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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter Lesson April 27 1902
GENTILES RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH.—Acts 11: 4-15.
Study Verses 1-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Whosoever believeth on him shall receive remission of sins.—Acts 10: 43

HISTORICAL SETTING.
Time.—The same as the last lesson so far as Peter's review is concerned.

Place.—But the trial of Peter followed not long after, at Jerusalem about A. D. 39, 40

PETER RETURNS TO JERUSALEM.—Vs 1, 2 The apostles and brethren that were in, rather, throughout Judea heard. The news of such an event in the capital would rapidly spread throughout the church. Peter was come up to Jerusalem. He came with six leading Christians of Joppa, who had witnessed the scenes at Caesarea (Acts 11: 12).

PETER CRITICIZED BY THE STRICTER JEWS.—Vs. 2, 3.—They that were of the circumcision. That is, the stricter Jewish Christians, who had a strong and deep feeling regarding the necessity of circumcision. With the exception of the recent converts, none except Jews were members of the church of Christ. Contended with him. It is difficult to understand the vehemence and intensity of the battle which the most enlightened apostles had to wage against the Judaic Christians. The Pharisee drew back the hem of his garments if he chanced to pass a Gentile or a publican or one of the masses. The whole system of uncompassionate arrogance Peter sweeps away.

The Question at Issue. This involves two points: (1) the eating with Gentiles (v. 3), of which Peter is here accused; and (2) the receiving of the Gentiles into the church without their first becoming Jews.

The Jewish Christians desired the Gentiles to become disciples, but thought the only divine way was through their becoming Jews as well as Christians.

All the promises of the Messiah, of the redemption of the world, of the enlargement of the kingdom of God, were made to the Jews. The Jews were God's chosen people, their religion was divine and true. To ignore this, to receive men into the kingdom in another way than commanded to proselytes by God himself, and practised for ages, was not this an insult to God, so religion, to the Bible, to all their past history for eighteen hundred years? Peter's action was to them destroying the very foundations of religion.

PETER'S ANSWER TO THEIR CRITICISMS.—Vs. 4-17.—The story in these verses is a repetition of last Sunday's lesson, so that we need only give a summary of his argument.

1. God himself, the God of the Jews, directed Peter plainly to do what he did.

2. He did this, first, by a vivid illustration while Peter was in a trance.

3. His own voice bade him go to Cornelius, who also had been directed by God's shining angel to send for Peter.

4. God made disciples of these Gentiles without their becoming Jews.

5. He sent the Holy Spirit upon these Gentile disciples exactly as he had sent the Holy Spirit on the Jewish disciples at Pentecost, making no distinction.

6. Here were six witnesses to these facts, besides Peter.

In v. 12, *nothing doubting* should be as in the R. V., making no distinction.

In v. 17, *who believed* belongs both to them and to us. In each the Holy Spirit was bestowed, and in each case as a result of the preceding belief, and not as a result of circumcision or of uncircumcision.

Note 1. That what Peter did was done by divine directions, and with the divine approval.

2. That this did not contradict what God had ordained before, or show any changeableness in God, but was the natural and necessary result and outcome of his previous commands and ordinances.

THE CHURCH ACQUITS PETER, AND REJOICES IN THE SALVATION OF THE GENTILES.—V. 18. *They held their peace.* They were silenced for a time. There was no answer to Peter's argument from facts, and they ceased from their criticisms. More than this they glorified God, for it was a new manifestation of God's glory, his gracious love, his goodness and wisdom and power.

Long had God shown mercy to Israel, but now the door was thrown wide open to the Gentiles, and God also to them had granted repentance unto life.

Practical Suggestions. 1. These perplexing questions were a part of

the discipline and training of the church. They are so still. They train it in the virtues of kindly judgment and forbearance.

2. There will always be conservative and progressive elements in the church, and both are needed. Only it is necessary that both sides should distinguish between the great underlying principles and the manifold forms in which those principles are expressed. The one essential thing is a devout and holy life, a Christian character, pious deeds, and faith in Christ as our Lord and Master. There may be great variations in doctrines, in tastes, in forms of worship, and yet the Christian life flourish.

3. The testimony of the Holy Spirit is of the utmost value. That which he indorses and blesses must be good in its essentials. The fruits of the Spirit are the real test, both for ourselves and others.

The Closed Door.

I remember it so well. It was one morning many years ago, when I was a very little child. I had been disobedient at breakfast-time, and papa had said to me gravely and sadly: Carrie, you must get off your chair and go and stand outside the door for five minutes.

I got down, choked back the sob that rose in my throat, and without turning to look into papa's face, I went outside the door, and it was shut against me.

The moments seemed very long and silent. I remember well how my tears dropped down on the mat. I was so grieved and ashamed. The five minutes were not nearly over, but the handle of the door was partly turned, and Johnnie's curly head peeped out. Both his arms were round my neck in a minute, and he said: Carrie, go in; I'll be naughty instead of you. And before I could say a word he had pushed me in, and shut the door.

There I stood, with my eyes on the floor, and feeling so red and so uncomfortable, not knowing whether I might go up to the table; and papa took me by the hand, and led me to the table, and kissed me and put me on my chair; and I knew I was forgiven, just as much as if I had born all the punishment; but O how I wished that Johnnie might come in.

