

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD.
Philemon 4-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—There can be neither bond nor free—for ye all are one man in Christ Jesus.—Galatians 3:28

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING.

TIME—The exact date for this brief epistle is not exactly known, but it was probably written about A.D. 62.

PLACE—It was written from Rome, where Paul was a prisoner, and sent to Colosse, a city in southwestern Phrygia.

"I thank my God always, making mention of thee in my prayers." Paul's imprisonment did not prevent his constant intercession for others at the throne of grace.

"Hearing of thy love, and of the faith which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints." Love of Christ should always beget love for those who belong to Christ, and faith in the Lord Jesus will enlarge and multiply our faith in others.

"That the fellowship of thy faith may become effectual, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in you, unto Christ." The word here translated fellowship might well be translated communication, meaning charitable distribution.

"For I had much joy and comfort in thy love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through thee, brother. Just as a father is always delighted, encouraged, and rewarded when reports are brought to him of the honorable, successful, beneficial life of one of his children, so Paul is ever grateful to God, joyful and comforted in his own heart, though in prison, when he hears of one of his converts so effectively living out the life of Christ that it is within him.

"Wherefore, though I have all boldness in Christ to enjoin thee that which is befitting." The apostle simply means to state that his apostolic office and Philemon's obligation to him or his conversion (v. 19), would warrant the apostle, if so disposed, laying his commands upon Philemon in the matter about which Paul is now to speak.

"Yet for love's sake I rather beseech." Love has the right to ask anything honorable, and true love would never ask anything not honorable. "Being such a one as Paul the aged," Paul was now about 60 years of age, but probably appeared much older because of the terrific hardships which he had suffered and the enormous amount of work he had accomplished since his conversion. "And now a prisoner also of Christ Jesus." The apostle makes a three-fold appeal here; his love for Philemon; the comparative feebleness of his present physical condition, due to nothing else than loyalty to Jesus Christ; and his helplessness as a prisoner in Rome for Christ's sake.

"I beseech thee for my child, whom I have begotten in my bonds." Paul still postpones mentioning the exact matter which has prompted the writing of this letter. Before he names the one about whom it principally is concerned, he refers to him in the most affectionate manner, calling him his own child, of whose conversion he was the instrument, not only his spiritual child, but the spiritual child of his captivity. "Onesimus." Onesimus was slave in Philemon's household, who, for one reason or another had run away, probably stealing a considerable amount of plate or money before he disappeared.

"Who once was unprofitable to thee." It so happens that the name Onesimus means profitable, helpful. Paul does not make light of the sin

Onesimus had committed. The slave had been unprofitable, not only by stealing, but by causing his master no little expense perhaps in attempting to apprehend him, and his escape had, no doubt, had more or less of a demoralizing influence among the other servants of the house. "But now is profitable to thee and to me." Any man, becoming a Christian, should serve his employer with greater fidelity than before his conversion for many reasons which will suggest themselves at once to the teacher.

"Whom I have sent back to thee in his own person, that is, my very heart." It is clear from this verse that Onesimus was the actual bearer of this letter to Philemon (see Col. 4: 9). Onesimus was a piece of Paul's very heart, part of himself; the unprofitable slave had wound himself around his affections and become so dear that to part with him was like cutting his heart out of his bosom.

"Whom I would fain have kept with me, that in thy behalf he might minister unto me in the bonds of the gospel." In these words, the relation of master and slave disappears for the moment. Both are servants for Christ's sake in the discharge of a ministry congenial to both.

"But without thy mind I would do nothing; that thy goodness should not be as of necessity, but of free will." By this the apostle means that he would not keep Onesimus without Philemon's permission.

"For perhaps he was therefore parted from thee for a season, that thou shouldst have him for ever: 16. No longer as a servant, but more than a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much rather to thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord." The phrase for ever probably has a double significance, meaning for all the years of the life that remained to Onesimus on this earth, and then for all the eternal ages to come in Philemon's company. But Onesimus was coming back to his master a free man, not that Paul was asking for his emancipation, but that Christ had made him free, and he was, therefore, truly a brother beloved.

