SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON III.

JESUS THE WATER OF LIFE
(John 4: 1—54.)
Printed Text John 4: 7—26

Golden Text—Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. John 4:14.

The Lesson in Its Setting

Time.—December, A.D. 27.

Place.—The discourse with the Samaritan woman took place at Sychar in Central Palestine between Mt. Gerizim and Mount Ebal. The rest of the chapter narrates events occurring in Galilee, especially at Cana and Capernaum.

7. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water. "A woman, and as such, lightly regarded by the popular doctors (cf. v. 27): a Samaritan, and as such, despised by the Jews.

Jesus said unto her, Give me a drink. "He opened the conversation with a request on the human level, the level of His own human necessity.

8. For His disciples were gone away into the city to buy food. It is possible that one of the disciples carried a vessel for drawing water up from the well, and that, because they were absent, a stranger had to be asked to draw water up for the Lord.

9. The Samaritan woman therefore saith unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me? The word here translated "askest" is a word of petition, as from an inferior to a superior; but when Christ refers to that request of hers, He does not take up and allow her word, but uses the phrase, "who is it that saith to thee." Who am a Samaritan woman. (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) "Rabbinis precept forbade Jews to eat bread or drink wine with the Samaritans. The Jews despised them as a mongrel people with nondescript faith (2 Kings 17: 24 ff.)."

10. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, As far as we know, the water was not drawn up for the quenching of Jesus' thirst. He drops the matter of his need for literal water, and He turns the attention of the woman from things physical to things spiritual.

And who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink. Two things then this woman did not know, the gift of God, and the identity of the person who stood before her. Thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. God's greatest gifts are available to His children, whatever their merits, simply by asking (Matt. 7: 7, 8). "A common expression for running spring water of a cistern or reservoir, and used as a symbol of spiritual blessings with great frequency in the Old Testament."

11. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: whence then hast Thou that living water? The woman finds it impossible to comprehend the spiritual aspects of our Lord's statement, and, for the most part, confines her attention to the matter of drawing literal water from the well immediately before them; yet, in her question, "Whence, then, hast Thou living water?"

12. Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his sons, and his cattle? There is nothing in the Bible to substantiate the claim of the Samaritans that they descended from Joseph, and hence could call Jacob their father. "When the Samaritans asked Alexander the Great to excuse them from tribute in the sabbatical year because, as true sons of Joseph they did not till their land that year, he pronounced their claim an imposture and destroyed Samaria."

13. Jesus answered and said unto her, Every one that drinketh of his water shall thirst again. The Lord Jesus does not stop to compare Himself with Jacob, but He does state a truism which she could not deny, namely, that the water in this well could only temporarily quench the thirst of any who drink of it.

14. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. (Cf. 6: 35; Rev. 7: 16; 21: 6) Here Christ gathers to a head innumerable promises of the Old Testament, and thus claims them as fulfilled in Himself; e.g., Isa. 41: 18; 48:21; 49: 10; 55:1. See also Psalm 36:9; Jer. 2: 13; 17:13. But the water I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life. Christ received into the heart by a believer imparts eternal life. The spiritual life which we have from Christ can never dry up. It goes on and on for all eternity.

15. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come all the way hither to draw. Not only has the curiosity of the women been aroused, but Christ has stirred up within her heart a deep longing for this living water of which He is speaking, though she does not fully comprehend what He has been saying.

Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. One is surprised at the sudden change in the line of Jesus' conversation. At the moment when she asked the Lord for this living water, He told her to go back to the city. He did not bestow upon this woman the gift of eternal life when she was keeping buried out of His sight, and probably out of serious consideration, the shameful sin in which she was living. Christ must bring her to an acknowledgment and a confession of this sin first.

17. The woman answered and said unto Him, I have no husband. Apparently this was an attempt to evade an examination of which she was afraid. "She would rather have these pages unturned. Jesus saith unto her, Thou saidst well, I have no husband: 18. For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband; this hast thou said truly. We must not forget that this terrible resume of this woman's life was not something which she confessed, but was something which He had knowledge of and reminded her of.

19. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. The word here translated "perceive" "marks contemplation, not immediate perception."

20. Our fathers worshipped in this domain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. The mountain to which this woman referred is Mount Gerizim, which was for the Samaritans the holy mountain of the world.

21. Jesus saith unto her, Woman believe me, the hour cometh when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall ye worship the Father. Our Lord does not decide the question as to the superiority of one location over another, though, of course, if He had spoken about it, He would have exposed the fradulent claims of the Samaritans; but He simply announces to her that the time would come when the worship of the Father would be determined no longer by some geographical limitation.

