

Sunday School Lesson For Sunday

The Scripture Reading, and Comment by

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Golden Text:—"I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:6; Lesson 14:1-31; Printed Text John 14:1-17.

JESUS COMFORTS HIS DISCIPLES

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; and the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Sir Walter Scott, near the close of his life, took a great deal of satisfaction in the comfort of his home at Abbotsford. There were the lawns and the gardens which he had laid out with such care. There were his grandchildren and his dogs. As they wheeled him about in a convalescent's chair, he used to caress the hair of the children and talk to the dogs and pause to admire his favorite roses.

"I have seen much in my time," he said, "but nothing like my ain house,—give me one turn more!"

One morning they took him into the library upon whose shelves were arranged his hundreds of beloved books. From its central window, he could look down upon the lovely valley of the river Tweed.

"Read to me!" he said to Lockhart.

"From what book shall I read?"

"Need you ask? There is but one book."

So John Lockhart took down the Bible, opened it at the chapter from which this Sunday School lesson is taken and read our Lord's matchless farewell address to his distressed disciples.

"Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. . . ."

And so on to the end of this chapter which has lightened so many melancholy hearts.

"This is a great comfort—a great comfort," he said slowly.

Many other men die without home and without friends. William T. Ellis, years old, was a reporter. Recently he told of his trip to interview a corpse. A stranger had drifted into the almshouse and died leaving no clue to his identity. Mr. Ellis found the body wretchedly cared for. There was a jibbering old pauper in charge, who kept repeating as if he had a grievance, "He wanted somebody to hold his hand as he was dying, I wouldn't do it,—I wouldn't do it." How many anguished souls cry out in vain for the touch of a friendly hand! How often we find luckless souls in sickness and in grief, suffering alone. Jesus promised to his disciples, a Comforter,—in the literal Greek, "one called alongside to help."

Sooner or later your time of testing will come. The sympathy of human friends goes only so far and then breaks down. There is only one perfect friend in extremity, the Lord's "Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him." In one form or another, adversity and failure and grief will come to your door. Will you know Him, then? Does He abide with you now?

SOPHIA ROUTE ONE NEWS

Mr. James Scott returned home Wednesday afternoon after spending several days with relatives in Wilson.

Mrs. Joe Spencer was the guest of Mrs. Eliza Williams recently.

Miss Abbie Spencer has returned home after spending several days with Mrs. Eliza Edwards.

There were very few present at Sabbath School on account of inclement weather.

Mrs. D. A. Davis spent several weeks recently in this section.

Mr. E. W. Berry is still unable to walk. Mr. Berry had the misfortune of losing his leg broken several weeks ago.

DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT OF N. CAROLINA CHILDREN

Child Welfare Commission Report Declares Only Small Percentage Children Working.

Only 35 out of every 1,000 North Carolina boys and girls arriving at the age of 14 are employed, according to the report of E. P. Carter, executive secretary of the North Carolina Child Welfare Commission, in his report submitted to Governor McLean Monday. The report declares that the number of children employed in the manufacturing plants of the State is steadily decreasing, but that the number employed in the smaller industries is increasing.

The number of children employed in the cotton mills of the State has decreased 25 per cent from last year. On June 30th, 1924, there were 1,514 fewer children employed in the State's cotton mills than for the year ending June 30th, 1923. The number of children working in hosiery mills has decreased by 443, and in offices 200.

There were during the year 85 violations of the Child Labor laws. Out of this number there were 25 prosecutions. Sixty of these violations were promptly corrected by the employers upon complaint of the commission.

The following increases in the employment of children for the past year are noted: Workshops and laundries, 23; hotels and restaurants, 17; all manufacturing places, 145; and places of amusement, 7.

Card of Thanks

We, the children of Mary M. Ridge, who died on January 8th, desired to extend our appreciation and sincere thanks to the kind friends who rendered every possible assistance. The thoughtfulness on the part of our friends and neighbors will ever be perpetual in our memories.

THE CHILDREN.

Asheboro Girls Suffer Defeat

The girls' basketball team of the Asheboro graded school lost to the High Point girls' team last Friday in a game played in the Y. M. C. A., High Point, by a score of 26 to 13. The High Point girls kept the lead from the start.

Dempsey To Quit Ring

Jack Dempsey, heavy-weight boxing champion of the world, announces that he will relinquish the title next June when he marries Miss Estelle Taylor, a movie actress. Dempsey favors Tommy Gibbons as his successor. Gibbons is the only man who has ever stayed in the ring with Dempsey through the limit.

Baker To Write History of War President

Ray Stannard Baker, of Amherst, Mass., a close friend of the late President Wilson, has been selected by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson to write the authorized biography of America's great War President. Mr. Wilson will place at the disposal of Mr. Baker all the personal and official letters and documents of the late President, some 30,000 in all, and all the data that can be obtained about the life, acts, and accomplishments of Mr. Wilson.

