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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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TEXT OF LESSON, ACTS XIX, 29-40.

Memory Verses, 29-31—Golden Text, Ps. xxxi, 23. Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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29. And the whole city was filled with confusion.

This great stir was because business was being interfered with. The word of God grew so mightily and so prevailed (verse 20) that the worshippers of Diana were not so plentiful, and there was not the same call for silver shrines as formerly (22-27). What a glorious testimony verse 26 is to the power of the gospel. We think of chapter v, 28, and the high priest's testimony that the apostles had filled Jerusalem with their doctrine. Where is there like zeal now and where is the devil disturbed by the preachers of the gospel? Where are those who cry out, "Great is Jesus of Nazareth" with the same zeal that these people cried, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" (verses 28, 34). The temple at Ephesus was one of the wonders of the world, and its magnificence was no doubt very great, but it was the work of man and for man's glory and for the worship of the devil, for all sacrifice and worship that is not to God is to the devil (I Cor. x, 20). All the confusion in Ephesus at this time was of the devil also, for "God is not a God of confusion, but of peace" (I Cor. xiv, 33).

30, 31. And when Paul would have entered in unto the people the disciples suffered him not.

He had friends also among the principal men of Asia who advised him not to enter the theater. We are nowhere authorized to put ourselves needlessly in danger. When the people of Nazareth would have cast our Lord from the brow of the hill and killed Him, He quietly took Himself out of their way (Luke iv, 29, 30). If He permits death to come to us, we are not to fear it (Matt. x, 28), knowing that "to die is gain," to depart and be with Christ is far better" (Phil. i, 21, 23).

32-34. When they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice, about the space of two hours, cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians!

It was simply uproar and confusion, the majority not knowing why they were there, and when this Alexander, put forward by the Jews, would have spoken the verse quoted tells how they acted and shows how foolish it would have been for Paul to have tried to quiet them. They make us think of the prophets of Baal who cried from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us" (I Kings xviii, 26). The one cry meant about as much as the other. The fact that Alexander was a Jew started them on this two hours' cry. Think of the hatred manifested to Mordecai the Jew, to Daniel the Jew and to the King of the Jews! And then consider that every redeemed soul in heaven and all who ever will be there are each one indebted to the blood of a Jew, and all kings and all nations shall yet fall down before and serve the King of the Jews (Ps. lxxiii, 11), for whether it be individual or national "salvation is of the Jews" (John iv, 22).

35, 36. Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet and to do nothing rashly.

Thus spake the town clerk after he had appeased the people and had said a good word for the people of Ephesus in regard to their faithfulness to Diana. "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding." "A wrathful man stirreth up strife, but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife." "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit

than he that taketh a city" (Prov. xv, 29; xv, 18; xvi, 32).

37, 38. Ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of temples nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

It was not their way to ridicule the religion of the heathen, but to hold up before them the living God and to preach the gospel of God concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, that the heathen might see the contrast and by the Spirit of God, who always works when the word is preached, be convinced of their sins and be led to turn from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised for the dead, even Jesus who delivereth us from the wrath to come (I Thess. i, 9, 10).

39-41. For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

The lessons from this portion of Scripture are nearly all by contrast, and I wonder if the lesson committee should not be called in question for assigning such a portion and giving us nothing from the much more profitable next chapter till we come to the twenty-eighth verse. I have thought perhaps the author of confusion and not the God of peace led them to this selection; but we have found some helpful thoughts, and there are more here, for every redeemed soul should remember that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, and every one of us shall give account of himself to God (Rom. xiv, 10, 12). This is neither a possibility nor a probability, but a sure thing, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Compare II Cor. v, 10; Matt. xii, 36. The question of our sins was settled on the cross, and by that precious blood we are made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light (Col. i, 12-14); but inasmuch as we are to be called to account for our works as believers (I Cor. iii, 14, 15) it becomes to us abiding in Him that we may not be ashamed before Him at His coming (I John ii, 28). If we are only fully yielded to Him that He may work in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure all will be well (Rom. vi, 13; Phil. ii, 13).

### The Lockjaw Microbe.

Kitano, a Japanese microscopist, first showed that the pin shaped microbe of lockjaw lives in the earth. In order that it may multiply and poison the blood it must be deep in a wound so that air does not reach it.

