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main divide of ... o river system is the Blue Ridge. The States of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Fennessee, and West Virginia are partially watered by rivers rising in mountains near the North Carolina and Tennessee State line. One of the prin-cipal tributaries of the Ohio and one of the largest feeders of the Mississippi bead in the same mountains, and the region may justly be termed one of the chief watersheds of the United States. Grandfather Mountain, at the junction of Watauga, Mitchell, and Caldwell counties in North Carolina, probably most massive of the Southern Appalachians, may be taken as the center galachians, may be taken as the center of this watershed. Thience the waters pour north, east, south and west, From the many springs on the southern slope of Grandfather Mountain flow some of the headwaters of the Catawba, which, rising in the Black Mountains and descending in leaps of from 5 to 100 feet to the Piedmont Plain, crosses into South Carolina and, as the Waterce, passes on to the Atlantic Flowing-from this region, besides the Catawba, into the Atlantic are the Yadkin, Broad, Saluda. Chattanooga, Tugaloo, and Ocone; into the Gulf ara ugaloo, and Oconee; into the Gulf are chattahoochee and the Coosa; inthe Chattahoochee and the Coosa; Into the Mississippi are New River and
the Tennessee. From the western
slopes of the Blue Eldge flow the headwaters of the great Tennessee River
system, as do its larger tributaries, the
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The scenery of the southern Appalachian region is the grandest in the

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at Salisbury (650 feet), east of the nountains, to 49 degrees F, at Linnille (3,800 feet), the latter being the nean annual temperature of Boston or thicago. The annual salufall is copimean annual temperature of Boston or Chicago. The annual rainfall is coptons, especially on the eastern slopes of the mountains, At Highlands, in Macon county, the annual normal precipitation is about 72 inches; at Asheville it is about 42 inches.

Notwithstanding the inroads that have been made on the forest that once covered nearly the whole of these mountains, nowhere in the United States is there are equal area of land

covered nearly the whole of these mountains, nowhere in the United States is there an equal area of land covered with so great a variety of valuable timber. The wainuts, tulips (poplars), and oaks grow to almost incredible sizes: White pine occurs in large tracts. Lumbering on a large scale has been sarried on for only a few years, but is very destructive. Some of the companies saw anything that will make a plank. In the case of the bark gatherers, the wastefulness is even more déplorable and rainous. This section is comparatively free from forest fires. A number of railroads run into this region, but the transportation facilities and the highways are very poor. Splash dams are much used in sending timber downstream. The soil is generally deep and fairly fertile even to the mountain tops; but it washes easily when exposed. The entire region is well adapted to stock raising; some from ore occur in large quantities in a number of councies; copper, micab corundum, gold, and other minerals have been mined to some extent. Many varieties of shrubs and flowering plants abound, and the region should prove a Mecca to botanists. The drainage basins, discharge meas

The drainage basins, discharge measurements, and water powers of the various rivers and the tributaries, are described at length by Mr. Pressey; and much infortvation of great value to miliors, sawmill men. lumbermen, miners, cattlemen, farmers, and travelors is to be found in the report.

Mr. Pressey insists upon the importance of the forest to the preservation of the soil of this region, and notes with satisfaction that the heavy-forest growth on Grandfather Mountain is not to be destroyed. In order that the springs which give rise to so many itrams on Grandfather Mountain may not be disturbed, 1,400 acres have been set aside as a public park, under five commissioners, one of whom is the Commissioners one of whom is the Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carrolina, and another the State Geologist, Prof. J. A. Holmes, with whose active assistance the surveys and examinations described by Mr. Pressey were made.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS

t: The Stoning of Stephen, Acts

54. "When they heard." It is disputed whether the speech was finished or not. His abruptness in closing and the anger of the Jews at that moment render it probable that he was interrupted. "Cut to the heart." Literally, they were sawn through, or asunder. A figurative expression for being greatly enfaged. "Gnashed on him." They were filled with rage and thirsted for his blood.

