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PAUL PLEADS HIS OWN CASE

LESSON TEXT-Acts 21:40-22:4; 24:14-

16; 26:19-23.
GOLDEN TEXT—I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.—
Acts 23:1.

"They say. What do they say? Let them say!" So reads the in-

scription over a doorway of one of the great schools of England. What

does it mean? It bespeaks the confidence of a life lived so nobly that

the barbs flung out by wicked and

slanderous tongues may be faced

The best defense against the at-

tacks of men is the testimony of a

good life. Paul had lived such a

life, and consequently when the

hour came for him to speak in his

own defense, he needed but to point to the record. It is significant that

his enemies did not deny the facts.

They could only cry out, throw off

their garments and throw dust in

the air while they shouted, "Away

with such a fellow from the earth!'

(Acts 22:22-24). They did, indeed,

manufacture accusations against

him, but even the heathen officials

knew enough to throw these out of

court. The impotent rage shown

At first glance the portions as-

signed for our lesson seem some-

what unrelated though taken from

the same general narrative. A little

I, A Matter of Conviction (21:40-

study reveals a surprising unity.

uineness of faith.

without fear, in fact, ignored.

CUNDAY

Hot Dogs For The King And Queen?

WASHINGTON .- A debate is going on within the Roosevelt family as to whether they shall entertain King George and Queen Elizabeth ut a "het-dog" picnic or a formal gardent party at Hyde Park, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt revealed today.

The President's mother, it seems, favors the garden party, but his wife would like to have a picnic at her husband's new cottage, similar to that at which the Roosevelts recently entertained the Crown Prince of Norway and Denmark. If it is not too hot on that June Sunday, the President's wife wants to follow the Roosevelt tradition of having American "hot dogs" for their distinguished foreign guests.

Only Informal Moments

Whatever form it takes, the weekend entertainment at the Roosevelt estate on the Hudson will give the British Monarch and his Queen their only real opportunity to visit informally with the American President. At formal functions in Washington -the British Embassy garden party, the White House dinner and musicale, the British embassy dinner, and the trip down to Mt. Vernon on the Presdent's yacht Potomac, they will see and talk to practically the same persons-Vice President and Mrs. Garner, the Cabinet, the Justices of the Supreme Court, heads of the Foreign Relations Committee of Conguess, former ambassadors and special envoys to Great Britain.

Little Details Mrs. Roosevelt observed today that she did not see from fullness and formality of the official program when Their Majesties were going to have a real opportunity to talk with any one. Their only appointment explained today, did not come offiwith so-called "average people," it was cially from any British sources. They pointed out, will be with British sub-

Minute instructions as to just how Their Majesties beds shall be made gestion that had come from official up, and who shall furnish water for British sources were those having to hot-water bottles, repeated with do with protection of the King while some announcement by Mrs. Roose-

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Archbishop Spellman

Archbishop Francis Joseph Spellman, formerly auxiliary bishop of Boston, Mass., has been appointed head of the archdiocese of New York, succeeding the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes.

velt on several occasions recently, she were merely part of a memoran-

Mrs. Roosevelt said the only sug-

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jects who have been invited to call dum prepared for her by an American at the Embassy on the morning of who had closely associated with the royal entourage.

Many men and women have no real convictions. They are Republicans or Democrats because their fathers were, and often they have not the remotest idea of what it all means. They are members of a certain denomination because they were brought up in it, and have little knowledge of its teachings and no definite convictions relative to them.

Paul was a Christian because of strong personal convictions of the deepest kind. He was reared in a tradition which made him a bitter persecutor of the followers of Christ, and it was a personal experience of the regenerating grace of God in Jesus Christ which made him into the bond slave of the One he had persecuted. We need more of that kind of know-so and say-so type of Joining a church as one might join a social club means nothing-but following Christ in full and free devotion is everything.

II. A Matter of Authority (24:14-

Just as Paul's life was built on faith which was inward, based on personal convictions, it was also a faith that was Godward, based on the authority of His Word. Jews might call it heresy, but Paul stood on "all things which are written" (v. 14); he had a "hope toward God" (v. 15), and "a conscience void of offence toward God" (v. 16).

