

The Sunday School.

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Sunday, April 13. PAUL AT EPHEBUS.

Golden Text.—And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. Acts 19:18.

Toric.—The power of the gospel. Trans.—A. D. 54-57.

INTRODUCTORY.

Paul is now at Ephesus, by far the largest and most important city in Asia Minor. It is the capital of the Province of Proconnesus. Asia distinguished alike for its riches, wisdom, luxury and idleness. Its intellectual property was due to its great commerce, which in addition flourished in the river Ceyx, upon which its congregation, here, like the one at Thessalonica, had its seat. The Apostle, A. D. 53, never after regained its former splendor, and its harbor became filled up and its commerce ceased. The place where once this glorious Roman capital stood is now a desolation, where no human being is to be seen.

In Ephesus Paul spent three of the most busy, toilsome, and yet successful years of his unworldly laborious life, and he seems to have reached a church of great numbers, here, to a higher understanding of gospel truths than anywhere else, for, in after years, he wrote them an epistle in the loftiest range of religious thought.

OUTLINE.

THE GOSPEL RECORDED 8:10. REVEALED 11:17. REVIVAL 18:22.

EXPOSITORY.

I. The Gospel Preached.

1. And he went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for the space of three months, disputing and reasoning the things concerning the Kingdom of God. (Acts 19:8, 9.)

2. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but in the synagogue they blasphemed, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disseminating the word in the house of Tyrtamus. (Acts 19:9, 10.)

3. To lead this contrast by the Jews of the Jews, to lead this contrast by the Jews of the Jews, to lead this contrast by the Jews of the Jews.

4. It was Paul's usual custom to present the gospel to his own people in their own synagogues, first, and to continue doing so, as long as they would permit him, and, although he had been expelled from the synagogue at Corinth by violence, he repeats the statement here, "I usually do this." (Acts 17:1, 2.)

5. He preached a very different kingdom from that they were expecting, which was one of triumphant temporal glory.

6. "Divers" in their "refusal" were hardened and believed not, "because they had obtained in their former life, to believe. The New Version has "disobedient" for "believed not," meaning that, as a result of disbelief, they refused obedience to the gospel commands. These willful sinners, who had the will of their own, "disobeyed" the gospel commands, forming them into school or Christian congregation, to the "school" or lecture-room of Tyrtamus, probably a Gentile house of prayer, and he preached to the Jews, who were now the only hearers of the word.

7. There, for two years, Paul "disputed"—argued daily with all comers, so that in all Asia "the Proconnesian Province" took the name of the Lord Jesus, who had preached the gospel; the meeting probably being that Paul not only preached to large audiences who came to hear, but he addressed his hearers, and his influence was felt, and the gospel was heard by all in western Asia Minor. We may be very sure that a most wonderful increase was effected, and that, during this audience service, Paul secured the foundation of the seven churches of Eph. 7 and 8.

II. THE GOSPEL PREACHED.

1. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul. (Acts 19:11.)

2. It is that from his hand came forth such tokens and signs, and such mighty deeds, as were never seen before in Asia. (Acts 19:12.)

3. The article of the wondrous Jesus, which he used upon them to lead over them, was that which he had used before in the city of Ephesus, where he had been preaching the word of God. (Acts 19:13.)

4. And there were many that believed, and were baptized, and were added unto the church. (Acts 19:14.)

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That with overcoming power the gospel grew and prevailed in Ephesus, was among the most remarkable of all the miracles wrought by the Holy Spirit.

Great Paul! He saw how the disciples and disorders in Corinth, were the result of his own error, and he was determined to do all that he could to prevent such a repetition of the same error.

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In the Recorder of March 6th, I notice Bro. Thornburg's reminiscence of remarkable men among them the name of the venerated Dr. McClay, which calls to mind a visit he made on our home in Franklin, La., immediately after the steamboat disaster, in which allusion is made. His heart was full of gratitude for the merciful preservation from a watery grave, while he dwelt with sorrow and pity for the fate of those who were thus suddenly whirled into eternity, and especially for those who were wholly unprepared. Among the passengers with whom he had become familiar, having felt the request of the officers of the boat to spend the night in the ladies' cabin for worship, was a gentleman with his wife and little son, from St. Louis, on their way to New Orleans, who had that night refused to go in to pray until they had finished their game of cards. When told that the doctor was waiting for them, they joyfully replied, "Let him go with his prayers."

