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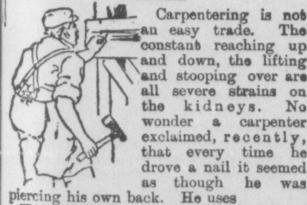
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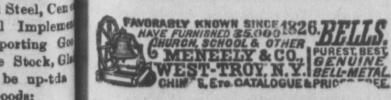
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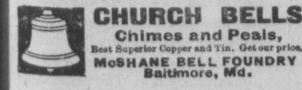
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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter Lesson I April 6 1902 SAUL OF TARSUS CON-VERTED .- Acts 9: 1-12.

Study Verses 1-20. GOLDEN TEXT.—Repent therefore and be converted that your sins may

LEARN BY HEART. Vs. 5, 6; John 3: 16; Iss. 55: 7; 2 Cor. 5: 17.

HISTORICAL SETTING.

be blotted out .- Acts 3: 19.

Time.—Probably in A D. 35 to 37. The common date has been A. D 37. Lewin places it at midsummer.

to an earlier date: McGiffert to 31 Ramsay, 33; Thatcher, 34 or 35. Place.-Near Damascus, the capital of Syria, one hundred and forty miles north of Jerusalem. Damascus was called "the paradise of God"; the Abana and Pharpar, to which Naaman referred as "better than all the waters of Israel," made the region "blossom as the rose."

It is probably the oldest city in the world. In Paul's time there were many Jews and several synagogues. At the present time there are "not less than one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants." A railroad runs or will when completely finished, from Damascus to Acre on the Mediterranean.

THE MAN PAUL .- 1. His Names. It was common among the Jews in foreign lands to have two names. Saul was Paul's Hebrew name. Paul, meaning little, was his Roman name, inherited with his name is nowhere given.

2. He was born in Tarsus, prob-

3. Family and Social position. His parents were Jews of pure descent, strict Pharisees in belief and life, possessed of Roman citizenship. His manners were those of a citizen of the world familiar with the habits of good society.

It is apparent that Paul was poor during his early missionary career, while later, in Cesarea and Rome, he appears as a man of distinction and means. Professor Ram say interprets this as meaning that Paul was cast off by his family as an apostate and foe to his race and his religion, on account of his becoming a Christian.

His Education. Till he was about twelve years old Paul lived scholarly university town. It is impossible not to see a great difference between him and the twelve in this respect. At an early age he was sent to Jerusalem, where he studied the law under Gamaliel. The whole atmosphere of Jerusalem must have greatly influenced him

His Personal Traits. As to his personal appearance, from all we can gather he was a man of not more than medium stature, and with po sibly some personal defect, but a man of physical strength and gracious attractiveness.

had a winsome character, greatly increased after his conversion. He divine method of admission to the had a strong will, an intense nature that conquered obstacles drove a nail it seemed a deep, religious nature, desiring to as though he was do right, and to serve God. He The three days' feast and the inwas a seer and prophet, a great

2. Although some time had elapsed days. A few days. Saul's burning zeal had not declined. ore than three years with severe pain in the hall of my back and in both sides. I could not oppose without difficulty, and I had severe neulgic pain in both temples. Seeing the adversement of Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box. The price of the pain in both temples. Seeing the adversement of Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box. The price of the persecuted the church, the half from the back and sides, and banishing the filled the price of the persecuted the church, the faster it grew. Went, of his own accord. High priest, who as chief of the Jews exercised authority in such matters. Letters to Damascus. intensified his rage to see that the in the synagogues. He gave his faster it grew. Went, of his own what Jesus had done for him, and servants. accord. High priest, who as chief of that Jesus was the Messiah. such matters. Letters to Damascus. ment. From a comparison of the Whither probably not a few of following verses with Gal. 1:15-18, Quinsy, Pain in the Chest, Croup, those persecuted in Jerusalem had we learn, that after preaching gone in order to be safe. To the awhile he went into Arabia, either synagogue. The seat of Jewish in the desert regions near Damas- Bites of Insects. authority there. Any of this way, cus, or in the region of Sinai. disciples of Christ. Bring them Here he remained three years. bound into Jerusalem, where was There was need of no little meditathe highest authority to inflict the Ition and study before Paul cou

horseback or on camel. His follow- old before he began his mission. ers were some mounted, some on Third: The Longer Preparation. foot, like a caravan. Near Damas- From Arabia Paul returned to cus. Probably within sight of the Damascus, where he was persecuted, city. Suddenly (about noon) there and escaped in a basket let down shined round him a bright light through a window over the walls of from heaven. The light was above the city. He then went to Jeruthe brightness of the sun. Fell on salem for the first time since his the earth. Blinded and amazed conversion. Here, too, he was The whole company fell with him. persecuted, and retired to his Heard a voics. Clear and distinct | native region, of which Tarsus was to him, but a mysterious sound to the capital. It was some years others. Saul Saul, In the Hebrew before he fully entered upon his tongue. Why persecutest thou me? great work. He thought he was persecuting the The Change Wrought in Paul by a pound of cure," and a little attendisciples of a poor rabbi, an im- his Conversion .- The purpose and tion at this point may save months of poster; and instead, he now saw trend of his life was changed. that he was persecuting this living Henceforth he lived wholly for and glorified Jesus. Who art thou Jesus and for the salvation of men. to bed, and one or two for three

his disciples. To kick against the pricks, i. e., goads, as unruly oxen | work. He was indeed a new creasometimes did. This was a common | tion, with new life, new character, Greek proverb, expressive of the new motives, new hopes, new love, rage which burts itself instead of new purpose, new work. its object. Trembling and astonished | Sudden Conversions

one inquiring the way. Note the three steps of Paul's but the fact of being one. progress toward the light: (1) con-The later authorities are inclined that Paul did see Jesus as he conscious of it or not.

