

## Sunday School Lesson

May 29. Peter Undaunted by Persecution, Acts 5: 17-42. Golden Text—We ought to obey God rather than men.—Acts 5: 29.

### ANALYSIS.

I. PETER'S DEFENCE OF THE GOSPEL, 27-35.  
II. GAMALIEL'S MAGNANIMOUS JUDGMENT, 38-42.

**INTRODUCTION**—The courageous preaching of the apostles and the measure of popular success with which it was attended had the effect of soon alarming the religious authorities in Jerusalem, and led to a warrant being issued for their arrest. Peter and his companions were accordingly seized and imprisoned in the public prison, and a meeting of the Jewish Sanhedrin was called for the following morning, at which the prisoners were brought. Overnight, however, a strange event happened. Peter and his companions were set free by divine intervention. We are not told the circumstances. The historian simply says: "An angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said: 'Go stand and speak in the temple to the people the whole message of life.'" Consequently when the Sanhedrin met and learned that the prisoners had escaped, their surprise may be imagined. Orders were instantly issued to re-arrest the apostles in the temple, and Peter and the other apostles were brought in. Subsequent proceedings constitute our lesson for to-day.

I. PETER'S DEFENCE OF THE GOSPEL, 27-35.

Vs. 27-28. The high-priest as president of the court formulates the charge against the apostles. It is of having disobeyed the orders of the court with regard to the public preaching of Christianity. "We strictly charged you," so runs the indictment, "not to teach in the name of Jesus." The Sanhedrin had decided that all reference to the name of Jesus in public teaching was to be thenceforth illegal. What had been the result? The apostles had ignored the order. The high-priest makes two charges: (1) the apostles have filled Jerusalem with Christian ideas; (2) they have aimed at fixing the guilt of Jesus' blood upon the Jewish authorities.

Vs. 29. Peter's answer is that the apostles have no choice but to do as they are doing. God has sent them to preach to the people, and God's authority is above that of any human tribunal. The Jewish court does not recognize Jesus as the Messiah, and therefore it does not understand. But for those who do recognize Jesus as Messiah there is no alternative except to preach him in season and out of season. "We must obey God rather than man."

Vs. 30-32. Peter unfolds his reasons. (1) God has raised Jesus from the dead. The Jews thought to suppress Jesus and his teaching for even when they executed him upon the cross, but the event has proved contrary. Jesus lives, and it is his spirit which constrains the apostles to preach without ceasing. (2) God has raised Jesus to the throne of the universe. He is the Messiah and Saviour, through whom God means to save Israel by converting men to himself, and bestowing on them the promised forgiveness of sins. (3) The apostles are speaking from personal experience. The truths they proclaim regarding Jesus are not myths, but experienced certainties, and the Spirit of God is with them inspiring and corroborating all that they affirm.

Vs. 33-35. The prejudiced court is inflamed by what it takes to be insolent insubordination on Peter's part. They had expected to receive the submission of the apostles, and when Peter instead justifies his conduct, there is a movement to cut short all further proceedings by ordering the apostles off to execution. But from this desperate course the court is saved by the intervention of one of its members.

II. GAMALIEL'S MAGNANIMOUS JUDGMENT, 38-42.

Gamaliel begins by counseling patience. He refers to other cases of religious movements which had come to nothing because they had no sufficient foundation in the will of God, vs. 36, 37. He therefore argues that the Christian movement can be safely left to itself. History will decide whether or not it is of God.

Vs. 38-39. Gamaliel's policy is simply, "Wait and see." He makes no positive assertion regarding the claims of Christ. He asks simply for toleration.

Vs. 40. The Sanhedrin agreed upon

the resolution of Gamaliel. The apostles, who had been asked to retire while Gamaliel spoke, were recalled and dismissed. Not, however, until they had been flogged for the present offence and ordered to discontinue preaching for the future. It is apparent that Gamaliel's advice was accepted only for the present occasion. The Sanhedrin was not prepared to grant toleration in any future case.

Vs. 41-42. These verses show how very little the Christian leaders were disposed to accept the authority of human courts in this matter. The Messiah's claims took precedence of every other claim of right, and they continue their work undauntedly.

## WOMEN SEEKING TO STANDARDIZE POTS AND PANS

### Delegates at Economic Conference Would Prevent World-Wide Waste.

London.—The idea of "rationalizing" of pots and pans brought forward at the Geneva Economic Conference by three women delegates strikes a responsive chord in the heart of the British housewife.