55. "Being full." The Greek "being full" implies, not a sudden inspiration but a permanent state. "The Holy Ghost." While his hearers yielded more and more to their violent passions, and were filled with a carnal fire, and indeed with a spirit from the bottomless pit, the soul of this faithful witness was filled, by the grace of God, with a heavenly fire. "Looked up." We would see more heavenly visions if we would "look up" oftener. "Steadfastly." Fixed his eyes intently. Their ravings did not distract him. "Into heaven. The question has been asked how he could see into heaven from that council chamber, but we should remember that the Spirit revealed to him this scene in heaven. The eye of faith can see heaven from any spot on earth. Moses beheld it from the land of Ezypt (Heb. II: 27), Isaiah from the temple (Isa. 6: 1). Exekiel from the banks of the Chebar (Exek. 1: 1), Peter from the house top (Acts 10: 11), John from Patmos, Rev. 4: 1. "And saw." There is no indefiniteness about this statement. "The glory of God." Saw the Shekinah, for with the Jews the "glory" and the "Shekinah" are similar terms. It was some visible manifestation of the divine splendor, such as Moses saw on Horeb and Ezekiel at Chebar. It first filled the tabernacle and afterward, the temple, and shone round the samplement of the divine splendor. See his divine splendor such as sitting on the right hand of God (see Matt. 25; 64), but here Stephen sees Him standing. He arose to show the great interest with which He had been crucified. He saw Jesus "in His official character as mediator between God and man." "Standing. He arose to show the great interest with which H

ment. In this case they did not wait to take the legal course, but before any sentence was pronounced rushed him to his death:

58. "Out of the city." According to the law of Moses. Lev. 24: 14. The person to be stoned was required to be carried without the camp. "Stoned him." The person to be stoned was placed on an elevation twice the height of a man, from whence with his hands bound he was thrown down and then a stone as much as two men could carry was rolled down upon him by the witnesses, after which all the people present cast stones upon him. An old tradition places the scene outside the Damascus gate, near where Christ was crucified. "The witnesses." The false witnesses who had accused Stephen of blasphemy. "Laid down their clothes." According to Moses' law (Deut. 17: 6, 7) the witnesses were required to cast the first stone, probably to prevent any careless or unjust shedding of blood, and before they entered upon their murderous work they laid off their outer garments. "At-feet." They put their garments here for safe keeping. "Whose name was Saul." This is the first mention of the one who was afterward the great apostle of the Gentiles.

59. "Receive my spirit." They stoned him while he was praying. This is the identical prayer that Christ Himself had offered on the cross. Here is clear poof that it is proper to offer prayer to Jesus Christ. This place affords a full proof of the immateriality of the soul, for he could not have eamended his spirit to Christ had he believed that he had no spirit, or in other words that his body and soul were one and the same thing.

60. "Kneeled down." A good position in which to pray or to die. "Cried." If Stephen had not prayed the church would not have had Paul. "Lay not." Weigh not, reckon not, place it not in thy balance against them. The best will and testament of the Christian is that which commends: I. The soul to heaven. 2. The body to earth. 3. Friends to the divine compassion. "To their charge." Comparing this with nearly the same request of his dring Lord i

into heaven and his body sleeps until the resurrection.

1. "Saul was consenting." So terrible was the hatred which this man bore to Christ and His followers that he delighted in their destruction. "A great persecution." As the rulers had caused the death of Stephen, without exciting an insurrection of the people or the resentment of the governor, they ventured to carry of the persecution with increasing violence.

2. "Devout men." Pious Jews. "To his burial." They did not hesitate to give an honorable burial to a man of whose innocence and godliness they were convinced. "Great lampatation." They engaged in a solemn mourning for him. This is evidence that Stephen was not condemned by the Sanhedrin, for public lamentation was never made over a condemned person.

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