

Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31:
A CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

Golden Text—One thing I do forget what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3: 13-14.

Lesson Text Jno 15: 1-5; Phil. 3: 8-16

Exposition I Bearing Fruit for Christ Jno 15: 1-5

"I am the true vine and my Father is the husbandman." This is the central truth of this lesson. All its wonderful teaching circles about or is a development of this great thought. Christ is the vine we are the branches, all our life and power and fruitage result from our union with Him, and God the Father is the vine cultivator who by His wise care brings each branch to its highest possibilities or if it has no real union with the vine removes it. It would be difficult to find in the Word of God a passage that on one hand has more comfort and encouragement in it for those who really are in Christ and on the other hand has more solemn warning in it for those who have a more outward formal connection with Christ and into whose lives there is no real flow of the life of Christ showing itself in fruitage. Our life, our power to bear fruit is from Christ our training into highest fruitfulness is from the Father Union with Christ brings life and power to bear fruit, glad submission to the Father's pruning and training brings larger measure of fruitfulness.

How glad we ought to be that it is the Father who is the husbandman. He will make no mistakes for He is perfect in wisdom and He is wonderfully tender and kind. If any true disciple of Jesus will meditate long and deeply on the words of Christ "My Father is the husbandman" he will find them filling his heart with rest and joy. The distinguishing characteristic of a true branch of a branch that is inwardly and really in the vine and not merely outwardly is that it bears fruit. This is also the distinguishing characteristic of a true disciple v. 8. What fruit is we learn from Gal. 5: 22; Phil. 1: 11; 1 Jno 2: 6; Rom. 1: 13; Col. 1: 10; and v. 8 and 16 of this chapter. God alone is the final judge as to whether we are bearing fruit.

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The young bride shook her head confidently. "Be patient, dear. I'm sure to get a hand to match my bidding soon"—Life's Like That, in the Reader's Digest.

NEW TELEPHONE RATES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1951

The Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada has rendered judgment on the application we made in October, 1949 for our first general rate increase in 23 years. The Board has now ordered new rates that will replace the temporary rates which it authorized in its interim order last July.

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Halton Producers Make Good Showings at Simeon Field Day

Recently some data was released which will be of interest to Halton hog producers and particularly to those who entered hogs for the Simeon field day held at Essex Park in Hamilton some weeks ago. In all 30 hogs were entered from the six counties in the district of this number. 28 were entered from Halton, 24 from Haldimand, 21 from Norfolk, and 9 and 8 respectively from Wentworth and Lincoln counties. What is even more interesting is to note that from the standpoint of quality, Halton is again at the top with 60 per cent A's, Wentworth 55 per cent, Haldimand 50 per cent, Lincoln 37 per cent and Norfolk 35 per cent. Another 35 per cent of the Halton hogs entered were B's, which in most cases could have been A's too had they been marketed at the proper weight.

Truth Farming in Halton

During recent years a great deal has been said and written on "Truth Farming". Plowmen's Folly, to Faulkner, turned up quite a controversy, then followed a number of books, articles and addresses by the one and only Louis Bromfield. He too is an advocate of "truth farming". Those of us who had an opportunity of visiting Mr. Bromfield's farm have to admit he has converted a veritable desert into a very productive farm. We could not help but note that his household plows stand rusty and unused in the drying shed. Mr. Bromfield aside from being a great booster of alfalfa, Ladino and bromegrass is a real enthusiast for the Graham Plow. This is a modified hydraulically operated stiff-toothed cultivator with 16 teeth approximately a foot apart which according to Mr. Bromfield can if put over a field several times be put down to 10 or 20 inches. The seventy-five members of our party were impressed but were not convinced that such methods would be satisfactory on the heavy clay soils of Halton.

ton Conditions at Malabat are entirely different from here in Halton they argued. In the first place the soil at Malabat is a deep gravelly loam. Secondly, they get 60 to 65 inches of rainfall in that section of Ontario in contrast to 25 or 30 inches in this section of Ontario. Others pointed out that 25 to 30 inches of moisture is ample if we could get sufficient at the critical growing period during May and June. With that we are inclined to agree and our solution in part at least would appear to be a question of conserving our moisture by building up on the bottom content of our soils. True that is easier said than done under the adverse growing periods of the past two or three years. It may necessitate us discarding or modifying some of the methods which we have considered sound on even the best farms. Frankly we must admit we don't know the answer. However we were amazed to hear a few days ago that some of those who took in the trip to Ontario last June spoke specifically concerning the use of straw mulches. We are in the same boat as the farmers of Europe.

The mistletoe was held sacred by the Druids but our custom of hanging the mistletoe was probably derived from Scandinavian mistletoe. The mistletoe was blessed by Freya the Goddess of Love. It claims was held so great that during enemies meeting in the forest beneath a mistletoe bearing tree would lay their weapons aside and declare a truce until the next day. This is probably the remote ancestor of our custom of hanging the mistletoe. Everyone who passes beneath it will bring into the house only peace and good will and that peace is sealed with a kiss of friendhip.

Indiana's aircraft exports in September totalled \$74 millions. For the first nine months of 1950 exports ran at an annual rate of \$31 million.

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10:30 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER DR. H. L. PATTERSON
Subject Importance of Cropping Practices in
Dairy Herd Improvement

Br. Exposition on exhibit to Halton Farm and Muskingum Co. Secretary, Drs. C. E. Edwards, Harrop and L. L. Wilson, also speakers from the following local co-operatives: Ross Township, Princeton, George Corrie and V. E. McArthur.

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