

Sunday School Lesson

THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson for December 6, 1942.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Now we are the body of Christ, and members in particular."—I. Cor. 12: 27.

(Lesson Text: Colossians 3: 1-17)

Can one be a good Christian without affiliation with any church? Scarcely anyone will answer the question in the negative but almost everyone would say that the average man or woman can be a far better Christian by receiving the encouragement and inspiration which comes from proper church membership.

While our Scripture lesson does not include any reference to the Sermon on the Mount, we are adding a portion of it for our consideration. When, in this memorable sermon, Jesus told his disciples that they were the salt of the earth, he used this element to illustrate the preserving quality and of the essential necessity for the Christian influence in the world. As he lived among men he expected his followers to be a part of the world, reaching out to touch the world, and to make great changes in it.

"Another peculiarity of salt is that its presence is not as noticeable as its absence," says Rev. Willis H. Butler. "We seldom think of it as an ingredient of our food, but when it is omitted we at once become aware of the fact. I sometimes wonder what the world would be like if all the Christians were suddenly to be taken out of it. People who are the salt of the earth are not always recognized and appreciated while they are with us, but how we miss them when they are gone! If the life about us is no better for our being in it, the probability is that we have lost our savor. Our seasoning power is gone."

Jesus also told his followers that they were the light of the world, and another time he reminded them

that the powers of evil worked in darkness and feared the light. Christianity and the church have exerted a marvelous and profound influence upon human life and conduct during the past two thousand years. "Light is the symbol of all that is desirable," asserts Rev. A. Z. Conrad. "It is almost synonymous with life. Light represents mental illumination, hence wisdom. Light guides our footsteps and prevents stumbling. Beacon lights warn the mariner of danger, or invite him to a safe harbor. Light means life at its brightest and best."

Jesus told his listeners not to hide the light under a bushel and this is strongly interpreted by E. Stanley Jones as follows: "A bushel is a symbol of trade, of business, of occupation. Here Jesus warns us against putting our lighted lives under our business, so that the business becomes uppermost and snuffs out the lighted life. In a commercial age, this is our chief sin. But it is possible to make the bushel into a candle stand so that the light is on top of the bushel and not under it. In that case the bushel is lighted as well as the surroundings—the business becomes the medium of a message. This is Christianity. But the prospect of being a success in business has so gripped our age that the gospel of being a success as a Christian is often overshadowed by it—the light goes out."

The early Christians did not immediately set up a church of their own. They continued in the temple but with a different relation than that formerly held as Jews. Peter preached his arresting sermons and thousands of souls became affiliated with the new way of life. They were coming not to church but to a savior. "What did the apostles teach?" asks Rev. James Penney. "A little further on in this book their enemies describe them as unlearned and ignorant men; but they took knowledge of them, and we are told, that they had been with Jesus. This gives us the answer to our question. They had been with Jesus, they knew Jesus better than anybody else; they never wearied telling about him, and the church never wanted hearing."

One of the most common criticisms of church members is that there is very little difference to be detected in the lives of those within and without the church. Sad to say, this is often a true criticism. Membership in a church should cause a

marked change in the lives of all those who thus identify themselves with Christ. The sincere church member is, as Paul declares, "dead" to his old life of sin and "risen with Christ" to a new life of righteousness. He will accept as his motto the 17th verse of 3 Colossians, "And whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

OVER THREE-FOURTHS HAVE INVESTED IN COUNTRY

A recent survey by the Gallup poll revealed that 78 per cent of Americans have bought War Bonds or Stamps.

Reporters for the poll asked a representative cross-section of the voting population this question: "Do you happen to have bought any war bonds or stamps?"

The result was: Yes—78 per cent. No—22 per cent.

Dr. George H. Gallup, head of the Institute of Public Opinion, said the findings were splendid testimony to the effectiveness of the Treasury Department's War Savings Campaign.

Seeking the answer to the failure of one out of every five adult Americans to buy War Bonds or Stamps, Dr. Gallup made a further study and found that two large segments of the population—the lower income group and farmers—are responsible for this situation.

NEW DRESS FABRIC APPEARS ON MARKET

A new fabric, aralac, is now being made into a variety of cloths to help overcome the wartime shortage of cotton and wool, according to Dr. Pauline Berry Mack, professor of textile chemistry at the Pennsylvania State College. Mixture of aralac with woolen stock has already been attempted with dress fabrics, bed blankets, men's suitings, and felt hats. Dr. Mack said, it is somewhat similar to wool, mohair, and fur, she pointed out. Being comparable in structure to animal hair fibers, it mixes well with wool and fur, but it can also be blended with cotton and rayon. Dr. Mack revealed that aralac is a protein made from the casein of milk. It is claimed to be the first milk-derived fiber acceptable to the American industry.