"If then thou countest me a partner, receive him as myself." Is not this exactly how we are received before God in Jesus Christ? All things are freely forgiven us on the basis of the beloved (Eph. 1: 6).

"But if he hath wronged thee at all, or oweth thee ought, put that to mine account." The Lord Jesus Christ became our brother (Heb. 2: 14-18), and then became surety for us, bearing our own sins in his body on the tree (1 Peter 2: 25).

"I Paul write it with mine own hand, I will repay it." It would appear that Paul wrote these and at least the two following words with his own hand. Whether he wrote the entire letter with his own hand, or only these few words, or all the verses from nineteen to the end, is a matter of speculation. "That I say not unto thee that thou owest me even thine own self besides." Every Christian who has had an experience of conversion through the agency of another person loves that person until his death, and there are thousands of such examples today throughout the world.

"Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ." Paul's joy in Philemon would abound when he was assured that Philemon would grant his request in receiving Onesimus back into his household as a child of God. Verse 7 expresses his gratitude that, in the house of Philemon, many of the saints had been refreshed, now he asks that this refreshing might be extended to him.

Clear the Road For Red Wings' Bumping Checker



Here is "Bucko" McDonald, the lad from Detroit who is playing for that city in the National Hockey League. In the playoffs with the Montreal Maroons last spring he was still body-checking in the fifth overtime period of the opening game.

Didn't Like Wife's Looks

Displeased with the looks of his wife, a young man of Lahore is alleged to have poured kerosene over her while she was asleep and set fire to her clothing. The woman was burned to death.

It is stated that the youth, who was a resident of a village near Patiala, did not see the girl prior to

his wedding, the match having been arranged by his parents.

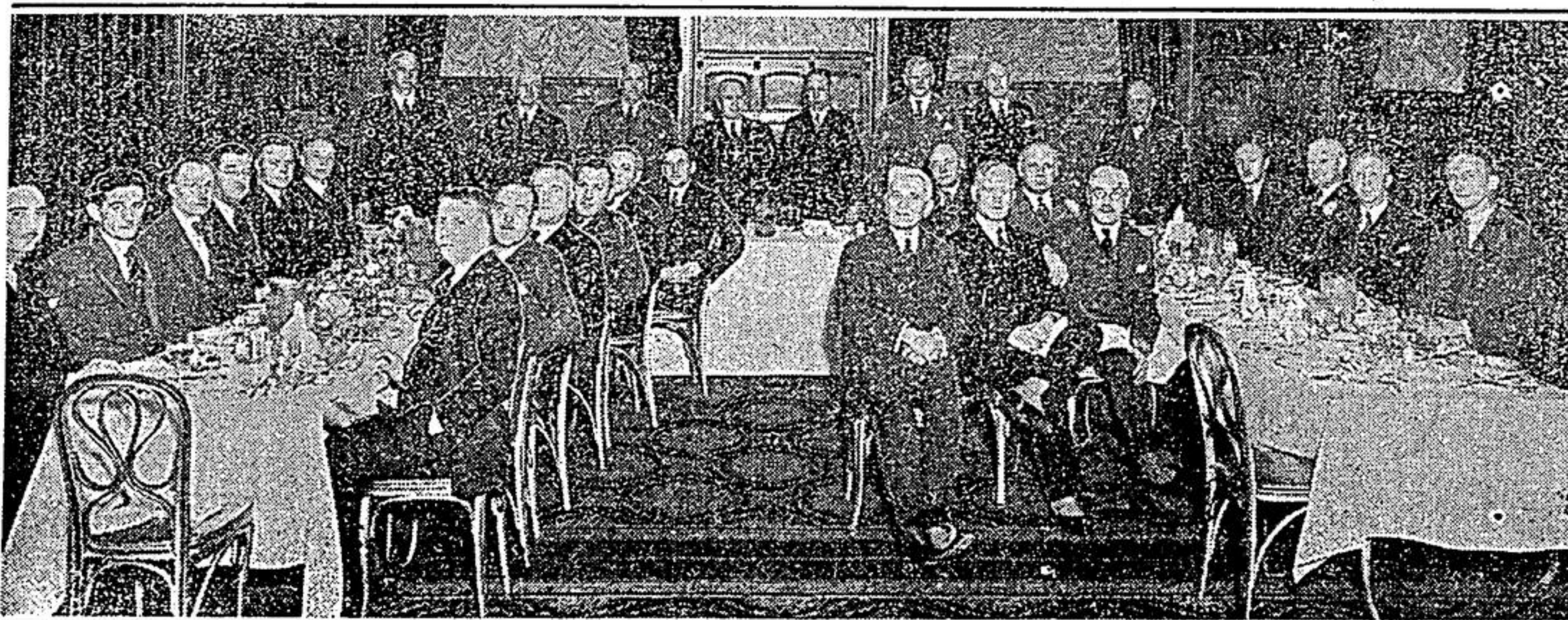
Displeased with her looks, the young man urged her on several occasions to return to her parents, but she refused to do so.