22. Ye worship that which ye know not: we worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. The Samaritan religion had only the Pentateuch for its Bible: it repudiated the Psalms and the writings of the prophets. Furthermore, it had added many idolatrous practices and pagan superstitions, so that the God whom they worshipped was not the true Jehovah of the Old Testament.

23. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. True worshippers here are contrasted not so much with the insincere as with those who worship imperfectly. That which is imperfect can never be finally true. To worship "in spirit" is to commune with God in one's spirit, for the preposition "in" has reference to the sphere in which worship moves.

For such doth the Father seek to be His worshippers. "The Father is seeking in the Son for true worshippers, and therefore men are encouraged and enabled to seek Him in spirit and truth (John 1: 17)."

24. God is a Spirit. By saying tha God is a Spirit, Christ means that God has no bodily form. On the other hand, God does have substance or essence. God is not a mere idea, or a construction of the mind, like a mathematical formula.

And they that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. Worship of God which is not in accordance with Gods nature is not true worship.

25. The woman saith unto Him, I know that Messiah cometh (he that is called Christ): when He is come, He will declare unto us all things. This is the only place in the New Testament where Christ is referred to as the Messiah, with the single exception of a preceding notice in this same Gospel (1:41). The word "Messiah means the Anointed One.

26. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He. These words probably did not express a surprising truth to the women, who had been led to see so many great spiritual truths this hour. It is an undeniable acknowledgment, on the part of Christ, that He believed Himself to be the Messiah sent from God. If we do not accept His verdict about Himself, we characterize His as one who spoke falsely, or one who was under a delusion.

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Giving His Viewpoint

Lord Beaverbrook, British newspaper magnate arriving in New York City on Europa, pictured as he gave newsmen his views on Edward's abdication.

Suggests New Kingdom

William H. Davies, Victoria, B. C., real estate operator, has suggested that Vancouver Island secede from the Dominion of Canada and establish a monarchy over which former King Edward VIII and Mrs. Simpson would be invited to rule as king and queen.

Married in New York

Mr. John Stewart McLennan, Jr., son of the Hon. John Stewart Lennan, of Petersfield, Sydney, Nova Scotia, and his bride, formerly Mrs. Sally White Houghton daughter of Mr and Mrs. Edward rence White, of Beaverley Farms, Mass., whose marriage took in the Municipal Chapel in New York City on Wednesday last. photograph was taken just after their wedding.

FARM NOTES

Conducted by PROFESSOR HENRY G. BELL
With the Co-Operation of the Various Departments of the Ontario Agricultural College.

Question:— (a) "Has there been very much experimental work carried on in Ontario to determine if the use of fertilizer in this province is profitable? Will it pay me to use fertilizer with my spring grain crop?

(b) I intend to grow 10 acres of table turnips (Rutabagas) on a clay loam soil which will receive eight loads of barnyard manure per acre. What kind of fertilizer would be suitable for these conditions and how should it be sown?"—T. B., Waterloo County.

Answer:—(a) The Ontario Agricultural College has been carrying on fertilizer experiments in various parts of the province for several years. During the last seven years, a very definite campaign of testing the suitability of various fertilizers on the farmers' own farms has been in progress. Over 6500 plots have been conducted on a total of over 1200 farms. This work has proven quite definitely that profit is to be gained by wise use of fertilizers in supplementing the fertility of the soil and of manure which has accumulated on the farm. The average gain in cereals that has been obtained is from 10 to 15 bushels per acre. Fertilizers on potatoes, over a six-year period have given an average increase of 55 bushels per acre. Fertilizers on alfalfa have produced an average increase of almost two tons per acre. All these increases and similar improvement in other crops have been obtained from moderate application of such as 250 lbs. per acre on cereals, 375 lbs. per acre on alfalfa and 750 lbs. per acre on potatoes. At prices which have prevailed for fertilizers and for crops, exceeding good interest on money invested in fertilizer has been realized.

(b) On turnips 2-12-10 fertilizer has given largest yields, at the rate of 200 to 250 lbs. per acre. This is a fairly heavy application to make through the fertilizer dropper attached to the turnip drill. It has been found better practice to drill the fertilizer over the turnip area before the land is ridged for seeding.

Question: (a) "I grow cabbage and cauliflower for early market. My soil is a light sandy loam and I would like to know what fertilizer and the quantity per acre should be used to give the earliest results.

(b) I have an eight-year-old asparagus bed which produces an excellent yield so far as quantity is concerned, but after about the third cutting, the tips become stringy. Can this be corrected by the use of a balanced fertilizer and what analysis would you recommend? Also, can you give me any other information that you think would benefit the crop, as until now this asparagus bed has never received anything but barnyard manure.

