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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter—Lesson XIII—June 27

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations.*—Matt. 24: 14.

REVIEW FACTS.

TIME. The history during this quarter extends from A. D. 37 to A. D. 50, a period of about thirteen years.

The history from the beginning of Acts extends from A. D. 30 to A. D. 50, over twenty years, the whole period of the church's existence up to this time.

PLACE. The centre of the Jewish Christian church remained at Jerusalem. But the Antioch in Syria became the Gentile centre.

From these centres Christianity spread rapidly all over Palestine; thence as far as Damascus to the northeast; to the Philistine countries on the shores of the Mediterranean, to Crete and Eastern Asia Minor.

BOOKS. Besides the Acts, we have studied lessons in the Epistle of James, the head of the Jerusalem church (b) came he comes into prominence here for the last time in the Acts; an Epistle to Timothy (because we have come to the time and the place where Paul first found this beloved friend and helper), and the Epistle to the Romans (because the question discussed in this selection was one that became prominent at this time, and nearly rent the church in twain; and it makes a fitting temperance lesson).

PERSONS. Peter, Paul Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, James the son of Zebedee, James the brother of our Lord, Eneas, Dorcas, Cornelius, Simon the tanner, Mary, the mother of John; Rhoda, John Mark, Herod, Governor Paulus of Cyprus, Elymas, Lystrians, Pharisees, devout and honorable women.

EVENTS. Paul let down from the city walls in a basket. A paralytic healed. A dead woman restored to life. An apostolic vision. A centurion and his family become Christians. Preaching of the Christians scattered by persecution. James, the son of Zebedee, martyred. Peter in prison. The praying church. Peter delivered. Death of Herod. Paul and Barnabas at Antioch. First great Gentile church. First foreign missionary journey. Experiences in Cyprus, in Antioch of Pisidia, in Iconium, in Lystra. The conference in Jerusalem.

REVIEW SUBJECT.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

This should include a brief review from the beginning, with the emphasis upon the steps or epochs of development during the first twenty years of the church's existence.

PREPARATIONS.—A. D. 30 to 37. The resurrection. The ascension. Promise of return. Ten days' prayer-meeting.

BIRTH OF THE CHURCH.—City of the Holy Spirit. Fire and tongues. 3,000 converts. Peter's preaching.

CHURCH AT JERUSALEM.—A beautiful picture. Unity. Generous Giving. Love. Worship. Increasing numbers and character.

ATTACKS FROM WITHOUT.—Arrests. Deliverance. Persecution. Boldness. New power. Opportunity to preach to the rulers. Great increase.

DANGERS WITHIN.—Ananias. Sapphira. Simon Magus. Warning. Purifying. Instructing.

ORGANIZATION.—Seven deacons appointed. Stephen preaching. GREAT PERSECUTION.—Stephen martyr. Church scattered.

BROADENING OF THE CHURCH.—A. D. 37 to 50.

PERSECUTION SCATTERS THE DISCIPLES. SAMARITANS received. Ethiopian converted.

EVANGELIZATION OF cities on the Mediterranean coast, Lydda, Joppa, Cesarea.

ROMAN CENTURION converted and received into the church.

FIRST GENTILE CHURCH formed at Antioch of Syria.

PAUL AND BARNABAS preached at Antioch. Great numbers become Christians.

THE FIRST FOREIGN MISSIONARIES in Cyprus and Asia Minor.

A DIVIDING QUESTION ARISES. CONFERENCE AT JERUSALEM.

THE GENTILES WELCOMED. THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL.

SAUL, to be the apostle to the Gentiles, converted. Two or three years in Damascus and Arabia.

FIRST VISIT TO JERUSALEM.—15 days. Acts 9: 26-29; Gal 1: 17-20.

PREPARATORY WORK. Preaching in Cilicia, Tarsus, Syria.

A YEAR IN ANTIOCH with Barnabas.

SECOND VISIT TO JERUSALEM.—Acts 11: 30; 12: 25.

FIRST FOREIGN MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

Cyprus (Salamis and Paphos),

Perga, Antioch in Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe.

Return journey and arrival at Antioch.

REPORTS.

THIRD VISIT TO JERUSALEM.

CONFERENCE AT JERUSALEM.

Question settled.

RETURN TO ANTIOCH.