The scheme, which stands to the credit of Frau Emmy Freundlich, Austria, Dr. Marie Elizabeth Luders, Germany, and Mrs. Barbara Wootton, England, is that each country should form a joint committee of housewives and industrialists to prevent the world-wide waste now going on owing to the variations of the sizes of stoves, pots and pans and kitchen utensils generally.

It should be possible, the memorialists stated, to buy all household articles, even knives, forks, plates, cups and saucers and similar appliances by numbers, like collars and shoes. The household, they added, the biggest and most stable market in the world, should be catered for rationally instead of on the present haphazard lines.

## LONGEST AIR FLIGHT ATTEMPTED, STARTS

### London to Calcutta in a Non-Stop Trip.

Cranwell, Lincolnshire, Eng.—A 4,000-mile non-stop flight, the most ambitious in the history of British aviation, is scheduled to start Monday, May 16th, with its objective, Calcutta, India.

Lieut. C. R. Carr and Flight-Lieut. L. E. Gillman, of the Royal Air Force, will pilot a Hawker-Horsley bombing plane on a flight which, if successful, will smash the present non-stop flight record of 3,415 miles made between Paris and Djassi, Persia, last October. The plane will be equipped with radio and will carry 1,100 gallons of gasoline. Lieut. Carr expects to complete the flight within 48 hours.

## YOUNG RUSSIANS SETTLE ON FARMS

### Trained Under Auspices of League of Nations.

Winnipeg.—With the idea of learning English and Canadian methods of farming, and the ultimate aim to settle down in Canada, the party of young Russian agriculturists, who have been trained through the auspices of the League of Nations, and placed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Colonization Department with English-speaking farmers in the Province of Saskatchewan, left here recently for the West.

These men, who are refugees from Russia, have been trained in Czechoslovakia and France in agriculture, came to Canada about two weeks ago and have been visiting the agricultural colleges in the east and Manitoba. It is expected that as soon as they have gained sufficient experience and a knowledge of English, they will be placed on their own land, as part of the scheme of the League of Nations.

Landlady—"I believe in letting coffee boil for thirty minutes; that's the only way to get the goodness out of it."  
New Boarder—"You have succeeded admirably, ma'am!"

## THE PRIZE WINNING ESSAY



The Winner and Her Sisters

Dear Sir:—

I did not dream when I sent in my effort for the Canada Essay Contest that I would be lucky enough to win a prize, such a splendid one at that, and I can hardly realize my good fortune even yet, but I have the evidence of my own eyes and must believe it.

This is the first time I have tried in an Essay competition, though the second public prize I have won, for last year I secured third prize in the Home Garden Competition in connection with the Public Schools of the County.

I, on Oct. 14th, 1913, was born on my father's farm in Burford Township, and attended Public School at Pleasant Plains School, Section No. 15, Burford, and passed into High School in Burford village last September. There, although perhaps not my best subjects, composition and English literature are easily my favorites and the more I study them the better I like them. In the last Easter examinations my average was 82 and I ranked fifth out of thirty-five students in my form. I like sports and games and especially gymnastics but I am not strong enough yet to excel in any great degree.

I attend regularly the local United Church for services and Sunday School, and I find my lessons in English literature a great help to me in understanding what I hear there.

I have a strong desire to become a Public School teacher though I have my doubts sometimes as to whether I am clever enough but I am doing my best.

I am sorry I have no photograph of myself alone and only the enclosed snapshot taken with my two sisters last summer. I am standing on the left, my elder sister in the middle and the younger on the right. I wish it were better but this is the best I can do and I hope this will prove satisfactory. I have no brothers.

Again thanking you for considering my Essay worthy of your splendid prize.

I am,  
Yours faithfully,  
Margaret Hobson.

other country in the world. Open to your choice, are not only fruits and vegetables equal to the best grown in the temperate climate, but from the Niagara Peninsula and British Columbia are obtained many of those usually associated with the Tropical zone.

Mr. Business man, you are not forgotten for what ever your business, if it requires power, we can supply you cheaply and plentifully from our comparatively unused water-power while your raw material if not grown, as it likely is inside our limits, can be cheaply brought to you over our great inland waterways. These your pleasures are also well attended to, for if you are a smoker you will find we grow the finest of tobaccos while for your hours of relaxation in our vast unexplored open spaces you will find a veritable sportsman's paradise. For where else in the world can you combine big game hunting and fishing of such quality?