### Rice Cakes.

For rice cake beat to a cream five ounces of white sugar with two ounces of butter and two of lard. Mix in five ounces of flour, five ounces of ground rice and a teaspoonful of baking powder. Beat one egg with a quarter of a pint of milk and mix all well together. Bake slowly for an hour and a quarter.

### Lightning Strikes.

Where lightning has struck once is the place in that neighborhood where it is most likely to strike again.

### One of Shakespeare's Slips.

The great Shakespeare said "Pence! Count the clock. The clock has stricken three." This was in the days of Julius Caesar, ages before clocks were in use.

### Nineveh.

Nineveh was fourteen miles long and eight miles wide, the whole city surrounded by a wall 100 feet high, so thick as to furnish ample room for three chariots to be driven abreast around the top.

### The Great Value of Shellac.

The great value of shellac is its use in making varnishes, on account of the fine, hard polish it imparts to the varnish. A fine, thin preparation made of this material constitutes the lacquer with which brass and other metals are coated to preserve their polish.

### Coins.

Coins are classed, according to their state of preservation, as "proof," "uncirculated," "fine," "good," "fair" and "poor."

### For Sleeplessness.

A Canadian doctor, when called to prescribe for insomnia, always advises before drugs are employed a hop pillow instead of feathers. It is made of a thin muslin slip stuffed with hops and alcohol every night before the patient goes to bed.

### Oyster Liquor.

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## GENERAL NEWSITEMS IN THE SOCIAL REALM

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT NUMEROUS THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. An Item Here and There.

Dun's review gives a bright outlook for a brisk spring trade.

The Anchor Line steamer, Ethiopia sighted 100 icebergs on her voyage across from Glasgow.

President Castro has raised the blockade of the Orinoco river that was declared on March 7.

It is estimated that 5,000,000 tons of anthracite were produced in the Pennsylvania fields in February.

There were 239 failures in the United States last week, as against 232 last year; there were 22 in Canada, as against 34 last year.

Marconi says he will submit his wireless system to a test before any responsible tribunal, but not before four newspaper editors.

The will of Edwin L. Burdick, who was murdered in his home at Buffalo, out of his wife without a cent. Burdick was suing his wife for divorce.

The Mississippi river at Memphis is still rising. The gauge now marks 36.1 feet, and it is thought that 38 feet will be reached by Sunday or Monday.

Senator Morgan says that Attorney Gen. Knox's canal opinion is defective in that it does not deal with the question of jurisdiction of the French courts.

With a population of 14,000, Ithaca, N. Y., has had more than 400 cases of typhoid fever, seventy-five of these being Cornell students. To an unsanitary watershed is attributed the cause.

The house of delegates of Porto Rico unanimously voted to ask the American congress that a territorial government be given the island and the protection of the United States constitution be extended to the people.

Washington, March 13.—Ex-Senator Jones, of Arkansas, who is suffering with grip, in complication with continued rheumatism, is much improved. Mr. Jones, though he has retired from the senate, is still chairman of the Democratic national committee.

Rev. Dr. George E. Larimer, at a banquet in New York City, said that should the negro become convinced that he holds the balance of power in his hands, he will wield it effectively in the political party to which he is allied, thus causing a "illy white" party to rise up in the north.

There is much rejoicing among Missouri Democrats. During the reconstruction period, the State accumulated debts amounting to over \$20,000,000. The Democrats, having been in power for years, have removed the indebtedness, little at a time, until a clean sweep was made in February.

Senator Morgan's canal speech was ended Friday. Senator Spooner will reply, and then a vote will be taken on Tuesday. The Democrats will endeavor to amend the document so that the United States may have absolute jurisdiction over the canal and an adjacent strip of territory to be used for fortifications.

The director of the census has issued a bulletin showing that 95.7 per cent. of the total inhabitants in this country live in the region drained into the Atlantic ocean; that 53.4 per cent. live in the region drained into the Gulf of Mexico; that 43.9 per cent. live in the drainage area of the Mississippi river; that 9.7 per cent. live in the area drained into the great lakes; that 1.8 per cent. are found on the Pacific coast; and that only .5 per cent. live in the great basin.

### The Liquor Traffic Bill.

News-Observer. The liquor dealers evidently feel like the policemen, that their lot "is not a happy one." Not only in the southern states are dispensaries and prohibition laws driving them out of business, but in New York they are being taxed heavily. The new law that Governor Odell has caused to be introduced in the New York legislature will yield in round figures \$18,500,000, one-half to go to the state. This would give the state \$5,000,000 more than it now receives from liquor license.