REVIEW BY PERSONS, PLACES, AND EVENTS.

Each person, place, or event may be made a center around which will cluster various things pertaining to the history, and by means of a rapid review, in these three lines, a good general knowledge of the history will be imparted.

The Peculiar Man.

The peculiar man is a public nuisance. He obtrudes his peculiarity on all occasions with the same sort of pride that causes a Neapolitan beggar to glory in the display of some ghastly deformity.

The peculiar man glories in his peculiarity. He calls it individuality, and avers very truthfully that nothing should make a man sacrifice his individuality. He quotes, "The leopard cannot change his spots," and so emphasizes his peculiarities.

The peculiar man invariably has the most remarkable set of principles. True, one should have principles; but it remains the province of peculiarity to force its principles down the helpless throat of its neighbor. Our peculiar man accounts for all his unpleasant traits by the stock remark, "Oh, you know I am a peculiar man." And so he is—peculiarly disagreeable.

The leopard's spots are born with him; the blemishes on the peculiar man are usually the product of cultivation, and exaggerated to form an excuse for bad temper, obstinacy, or some equally unpleasant trait, only permissible without reproach behind the shelter of peculiarity.

What right has any man to claim a monopoly of traits either good or bad? A man goes about growling at everything, a perfect bear, never a pleasant, civil word for anyone. "But then he is a peculiar man."

A man exists at outrageous hours; it is all right—he is peculiar. A man drinks everything or nothing goes nowhere or everywhere, has bad manners, bad habits, bad clothes—but claims peculiarity and feels himself self safely hedged from criticism and entirely exempt from the duties owed by the civilized, commonplace man to his fellows. This sketch is not funny; it isn't intended to be funny; it is moral. —From "Bachelor Buttons."

Are You Helping?

No matter how hard a superintendent is trying to run a Sunday school he will not be able to do much if others are engaged in running it down. It is easier to "run" down a Sabbath school than it is to "run" it up. It takes nothing but a little spleen to run it down, while it takes heart, brains, energy, piety, perseverance, and a host of other good qualities to run it up. And after one has done a little that he can, with all these qualities, he may find himself as blocked as tugging horses are when the drag is placed on the wheels. Often there are those who go about hinting that the superintendent is not just the man for the place, that he holds his session too long, that he is a hobbyist as to singing or the blackboard, etc., thus neutralizing all his efforts instead of holding up his hands as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses. When a superintendent is backed by the whole school he can accomplish a great deal, even if he is not conspicuously qualified for his position. Let all in the school, then, cheer on the superintendent. It takes a good many bees to fill a hive with honey, but one lively hornet can make a whole camp-meeting unhappy. —Pilgrim Teacher.

Silent Forces.

"Workmen in the stone quarries often find a very hard kind of rock," says a writer in the World Christian. "They pick little grooves for the iron wedges, and then with great sledge hammers drive the wedges into the flinty rock. And yet, once in awhile, they fail to divide the solid mass. The iron wedges and the sledges prove useless, and the workmen wonder at the stubborn rock. But there is yet another way. The iron wedges are removed from the narrow grooves. Then little wooden ones, of a very hard fiber, are selected. The sharp, well made wooden wedges are first put into water. They are then inserted in the grooves tightly, while wet, water being kept in the grooves, and no sledge is needed to drive them. They would break under the severe blows of the ponderous hammer. But the workmen just let the wet wedges alone. They will do what the driven iron failed to do. How soft! The damp wood swells. The particles must have room to expand, and the granite heart of the

rocks cannot withstand the silent influence. In a little while the solid rock parts from top to bottom, and the workmen's will is accomplished. It is often so in other things. What noise and visible efforts fail to do, some quiet power, when properly applied, will surely accomplish. Teachers may remember this fact in mechanics, and manage some very stubborn natures by the application of the silent forces. The iron and the sledge-hammer often fail, but tears and prayers will not."

Soul Scars.