The Biggest Snow That Ever Fell in North Carolina

The biggest snow ever to fall in the State of North Carolina fell in February of 1804, one hundred and twenty years ago, according to an old newspaper story of that date now in the possession of Mrs. Grandison A. Baker, of Gaston county. The story related that on the 14th day of February, 1804, it began snowing at 2 o'clock, and snowed without interruption for three nights, and four days and that at the end of that time, the snow was three feet deep on the level, and level with the eaves of one-story houses where it drifted.

The story acquires added interest from the fact that it is not a tradition, handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation, but is taken from a written document—a diary—kept by a Mrs. Rogers, who lived in Union county, not far from the present town of Monroe.

WOMEN SMOKERS PROVIDED FOR ON TRAINS

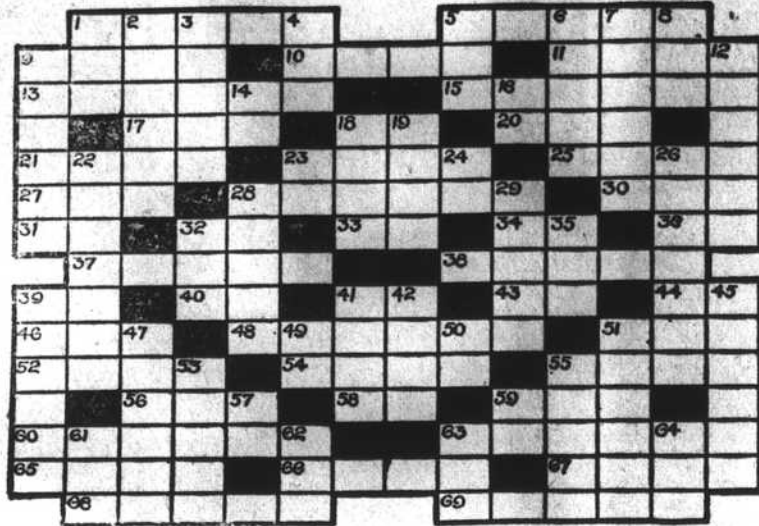
The problem of what to do with the woman smoker on board the trains of the country has been solved on some of the transcontinental lines by the addition to the service of the observation car. Within the sacred precincts of this lounge are all of the appliances and appurtenances of the smoker, with the maid to furnish matches or to do the manicuring, to choose the rouge pot or the powder puff, and to do the hundred and one other things the ladies may desire.

Since they have come into their own as smokers, the women of the country have been severely handicapped aboard trains. About the only place open for them for the indulgence in the seductive weed have been washrooms and these generally are found both crowded and unattractive. Man has had it pretty much his own way in the traveling line with his smoking compartments. Yet the number of women traveling as well as the number of women smokers has been constantly increasing.

The new high school building at Troy was formally opened to the public Friday night of last week.

CROSS-WORDS PUZZLE

The numbered definitions are of words which when correctly thought out fill the white spaces in diagram. Each number represents the beginning of a word, reading either across or down to a black square. A black square to the left of a number indicates a horizontal word; above a number a vertical word. Both vertical and horizontal numbers may begin a word, though inspection of the puzzle will show this is not always the case. The correct words will have one white space for each letter and will interlock accurately and satisfy the definitions. The horizontal and vertical words are different and through the definitions serve to check each other off with cross-clues, from which you can recognize other words. The best method of solving is, first, to fill in down and across all the words you are absolutely sure of. Then go over the imperfect words, referring to the definitions. The skeleton of words will often suggest another word, and by degrees—plus persistence and ingenuity—the entire series of words will cross correctly. All the words are found in standard dictionaries.



HORIZONTAL

- One of the Apostles.
- A large country of Asia.
- A sort of cabbage.
- One of the lake states.
- To dispatch.
- To shock with terror.
- Large city of number 10.
- To annex.
- To have existence.
- A cutting instrument.
- Used to fasten shoes.
- To be borne on something.
- A sage of the east.
- A boy's name.
- To point.
- A name given to Germans during war.
- Negative.
- In this or that manner.
- Dominus Noster (abbr.).
- In mythology the daughter of Inachus and Ismene.
- A cardinal point of compass (abbr.).
- Joined together.
- Loaded.
- A word expressing equality.
- Initials of a late president.
- One who edits (abbr.).
- In music, 2nd syllable of scale.
- Printers' measurement.
- Fast of lead.
- Large city of Asia-Minor.
- Present tense of verb to be.
- A date on Roman calendar.
- Epoche.
- Table land.
- One of monkey family.
- Initials of inventor of cotton gin.
- To spoil polish on furniture.
- To sign up for service.
- Of "lions den" fame.
- A fleet animal.
- One of the Hawaiian Islands.
- Auction.
- Upright.
- To reside.

