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### BRASSTOWN

Mr. George Bidstrup returned last Thursday from a three months vacation in Denmark in time to direct the singing games and gymnastics at the Folk School at Brasstown.

Mrs. Campbell and Miss Butler returned last week from a ten days trip through Kentucky, during which time they visited several mountain schools, ending at Berea where Mrs. Campbell brought greetings of the mountains at Berea's Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

Miss Jane Chase, of the Folk School, left for a vacation of two months at her home in Massachusetts.

Miss Nina Bryan returned to the Folk School Sunday night after four weeks at her home in Trap Hill, N. C.

Mrs. Cella Hall and Mrs. Dewey Lloyd entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday, June 7th, honoring their sister, Miss Effie Johnson and their twin brothers, Edgar and Oscar Johnson, of Ogresta. Those present were: Paul Johnson, of Ogresta, Dewey Lloyd and Henry Hyatt, Edgar and Oscar Johnson, and Miss Effie Johnson.

Mrs. E. C. Moore and children, Ray, Cloe, Mozelle, Martine and Jane, spent the weekend in Atlanta and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gennett arrived last Monday from Bedford, Ind. to spend the summer here.

### Beard Called More Than an Adornment

Greenville, Tenn.—A beard is not just an adornment. It is a ventilating plant, says Amy Elizabeth Blagg, zoology instructor at Gettysburg college. It strains and wastes the air we breathe, and serves the added faculty of a thermostat, keeping us warm in winter and cool in summer, she says.

### Orthodox Church

The Greek orthodox churches do not recognize the pope as their head. They are national churches, each with a head of patriarch, and with no general head, as in the Roman Catholic church. There are patriarchs of Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem, also metropolitan or heads of dioceses in the national, local and independent churches.

### Spanish Dancer Says U. S. Women's Legs Beautiful

Seattle.—Women's legs, not sky-scrapers or industrial achievements, are the most remarkable things in the United States, in the opinion of La Argentina, Spanish dancer, who came here for a recital.  
 "Oh—such beautiful legs," she sighed as she watched young American women in the lobby of a hotel. "Never have I seen such legs as the American women have. They impress me more than anything else in your splendid country."

### Testing Tough Meat

To test the toughness of beefsteak, a European inventor has perfected a machine in which a dial attached to the blade records the degree of difficulty the blade encounters in cutting through the meat.

### Sits on Limb and Saws It Off; Falls to Death

Mason Ga.—Andrew Beecher sat on a tree limb and sawed on the wrong side—between him and the tree. He fell over day.  
 Beecher did not regain consciousness.  
 "He just didn't think to change his position in time," one witness volunteered to police.

### Finds Son Wreck Victim

Los Angeles.—Stranded in the cockpit of a car crash, Dr. W. G. Atwood in turning over the body discovered it was his own son.

Forsyth, Durham and Rockingham Counties lead in the order named in the value of manufactured product.

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### Medici Family Honored

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### A TRIP TO PALESTINE

By Rev. Howard P. Powell

Capernaum was soon reached after old Bethsaida, as the distance is a little less than two mile. Capernaum is not mentioned in the Old Testament, but in the New Testament it is mentioned as a town of some importance. "It is especially significant as the place where Jesus settled, and which became the centre of His teaching. Finally, the people of Capernaum turned against Christ, who prophesied, 'And thou, Capernaum . . . shalt be brought down to hell.' " One can see, long before reaching the ancient ruins of the city, that this prophecy was fulfilled.

All that remains of the ancient city of Capernaum is the synagogue, which is the principal ruin. This ancient synagogue is elaborately conceived on a classical model. "It was attributed to Sir C. Wilson, who, in 1866, first excavated the ruins, to the centurion mentioned in the Gospels." It will be interesting for the reader to read for himself the account of this centurion in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 7, verses 1 through 10. This synagogue is well preserved, after having been excavated, and is a place of peculiar inspiration, since it is the one place where one may believe with confidence that Jesus taught Himself.

Near the synagogue, and close by the Sea of Galilee, we were directed to the remaining foundation of the ancient home of Simon Peter. It was easy to picture in our imagination that day when Jesus healed the man who was the servant of the centurion following their conversation, that from there He went to the home of Simon Peter and healed his mother-in-law. He no doubt went often from His teaching in the synagogue to Simon Peter's home for rest and meditation.

They are still excavating at Capernaum and were finding some very interesting things during our visit there. Some of the ancient coins tell the story of the long ago. There is a rather interesting school at Capernaum which is meeting the needs of the Catholic children and young people of the community. This school has a splendid location and the many flowers add to its attractiveness.

After a short visit at Capernaum,

we left for Damascus. Leaving the sea of Galilee for Damascus one can get a better view of the sea than the one approaching from Nazareth. The winding road brings a number of views and each one somehow appears to be more beautiful than the last one. All the while the road winds upward, and for a distance of more than twenty miles the blue waters of Galilee may be seen as one rides toward the city of Damascus.

Before entering Syria we crossed the Jordan using "the Bridge of the Daughters of Jacob." We were delayed for sometime at passport office after crossing this bridge, but the time was well employed in snapping pictures and visiting from car to car.

After our visit to the Jordan some days before we could share the enthusiasm of Naaman for the rivers of Damascus after seeing the Abana and Pharpar. Before reaching Damascus we crossed the Pharpar river several times. The reader will find the fifth chapter of Second Kings to be interesting to read at this point in our story.

Damascus was approached from the same direction of Saul of Tarsus as he came from Jerusalem. It was easy for us to picture the scene recorded in the ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles in a new way as we made his approach. To see Damascus from some miles distance, it is a very beautiful city. However, when one gets into the city with its dirt and filth it is very unattractive.

Damascus is the oldest city in the world, with a population of approximately 300,000. It is celebrated for the variety of wares displayed in its shops. They usually close an hour or two before sunset, and open two or three hours after sunrise. Bargaining is necessary in Damascus, as well as in Jerusalem. After a visit to the city of Damascus it is easy for one to understand why it is that those men coming from Syria to America have so often succeeded in business. This is a part of their training for life.

We are now in front of the Palace Hotel in the city of Damascus where we are to be entertained and from which we will make a tour of the city in our next chapter.

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