Waiting for an opportunity, one day while his parents were away from the house, he is alleged to have committed the deed. — Calcutta Statesman.

Western Epidemic Worst On Record

WINNIPEG. — An epidemic of infantile paralysis, now on the wane after sweeping Manitoba since June, has claimed more victims than any previous outbreak, official figures showed last week. Of 474 cases listed, 61 were in Winnipeg. Seventeen persons died.

Canadian Manufacturers At Exhibition Dinner



Members of the Dominion executive of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association met at a dinner tendered by the directors of the Produced-in-Canada Association, sponsors of the National Produced-in-Canada Exhibition in the SunLife Building, Montreal. At the head table, left to right: A. McA. Murphy, J. H. Sherrard, W. H. Miner, B. W. Coghlin, president of the C.M.A.; N. C. Polson, Jr.; F. C. Brown, Vancouver, 1st vice-president; James H. Webb, Louis Armstrong, Chairman of the Quebec Division; W. B. Black, Hamilton, second vice-president; J. T. Walsh, Toronto, general manager; T. F. Monypenny, Toronto, honorary treasurer; Major L. L. Anthes, Toronto, past president; Judge J. G. Gault, Hamilton; G. Caruthers, Toronto; C. R. Brown, vice-chairman, Hamilton; G. Carruthers, Toronto; C. J. D. Ferguson, Rock Island; A. B. Huff, Montreal; H. Crombie; D. E. Hamilton; G. Creighton; R. F. Thorne; F. McKinley; F. Froese; W. S. Atwood; F. Mechin; F. H. Hopkins, H. P. Nellis, and Joseph Beaubien, Montreal.

Farley, Seeing An Unprecedented Prosperity, Sails For Europe



Postmaster General James A. Farley and Mrs. Farley receive the farewells of former Mayor James J. Walker and Mrs. Walker as they sail from New York for a vacation in Europe, during which they will visit Ireland. Farley declared that unprecedented business revival was in sight.

Train Plunges Into Water from Embankment



Smashed cars of southbound Big Four passenger train which plunged from 6-foot embankment near Indianapolis, Ind., killing two and causing injuries to a score, pictured partially covered by waters of Big Sugar Creek.

The Huggard Case Women Get Credit For Civilization

Writes the Brantford Expositor: The two Toronto brokers, Gordon G. MacLaren and Robert Fletcher, who abandoned their defence and pleaded guilty in court, were each sentenced to five years in the penitentiary on a series of charges involving theft, receiving, forgery, and uttering. These men were involved in the disappearance of approximately \$100,000 worth of securities of John J. Huggard's clients in the Seaforth district, which were alleged to be stolen or received by the brokers, whose business was closed several months ago by the Ontario Securities Commission. Huggard was some time ago sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary for his share in the theft. Thus the two brokers are given severer sentences than that imposed upon Huggard by two years. It is evident that the court considered that they were more to blame than Huggard, and that the latter was something of a tool in their hands.

Thus the chief actors in this unfortunate crime have all been punished, but that brings no relief to the numerous clients of Huggard who suffered the loss of their property. In some instances aged people were left practically penniless, while widows and children were deprived of provision for their comfort. What the people of Ontario desire is not merely the punishment of those who were responsible for these tragic misfortunes, but also the assurance that such gross embezzlement can never occur again. If the law as it stands at present does not afford sufficient protection to those who entrust their securities to the care of lawyers, it should be amended at the next session of the Legislature.