### Great Interest in Good Roads.

Haloigh Times. It will be seen by reference to the classification of acts passed by the last legislature, that road-laws were enacted for 38 counties in the State.

What do good roads mean to a community? They help to make better churches, better schools, larger towns, better stock and vehicles, in fact it would be hard to enumerate the good results that would be the outcome of good roads in these counties.

### Danger of Colds and Grip.

The greatest danger from colds and grip is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively it is a certain preventive of this disease. It will cure a cold or an attack of the grip in less time than any other remedy. It is pleasant and safe. For sale by J. E. Hood.

## IN THE SOCIAL REALM

Many Social Functions Held in Kinston 'Last Night.'

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE ENTERTAINED

At Mrs. Hawks, The Junior Society Have a Reception at Canady's Hall. Other Gatherings.

Epworth League Banquet.

About 40 Epworth Leaguers were delightfully entertained from the hours of 8 to 12 last evening at the hospitable home of Mr. G. D. Hawks, on east Gordon street.

The entertainment was under the auspices of the League and is one of the main features of the Epworth League. The management was in the hands of Mrs. G. D. Hawks, Miss May Harrell, Miss Bertie Koonce and Mrs. W. H. Rhodes and with their untiring efforts an elaborate program was arranged and carried out successfully, greatly to the enjoyment of those participating.

The membership is composed largely of young people and the social feature is introduced into it for their benefit, but those attending last night who had counted more years than that of youth turned time backward and gave themselves heartily to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The beautiful home of Mrs. Hawks was turned over entirely to the guests and carte blanche given to each one to have a good time and the opportunity was not wasted.

Upon the arrival of the guests they were ushered into the parlors of Mrs. Hawks by her and merriment reigned supreme for the hour of the banquet. Games of amusing interest were introduced and music by talented artists and a special feature of the occasion was the recitation of a selection from Scott's Ivanhoe by Mrs. H. D. Harper, Jr., which elicited words of commendation from everybody and encores for a repetition.

The younger set separated themselves from the older ones and all had one of the pleasantest times of their lives.

At 10:30 the assemblage was invited into the dining room which was decorated with the colors of the league, white and old gold, and a profusion of violets.

The table was arranged in the shape of a Maltese cross to bring the banqueters close together, with streamers of paper ribbons of the league colors, running from the table to the ceiling. It was laden with a collation of delicacies fit for the gods.

Each guest was presented with a beautiful bouquet of "sweet violets" as the favor of the evening, tastily arranged by delicate feminine hands and which were highly appreciated accordingly—by the gentlemen. The gentlemen had added to their bouquets a sprig of Maiden's Hair fern to distinguish them from the ladies.

Every one enjoyed the occasion to the fullest extent and left vowing renewed efforts to increase the membership of the Epworth League to let the young men and young ladies know the great benefit to be derived from being associated with this society.

The management of the occasion, Mesdames Hawks and Rhodes and Misses Harrell and Koonce deserve great credit for their untiring efforts in bringing to successful issue the banquet and occasion for so much real pleasure to the members of the League.

### Reception by the Junior Society.

The junior male members of Kinston society gave a reception to their lady friends at the Elks' hall in Canady's building last night.

The occasion was one to be long remembered by those attending and marks a revival of the social gatherings of Kinston's younger set which were so greatly enjoyed last summer season.

The summer days will soon be approaching and the affair of last night was the beginning of an organization which will be given during the spring and summer months after the school days are over.

About 15 couples gathered last evening as a result of the untiring efforts of Messrs. John Bailey and Jesse Ball, and passed several hours of unalloyed pleasure. Music was rendered with its entrancing charm, in both vocal and instrumental, and

### SEVERE ATTACK OF GRIP

Cured by One Bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"When I had an attack of the grip last winter (the second one) I actually cured myself with one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," says Frank W. Perry, Editor of the Enterprise, Shortsville, N. Y. "This is the honest truth. I at times kept from coughing myself to pieces by taking a teaspoonful of this remedy, and when the coughing spell would come on at night I would take a dose and it seemed that in the briefest interval the cough would pass off and I would go to sleep perfectly free from cough and its accompanying pains. To say that the remedy acted as a most agreeable surprise is putting it very mildly. I had no idea that it would or could knock out the grip, simply because I had never tried it for such a purpose, but it did, and it seemed with the second attack of coughing the remedy caused it to not only be less duration but the pains were far less severe, and I had not used the contents of one bottle before Mr. Grip had left me alone." For sale by J. E. Hood.

refreshments were served, consisting of a menu of delightful delicacies.

