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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday schools of the land are getting under way again after a period of vacation or desultory attendance. Those who take upon themselves the burden of the religious education of youth are ready to buckle down as they did a generation or two ago. The reason why would be interesting and valuable.

Time was when every child in every community dressed in his best on Sunday morning and started off to the church school fortified with his lesson learned during the week. He memorized the golden text and likely as not, a considerable number of verses from the Bible. A wholesome taste for Biblical literature and a facility in Biblical quotation were usually imparted in the Sunday school.

But times have changed. A college professor recently discovered that his class in English literature could not identify 20 per cent of the Biblical allusions to be found in a selected group of Tennyson's poems. Familiarity with the Bible and attendance upon Sunday school are marked by the same ratio of decline.

The Sunday school today contends with competitors never thought of in the olden days. The waning power of parental authority is another enemy of stated religious education. But the great weakness lies in the antiquated equipment and the outgrown practices of backward churches. The contrast between the public school and some Sunday schools is pathetic. The child feels this disparity even though he may not analyze it.

Happily, the churches understand this weakness and are boldly attacking it. The period of transition is upon the Sunday school and upon methods in religious education. The problem is a big one but it can and will be solved.

That it must be solved is the conviction of every true American, whether church-goer or not. Religious education is every bit as fundamental to the welfare and happiness of a democracy as secular education. It must not decline either in favor or usefulness. It must not even lag behind.

### APPLES

Of the fruits that delight the eye and please the palate, none is more deserving of praise than the apple. Since prehistoric times apples have been known and their cultivation began in a remote period. With the exception of those regions of extreme heat or cold, apples grow everywhere. Even where the fruit is small the trees are prized for the blossoms. There are almost as many varieties of apples as there are soils and climates, and they differ in size all the way from the Siberian Crab to the pound Pippin, and in flavor from the tart Greening to the insipid Ben Davis. Yet, common as the apple is, it is not commonplace nor has its popularity ever waned. Alongside the peach, the pear the plum and the apricot, the apple holds by general consent a sort of priority.

Whichever way you eat an apple, whether you pare and halve it with a knife, or following the homespun fashion, eat it out of hand, skins and all, it is good. "An apple a day" may not "keep the doctor away," altogether, but as a wholesome and healthful fruit, the apple is justly famed. Pies may come and pies may go, but apple pies go on forever. As for apple butter, well, there may be better "spreads" but up to date they have not been invented or discovered. Sweet apple cider is the only interesting temperance drink in the world, and oh boy, to think of an apple cobbler swimming in a bowl of jersey cream!

The apple days are here. Fill up the bin. The long evenings have come. Keep the home fires burning in the open fireplace, and likewise a plate or basket of red apples on the table in the living room. As long as there are apples, particularly red apples, life is worth the struggle.

Civilization is just a slow business of giving wives a firmer grip on the reins.

### ON BEING YOURSELF

The difficulty of being yourself will be admitted by any one who has ever apologized for his own words or deeds by saying, "I was not myself when it happened." Perhaps this poor substitute for your better self is the creature of worry, or illness, or some intemperance of body or spirit. But even the best of us experience the difficulty of being always at his best.

To be at your best physically is a difficult achievement. The great singer must train his voice hour after hour before his audience can listen to it in comfort. We often remark: How naturally he sings! Yet behind that simple naturalness are years of grinding practice.

How much more difficult then it is to be ourselves in that realm of intangible thing called personality. There seems to be a certain depravity into which we naturally gravitate. We set out nobly to be at our best, and fall far short of that shining goal. We do the thing we should not have done, and leave undone the thing that we should have done.

Yet out of this never ending conflict of the spirit, comes personality, power and influence. It makes us what we are. It is the secret of such tremendous personalities as Lincoln or Roosevelt.

Being one's true self is not easy. But beyond its accomplishments lie the rewards of life. The great Bard was right: "To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

### "THANK YOU"

Two little words that make the world run more smoothly, that ease the hard places of life and absorb many of its shocks, are "Thank you."

They are the sign of a gracious spirit. They bespeak a generous attitude that would not withhold praise from those that deserve it—a commodity with which too many of us are stingy.

The majority of us take too much for granted. In a land of plenty and among a people of infinite resources, we expect much and accept everything as a matter of course.

Yet one's best friend likes to hear an appreciative word. While a compliment deserved by an outsider and extended frankly and generously will often convert an enemy into an ally.

Appreciation, like charity, begins at home and among those nearest and dearest. The prince of good fellows is a failure and a hypocrite unless he takes his reputation home with him at night and arrays it with smiles and pleasant words at the breakfast table in the morning.

These two little words, "Thank you," makes the world run more smoothly. Learn to speak them. No praise is ever wholly undeserved. Encouraging words are as great a miracle worker as this old world knows.