After the explosion of the boat, and the doctor, with several of the passengers, had succeeded in getting on to a portion of the deck which had been blown off, surrounded by those who were struggling for life and pleading for mercy, some clinging to him and begging him to pray for them, which he did then and there—amid that scene, some one said, "Dr. McClay, I think that Mr. and Mrs. — would now be glad to be near you and willing to bear you pray." It was supposed that the entire family was lost, as they were seen battling with the cold waves, and clinging to fragments of the wreck, the little boy upon a barrel, and one or another dropped off to be seen no more.

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God lets us on our way alone. All we are honest and disinterested. And leave them, come back to us...

These Devine Court News.

Some truly glad to see that my placement of the press has in no succession in a title...

Great Council puts in something to settle the...

mission. In the west, my dear friends, I need as much more help before the building can...

Major Vera, who, by the way, went...

Major Vera, who, by the way, went through the war, and returned home, says that a Baptist pastor ought to be...

To secure by purchase a grand old un-

finished temple for our department of the school, and for the Baptist church of Bell...

The board of foreign missions have...

announced, by purchase and lease, property for abroad and domestic purposes, which, ac...

Bar. W. D. Fowl, our devoted minister,

of whom the Southern Baptist Convention is indebted for the inauguration of this grand...

A full account of the settlement of this...

business will be given after my return to Richmond. I shall (D. V.) leave here on...

FROM THE CHURCHES.

NEW ALBERT, IND.—Pastor Green received another member yesterday by bap...

Dear Bro. U.—When are you coming...

back here? Our meeting is succeeding daily. Twenty-four additions, and deep in...

SHREVEPORT, IND.—Closed a meeting at...

this place, March 24, with 64 conversions to the church. Closed my work at Hampton the...

CARLETON, KY.—Bro. Garrett baptised four...

during the last two weeks, nine others have come with our church, who were members...

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The Meeting at Berea, Tenn.

Some of our pastors and citizens attended, more or less, the long protracted union meeting...

These children have talent for music...

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MIBBIONS.

LEWISVILLE MISSION, CREEK NATION, T. T. Monday, March 18, 1884. Some of me to the...

The Western Baptist Association Settled.

After forty days, spent here in innocent study of the school problem, the following...

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News in General

The Paris Bales, March 24, reported a letter... The Paris Bales, March 24, reported a letter...

Mr. Kavanagh, captain of the police... Mr. Kavanagh, captain of the police...

The one of the electric light in Boston... The one of the electric light in Boston...

The London appropriation, to be reported... The London appropriation, to be reported...

The wharf bill has been sent to the House... The wharf bill has been sent to the House...

The First National Convention of Inventors... The First National Convention of Inventors...

Among the leading subjects before Congress... Among the leading subjects before Congress...

The wind storm followed by hail which... The wind storm followed by hail which...

Mr. Davis, the highly-sentimental... Mr. Davis, the highly-sentimental...

It will be before the Senate to prohibit... It will be before the Senate to prohibit...

Written on sugar and molasses from New... Written on sugar and molasses from New...

The failure of a Cincinnati jail to find a... The failure of a Cincinnati jail to find a...

NEW YORK, March 27, 1884. The... NEW YORK, March 27, 1884. The...

FOR sufferers Chronic Diseases, in... FOR sufferers Chronic Diseases, in...

A PRIZE that will give you money... A PRIZE that will give you money...

LADIES' JEWELRY... LADIES' JEWELRY...

150 Prizes Given in Three Weeks, and... 150 Prizes Given in Three Weeks, and...

THE GREAT NERVE CONQUEROR... THE GREAT NERVE CONQUEROR...

WHERE TO BUY... WHERE TO BUY...

REPAIRING AND REFINISHING... REPAIRING AND REFINISHING...

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THE GREAT NERVE CONQUEROR... THE GREAT NERVE CONQUEROR

CRAZY PATCHWORK... CRAZY PATCHWORK

WHERE TO BUY... WHERE TO BUY

SILVER WATCH... SILVER WATCH

TO MANAGERS... TO MANAGERS

THE LIFE OF ADONIRAM JUDDSON... THE LIFE OF ADONIRAM JUDDSON

WATCHES REPAIRED NELLORE... WATCHES REPAIRED NELLORE

CHILD'S CATARRH... CHILD'S CATARRH

Gold Pens... Gold Pens

ROYAL... ROYAL

PAKING POWDER... PAKING POWDER

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150 Prizes Given in Three Weeks... 150 Prizes Given in Three Weeks

Cold Rings... Cold Rings

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