VERTICAL

- A native of Japan.
- Of the camel tribe.
- A general of the Civil War.
- What the sun is sometimes called.
- A small bed.



LARGE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF RURAL ROUTES IN U. S.

First Route Established in 1896 in West Virginia—Number Now Runs Into Thousands.

The first experimental rural delivery in the country was established in West Virginia in January 1896. Nine months later there were 32 routes in operation emanating from 43 post-offices in 29 states. On June 30th, 1924, twenty-eight years later there were 44,260 routes in the country with a total mileage of 1,205,714. An annual expenditure of \$89,250,000 is required to keep the rural route system functioning.

By 1925, 26,080 fourth class post-offices had been discontinued as a result of the extension of the rural mail routes.

Illinois leads the nation both in the number of rural routes and in mileage, there being 2,637 routes covering a distance of 70,677 miles in that state. Ohio is, second with 2,542 routes and a mileage of 63,820; Missouri third with 2,252 routes covering 56,074 miles; Iowa fourth with 2,229 routes covering 60,734 miles; Texas fifth with 2,193 routes covering 59,998 miles; Pennsylvania sixth with 2,036 and 58,385 respectively, Kansas seventh with 1,902 and 55,464 respectively; and New York eighth with 1,863 and 47,130, respectively.

North Carolina has 1402 free delivery mail routes with a total mileage of 35,499. Georgia has 1635 routes with 47,008 miles. Tennessee has a few more rural routes than North Carolina.

SIXTY-FOUR WAR VETERANS HAVE REFUSED THE BONUS

Sixty-four veterans of the World War have thus far refused to accept the bonus due them under the adjusted compensation law passed by Congress last May. Nearly 2,000,000 soldiers have applied for the bonus, and the applications are being received at the rate of about 15,000 a day. Preparations had been made to handle 25,000 a day.

The number of persons who may apply for the bonus, although many of them may not be qualified for some reason or other, is estimated at 5,250,000. The number of men who performed actual military service is 4,061,606. Consequently, less than half of those who performed service have applied for the benefits of the bonus law at this time.

World War veterans have until January 1, 1928, to make application for the bonus, and even those who have refused the compensation may change their minds and make application before that date. After 1928, however, no bonus applications will be honored.

The War Department, which faces the huge task of administration of the bonus, is doing all in its power to help the World War veterans apply for the bonus. Fifteen million bonus applications have been printed, with full instructions for filing, and distributed. The Post Office Department, American Legion, and other organizations are helping in the work.

The payment of the bonus is a costly operation, and the department officials are far from pleased with the number of applications received to date.

Crop Condition In The State Is Discouraging

The North Carolina mid-month crop notes released by the department of agriculture shows that the rainy weather during this month has hampered work on the farm. The soil has been too wet to work and many of the roads are in an almost impassable condition. There is little or no field work being done in the State. Most of the cotton crop has been picked. A good deal of the picking was done late in the season, however, and the amount of stained lint is large.

Small grains are growing slowly due to continued cold weather, rain, and lack of sunshine. The root growth of these crops is good, but the plant itself is much smaller than usual at

Randolph Agricultural Department

E. S. MILLSAPS, JR., County Agent

Saturdays Office Days First Mondays

On The Job Again

I wish to say to the farmers of the county that I am again on the job, and will be glad to go into any matter that you may have in mind.

I would like to say that our County Agents Conference was the best one that I have attended in the seven years that I have been in the work. I wish that it was possible for me to tell you about the meeting in detail but that is not possible. However I would like to give you some of the high lights.

All of the agents from the different counties of the State were divided into sections, and given instruction on various lines by experts from State College and from the U. S. Department at Washington. Some of the lines of instruction were as follows. Instruction in handling farm levels, and in draining farm land, showing methods, grades etc. Handling dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry. By this I mean instruction in judging, feeding, housing and sanitation. The grading and classification of eggs into the U. S. Standard grades. Farmers in this county are getting less than half what they should for their eggs taking the year round average, and I believe that you can better this condition by group organization and grading our eggs. It will probably surprise you to know that Randolph produces more eggs than any other county in the state. This county produces about 500,000 dozen eggs per year, so you can readily see that the eggs are an important factor in our farming system. I will have more to say about this later. The grading, judging and handling of farm crops, and especially hay was very interesting to me. In this county we produce hay to sell and we are having to compete with prices on western hays which are not up to grade. Hay sold in this State as No. 1 hay will as a rule grade No. 3. This is not the fault of the dealer however as he is not able to grade hay, never having had any experience in that line. This needs attention how-

ever to protect the buyer as well as the consumer, and also to get better prices for the hay that our farmers have to sell.