### RENDEZVOUS

The home has ceased to be a mere port of last resort and becomes a cherished rendezvous. And the radio is responsible. If one may eat dinner at home and at the same time hear the melodious strains of a symphony orchestra, if one may roll up the parlor rug and dance to the jazz janglings of a metropolitan dance orchestra, if one may sit in smoking jacket and slippers and not miss the evening church service, there is no place like home.

The home is indebted to those new gold-dust twins, Neutrodyne and Hetrodyne, for bringing back the wandering flock. The player-piano, the phonograph, the library, the open door all tried their skill at vamping with little success. Where they failed the radio succeeded. It isn't guaranteed against fading but the fireless wave is overworking the hall hat rack.

When McCormic and Bori sang for the radio, theatrical producers predicted the early decline of drama. The radio is in competition with late evening movies. As long as the radio programs offer talent of a high order the radio-owning public will stay home to hear and go out only to see.

A cowcatcher is what is put on engines to catch autos.

God made the country, but the car in front makes you eat it.

The hardest thing about loafing is buying cigarettes on credit.

People who worry about everything will worry about nothing also.

### U. S. Department of Agriculture Press Service

"Where there is no vision, the forests perish, and the people." Dr. C. A. Schenck.

There are 60 species of oak in the United States. Only about 14 of these are of commercial importance as furniture woods.

Furniture wood at the time of manufacture should have a moisture content of about 6 per cent. This is about the average of the moisture it will contain during its life, although this fluctuates with the seasons and with the humidity in the atmosphere.

Oats make a splendid feed for dairy cows if they are ground and properly mixed with other concentrates. They are about as high in digestible crude protein as wheat bran. They should be mixed with other feeds, such as corn, wheat bran, and cottonseed meal.

A flaming meteorite, 25 pounds in weight, is reputed to have caused a recent forest fire in the Walla Walla section of the Umatilla National Forest in Oregon. The meteorite, according to reports to the Forest Service, broke off a 28 inch tree 20 feet from the ground and lodged in the stump.

American cuckoos, with a generally undesirable reputation derived from observations upon the European species, are most highly regarded by scientists of the Biological Survey who have studied their food habits. Cuckoos feed largely on caterpillars. The stomach of one cuckoo examined by a biologist showed remains of 250 tent caterpillars and another had eaten 217 fall web-worms. Cuckoos are also fond of such pests as grasshoppers, sawfly larvae, and other injurious insects.

Twenty-two persons have been apprehended and prosecuted for hunting or killing migratory waterfowl with the use of airplane since the federal migratory-bird treaty act became effective, in 1913, under the administration of the Biological Survey of the United States department of agriculture. Violations of this character have occurred in 11 states. In 11 cases the defendants were convicted and fines totalling \$240 imposed ranging from \$10 to \$50 each. In two cases the grand jury failed to return a true bill, and the remaining nine cases were dismissed.

Good dairy cows while milking should not be overly fat. They can well be fed enough to put on some flesh during the dry period and should be fed so as to keep in good condition while in milk. The general principles for correct feeding are (1) feed a balanced ration, (2) feed according to production, all the good roughage that the cow will consume and generally 1 pound of concentrates for each 3 to 3½ pounds of milk produced. If a balanced ration is fed and the cow gets too fat, the amount of feed should be reduced somewhat. If she is producing heavily and getting too poor in flesh, she is either not receiving enough feed or the ration is not properly balanced.

St. Helens to build \$58,000 sewer.

Russian Soviet agents buy 452 blooded Oregon sheep for export to Russia.

Oregon dairymen won first and second butter prizes at California State Fair.

Portland—Thirteen ocean steamers in port at one time, for full cargoes.

Oregon has 50,000 miles of

roads, 4468 in the state highway system.

Salem—Largest freshman registration in Willamette University history, 176 on opening day.

Hood River dairymen and poultrymen plan cooperative buying association.

Baker—Medical Springs market road surfacing costs \$23,460.

Forest Grove—Post office property renovated and improved.

W. O. W. Vernonia camp No. 655 meets every Monday night at seven thirty at the Grange Hall. Visiting members welcome.

A. F. KOSTER C. C.  
C. C. DUSTEN CLERK.

Vernonia Lodge, No. 184 A. F. & A. M., meets at Grange Hall every Second and Fourth Thursday nights. Visitors Welcome  
K. A. McNeill, Secretary.

I.O.O.F.—Vernonia Lodge No. 246 meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, in Grange hall. Visitors always welcome.  
Work in the 1st Degree Tuesday October 4.

M. E. Graven, N. G.  
John Galsmer, Sec.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Meets first and third Mondays of each month at the Legion Hall.  
Mrs. H. E. McGraw, President

Vernonia Post 119, American Legion. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 8 p.m. H. E. McGraw, Commander.

### Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S.

Regular communication first and third Wednesdays of each month. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.  
Bessie Tapp, W. M.  
Leona McGraw, Secretary.

### Mountain Heart Rebekah Lodge No. 243

No. 243, I.O.O.F., meets every second and fourth Thursdays in Grange hall, Vernonia. Visitors always welcome.  
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