Every state has a few self-appointed citizens who constitute themselves into a bodyguard to protect the general public. Usually they get salaries.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

The Rev. W. David Owl, Cherokee Indian, missionary and community worker among the Iroquois in New York State, has been awarded the 1942 Indian Achievement Medal, presented annually by the Indian Council Fire of Chicago. For fifteen years Mr. Owl has represented Baptists and Presbyterians among six nations of the historic Iroquois Confederacy in New York State. Mr. Owl is a former director of Religious Education activities among the Pima Indians of Arizona and at Haskell Institute, the largest government vocational high school for Indians. He is actively identified with the Buffalo Council of Social Agencies, the Boy Scouts of America, the Federal Council of Churches, 4-H Clubs (Erie County, New York), the Home Missions Council, and Six Nations Association.

Because it finds juvenile delinquency on the increase, and young men and women facing not only danger and death in battle but also facing temptations and baffling problems at home, the International Council of Religious Education, which has a constituency of 25,000-600 people, has undertaken an extended wartime program of service to children in defense and adjacent areas. To young men and young women who are the reserves of tomorrow's fighting and service forces, to the millions under arms who need a religious ministry, and to men and women at home "who not only need spiritual insight and power for the experiences of the war and the post-war period, but who might also be enlisted and trained for Christian leadership during the emergency."

The Rev. Charles E. Winter, of Hingham, and the Rev. E. Pearce Hayes, of Putnam, missionaries of the Methodist church, report that recent months have seen one of the worst epidemics of bubonic plague they have experienced in 20 years in central China. Some cases have been found within the mission compound at Putnam. "It may be that the resistance of the people has been weakened by the years of prayer," says Mr. Winter, "or that the home-made vaccine is not as effective as the pre-war variety. Recently I attended the graduation exercises of our primary school at Kio Sauh. A few days later one of the little girls who took part on the program died from bubonic. Some boys in the Guthrie High School, and girls in

the Hamilton Girls School have been struck down with it." One of the great difficulties is in securing serum.

Word reaching the United States from Norway indicates that Bishop Elvind Joseph Berggrav, head of the Norwegian church who has been imprisoned by the Nazis, has begun the translation of the New Testament into modern Norwegian while he is in prison. Due to efforts to replace several dialects of the country by a Norway-wide tongue, a new translation has become a matter of importance during recent years.

While the churches and mission boards that have missionaries in the Philippine Islands have had no direct contact with the Philippines since Manila fell into Japanese hands, there is increasing evidence that these men and women are being well treated and that many of them, if not all, are carrying on their former activities among the Filipino people. A recent Tokyo broadcast confirms earlier information that American missionaries were at first interned, then released on condition they would do strictly missionary work. Now the Board of Missions of the Methodist church has received through the American Red Cross, a message from Superintendent Ernest E. Tuck, of Manila, that he and his group of some 25 Methodist missionaries are "safe and well." Presbyterian, Catholic, and other missionaries are "safe and well" and some others have somewhat similar assurances.

"One of the aims of our nation should be the strengthening of the religious spirit among the people and the increased support of religious institutions," according to Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America. "When a nation fights for its very existence, spiritual stamina is a priority need. America needs the soul power which religion qualifies. We need the faith in the victory of the right which religion embues. We also need the universal outlook of religion for the building of a just peace after victory comes. Religious institutions, the churches and the synagogues, which are the carriers of the religious message and program, have a priority claim upon the allegiance and support of the American people."

CHURCHES

Advent Church
C. C. Shuey, pastor. Sunday school at 10 o'clock, preaching, 11 o'clock, Christmas Eve, 7:30. Mrs. Olive Shuey, president. Everybody invited to all services and will be made welcome.

Hubersburg-Zion Charge.
The Hubersburg-Zion Reformed Church, Charles G. Link, minister. Church schedule for December: 6: Hubersburg, Divine Service, 9:30 a. m. Church School, 10:30 a. m. Zion, Union Church School, 9:30 a. m. Divine Service, 7:30 a. m.

Methodist, Bellefonte.
Rev. H. C. Stenger, Jr., minister. Church School, 9:30. Harold A. Wion superintendent. Morning worship, 10:45. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Short Cuts." Youth Fellowship 6:30 o'clock. Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Life's Great Experiment." Mid-week Prayer Service and Bible Study on Wednesday at 7:45 p. m.