(c) Do I need to use fertilizer when I follow a rotation in which a green crop, usually alfalfa, is plowed under every four years and the land receives a good application of manure every four to five years"—T. S., Essex.

Answer:—(a) For cabbage and cauliflower, good results have been obtained from use of a 4-8-10 fertilizer at the rate of 1500-2000 lbs. per acre. This should be worked into the soil along the rows, before the plants are transplanted. Particularly good results are obtained when a small additional light application of nitrate of soda around the plants, but not touching them, about two weeks after the plants have been set out and sometimes again at a period of another two weeks. Do not apply more than 10 lbs. per acre at each application.

(b) Asparagus can be helped materially by the addition of fertilizer in spring. We would not advise a mixed fertilizer, but an application of 100-200 lbs. per acre of nitrate of soda, or cyanamid, should give good results. This should be worked into the asparagus rows before the tips begin to show and worked into the soil by light harrowing or cultivation. Do not apply more than 100 lbs. per acre of nitrate of soda at one application.

(c) The rotation of crops should includes legumes such as alfalfa, sweet clover or common clover. The organic matter to the soil and also some addition of nitrogen, which crops take out nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, and of which legumes remove considerable amounts of nitrogen and phosphoric acid from the soil. Unless manure is added, quite a bit of nitrogen will be supplied, a small amount of phosphoric acid and a small amount of potash, so that a good cropping systems with the addition of manure, there is necessity for the addition of more phosphoric acid and potash than is returned in the manure. Whether or not there is need for additional nitrogen will depend entirely on the type of farming and the type of farming and the type.

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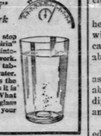

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"Very" and "Quite" Among Verbal Corpses Opines Senator

WASHINGTON — Senator Henry Fountain Ashurst—long a student of the English language—advocates that the nation forget some of the words cluttering up the dictionaries.

"We have a wonderful language," he says, "but it is becoming unwieldy. It would be a good thing to call a conference of authorities and abolish some of our verbal corpses."

The Arizona senator—recognized as packing one of the most remarkable vocabularies in Congress— has dipped into the national language and made some novel disclosures.

"Every 100 words spoken by an educated American," he says, "fall into four general classifications."

They are: 60, Anglo-Saxon; 30, Latin; five Greek; five, other languages.

Two words for which Ashurst has no use are "very" and "quite."

Either of them tends to weaken, not strengthen your speech, he says.

"You will hear neither used in my office," he added, "for we have abolished them."

A casual visitor to the office sometimes is startled by efforts toward a more picturesque speech. For instance:

"Give me the ibex," says the senator to his secretary.

"The ibex" turned out to be Ashurst's speech on the donkey, and contained a good example of his colorful language:

"The donkey is the personification of the sublime virtues of moderation, forbearance, restraint, and rigid economy. From the vibrant chords of his throat there came zigzag bars of music as thrilling as the midnight minstrel of the nightingale."

Building Risky Without Advice

With some of the best engineering and architectural brains at work on new methods and materials for building, it is bewildering to the layman just which to select for his new home and how it should be applied.

For example, in choosing material for interior walls; not so very long ago it was taken for granted that plaster on wood lath would be used. But now there are all kinds of substitutes offered for wood lath, and many materials suggested for use in place of plaster.

The questions before the home builder are whether plaster shall be used or one of the various wall boards to be selected? If plaster is decided upon then the question of the base on which to erect it must be determined.

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There is no gainsaying the fact that the business of building a house is a complicated affair, and the wise lay man will consult a competent architect, engineer or disinterested builder for the solution of the materials to go into his prospective home.

Stocking Hints

Do not treat your stockings "rough." Put them on carefully, and be sure that feet and leg seams are straight. The slightest twist will alter the position of reinforced splicings, and wrinkles always rub into holes.

Never fasten suspenders below the reinforced hems. Wash with lukewarm lather and squeeze out gently —they'll ladder if they are wrung.

Don't use any kind of artificial heat for drying. Hang stockings by the toes in an airy place to dry and don't fold them away damp.

