas are succeeding in Ontario's canning area. They are high yielding and ready for canning in 55 to 58 days. Smallton peas have high quality, yield fairly well and are considered one of the best for freezing.

Amateur gardeners have welcomed the Laxall pea. Although it is a smaller plant than the popular commercial varieties, it has a good yield. It has high resistance to root rot under field conditions and withstands drought remarkably well.

FIRE DETECTOR

A home fire alarm system can be fitted to the doorbell circuit with a screw driver, reports The Financial Post. The alarm will ring when temperature rises to 130 degrees.

NEWS and VIEWS

New Dairy Herd Improvement Policy Announced by Ontario Dept. of Agriculture

Ontario dairymen for many decades have lagged behind the dairymen of other parts of the world in the adoption of dairy herd improvement work. True, most progressive pure-bred breeders of dairy cattle have their herds enrolled under Record of Performance. However, the great bulk of the milk producers of Ontario keep grade cattle and only a very, very small percentage engage in any system of cow testing work. Consequently the dairymen are forced to resort to guesswork when choosing between those animals that should be retained and those that should be weeded out. That guesswork is not good enough is indicated when we compare the average production of our dairy cattle with those of such countries as Denmark, Holland and New Zealand where cow testing work is a general policy among dairymen. The recent investigation in connection with that of milk production also reveals the urgent need of Ontario producers weeding out some of the low producers. Figures submitted by individual producers revealed that one of producing milk varied from less than \$300 per cow to \$400 per cow.

Thus, the Ontario Department of Agriculture has had a policy of cow testing which necessitated the producer taking his own samples and bringing them to the Agricultural Office at Milton. While some 300 to 400 cows have been tested annually in Halton under this policy, it has not apparently met the situation. The new policy patterned after that of Record of Performance Work. In other words, a supervisor will be assigned to each 20 to 30 members and pay regular inspection visits every six weeks, or eight visits per year. On these visits the supervisor will weigh the milk from each individual cow for two milkings, test it for butter fat, and compute data pertaining to cost of producing milk. This latter phase of the work will be conducted in close cooperation with the newly organized Cow Studies Branch of the Department. Consequently at the end of the year each producer member will receive not only data revealing the production of each cow in his herd, but also a statement of the value of feed required to produce 100 lbs. milk. Those eligible to enroll in the new Dairy Herd Improvement Policy are dairymen who have grade cattle or a herd of mixed pure bred and grades.

The new policy has many attractive features, not the least being that it will enable Halton members of the Maple Artificial Unit to compare the production of the daughters of the bulls at the Artificial Insemination Unit with their dams. We understand that one or more units will be organized in Halton and will likely commence operations around November 1st. From our brief perusal of the new policy, it would definitely seem that this new service will prove invaluable to any milk producer interested in reducing his costs of producing milk. Further details of the policy can be secured upon request from the Agricultural Office, in Milton.

Opening of Two Year Course at O.A.C. Delayed Until October 12th

It has just been announced by President W. R. Reek, M.B.E., that the opening date for the two year diploma course at the Ontario Agricultural College will be October 12th, instead of September 27th, as originally announced. By delaying two weeks, these young men will have the opportunity of giving more assistance with fall work on the home farm.

This two year course at the OAC has been completely revised in the past two years. It has now no connection with the Degree Course and is designed for Ontario farmers' sons who propose to return to Ontario farms.

Dr. Campbell to Address Guernsey Breeders

A combined breeder and calf club meeting has been announced for the far mof M T McNabb and Sons, Lot 6, 8th Line of Esquevaux, on the evening of Thursday, August 19th. Dr. A.R. Campbell, Secretary of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders is to be the guest speaker. The meeting is open to all with a special invitation extended to all Halton Guernsey Breeders. Incidentally the prize list for the County Show being staged by the newly organized Halton-Guernsey Club at Milton on Sept. 25th has just been issued. This reveals that the directorate of this new Halton Club has been really active. Forty-five members have been signed up—a Guernsey Calf club organized and an excellent prize list prepared. In short, it looks as if the Halton Holstein and Jersey Clubs will

have to look to their laurels if they are not to be overshadowed by this new thriving organization.

The Realities of Wages

By Joseph Ester Rutledge

As labor leaders, like business executives, are judged by their ability to produce results, it is perhaps understandable that such leaders, having achieved most of their social objectives, should now concentrate on wages and hours of work. It is perhaps understandable too that they should insist that wages are just that, and shouldn't be qualified, in any way, by the rising cost of commodities. So they ask for wage increases without price increases. It would be wonderful, if it were possible. Unfortunately it isn't, so the distinction must be made between the wage in the pay envelope and what that money will produce in the way of food, clothing, housing and other necessities. This is real wages.

As an example, the average industrial worker in 1944 earned an average annual wage of \$1,564, but he could buy with it only the equivalent of \$1,315. Labor has used this fact to support demands that increases be paid out of profits so that every dollar might be worth its full face value. It is a pleasant idea. The only thing against it that there is no reservoir to draw upon, because wages have increased so much faster than profits. Even figured on a basis of what the wages will buy, the worker has done handsomely. In the beautiful years before the depression he had annual real wages of \$468. During the depression falling prices worked for him, so he suffered relatively little. His average real wage was \$464. The next five year period saw the average go to \$932. Then it rose to \$1,222 in 1940-45. In other words even allowing for current high prices, in 1944 the average worker had the money to buy forty per cent more than he could have done in 1940 and 51% more than in 1930.

Now what about profits that he would like to use to make his situation better? The net profits of industry in the five years 1940-45 were just \$2 million or 7% higher than in the previous five years. Remember, the wages were 31% higher. The amount distributed to shareholders was materially less than it had been, and 38% more of these profits were retained to protect the business and the wages of the worker. This should scotch the argument that there are vast reservoirs of profit available to meet new wage demands. The worker has already had much of the profits that the investor has done without.

FALL FAIR DATES FOR 1948 EVENTS OF THIS DISTRICT

The list of Fall Fairs and the dates upon which they will be held has been issued by the Agricultural Societies Branch of the Department of Agriculture. Here are some of the dates in which our readers will be interested.

C.N.E. Toronto	Aug. 27-Sept. 11
Acton	Oct. 1-2
Milton	Sept. 24-25
Georgetown	Sept. 17-18
Mount Forest	Aug. 24-25
Durham	Sept. 9-10
Fergus	Sept. 10-11
Barrie	Sept. 13-14
Bracebridge	Sept. 16-17
Caledon	Sept. 17-18
Coaksville	Sept. 17-18
London	Sept. 13-14
New Hamburg	Sept. 17-18
Shelburne	Sept. 14-15
Galt	Sept. 23-25
Lindsay	Sept. 21-25
Orangeville	Sept. 21-22
Aberfoyle	Sept. 28-29
Arthur	Sept. 28-29
Waterdown	Sept. 28-29
Markham	Sept. 30-Oct. 2
Bolton	Oct. 1-2
Streetsville	Oct. 2nd
Brampton	Oct. 7-9
Erin	Oct. 9 & 11
Grand Valley	Oct. 5-6
Rockton	Oct. 9 & 11
Teeswater	Oct. 5-6
Woodbridge	Oct. 8, 9, & 11

"Old at 40, 50, 60?" — Man, You're Crazy

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