Those who ridicule Christianity would have it that faith is really credulity. They say we believe things which we do not know to be true, while hoping that they may somehow prove to be so. A man who reads these notes in his hometown newspaper recently wrote to ask me if I was fool enough to believe the things I wrote. The fact is that we, even as did Paul, have the strongest of all foundations for our faith, namely the Word of God. Men act in faith on the word of their fellow men-their very existence is all bound up in that faith in men whom they hardly know. They believe them, but they will not believe God. I suggested to my correspondent that he read I Corinthians 1:18-25 and 2:14.

Christian faith calls for a personal belief, but that belief is not in any word of man, but in the Word of

God, which abideth forever.
III. A Matter of Witness (26:19-

Inward, Godward, and now outward in witness-these are the three relationships of Paul's good life. He could plead in his own defense the record of his life, for he had not selfishly cherished a fellowship with God which had lighted and warmed his own soul and then left his fellow man to sit in the chilling darkness of sin. He was obedient to the heavenly vision (v. 19), and preached repentance, faith, and good works to both Jew and Gentile (v. 20), continuing to do so with God's help even in the face of severe

Some people are just so good that they are "good for nothing." Such men do not reflect the goodness of God. Every attribute of God is an active one. He is love and He does love. He not only is good, but He does good. His children should be like Him. They are not saved only that they may escape hell and enjoy the peace of God. They are saved to serve in the winning of others to Christ. Let us covet such a good life as that which Paul lived. Our bewildered age needs the sanctifying and stabilizing influence of such

Bergdoll to Return



Grover Cleveland Bergdoll

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, America's most publicized draft dodger during the World war, will return to the United States to complete a five-year sentence imposed in 1919 before his escape to Germany. Mrs. Bergdoll and five children now reside in the United

Women's Hats Rated traumatism by firearms, 4. There As Driving Hazards from the above causes for the two

by wicked men when they run up ST. LOUIS .- When a woman drivagainst the consistent testimony of a true Christian life is one of the r pulls a traffic boner you can blame strongest of testimonies to the genit on her hat.

That's the finding of Dr. Lowell S. Selling, eye specialist, who made a study of accidents in the Detroit Recorder's Court traffic clinic.

"The type of hat which is pulled down over one eye is a driving hazard for any woman because it limits her field of vision at the wheel," he declared. "She is telling the truth when she says, "I didn't see it com-

Mayor LaGuardia often hits just he right sentiment and that was one ime, when describing the Hitler aggression, the New York mayor said There isn't a happy mother in all Europe today."

See The Mountaineer for Office sup-

Influenza Toll Higher In State

Homicides Were Also Nearly Doubled During April, Compared With Last Year

RALEIGH.-Last month's influenza toll in North Carolina was 119, as compared with 48 in April, 1938, according to a report compiled by Dr. R. T. Stimpson, director of the State Board of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics. Homicides also were up, with 41, as compared with 23 the corresponding period last year.

There was an increase of eight in the total number of deaths in the state, while the birth-rate jumped from 22.2 to 22.7, indicating an increase of 206 in the number of babies born last month over April, 1938.

The infant mortality rate for the month, including babies under one year of age, dropped from 56.2 to 52.2, while the maternal death rate fell from 5.7 to 5.5 for the month. Diarrhea and enteritis claimed only 13 children under two years of age last month, as compared with 35 a year ago, the report of Dr. Stimpson shows. There were ten deaths from measles, compared with 46 last April.

Preventable accidents claimed 96 victims, against 91 a year ago, including, in 1938: automobile fatalities, 55; deaths from automobile and railroad collisions, 5; other railroad accidents, 7; burns, 19; drowning, 6; were no sharp differences in deaths

Pulmonary tuberculosis

North Carolina Birth Rate Show Large Decrea

North Carolina's birth-rate a ed a noticeable decrease the first months of 1939. So did the death-however, putting the law of rem sation into effect.

Figures compiled by the Board of Health's Division of Statistics, of which Dr. R. T. S. son is the director, show that d January, February, March and A this year, there were 5.4% h born in North Carolina. This 529 fewer than were born the sponding period of 1938, but were, at the same time, 575 deaths.

Decreases were noted as for in deaths from certain s causes: Preventable accidents ? icide, 36; diarrhen and en among children under two, 25; monary tuberculosis, 21, and monia, 228. The number of home was the same for the correspond period of each year-117. There a decrease of 21 in deaths a decrease children under one year of age of 19 in the number of man deaths. But so far this year has been an increase of 117 in from influenza. Cancer shor gain of 38 deaths the first months of 1939.

dropped from 165 to 149, while monia deaths dropped from 223 t

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