When the five minutes were up, he was called in, and then papa took us both—me, the poor little naughty child, and Johnnie, the loving brother—and folded us both in his arms, and I sobbed it all out—the repentance and love and gratefulness—while we were held close to that loving heart.

And now that I look back to that little scene, it seems a typical one. For the years went by, and I found myself outside another door, separated from the Father, sin having come between my soul and God, till I saw one who loved me come and take my place, and put me into his place of nearness, and I was forgiven for Christ's sake; and I knew the fullness and fearlessness of that forgiveness, for my Father drew me close to his divine heart of love, and there with the Lord Jesus, my Sin-bearer, I found joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Payment he will not twice demand, First at my bleeding Surety's hand, And then again at mine.
—Monthly Record.

A Romantic Island.

Many of our readers are doubtless familiar with the peopling of Pitcairn Island, situated in the South Seas, by the mutineers of the British ship *Bounty*, and how two of them named McKay and Quintal being acquainted with distillation, succeeded in converting an old kettle into a still. As a result they were frequently drunk. McKay one day in a fit of delirium, threw himself from a cliff and was killed, and the little community, for its own safety put his companion to death. The conduct of these men so shocked their companions that they resolved never to touch intoxicating liquors; and to this day they kept their resolution, and what is the consequence? The visitor of these secluded ocean homes will search in vain, amid its deep ravines and towering mountains and lofty pines, for an hospital, a workhouse, or a barred and grated jail.

We have been moved to write the foregoing by reading the statement of a British sea captain who recently visited Pitcairn Island. He says:

In some respects the islanders seem to be a model community. A Parliament of seven manage affairs. Men, women and children are described as in robust health; indeed, disease among them is almost unknown. Whether this is due to the fact that the leading people prefer to continue as hitherto without medicines of any sort, he does not say. Then, no one smokes or uses intoxicating liquors; food and water on the island are abundant; the adult males give all their

labor from 5 a. m. until 2 p. m. to works for the public good; and all but general content, if no great prosperity, seems to prevail.

Burning up old Letters.

What more distressing occupation can one hit upon than to burn up old letters on a rainy day? It is always a wet day one chooses for this feeling rather like a Judas one minute and like Hercules in the Aigian stable the next. It is positively surprising the way letters accumulate, especially with people who are either not methodical enough or too sentimental to ruthlessly destroy letters not of any really permanent value, as they are read and answered. The gloom and pathos of this occupation are enhanced when it is our painful office to look over and weed out the correspondence of one dear to us who has journeyed "to the bourne whence no traveller returns." Certain letters are sacred, and should, I think, if kept, be labeled strictly private. This is a matter which must be considered with reference to the importance of the letters; to the happiness of the writers; when the disclosure of the contents of a letter would work sorrow or wrong to another it had better be destroyed at once. So much harm has been done through the careless handling of personal letters, so many friends have been estranged that to neglect to destroy a letter is sometimes almost criminal.—The Ledger Monthly.

The Fruits of Impoliteness.

Not many years ago one of the most popular and expensive shops on upper Broadway was owned by a man of such skill in his particular line of work that his eccentricities of manner were tolerated for the sake of the excellence of his wares. He was ill-natured and cross-grained to a degree that made it difficult for customers to deal with him. Advancing age did not make his disposition any more agreeable, and finally his patronage dwindled away. Now-a-days he occupies a cellar, and his business has come to be an entirely different character from that he controlled only a few years ago. A florist, who was at one time the owner of a prosperous establishment, acquired the same reputation among his clients, and he is now in charge of a basket of flowers near a department store. Both of these men are known to have ruined themselves commercially only through their manner of dealing with customers, and are striking instances of the value of politeness in retail business.—New York Sun.

Being Pleasant.

As a lady and her child, a daughter of eight summers, were passing out of the door of the church they attended, the child bade good bye to a poorly dressed girl of similar age. Her mother asked her how she came to know her.

Why, you see, mamma, she came into Sunday-school one day alone, and I made a place for her on my seat, and she smiled, and then we were acquainted.

Let children and young people who are in the Sunday-school make room for others that come in, smile, and be pleasant. Let church members make room on their seats for the stranger, smile, and thus begin an acquaintance. He that winneth souls is wise.—Baptist Commonwealth.

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"I had suffered three years at least from gastric troubles. I could not sleep at night, my head ached and my feet would be cold as ice. My bowels were not regular and I was so nervous that I could not do my business. I was in such a state that I would have sooner died than live. About three months ago I was suffering very bad and my body was tied up inwardly. My brother recommended Ripans Tabules. I was so tired that I obtained some for me from the nearest drug store and I would not use it without them. They relieved me of all the food gases that formed in my stomach and they were my regular medicine from which I had been taking physics all the time. I have no more gastric troubles, and I have no more headaches and can sleep well. In fact, I feel as light as a feather. I have not used it in a long time, but I am sure that it is a good deal for a woman who weighs 120 pounds. I am sure that I can recommend using the Tabules a year ago, for they would have saved me a great deal of pain and suffering."

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