A few days since I saw on the streets a beautiful young horse. So attractive was he that my attention was called to him while he was yet quite away from me. In form he looked like the deer. His limbs were clean and slender, his body was thin and graceful, his eyes were bright and intelligent, and in his carriage he walked as if his feet were on springs, and seemed as if he were ready any moment to fly with the fleetness of the winds. As he approached me my admiration increased, for I had never seen a more beautiful animal. But alas!

when he came nearer I discovered an ugly scar—a brand burned into his flesh. And it can never be removed. It is there for life. What a faithful and forceful picture is this! How many splendid young men have scars on the soul. And yet they talk lightly of "sowing wild oats," as if they regarded it as merely a youthful pastime, with no permanent results of evil to follow. Paul, when a young man, persecuted the church of Christ, and though God forgave him, he never seemed able to forgive himself (I Cor. xv. 9). He took that scar with him to the grave. He could never forget it. Even in his loftiest flights, when like the eagle among the clouds, he gazed into the "third heaven," he remembered it still, and grieved over it with deepest sorrow. Like him was our own Gough, the great apostle of temperance, who used to raise his good right arm, and say he would freely have it sawn from his shoulder, if by so doing the memory of an unkind word spoken to his mother in youth could be obliterated. "Keep thyself pure," that life's memories may not be mixed with wormwood, and its beauty despoiled. —M. M. Davis, Dallas, Texas.

Of Course He Will.

It was a touching little story I heard. A little orphaned girl was taken into the home of strangers. As she was being put to bed the first night, she said with a little quiver in her voice: "May I say my prayers like I did at home?" "Oh yes," was the reply. Then down by the lady's side she knelt and prayed—"Dear God, please make these new people love me and be kind to me like my own mamma and papa were, for Jesus' sake. Amen." Rising lightly from her knees with her burden all gone, and her face bright with happiness, she said gaily, "Now, of course he will;" reached up to kiss the lady by her side; was lifted into bed, and was soon fast asleep.

Ah me! If you and I could only learn the sweet lesson of trust as taught by the little child. We pray for the Father's loving watch care, and then grow faint with anxiety lest he should prove unworthy of our trust. We hold his written pledge that all things shall work together for our good if we but trust his love, and then insult him with our doubt and fear. We hear his loving invitation to cast our every care on him; then sadly question why we are allowed to bear such heavy burdens.

Oh tender, loving Friend and Father, have pity and forgive. Drive from my heart each inimate that is unworthy of thy child. Teach me to look away from self and up to thee. And when ugly doubt shall dare to stand before me, and—pointing to the seeming obstructions in my path—mockingly question, "Will God be true?" Oh then do thou inspire my coward heart with the glad trustfulness which is my rightful heritage, and teach my faltering lips to boldly say—"Of course he will!"—Anna D. Bradley.

How to Kill a Prayer-Meeting

First of all, get ready for the slaughter at home. See to it that supper is a little late, and that you have a chance to quarrel a little with some one who is at the table. Then grab up your hat and coat, stalk out of the house in high dudgeon, and come into the meeting a little late. Take a back seat, and as they sing start into a conversation with your neighbor. When Father N ble prays, snicker at his nasal voice and peculiar grammar, and look as if actually wounded when old Mother Goodheart speaks—her appearance is so shocking, you know, and she ought to keep out of sight. Do not pray or speak your

self, and only sing a very little. Look bored if you can all the while, and as you go out say to Mrs. Newcomer, "A prayer-meeting is a stupid thing, isn't it?" If by this course you do not succeed in killing the meeting for others, you will certainly prevent its doing yourself any good.—Pilgrim.

Some years ago a vestryman of an Episcopal church in New York city, after the Sunday morning service, said to a brother vestryman across the aisle: Come with me this evening and see my boys. Your boys! What do you mean? the other replied. Come and you will see. With some persuasion his friend went with him, and found himself, on a wintry, icy night, at the Children's Aid Society rooms. There the vestryman took the desk as leader, read the Scriptures, offered prayer, made a most appropriate address, and then called upon his friend to speak. At the close of the service his friend asked: How long have you been doing this thing, without my ever having suspected it? Sixteen years, was the reply. For sixteen years, says The Independent, Howard Potter had been leaving his rich and beautiful home every other Sunday night to help and instruct and stimulate to a better life the poorest boys, the very waifs of New York city, and to find for them honorable homes in the West. He died suddenly of heart disease in London, where he was the head of the London branch of the great house of Brown Brothers & Co., of which he was senior partner. He was a brother of Bishop Potter, and no member of the family was either an abler or a truer man than was Howard Potter.

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