

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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When we left this wonderful story of the continued doings and teaching of the ascended Lord by His Spirit through His servants a few weeks ago, we saw Paul and Barnabas and others teaching and preaching the word of the Lord at Antioch (xv, 35). Now we are to have five consecutive lessons on Paul's second missionary journey as recorded in chapters xvi-xviii, but we have some preliminaries in the closing verses of chapter xv. Some Christians are tempted to think that God can only use perfect people, and while they are looking for such or waiting to become such themselves souls are perishing for lack of some kind of a pole to hold up the brazen serpent, nor the pole, and live. I suppose that in considering this record of the quarrel between Paul and Barnabas concerning John Mark some would take one side and some the other, but the Lord overruled it to send out four missionaries instead of two, and He loved them all in spite of their sins and doubts, blessed them as they went forth in His name, Paul and Silas through Syria and Cilicia and Barnabas and Mark to Cyprus.

If Paul passed through Tarsus on his way to Lystra and Lystra, the record does not speak of his preaching there. He seems to have pressed on to Derbe, his farthest point on his first tour, and then to Lystra, where he had been stoned to death. From thence he took Timothy, who had known the Scriptures from his childhood, having been well taught both by his mother and his grandmother (II Tim. i, 5; III, 15); he had possibly witnessed the stoning of Paul and his return to life, and it may have led to his conversion or to a more decided stand for Christ. Paul calls him "my own son in the faith" (I Tim. i, 2), as if he had been the instrument in leading him to Christ. On the principle of I Cor. ix, 20, Paul had him circumcised for the sake of winning the circumcised to Christ, but not that he for one moment thought circumcision essential to salvation (Gal. v, 6; vi, 15). I have never been able to understand why twenty-two years ago the Lord led me into a church using a liturgy and asked me to submit to wearing a gown unless He did so that He might thus reach some with the simplicity of the gospel and the glorious truths of the kingdom and the second coming of Christ who might not otherwise have been reached. His service is perfect freedom, and we ought to be willing to submit to anything, anywhere, anyhow, if only He can thus be glorified.

As they passed from place to place the believers were more firmly established by the word preached, no doubt, and the number of them increased, the Lord manifestly working with them. With a map of Asia Minor, which is necessary in this study, one can see that, having passed west through the provinces to the west, they were forbidden, at that time, to go south into the province of Asia and not suffered to go north into Bithynia, the Spirit having His own plan for them. It should be our aim to live in the will and purpose of God and rely upon His word, Isa. xxx, 21; Micah, vi, 17, in the matter of guidance, for what seems to us good and wise and for the glory of God may not be His way for us just then. He opens or shuts as seems best to Him, and we simply dwell with Him for His work and yield to Him that He may work in and through us His good pleasure (I Chron. iv, 23; Phil. ii, 13; Heb. xiii, 21). Having come down to the sea at Troas, Paul saw in a vision a man of Macedonia, in Europe, who said, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." The writer says, "Immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them" (verse 10). The pronoun "we" instead of "they," as heretofore, would seem to indicate that Luke had now joined them, Luke the beloved physician, the writer of this book and of the gospel bearing his name. There came a time when Paul wrote, "Only Luke is with me" (II Tim. iv, 11). Note that they were called to preach the gospel, not to establish schools, as one has said. To teach, the uneducated to read, that they may be able to read the Bible and to instruct them that they may instruct others in that which is essential, seems to be all right, but some are learning that education without Christ only makes more clever heathen or unbelievers. Our commission is to proclaim the good news of God concerning His Son that through Him souls may be saved.

Having crossed by ship to Neapolis, they proceeded to Philippi, the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and there they shod certain days. The man of the vision was not there to welcome them, nor was there a committee to receive them. No posters announced the arrival of the distinguished messengers, nor did any herald proclaim that one of them had been stoned to death and had come to life again. They were evidently not expected, and nobody cared. Was it all a mistake and the vision a delusion? But we wait and watch, as they did.

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MONTGOMERY ITEMS.

New Thompson Sanatorium to Be Completed at Troy in a Few Days.

Mrs. H. E. Bowman left Monday for West Virginia to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Jane Coggin of Biscoe is confined to her room on account of sickness.

The Ice and Cold Storage Co. of Biscoe have their ice plant started.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Watkins of Wadeville was buried in the Wadeville cemetery last Thursday.

The new steel bridge at Stanback's on Little river is now complete.

Dewitt, son of Mr. J. A. Kelly, had the misfortune recently of getting his right arm broken. Dr. Daligoy set the broken limb and the little fellow is getting along nicely.

Mr. H. C. Ingram, of Star, has purchased a lot in Sanford and thinks of moving to that town.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Starkey of Troy died a few days ago.

The brick work on Dr. Thompson's Sanatorium will be completed in about three weeks. This building is five stories high and will add much to the appearance of the town.

STANLY NEWS NOTES.

Teachers Elected—Quarterly Meeting of Farmers Union.

The following teachers will compose the faculty of the Wicasset-Efford School, Albemarle, next year. 1st. Grade, Miss Nannie Smith. 2nd. Mrs. H. L. Horton. 3rd. Miss Mary Gulledge. 4th and 5th. J. P. Davis. 6th and 7th. Prof. O. D. Ritchie.

Mr. Ritchie is a graduate of Newberry College, S. C., and lives at Richfield, Stanley county.

Prof. Leigh R. Scott who taught at Albemarle last year has been elected teacher of Latin in the Durham High School.

The quarterly meeting of the Farmers Union of Stanley County will be held in the court house at Albemarle, Saturday July 3.

The Newton Ex. enterprise says that Rev. Dr. J. M. L. Lyrely will discontinue his school at Crescent, Rowan county, and will have charge of the academic department of Catawba College, Newton, next year.—Enterprise.

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