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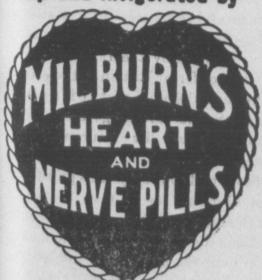
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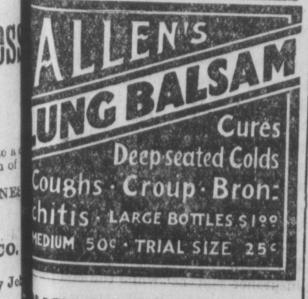
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GOLDEN TEXT. - Stand fast therewe in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free .- Gal. 5:1.

HISTORICAL SETTING.

ally agreed. But McGiffert shortens Harnack and Bliss in 47.

Place .- Antioch in Syria, and Jerusalem.

quite large, and their influence a They imply :positive force. It included Jews, ally divided into two classes : 1. The new life. Christian Jews of all kinde, and the Gentile proselytes who had become Jews.

2. The Gentile Christians, who

There was real danger of a permanent separation into two great

How the difficulty became serious. For some years the mass of the church belonged to the circumcision; and the Gentile Christians formed too insignificant a minority the magnificent future of the Gen- feeling and the unity of love. tile church. Gentiles pressed into the church in numbers that threatened to swamp the Jewish section.

The church at Antioch was the center of the Gentile party, and Jerusalem of the Judiazing party. Some of the Jewish Christians from Jerusalem came down to Antioch, and began to teach the strictest Jewish doctrine, contrary to Paul and Barnabas, and thus to create a sharp discussion and division in the important questions are sure to church there.

Jewish Christians insisted that the Gentile Caristians must become Jewish proselytes in order to be saved and belong to the kingdom of

FREE DISCUSSION -The discussion was very warm at Antioch. the mother church The church at But Jerusalem was the most conserva- remain. tive body, honored and respected great weight.

The delegation consisted of the missionaries, Paul and Barnabas, for ourselves and for others. and other leading men, among whom was Titus (Gal. 2: 1), a Gentile Christian, who would be a speciment of the converts among the Gentiles. He must have been a man of considerable power.

On their arrival they received a hearty welcome from the whole Jerusalem church.

They began the discussion of the question before the apostles and 1. The Jewish side was presented

by some of the Christian Pharisees. 2. Then Peter gave his experience in relation to Cornelius. Prov ng symptoms. I have not suffered ing that God approved of the reception of the Gentiles, by his converting them and purifying their iseases arising from weak heart, worn | hearts by faith; by giving them the Holy Spirit in the same manner as he had bestowed it upon the Jews doubtless by Peter's telling them of his vision and the guidance of the Spirit. The conclusion was that the one condition of salvation was faith in Jesus, and the consequent new heart and life.

3 Paul and Barnabas gave their experience during their missionary journey, how God had endorsed their course by working signs and wonders through them for the Gentiles.

4. James, the brother of our Lord, and pastor of the church at health and future imbecility, upon Jerusalem, and a very strict Jew, it at the same time. was convinced that Paul was right, and accepted his teaching as to the Gentiles as correct, and added no further conditions, and laid on the Gentiles no other burdens.

V. 22 29. The decision was unanimous by not only the apostles and wonderful child; and if it were igelders, but also by the whole church noble, she would be tempted to put assembled with one accord.

Judas surnamed (or called) Barsa- Mother Nature.

bas, son of Sabas or Sabbas. Silas probably a shortened form of S. ta us He tee in Paul's company

tou ... uls next missionary journey. Greeting, the usual Greek salutation -Joy be with you. Certain which went out from us, and therefore for whom we seem to be in a measure responsible, and whose teachings we would now correct. Subverting. A very expressive metaphor for the general upsetting and unsettling of the disciples' minds and consciences. Beloved Barnabas and Paul Thus Time. - About A D 50, as gener- showing to the Antioch church in what high esteem the Jerusalem all the dates and places " at 45 46; church held these men. It seemed good to the Holy Ghost The decision was not merely man's opinion but was inspired by God. And to us who accepted the result thus THE Two DIVISIONS OF THE inspired, and were convinced that CHURCH .- The church had oeen ic it was right. These necessary things, existence for about twenty years, necessary for right conduct toward It had extended over Palestine, the heathen, and necessary for the Phoenicia, Damascus, Antioch, unity and mutual intercourse of Cyprus, and South Galatia in Asia Jews and Gentiles. That ye abstain Minor. Its numbers have become from. Here follow four particulars.

