

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PAUL WORKS A HARD FIELD
International Sunday School Lesson
for May 7th, 1939

GOLDEN TEXT: "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me."—Phil. 4:13.

(Lesson Text: Acts 18:1, 4-11; 1 Cor. 2:1-5.)

Continuing on his second missionary journey Paul comes to the famous city of Greece, Athens. Learning and art recognized this ancient city as their home, and such names as Colon, Pericles, Socrates, Aristotle, Herodotus, Aeschylus, Demosthenes, Phydias, and others are renowned to this day. The ruins of the Parthenon have won for it recognition as the world's most beautiful building.

Such an atmosphere was not wholly new to Paul, who had been reared at Tarsus, where, like at Athens, there had been a great university. Paul was a highly educated man, well versed in the knowledge and literature of his day. At Athens he came into contact with what the world would call "culture," yet it was at this city he met with such indifference that he retired checkmated and chagrined.

The Athenians were always on the lookout for something new, according to Luke which description might apply to many of our own people today, for many of our citizens are taken in by new cults and ideas regularly. Willingly they gave Paul an opportunity to proclaim his new faith, ready for a clash of philosophies and a duel of intellects, which Paul did, utilizing a monument in the city for an introduction to his subject. He argued as he had at Lystra, setting forth his ideal in contrast to nature-worship, but when Paul mentioned the resurrection the crowd laughed and left him. A few converts were gained, however, one of high local rank.

To Corinth Paul went from Athens. Here was a city renowned for its wickedness and sensuality, even among pagan people, where the goddess Venus (Aphrodite) was esteemed. Commerce was important for this city was on a narrow peninsula which was the connecting lane for the northern and southern parts of Greece and, at the same time, offered a short transit for merchandise to be transferred from ships in the Adriatic to the others in the Aegean. In this city Paul remained eighteen months, staying most of the time

with Aquila and his wife Priscilla, Jews who had come from Italy and who seem to have been already converted to the new faith.

To the synagogue Paul went, as usual, in an effort to Christianize the Jews. He met some success as the accession of Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue showed, but the Jews in the main violently fought his teachings and were incited to heated and persistent hostility. Afterwards Paul held his meetings in the home of Titus Justus, a Roman convert of Judaism, probably, whose house was located near the synagogue. Success greeted the missionary work in Corinth, and we are told that many believed.

In his Epistle to the Corinthians, written while he was at Ephesus, during his third missionary tour, Paul frankly admits that he was at Corinth "in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling." Paul did not pretend to be any superman, but this very admission of doubt and dread serves to enhance his own courage and persistency as we look back upon the straight and steadfast course he pursued to a glorious culmination.

At first in Corinth Paul labored alone; soon afterwards, however, he was assisted by Silas and Timothy. A vision which Paul had in this heathen city is remarkable in its encouraging power. Once again Christ appeared to Paul, somewhat disconsolate and discouraged, and told him not to fear but to speak out boldly. "For I have much people in this city." Something like Jehovah's encouragement to the old prophet Elijah, but here Christ was claiming souls which had not heard of him.

Paul learned from his experience at Athens. There he taught in a superior attitude toward life, relying too much on the intellectual appeal of his message to secure converts and reach men. When he got to Corinth he altered his message for, as he wrote them later, while there he emphasized the personal element of Christ and told of his atoning sacrifice for mankind. Some preachers and religious teachers today make their discourses too much of a lecture on ancient history, customs, and faiths, and overlook that conversion is a spiritual experience to be brought about by personal faith in Jesus and an individual acceptance of him.

Star With Star



Alan Curtis and Laraine Johnson in "Sergeant Madden," with Wallace Beery starring, at Taylor Theatre, Edenton, Tuesday.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Creswell M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. C. W. Gregg Tuesday afternoon with eighty per cent of the members present.

Following a short business session, the lesson for the month was conducted with the following participating: Mrs. P. B. Belanga, Mrs. H. A. Norman, Mrs. C. W. Gregg, and Mrs. B. A. Williams.

The hostess served ice cream and cake.

HONOREE AT DINNER PARTY

Miss Mary Winborne Evans celebrated her birthday Friday evening with a dinner party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Evans, near Cross Roads. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Evans, Mrs. Z. W. Evans, Misses Beatrice Wilson Evans and Louise Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Winslow, Jess Wilson and Atwill Eure Felton. It was also Mr. Winslow's birthday, and they celebrated together.

CROSS ROADS

Hutchings Winborne, a student at Oak Ridge Military Academy, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Winborne.

Miss Orene Hollowell, of Reidsville, and Weldon Hollowell, of Wake Forest College, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Sr.

Eugene Perry spent the week-end at his home in Colerain.

Luke and Ray Hollowell, of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell.

Mrs. Edna Asbell, Miss Marie Asbell, Mrs. Lindsay Evans and Mrs. E. N. Elliott, and Luke Hollowell, of Portsmouth, Va., visited Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Sr., Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Sr., who has been very ill, is now permitted visitors occasionally.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Sr., of Rocky Hock; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harrell and daughter, of Brayhall; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Jr., and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarence Leary and Mrs. Dan Moran, of Edenton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Evans were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Miss Frances Evans has returned to Woodland to resume her public health work.

Mrs. Tom Asbell and Mrs. Cameron Boyce, of Center Hill, visited Mrs. C. J. Hollowell Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Goodwin, Mrs. Wallace Goodwin and Mrs. Herbert Hollowell, of Greenhall, and Mrs. Rodney Harrell, of Brayhall, were guests of Mrs. C. J. Hollowell Thursday.

Mrs. Ralph Hollowell and children visited Mrs. J. C. Leary Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hollowell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell and children and Miss Pennie Hollowell visited Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Hobbs, at Hobbsville, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Byrum Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell and children and Ray Hollowell visited Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell Saturday evening.

Miss Marie Asbell and Luke Hollowell visited Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bush and Miss Louise Bush visited Mrs. Lula Rountree, at Hobbsville, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell, Norman Hollowell and J. P. Barnett spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Winslow.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry were Mrs. Mattie Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Leary and Mr. and Mrs. Fred White.

Miss Alma Winslow is at home from Chicod School, for the summer.

Mrs. P. L. Baumgardner and little daughter Anne, and Ray Hollowell and daughter, Anne, of Edenton, were guests of Mrs. R. H. Hollowell Saturday afternoon.

Miss Louise Wilson spent the week-end with Mrs. Z. W. Evans and Mrs. B. W. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Perry and daughter, Jeannette, spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hoffer, at Hobbsville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Perry and children spent Monday evening with E. C. Perry and Miss Kitty Perry, at Center Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Copeland visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Perry Sunday evening.

Miss Getrude Jackson, of Ryland, was the guest of Mrs. Gurney Byrum Sunday afternoon.

Miss Louise Wilson and Miss Frances Evans spent Saturday in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Perry and daughter, Jeanette, visited Mr. and

Mrs. J. E. Lamb, at Belvidere, Sunday evening.

Jeanette Perry is spending the week at Belvidere with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lamb.

C. P. Palmer and Thomas Corprew visited Miss Eddie Mae Blanchard, at Gliden, Sunday afternoon.

Tyree Buck, of Greenville, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harrell, of

Brayhall, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiggins Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Privott spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Z. P. Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Jr., were in Edenton Saturday afternoon on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Byrum and son, Lester, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry.

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