After the refreshments the guests were treated to an innovation in the way of genuine buck and wing dancing by four skilled colored artists, and this feature was very amusing to the party and furnished a laughable and highly amusing culmination of an evening of great pleasure.

All of the participants expressed themselves as highly delighted with the result of the efforts of the promoters and a return favor will soon be arranged by the ladies.

Miss Lillie May Cummings Entertains.

A party of young people were entertained by Miss Lillie May Cummings at her home on Lenoir street last night with an old time candy stew, and it would not be amiss to say that some of those attending were "stuck up" people.

Those attending were: Mr. Henry Foy, with the hostess, Miss Lillie May Cummings, Mr. Joe Rogers with Miss Carrie Blanch Cummings, Mr. Fred Sutton with Miss Martha Allen, Mr. Lundy Abbott with Miss Clara Gettinger and Mr. Richard Parker with Miss Nina Brown.

Those present had a very pleasant time and before leaving voted Miss Lillie May a charming young hostess.

The Juveniles.

The juveniles, of the ages from 10 to 14 years, also gave a storm party at the home of young Miss Susie Perry on Peyton avenue and a number of the young folks gathered and passed an evening of amusement, playing games and otherwise enjoying themselves.

A Surprise Party.

There was a surprise party at F. B. Beeton's Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Six couples were in attendance. The music furnished by Miss Myrtle Jones showed much talent. Confectioneries were served, and all departed after a pleasant evening.

Salaries of Federal Judges.

The conferees of the two houses of congress on the bill increasing the salaries of United States judges reached an agreement yesterday, generally accepting the salaries fixed by the bill as it passed the house.

The measure, as agreed upon and as it will become a law, fixes the salary of the chief justice of the supreme court of the United States at \$13,000 per year and of the associate justices at \$12,500 each, the salaries of circuit judges at \$7,000, the salaries of district judges at \$6,000, the chief justice of the district court of appeals at \$6,500 each, and the justices of the district supreme court at \$6,000 each.

Levee Board to Use Convicts.

Jackson, Miss., March 11.—At a special meeting of the board of control today a resolution was adopted ordering all available convicts to be placed at disposal of the Yazoo-Mississippi Levee Board. President Carter today reported that levees are yet three feet above the water, but that the danger is great, as large volumes of water are expected by Saturday or Sunday. Grave apprehension is felt. Pearl river continues to rise and has spread over the section adjacent to Jackson, but has done little damage except to delay farm work.

Birds That Make Queer Noises.

The bellbird, or campaner, which is found in South America and also in Africa, can be heard at a distance of three miles. Its note is like the tolling of a distant church bell and is uttered during the heat of the day, when every other bird has ceased to sing and nature is hushed and silent. How the bellbird utters this deep, loud note is not known, though it is supposed that a fleshy protuberance on its head, which when inflated with air stands up like a horn, is in some way the cause of it.

The hornbill, a bird which is widely distributed in India, the Malay archipelago and Africa, has also a very loud note. Its call has been described as between the shriek of a locomotive and the bray of a donkey and can be heard a distance of about a couple of miles. The barking bird also utters a very loud note; indeed, it is impossible to distinguish it from the bark of a dog. Its English name, says Darwin, is well given, for I defy any one at first to feel certain that a small dog is not yelping somewhere in the forest. The toucan has also the same peculiarity.

Pineapple Juice.

The juice of the pineapple contains a proteid digesting substance and is also furnished with a milk curdling ferment.

The Cost of a Tulip.

During the tulip mania in Holland in 1636 and 1637 a single bulb of a tulip named the Viceroy was sold for four tons of wheat, eight tons of rye, four fat oxen, eight pigs, twelve sheep, two hogheads of wine, four barrels of beer, two barrels of butter, a thousand pounds of cheese, a bundle of clothes and a silver pitcher.

The Telegraph.

The first electric telegraph line was laid in Switzerland by Lesage in 1752. The Morse transmitter was invented in 1837.