1 The salvation is not dependent proselytes, Grecianiz d Jews and on forms of any kind, but on a liv-Gentiles. The disciples were naturing faith in Jesus that produces a

2. That the Jewish Christians would yield everything possible for the sake or the unity of the church.

3. That the Gentiles should also accepted Jesus as their Saviour, but deny themselves, and in courtesy refused to submit to the peculiar give up something in view of the position and legal customs of the

Abstain (1' from meats offered to parties, with a constant warfare idols, etc. The eating of meats offered to idols meant more than eating at home meat sold in the markets that had been a part of the sacrifice to idols.

Finally, the Gentiles were requested to remember the poor at to excite religious jealousy. The Jerusalem as they had already done. success of Paul's preaching revealed Thus they would prove the kindly

THE RECEPTION OF THE DECISION AT ANTIOCH -Vs. 30-33 The decision and the letter were given to a great assembly of the church at Antioch. They rejoiced for the consolation. Encouragement. The report encouraged, strengthened, comforted them.

SOME MODERN APPLICATIONS. Honest differences of opinion on arise among good men, and in the THE QUESTION AT ISSUE. The best churches, when each party feels sure that it is right, and that its view is of vital importance to the kingdom of God.

Free discussion in a loving, Christian spirit, and examination Paul and the Gentile church con. of the facts, with minds open to the tended that the Gentiles did not Holy Spirit of truth, will lead to need to become Jews in order to be peace, to clearer views of truth, to saved and belong to the kingdom sweeter and more perfect harmony.

Distinguish between peacemakers and compromisers. Some things in form and method

Both sides were sure they were in the church are temporary, and right. Not being able to settle the will pass away, as some of the Jewquestion among themselves, they ish interpretations of the Scripture determined to send a delegation to prophecies concerning the Messiah. the essential truths will

While we are to adhere strenuby all; and its decision would carry ously to principle, yet we are also to insist as strenuously for religious liberty of thought and conscience

The First Baby.

The first time a woman is given charge of a baby which is all her own, she is apt to be a great trouble and worry to it. Of course, it is the most wonderful little piece of humanity that ever existed—that goes without saying, at the outset; and, of course, she, its own only mother, must take care of it every minute, or it will die.

So it follows that ten babies perish of too much care, to one that dies for lack of it. So it happens that the air is shut away from the poor little skinpores which need and crave it so much, and two or three times as many clothes as are necessary are put upon it-so that it won't take cold. So it eventuates rockings and trottings and joltings and paregories. So it often turns out that Nature, dear old dame who is anxious to take a hand in the pushed back, and Art, in all kinds | these Pills have cured her." of queer guises, put in her place.

It is natural that the mother should wish to ornament her baby with every available kind of fancy needlework; but she should be care-

Mothers naturally look forward to great things for their infants. and hope for them the highest and would be no living with her and her it and herself out of the way.

Remember that its little body is a plant as well as a michine, and mus. gow as well as act; co not get in the way of its growing.

It is natural to use baby terms in talking to babies; and who can blame the mother for talking occasionally to this little waif without a language in words which only they two can understand? Baby-talk is is filled with a fine line of Bednot to be entirely tabooed, if we wish to preserve the motherly tenderness of which every soul ought to have some recollection. But as the child grows older, it should be addressed in such language as it is expected henceforth to use in addressing others.-Everywhere.

The First Sight Of His Mother

A minister living in an Indiana village received a call one night from a parishioner. Will you go to Indianapolis for me ? he asked. We have decided to send Johnnie there for an operation. We have received encou agement that he may yet be made to see.

Johnnie had been born without sight, and now, a little lad of six, bright and sunny, and hardly realizing that he lacked anything to make life happy, he was facing a future of darkness, little bope having till now been given to the parents that anything could be done yes? for his eyse.

Go with my wife and Johnnie, said the father. I cannot go; I dare not go. But stay with her till it is over, and either rejoice with us or comfort us, and send me word as fast as the lightning can fetch it.

The minister went, and stayed with the lad while the oculist, not over confident, began his work, and till at last, with a thrill of triumph in his tone, he said, That bey will

The glad wire tingled with the Eye Glasses to select from message to the father, and the minister, with the overjoyed mother, retired to wait for the time when the bandaged eyes could bear light enough for a first look at the beauti-

At last came the notification of the expected test. In the dimly lighted room the mother and the minister stood breathless while the doctor carefully raised the shade. The little lad, overwhelmed by the sudden possession of a new sense, cast a tewildered look from one to another of the three.

Johnnie, said the minister, this is your mother.

The little arms went up and clasped her neck, the happy boy verifying his new sense by those already tested; and caressing the loving face that he saw leaning above him, he cried, O mother ! Is this really you, or is it heaven?

It was indeed like a glimpse into heaven. I felt, said the minister, as 13 13 13 13 15 16 ALL if I had witnessed something of the glad bewilderment of a newly translated soul in its first sight of the face of our Heavenly Father .-Youth's Companion.

The Elephant -- A Boy's Essay

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