If you are undecided where to go Mr. and Mrs. Tourist, just look over our store, for whether you desire to travel by train, boat, auto, "Shanks pony" or a combination of all four, we can provide you with anything you desire. A train journey across our possessions from the Atlantic to the Pacific with its generous conditions as to "stop over" privileges at places of interest, will give you a general bird's eye view of what we have to offer. If you wish a closer inspection an auto trip, over our network of good roads, with well equipped rest camps in which you will have your comfort so well looked after, that you are free to enjoy all the beauties of the road, is

When cherry trees are white, When hedgerows blossom and the air is sweet With breath of green things growing at my feet, And all the world is changed within a night;

When country roadsides wait, Coaxing, with bending bough and springing grass, Then do I heed the call of winds that pass, And seek my flower-starred haunts with heart elate.

Like drifts of sea-swept foam The white trees lean against an azure sky, Just as in blossom-time so long gone by, They crowned my hills, the dear, old hills of home.

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an experience you will always look back on with pleasure. The diversity of headquarters you have to choose from is only equalled by their difference in type of interest. The Niagara Peninsula when the fruit trees are in bloom you will consider a close approach to fairy land; while you must not miss visiting the Falls, especially if they are illuminated. You will not soon forget the sight. A voyage through the Thousand Islands, a visit to Quebec with its historical interests and "Evangeline land" would be well worth while. For the "hickers" are the Rocky Mountains with their sublime views and British Columbia offers scenes entirely different from the rest.

For Mr. Farmer there is some of the finest land that lies out of doors and he can find anything he requires from an ideal site for a chicken farm to a thousand acre ranch. We grow the finest wheat in the world and are rapidly building up a reputation for the choicest bacon and butter while our fruit and especially apples would be hard to excel. Our British Columbia apple is good, and I have heard it stated that it was probably its brightest color that tempted the mother of the world, but I believe that it took the flavor and aroma of the Ontario grown apple to bring about the downfall of Adam. If so, if he could speak, he would probably say it compensated even for Paradise. A great and expanding market for all the farmer grows, lies at our doors, while his interests are looked after by a paternal government, with agricultural colleges and experimental stations at different points.

To sum up, good people, it does not matter who you are or what degree you occupy in the world, whether you are a young person with nothing but your hands to help you, or of mature age with wealth to invest, you cannot do better than come to this young growing store. We can give a welcome to you all. To the children, a good education, the only qualification for which is brains and "grit" for, unlike most of the older countries it can be truly said of our store that every "toddler" just starting school carries the Premier position in his book satchel. The man with ideas is always welcome and here he will have a chance to exploit them, while the professional man has every opportunity to rise to higher positions. The religious life is well attended to by men, many of whom are leaders in their respective branches of thought and all we ask of you in return is that you help to make our great company a power to be reckoned with, not only commercially, but in the finer things of life as well.

## WHEN CHERRY TREES ARE WHITE.

By Florence J. Hadley

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## FIFTY ENTRANTS FOR BIG SWIM

### The Canadian National Exhibition is Mecca for Long Distance Swimmers.

### WORLD WIDE INTEREST.

Toronto's \$50,000 swimming marathon, to be staged in the waters of Lake Ontario on August 31 in connection with the Canadian National Exhibition, has aroused international interest. To date, fifty national competitors have asked for details and intimated they are considering entering the contest. In addition to George Young, local swimming ace, who conquered the Catalina Channel and annexed the \$25,000 prize on January 16 last, swimmers from all parts of the world are expected to make the plunge here.

Ishak Helmy, Egypt; Giovanni Sahner, Milan, Italy; A. Nawahl, Honolulu; T. H. Nils Johanson, Lingho, Sweden; Fritaf Anderson, Stockholm, Sweden; George Michel, Paris, France; Olay Farstad, Trondheim, Norway; Edwin Vierkotter, Berlin, Germany; Ottawa Kemmerich, Hamburg, Germany; Jane Ston, Brussels, Belgium; and Mrs. E. Dinorio, London, England, are included in the list of those making enquiries.

Canadian List.

Up to the present, entry forms have been sent to eleven Canadians, headed by the redoubtable George Young, and this country's chances of annexing the money seem very bright.

The list of Canadians is George Young, Toronto; H. Pierce Kelly, Quebec, Que.; Rosaire Delorme, Montreal, Que.; Robert Laroche, Quebec, Que.; M. Kreynen, Sydney, N.S.; Helene Garland, Ottawa, Ont.; Stanley Hodgkinson, Toronto; G. J. R. Cooksey, Thbury, Ont.; Alexander Quinn, Toronto; Fred Bailey, Toronto; Michael Hamburg, Toronto.

United States.

The United States has easily the largest number of "probables." Twenty-two swimmers from across the border have already shown interest in the coming event, although of this number none of the better known swimmers are included.

The course will be over a triangle, 7 miles to each of the three sides, starting and finishing at the Exhibition Grounds. Lake Ontario waters are very cold, and the swim is expected to require great endurance and speed.