> states in 1 Cor. 15:8. clearest proof that the appearance vouchsafed had been a reality. And he was three days without sight. The blindness of Saul was, no doubt, mercifully intended by providence to compel him to attend without distraction to the great matters which had been placed before him. The state of his mind may be gathered from the fact that be took no food or drink during that interval.

Coming Into the Light. - Vs. 10-18. A certain disciple..... named Ananias. We know nothing further about him except that "he was a good man, baving a good report of all the Jews which dwelt at Damascus. Street . . . . called Roman citizenship. His family Straight. A main thoroughfare of the city going straight from the eastern to the western gate. It was a mile long; it was a hundred feet wide, and divided by Corinthian columns into three avenues. In the house of Judas. He was probably not then a Christian, but one of whom Paul had letters. Behold, he prayeth. He is asking God for light and help. Then Ananias answered. Ananias naturally hesitated to go to the house of the wellknown opponent of the gospel. This hesitation does not prove Ananias to be either disobedient or faithless. He only wanted to be sure that he understood, for the command was so strange. Thy saints. Consecrated to the service of God. A chosen vessel, selected by God, and for the purpose indicated in the remainder of the sentence. in the atmosphere of a cultured, God chose him before he chose God. Unto me, prepared for me and devoted to me. Gentiles. Paul was especially the apostle to the Gentiles. And kings. Paul fiulfilled this when he appeared before Agrippa at Cesarea perhaps the Emperor Nero at Rome, and when he pleaded before the tribunals of for he was of a deeply religious the Roman governors Sergius Paulus, Gallio, Felix and Festus. Brother Saul. A Christian brother. Sight .... Holy Ghost He brought two great gifts,-sight, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. There fell from his eyes as it had been scales. He experienced the sensation as if there had fallen something like His Character. Paul must have scales from his eyes. Was baptized. As a confession of Christ, and the

membership of the disciples. PAUL THE DISCIPLE.—Vs. 19 22. When he had received meat, i. e., ward conflict had brought extreme PAUL THE PERSECUTOR. - Vs. 1. | both spiritually and bodily. Certain | feared, bowed to the ground before

Paul went to work for his Breathing out threatenings and Master. Straightway. Immediately slaughter. It must have greatly Preached (proclaimed) Christ(Jesus) more he persecuted the church, the religious experience, testifying to

Second: Paul went into retireunderstand the Scriptures sufficient-JESUS ARRESTS HIS CAREER - Vs. Iv to preach them aright. So

Lord I Sir, a title of respect. Whom 2. He now accepted Jesus as the nights in succession, and a cure will thou persecutest, in the person of Messiah, the Saviour of the world. be effected.

3. He was changed in his life-

Many a sinner feels in the same Gradual Changes. 1. There are way when he first sees himself as he | many ways in which persons beis. What will thou have me to do? | come Christians; compare Paul He would see clearly what is re- | with John; Matthew with most of quired of him. Arise and go into the other apostles; Luther and his the city (Damascus), and it shall be long struggle, with John Bunvan told thee, etc. He was not yet pre- who could not tell the day of his pared for the full revelation of his conversion. There is no model or duty. The experience of mature form to which all must conform.

Christians can be a great help to 2. The one essential question is not how one becomes a Christian,

3 In one sense there are seldom, viction; (2) desire to learn the if ever, absolutely instantaneous way; (3) help from Christian ex- conversions, for there are always perience. Stood speechless, hearing circumstances and influences prea voice. The sound of the voice, paring the way. On the other without understanding it. But | hand, there is, probably, a definite seeing no man The bystanders saw | time when one bas actually changed the light but no person, implying his course of life, whether he is

4. Changes in men, like this in THE GREAT CONFLICT -V .. 8, 9 | Saul, are the greatest proofs of When his eyes were opened he saw | Christianity. They are the miracles no man. The blindness was the through its whole course of almost nineteen centuries.

### At Eighteen.

You are eighteen years of age

are you not? Just so. That is the age when callow youth has his first attack of the big head. You imagine at this moment that you know it all. I observed by the cut | yes? of your trousers, the angle of your hat, the tip of your head, the style of your shoes and the wagger of your walk, that you are badly gone on yourself. This is an error of youth that your uncle can overlook, but it pains him sorely to hear you speak in terms of disrespect of one you should never, never mention save by the name father. He may not be up to your style in modern art of making a fool of himself, but ten to one he forgets more in one week than you will ever know. He may not enjoy smoking guttersnipes chopped fine and inclosed in delicate paper, but he has borne a good many hard knecks for your interest, and deserves all the respect your shallow brain can muster. By and by, when you get through knowing it all and begin to learn something you will be ashamed to look in the glass, and you will wender where the foolkiller kept himself when you were ripe for the sacrifice. Then when the old man grows tired of his journey, and stops to rest, and you fold his hands across his bosom and take a last look at the face that has grown beautiful in death you will feel a sting of regret that you ever spoke of him so grossly and disrespectfully; and when other sprouts of imbecility use the language that so delighted you in the germinal period of manhood you will feel like chasing them with a stick and crashing their skull to see if there is any brain tissue on the inside.-Bob Bardette.

### Bible Questions.

Who dreamed that the sun, moon and stars bowed down to him ?

What young man fell on his face before his prince and bowed himself | flour. three times?

What great chief welcomed some strangers to his tent by bowing before them to the ground?

Before what ruler's chariot did men run, crying "Bow the knee?" What returning exile, trying to prostration. He was strengthened make peace with one whom he him seven times?

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