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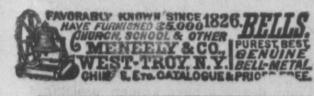
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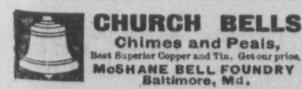


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PETER, ÆNEAS, AND DOR-CAS.—Acts 9: 32-43. GOLDEN TEXT .- Jesus Christ

maketh thee whols.—Acts 9:34. LEARN BY HEART.

John 11: 25, 26; 1 Tim, 6: 18. 19: Matt 25.

HISTORICAL SETTING.

Time.—Probably A D 38-40 Place.-Lydda, a city in northwestern Judea, twenty-five miles slightly northwest of Jerusalew, and Joppa, a seaport on the Mediterranean, ten miles northwest of Lydda.

THE REST FROM PERSECUTION. -V. 31. How long the persecution lasted after Saul's conversion we do She was sick and died. Possibly as planted tiny seeds in hope, and in not know, but it probably burned ut in two or three years.

sation lay in the troubles the Jews were having with their Roman Jerusalem three days might elapse here they lived the life which all rulers. They themselves were being between death and burial, in special must live, different in detail and persecuted, and had no time nor op- cases. Lydda was nigh to Joppa. outward semblance but the same at portunity to persecute Christians. Nine miles Heard that Peter was heart. And now the grass plot, Under these circumstances the there. It was too late to send for a the blackberry tangle, the corn lily infant church enjoyed a period of physician, but not to late to send patch, the grand old trees with four or five years of rest from per- for Peter. The burial preparations their whispering leaves are all that secution. It was a time, also, of showed that death had actually is left to tell the story of what has growth, of spiritual development, taken place. Delay not to come. been .- Advance. of Christian activity.

Edified, bailt up. It is a precess He must hasten, as every hour's like the building of a house.

Leading a God fearing life, by widows for whom Dorcas had made which the edification exhibited it- the coats. Peter pat them all forth, self in the moral conduct. In the as Christ did from the room of comfort of the Holy Ghost. "Com- Jairus' daughter, and as Elijab, in fort" means strengthening together, restoring the Shunammite's son. the strength that comes from the This would keep him from inter, presence, the inspiration, the cour- ruption. Kneeled down and prayed, age of another.

ways to be multiplied, -in numbers, awaking from sleep. She sat up, and in quality and value. The showing that she was really alive disciples rapidly increased in num- again. Gave her his hand, to help bers. Then each addition of zeal, her up after she was alive. And it of knowledge, of wisdom, of virtue, was (became) known . . . and many of spirituality, multiplies the value believed in the Lord. The good of each disciple, and of the church. Add common sense to genius, and the man is multiplied many fold. Add to these consecration, z a', both commended the gospel to the grace, and love, and you multiply people. Tarried many days. Peter him many fold more. One note is struck while the iron was hot. a sound; add a score of two more Joppa was a large city, a busy seaand you have an anthem.

HEALING THE SICK -Vs. 32-35 As Peter passed throughout all ledge of the gospel. With one Simon quarters. He went everywhere a tanner. Why Peter dwelt with visiting and encouraging and teach- Simon the tanner we do not know. ing the new churches formed by The business was extremely obnoxthe persecuted Christians, and keep- ious to the Jews as unclean, ing them in touch with the apostolic church in Jerusalem. Peter did dead animals. more for the church at Jerusalem by going on these evangelizing tours than by concentrating all energies on Jerusalem alone. Work beyond its borders always aids the home church. The saints that dwell at Lydda- All Christians were called saints. Lydda was a city of considerable size, about a day's bursting the bonds of Jewish narjourney from Jerusalem. Here, rowness. according to tradition, was born St. George, "the patren saint of England." He found. As he went about doing good. Named Aeneas which had kept his bed eight years. So that the cure must have been miraculous. And was sick of the palsy. Palsy is a contraction of That is, the Messiah. Peter draws men not to himself, but to the Saviour. Maketh thee whole. This is a very expressive term for com plete health. Arise, and make thy bed. The bed, even in wealthy houses, is, simply a mat, or a Persian rug, or sheepskin or goatskin sewed together, or a quilted coverlet stuffed with wool. The first act on rising is to roll up the bed. Immediately. Showing that the cure was miraculous. And Saron. R. v., Sharon, a plain celebrated for its beauty and fertility. And turned to the Lord. Had their attention turned to the Lord, and recognized him as the Messiah.

will continually come.

to Christ.

Solomon; and Jonah set sail from fall.

and garments for widows, who in the thrilling touch of sofo baby that country were a most unfortun- hands, then paint the wail for the ate clas: (v. 39).

the poor are characteristic of the earth for ever stilled. Paint there Christian religion.

ship (Matt. 25: 34-46; Jas. 1: 27). surrounded by parents and children. pool of formal religion, but much put book-case and clock on the from a fountain of living water in walls, place a settee under that the soul. We are God's children window with its muslin curtains when we do God's works.

a necessary part of good works.

exalt and transfigure the life. from the dangers and the narrow-

the heavenly character.

ness of worldliness.

behalf of the poor. Laid her in an glowing bloom. The probable reason for its cest upper chamber. In Jerusalem no For to this home a young man They knew that Peter bad wrought THE CHURCH EDIFIED. -V. 31. some great miracles in Jesus' name.

delay tended to decay of the body. THE CHURCH'S DAILY LIFE - When he was come ... the widows Walking in the fear of the Lord. stood by him weeping. The poor to learn the Lord's will, and to THE MULTIPLIED CHURCH - receive his power. Tabitha, arise. Were multiplied. There are two And she opened her eyes, as one works which the disciples did, on the one hand, and the power of the Lord to beal and save, on the other, port, and bence an excellent center

> because it required contact with 1. Peter was welcome there. 2. He went where he was most

> from which to send forth the know.