Conferences were held where the plan of work was discussed in order to co-relate the work in the different counties into a state wide program, and also in order to receive the most benefit from the State specialists. Plans are being worked out in order to enable the specialists to visit the counties more and work with the agent in the county.

Arrangements have been made to have Mr. E. G. Warden, poultry specialist, in the county the first week in February. Watch for further announcements concerning these meetings. Would also be glad to hear from the different sections of the county within the next few days that would like to have Mr. Warden visit your community and give a culling demonstration. These will necessarily have to be well scattered and where the most people can see them.

DIPHTHERIA INEXCUSABLE

Diphtheria is no longer excusable, according to the highest authorities, and they are able to present statistics that would tend to prove their contention. For instance, over 1,000,000 injections of toxin-antitoxin have been given in New York City without an accident, according to Dr. Lee K. Frankel, head of the welfare work of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who urges every parent to have all the children—especially those under school age—inoculated. Dr. Frankel gives these impressive statistics: "New York began inoculating children in the schools in 1917. The cases of diphtheria that year numbered 12,624; last year there were only 8,950 cases. In 1917 the deaths numbered 1,168, last year 547. When all the mothers and fathers take the trouble to learn the truth about this great preventive measure there will be no more diphtheria. Diphtheria is inexcusable."

WILFRED C. CARR

Optometrist

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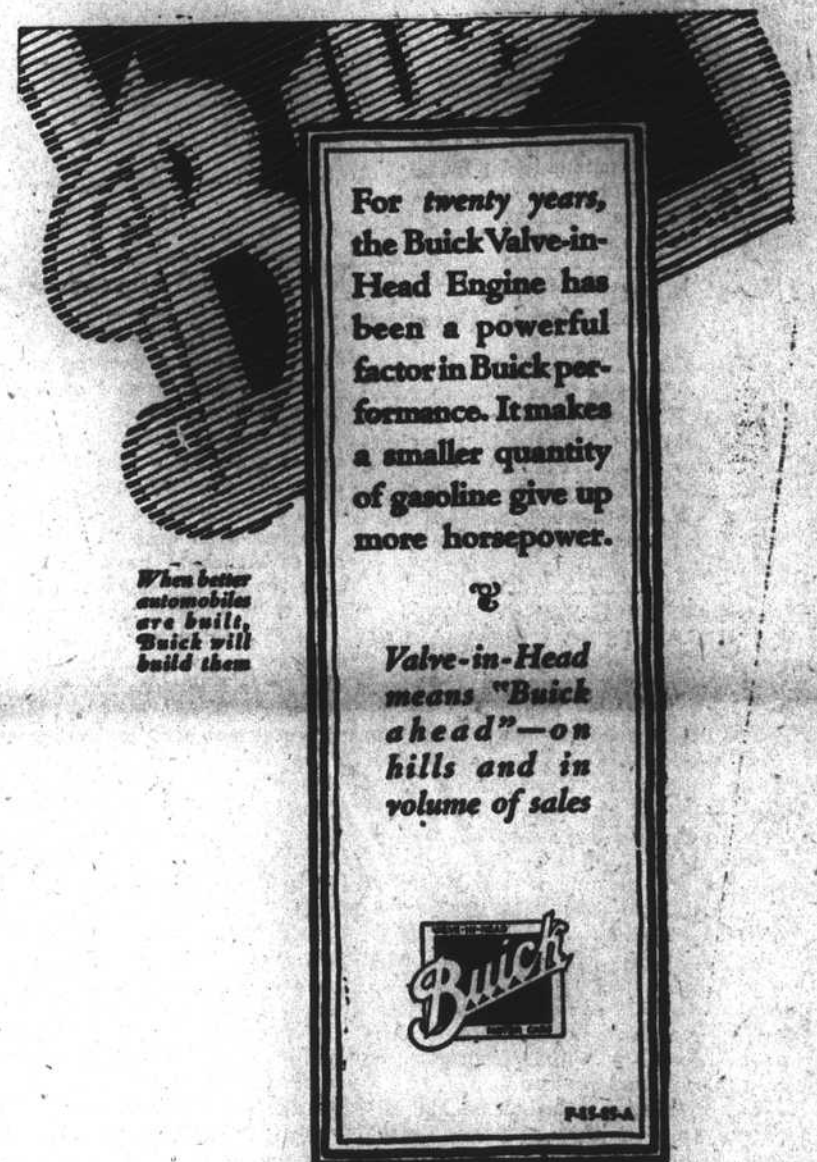


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