Must Wear Suits.

An interesting feature is the information printed on the entrance forms whereby prospective swimmers are informed that bathing suits must be worn. Swimmers will, of course, be permitted to grease their bodies to keep out the cold and to save them from being "water-logged," but the grease must be applied over or under the bathing suit.

## ONTARIO'S PREMIER ADVISES EDUCATION

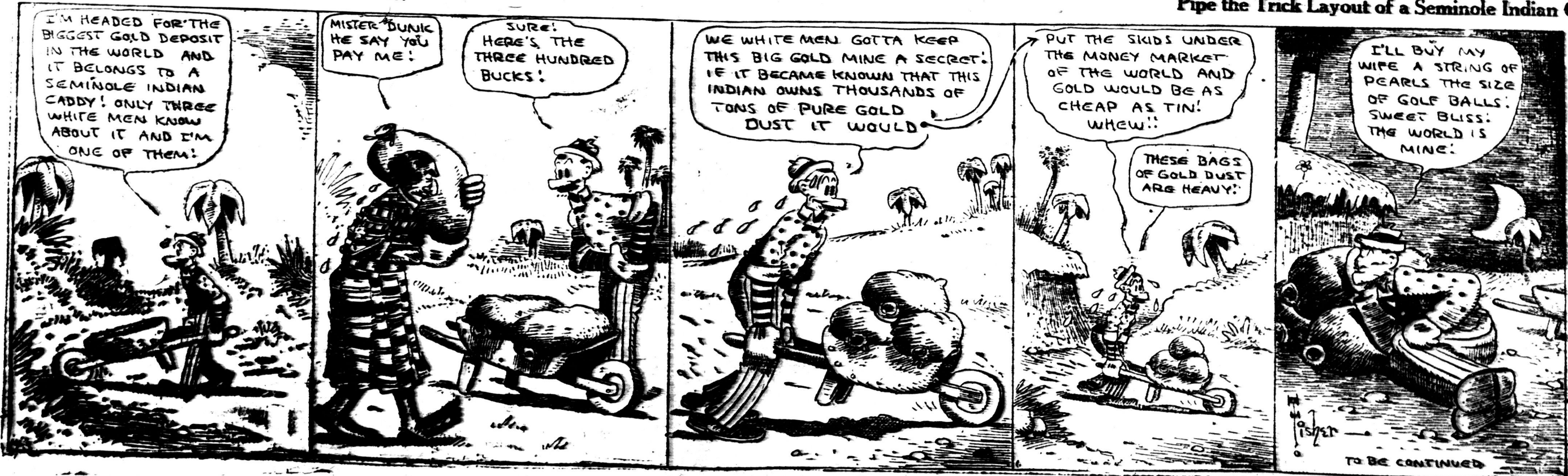
### Proper Liquor Enforcement Will Depend on Public Opinion.

Premier Ferguson, asked as to the criticisms of Rev. John Coburn, secretary of the Dept. of Social Service, at the United Church Conference, when he said that either the liquor traffic or the Christian Church would have to go, said:

"The evidence that has been coming out before the Customs Enquiry Commission more than justifies statements made by Government speakers with reference to illegal transactions and consumption of liquor under the O. T. A."

"If men interested in the temperance cause, especially those holding official positions, would devote their energies and abilities to an educational campaign toward abstinence from drinking and general law observance, I venture to think they would do more for the temperance cause than by making political criticisms based on purely hypothetical bases."

## MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher.



Pipe the Trick Layout of a Seminole Indian Caddy.

"I'M HEADED FOR THE BIGGEST GOLD DEPOSIT IN THE WORLD AND IT BELONGS TO A SEMINOLE INDIAN CADDY! ONLY THREE WHITE MEN KNOW ABOUT IT AND I'M ONE OF THEM!"

"MISTER 'DUNK' HE SAYS YOU PAY ME!"

"SURE! HERE'S THE THREE HUNDRED BUCKS!"

"WE WHITE MEN GOTTA KEEP THIS BIG GOLD MINE A SECRET. IF IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THIS INDIAN OWNS THOUSANDS OF TONS OF PURE GOLD DUST IT WOULD..."

"PUT THE SKIDS UNDER THE MONEY MARKET OF THE WORLD AND GOLD WOULD BE AS CHEAP AS TIN! WHEW!"

"THESE BAGS OF GOLD DUST ARE HEAVY!"

"I'LL BUY MY PEARLS A STRING OF GOLF BALLS! SWEET BLISS! THE WORLD IS MINE!"

TO BE CONTINUED