3. He showed that Jesus was no respecter of persons.

4. He himself was becoming prepared for his experience with Cornelius in the next chapter, and

The Restoration of Dorcas. I It brought into prominence Christian care for the poor.

2. It called attention to the fact that Jesus had risen from the dead, and was still alive in heaven, and could do the same wonders through his disciples as he himself tne word "paralysis." Jesus Christ. had done when on earth. It was no dead Saviour, but a living Saviour, whom the apostles preached.

> 3 It revealed more clearly the character of Jesus, reminding the people of his teachings and his works of mercy and love.

4. It was a lesson on immortality, teaching that the soul had an existence separate from the body. 5. Her life and deeds of charity

### The Has-Beens.

were an imperishable monument.

In driving along country roads one sees nothing more pathetically suggestive than the little plots of Note 1 To those who are seek- uncultivated ground that tell one, ing to do good, new opportunities There has been a home. The blue will continually come.

grass sod is soft and deep, a few well, Carswell P. O., Ont., writes:

2 Good works toward the sick old-fashioned flowers, bouncing"I have tried Parmelee's Pills and and unfortunate, expressing the bets, larkspur, and columbine, find them an excellent medicine, and true character of our religion, and hover around its edge and struggle one that will sell well. of our Saviour, and his power over out into the road. On either side men for good, form one of the of where the gate awung is a rampstrongest influences drawing men ant, irregular-shaped patch of cornlilies. Two stately trees still guard monthly pains and leave no bad after HELPING THE POOR .- V. 36. the front yard. The cellar is nearly effects whatever. Be sure you get There was at Joppa. The modern filled up and overgrown with Milburn's. Price 10 and 25 cents. Jaffa, the seaport of Jerusalem, weeds. Black-berry vines run riot, thirty miles to the northwest, with and beyond are three or four which it is now connected by rail- scraggly apple-trees. The old spring way. It was a flourishing city. It house, built of sawn pieces laid up was a seaport in the time of like a log house, is tottering to its

this port for Spain. A certain This is the picture. Fill it up disciple named Tabitha. This is for yourself. Crowd it with hopes Syriac, the common language of and fears, loves and hates, ambithe region, means splendor, heauty. | tions and despair. Put into it the Called Dorcas (Gazelle), which in laughter of children and the moans the East was a favorite type of of the dying; put into it the beauty. Doross is Greek, the wearing toil of the ever-recurring language of the cultured class. days, and the rest of the surely Was full of good works and alms- returning night; put into it the deeds. Especially in making coats low wail of the new-born babe, and

little hands folded over unthrobbing Remarks 1. Good works for breast, and the sweetest voice on the kneeling family as the father 2. They are proofs of disciple offers the daily prayer, the table Not much flows from the stagnant Farnish the house with fireplace, and don't forget the trundle bed, 3. The personal element, the and the ladder to the loft where giving of one's self with the gift, is the boys slept under the low roof, its rafters decorated with bunches 4. Daily deeds of personal help, of herbs. Outside raise once more done with the highest motives, the well sweep and hang again the moss-covered bucket. Restore the 5. Doing good works saves us stacks of grain or the pile of fresh Springs and Mattresses to fit. golden straw after the threshing machine has passed on to the next 6. This is the way to lay up neighbor's. Put in the little garden treasures in heaven. It develops plot where the good wife gathered beans and peas for dinner, and RAISING THE DEAD .- Vs. 37-43. another smaller place where she a martyr to her over-exertions in the hour of fruition rejoiced in the

corpse lay over night, but outside brought his girlish bride. And

Where Were His Sisters?

A lad of sixteen or seventeen, noted for his manliness and honor, was one of a company of persons who were discussing the sad case of a young man who had gone Wlong.

One who was present commiserated the unfortunate fellow, remarking that he had been left too much to his own way. His mother had died when he was small, his Eye Glasses to select from. father was engrossed in business.

The lad, who had been listening. spoke up quickly. his face flushed with feeling.

But where were his sisters? he

inquired eagerly. Happy boy, he had sisters of his own and he knew that, had he been left in such a position as the lad spoken of, they would have put forth the most strenuous endeavors to have saved him from evil. He could not imagine sisters who would do otherwise. Boys, it seems to us, have in some ways more temptations than girls. Their lives are less carefully shielded. But, as an offset to these temptations, God gives most boys sisters. And to these sisters he gives opportunity.

Girls, this opportunity is one of the grandest that God ever gave you. Many a young man feels that under God, he owes his salvation to a good sister. And it is to be feared many another might trace his ruin to a sister's neglect. To be a good sister is to be a great missionary.

I can forgive. but I cannot forget, is only another way of saying will not forgive. A forgiveness ought to be like a canceled note, torn in two and burned up, so that it never can be shown against the man. There is an ugly kind of forgiveness in this world-a kind of hedgehog forgiveness, shot out like quills .- Beecher's Life Thoughts.

Don't forget the good morning at the early morning meal. Well-bred people on entering the breakfastroom generally give a salutation, which is a rule in good form.

Don't laugh continually when talking. Many young people do it to avoid bashfulness; others acquire this habit; but in either case it is a breach of good manners.

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