Junior Farmers Visit International Harvester Plant

When prize-winning boys and girls, 75 in number, members of Junior Farm Clubs, representing the different provinces, visited Hamilton a short time ago, one of the most interesting interludes was a trip to the Hamilton works of the International Harvester Company and the picture shown above was taken after a trip through the large plant. F. M. Morton, vice-president, who is also honorary president of the Canadian Council on Girls' and Boys' work, received the group and conducted them on a trip through the farm implement factory and binder mill. Mr. Morton is seen in the centre of the second row. At noon there was a tasty luncheon served, at which tribution to the pleasant associations to be carried away by each visitor as a life-time memory of the trip. Among other tributes, Mr. Rayner explained that a part of the funds necessary to carry on club work accrued from the proceeds of a gift made years ago by the International Harvester Company. Among those in the group are the following Ontario Club Members:— W. W. Werry, Hampton, Ont.; G. F. Robson, Denfield, Ont.; Frank J. Giffen, Tavernors, Ont.; Mac Walker, Campbellcroft, Ont.; Floyd Metcalf, Bowmanville, Ont.; Beverley Shouldice, Shallow Lake, Ont.; Carrol Nicholls, Port Hope, Ont.; Arthur Banting, Alliston, Ont.

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To a Bride—The groom may be the light of your life, but wait until your light starts going out.

If you would acquire a profound knowledge of men . . . study women.

Grace—I wonder why so many marriages are failures?

Frank— It must be because so many inexperienced people go into it.

There is consolation in the thought that we are not likely, when we arrive in Heaven, to be taxed for the purpose of keeping the golden streets in repair.

"When Asia and Europe look toward the Americas their eyes look as though they had bayonets in them."
—General Moncada of Nicaragua

50-50 Marriage

BINGHAMPTON, N.Y.—Both the Rev. and Mrs. William J. Hill agree that going "more than half way" toward helping one another was a good rule for marital happiness — and they should know, for they've been practising it for 71 years.

Dr. Hill, who is 94, and his wife, four years his junior, celebrated their three score and 11 years of married life this past Christmas with a party at their home in Johnson City.

"Going out of the way to keep harmony may appear difficult at times," they explained, "but it's a lot easier and a lot more comfortable than not."

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Farm News

Average yield of 146 bushels an acre was reported by A. Burgess of Two Rivers district from a 32-acre plot of registered oats. Mr. Burgess' fine return was typical of productivity this fall in the Peace River district where the best yields since 1928 have been obtained in wheat, oats and barley.

Speaking of Kings, Herman Trelle, of Alberta, was the Wheat King of the world in 1930, 1931 and 1932. Then by winning the championship at Chicago he is again crowned King for 1936-37. In 26 years the crown has been 22 times bestowed upon a Canadian farmer, says the Farmer's Advocate.

Three carloads of high grade cattle were shipped from Taber, Alta., to Winnipeg, Montreal or Toronto markets. The cattle were driven in from distant farms, said S. Raby, Lethbridge cattle buyer, who shipped the lot. The animals are a fine looking lot, having been purchased in the irrigation districts, finished on beet tops with good results. He stated that while he ranged widely in Taber and Vauxhall areas besides adjacent districts, he was not seeking drought weaned cattle but high grade animals, and those fed beet tops promised well in eastern markets. Among the three carload were quite a number of whitefaces, he said.

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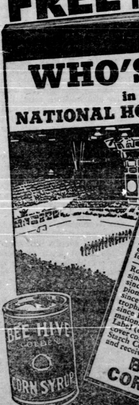

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Movie-radio gossip

By DOROTHY

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Ev. you listen to the Kate Smith programs, on which various unsung heroes and heroines appear, tell their story, and then receive votes from listeners-in? If you heard seventy-year old Mary Louise McCroskey and liked her you'll be glad to hear that she was voted for by 215,000 people, and received the weekly award of $75.

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Loretta Young fell in love with the beautiful costumes that she wore in "Ramona" and couldn't bear to have them returned to the wardrobe room to be cut up and made over. So she bought them, had them remodelled slightly—and now has four new evening dresses.

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At last Jack Oakie, that gay comedian of the screen, has his heart's

Jack Oakie

desire—a master of ceremonies job on the air. It's odd that he hasn't been signed up before, for he is one of the few comedians who are as good on the air as they are on the screen — you've probably heard some of his guest performances; he was on with Bob Burns while Bing Crosby was in Honolulu. He got the idea for this new program from his work in "College Rhythm." He's admitted that he'll have "guest professors"—Al Jolson Eddie Cantor, Burns and Allen and others.

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ODDS AND ENDS — Talent Scouts for two major picture companies appeared at New York's Casino Montclair, (favored haunt of movie celebrities) recently to watch Ann Courtney—no: knowing that she'd signed that morning with Warner Brothers . . . Gloria Swanson's going to do a stage play in New York; Irving Thalberg had planned to bring her back to the screen, just before his death, it's said . . You'll see Barbara Stanwyck dancing in 20th Century Fox's "Banjo on My Knee"; she used to do it for a living, starting in the "Follies" . . . This year those Saturday afternoon broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera Company's performances will be sponsored by the Radio Corporation of America.

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