Don't let your baby suffer, when a 25 cent bottle of Anway's Croup Syrup will cure his cough or croup. Don't risk the ordinary "Cough Remedy" they are not made for babies. Anway's is a baby's cold and cough cure. 25 cents at J. E. Hood's.

## NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Gossip Gathered from Murphy To Manteo of Importance to Our Tar Heel Readers.

The legislature near the close of the session passed a bill, authorizing the supreme court to employ a stenographer at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

A charter has been granted Joseph J. Stone and Company, of Greensboro, with a capital of \$100,000 to do printing, binding, engraving and lithographing.

Fayetteville Observer: The secretary of State Tuesday chartered the Pine Product Construction Co., of Fayetteville, \$125,000 capital; incorporators: A. A. McKethan, D. G. McKethan, E. R. McKethan.

Regulation has been made by the State on the war department for Krag magazine rifles for all the infantry regiments of North Carolina national guard. In all there will be about 2,000. Cartridge belts and bayonet scabbards will come with the rifles.

While a half-dozen people were en route from Riedsville to Spray Thursday, Thompson's bridge gave way and the horses, vehicle and occupants were thrown down an embankment. Two of the ladies were painfully injured, and one of the horses was considerably bruised.

Charlotte Observer: The oldest woman in Mecklenburg county is a negress named Chaney Massey, who is 107 years old. She lives a short distance east of the city on the plantation of Mr. Mc.D. Watkins. Her mind is clear, though she has not been able to move from her chair or bed for the past six years. "Aunt" Chaney has a distinct, though not intelligent recollection of the war of 1812 and the war with Mexico.

The State board of Education met to arrange for the distribution of \$100,000 of the State appropriation for keeping the schools open four months. Warrants will be issued Monday or Tuesday. Seventy-three counties asked for State aid, the aggregate amount asked for, being \$141,000. Rutherford called for \$5,100, Cleveland \$6,000, Cumberland \$5,000. The board sealed all these calls, in order to bring the total within the \$100,000 figure.

A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, writing from High Point, N. C., gives an interesting account of the progress that is being made in the direction of manufacturing in the south. He says that the manufacture of furniture was commenced in High Point in the year of 1884, and that there are now fifty-one factories in that place—most of them furniture factories—and that the value of the goods manufactured last year amounted to \$2,500,000.

A special from Washington says: "This city is to have a professional negro baseball team for the first time. A six-club southern league of negro professional ball players was formed here during the winter. Washington, Baltimore, Norfolk, Charlottesville, Portsmouth and Lynchburg will have teams. John E. Phifer, formerly of Charlotte, N. C., has been chosen manager and captain of the Washington team. He has played professional ball in several southern cities."

Duplin Journal: Quite an explosion occurred at Jim Daugherty's mill on Goshen last week. While sawing lumber his boiler exploded, hurling the whole of the boiler with the flues about thirty feet, separating it from the front fire box section, while the dome was blown away and has not yet been found. Most fortunately none of the men were in the direction of the explosion and outside of slight burns and one or two small flesh wounds no one was hurt. Mr. Daugherty was slightly burned, and Mr. Zeb Sutton received a slight wound, while one negro was scalded a little.

Wilmington, March 12.—"I have assaulted a white man with a deadly weapon, the police are looking for me and I want to begin work right now on the chain gang." These were the words of Burt Green, a notorious negro criminal who surrendered himself at the phosphate mines to Superintendent Shearin, of the county convict squad, Tuesday night. The quarry is at Castle Haynes, ten miles from Wilmington, and Suot. Shearin took the negro at his word and put him under guard until he could communicate with the authorities here. Green proved to be the negro who, because of an old grudge, waylaid and violently assaulted Mr. Sterling Allen, the railroad bridge tender at Hilton, two miles from Wilmington, last Saturday. Mr. Allen was severely beaten on the head and face with a large billet of wood, the left cheek being laid open to the bone for three inches. The identity of the negro was unknown to the bridge tender and the surrender of Green took place as a reward was about to be offered for his apprehension. The negro was brought to the city yesterday and held in a justified bond of \$100, which he could not give, and went to jail for the next term of the superior court. Green is a desperate negro and has frequently featured in the city and county courts. The charge upon which he is now held is waylaying and a secret assault with intent to kill.

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