The case of Huggard exposed the weakness of the existing law at its worst, and it is discreditable to Ontario that such a state of affairs could come to pass. In answer to the proposal that lawyers should be bonded innumerable objections have been raised regarding its practicability. Surely, however, the Law Society of the Province is capable of devising some sort of inspection of the accounts of those who accept money for investment as will make such breaches of trust impossible. It should be possible for inspectors to enter an office without notice at any time and make a searching investigation of all books, accounts and securities, so as to make certain that no irregularities are practised. Ontario does not want a repetition of the Huggard defalcations.

Women Get Credit For Civilization

Main credit for the launching of civilization is assigned to women by evidence unearthed by anthropologists, according to Dr. Mary R. Beard, American historian.

Dr. Beard said such evidence showed woman launched civilization by her "invention of all the industrial arts, by her transformation of an economy by scarcity into an economy of sufficient plenty for survival at least, by her ethics and esthetics, by her altruistic concern for life other than her own, by discovery of agriculture."

New York.—The patience of American women school teachers has been the chief factor in the success of the "melting pot," in which people of various races have lived side by side without violence, according to Dr. Beard. This was one example of the many unsung contributions of women which are directing the trend of history today.

"What woman thinks of herself and her social role," she said, "is what the future of women will reflect."

Backless Dresses Tempt the Young

Elderly Woman Contends Girls Should Wear More Modest Attire

Sault Lake City.—Mrs. Ruth May Fox, nearing 80, doesn't want to "seem prudish," but she contended recently bare backs and bare legs for girls are "one of the greatest temptations for evil."

As President of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, a Latter Day Saints church group, she is "guardian" of its 69,000 members.

"I don't think the young men care to see girls wearing backless dresses," said the gray-haired mother of 12 children.

"And I think girls should refrain also from beer-drinking and smoking."

"Smoking particularly is a filthy habit. If it were just a passing fancy... but once young women indulge themselves they become addicted to the habit."

Mrs. Fox believes girls today are stronger-willed than they used to be—"when they want something, they want it," still. "I think we have the finest lot of young girls today the world ever knew."

King Is Model of Physical Fitness

LONDON.—The King is to become a model of physical fitness for British youth, it is learned.

Regarding him as almost the ideal of physical fitness for a man of 42, leaders of the national health movement intend to encourage young men to follow his example. As part of the effort they will use a number of pictures of the King in sporting and athletic poses.

Delicate as a boy, the King has hardened himself so that he has no worries as to his health, and seldom even has a cold. He rises at 6 or 6.30 am, does setting-up exercises, bathes, and has a rub-down, and then later in the day plays squash or golf, swims or putters around his garden, trimming the roses. Swimming, in addition to gardening, is another diversion.

He likes to walk on grass—says it is a nerve tonic.

The King keeps his weight between 146 and 150 pounds. He eats sparingly and inclines more and more to fish and vegetables to the neglect of meats and desserts. He likes particularly salads.

Hotel Must Pay \$10 To Play Phonograph

OTTAWA.—When the purveyor of public entertainment calls the tune he pays, not only the piper, but the Canadian Performing Right Society. The 1937 schedule of fees that must go to the society when its copyrighted music is used is published in the Canada Gazette.

The Society, which operates for the benefit of the composers, receives fees from all public entertainment, regarded as being for profit, from the large exhibition to the country hotel which uses a phonograph for a Saturday night dance.

Theatres will pay, according to seating capacity, an annual fee varying from five to fifteen cents a seat with a minimum yearly charge of \$10. Hotels using orchestras pay a minimum of \$15 and if they use radios, phonographs, loudspeakers or mechanical instruments the minimum is \$10. Rates go up with the larger hotels. Large exhibitions pay from .04 cent to .05 cent a person attending, depending on attendance. Restaurants and stores pay a minimum of \$5 if they have music. Race tracks sports grounds and small fairs will be charged from \$55 to \$25 a day.

The scale of fees, said by officials to be generally lower than formerly, were fixed by Hon. Fernand Rivet, secretary of state, following an investigation by a royal commission.