SENDS GREETINGS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I would like to say this means of saying "hello" to all my friends in Centre county, especially those in the vicinity of Snow Shoe township as my home really is near Clarence. I would enjoy hearing from all of them and anybody else who would care to write. I promise to answer all letters written to me. It is good to receive my home town news once in a while.

They treat us fine here, but there is no place like home. I am somewhere in Ireland and having a nice time. It sure is a beautiful place. My address is: Pvt. Frank S. Elhalik, Batty, H. 209th C. A. (AA) U. S. Army, ASN 33145468, APO 813, New York City, N. Y.

Recent Weddings

Greenaway—Shultz
Friday evening, November 27 at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of C. C. Shuey, East Bishop street, Bellefonte, Miss Emily Mae Shultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Shultz, east of Milesburg, and George S. Greenaway were united in marriage by C. C. Shuey. Miss Shultz attended the Bellefonte High School and since then has been employed at Mill Hill, Mr. Greenaway, a first class private, is in Camp Blanding, Florida. They will not go to housekeeping until after the war.

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Mrs. Boyd Bennett, a surgical patient in the Phillipsburg State Hospital, is expecting to get home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Pringle and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pringle and son Frederick, spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Balser Weber of Howard.

The I. O. O. F. lodge had a social gathering Saturday night, November 28. All members and their families were present and had a very pleasant evening. Everyone took part in the bingo game. Refreshments were served.

This being the first week of deer season, we hope some of our hunters will be successful in landing their deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marshall and granddaughter spent Thanksgiving evening at the home of W. D. Marshall of Buffalo Run.

Harold McKutchen and some friends from Trafford, are spending several days at Harold's home here hunting deer.

Conrad Pringle, who is home on furlough, left here Sunday as he had to report at camp on Monday. He is located at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Tom McKivison has moved from the Robert Thompson place in Worth township to the Pringle property in town.

Mrs. Robert Reed and daughter called at Mrs. Harry Marshall's Friday night to meet some of the committee on the honor roll for our service men.

The nutrition class sponsored by the Red Cross, is meeting every Tuesday night in the school house. We hope the women of our town will turn out as the class should be very beneficial in our time of learning to get the best results out of what we have, to help save for defense.

Miss Joan Lane, who is employed at Baltimore, Md., was home over the weekend and spent Saturday with friends hunting on what used to be the Lane farm.

The honor roll for service men of Port Matilda and community will soon be completed and will be one our community will be proud of. The Neighborhood Garden Club sponsoring the honor roll, is preparing a program for the dedication.

Ellis Aurman, who was a surgical patient in the Phillipsburg State Hospital, is home and getting along fine. His friends hope he may soon be able to attend his gas station again.

Thanksgiving was celebrated in our community by many of the folks butchering.

Miss Gladys Weston spent the weekend at Baltimore, Md. with her brother, Harry Weston and family.

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LOUISA'S LETTER

MARRIED COUPLES MUST "GO ALONG" TOGETHER

Dear Louisa:
I hear so many women complaining about their husbands wanting to stay home all of the time. Because a man wants to come home at night and rest after a hard day's work, they seem to think it's awful.

Well, I just want to say that a husband like that would suit me fine, and that if some of these complaining women had a husband like mine who wants to be going somewhere all the time, they would get mighty tired of it.

No matter how strenuous the day has been, or if we are half-sick, Dick has his bright idea every night of stepping out somewhere or running over to see somebody.

If I finally persuade him to stay home, he looks so restless and jittery that it gets me all upset.

Oh, for a husband who would be satisfied to stay home and read the paper or listen to the radio every night.

E. L. B.—Alabama.

Answer:
Isn't it funny how hard it is to

please people? Some women weep because their husbands never take them anywhere and here is one who is bemoaning the fact that her husband wants to be going somewhere all the time.

I wonder why these women didn't find out something about their husbands' tastes before they were married. Because, if the women who like to run around had married the men who like the same thing, and vice versa, everything would have been just lovely.

Congeniality is one of the greatest factors towards making a success of married life. It is so much easier to get on with someone who likes the same things that we like. For we all desire companionship and if we dance, play golf, play bridge, or swim, it is much nicer to do so with our own husband or wife than with someone else.

However, if we have married a person whose likes and desires are not ours, it would be a good idea for us to compromise. The husband who wants to be a playboy will perhaps agree to stay home half the time if his stay-at-home wife will go with him the other half and be agreeable and enthusiastic about it when she does go.

The stay-at-home husband can be persuaded, no doubt, to go somewhere one or two nights of the week if his wife will let him rest in peace

by his beloved radio the rest of the time.
Yours,
LOUISA.

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Progress that is permanent is rarely made in one big jump. Let's take things slowly and make sure that we have what we think we want.

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