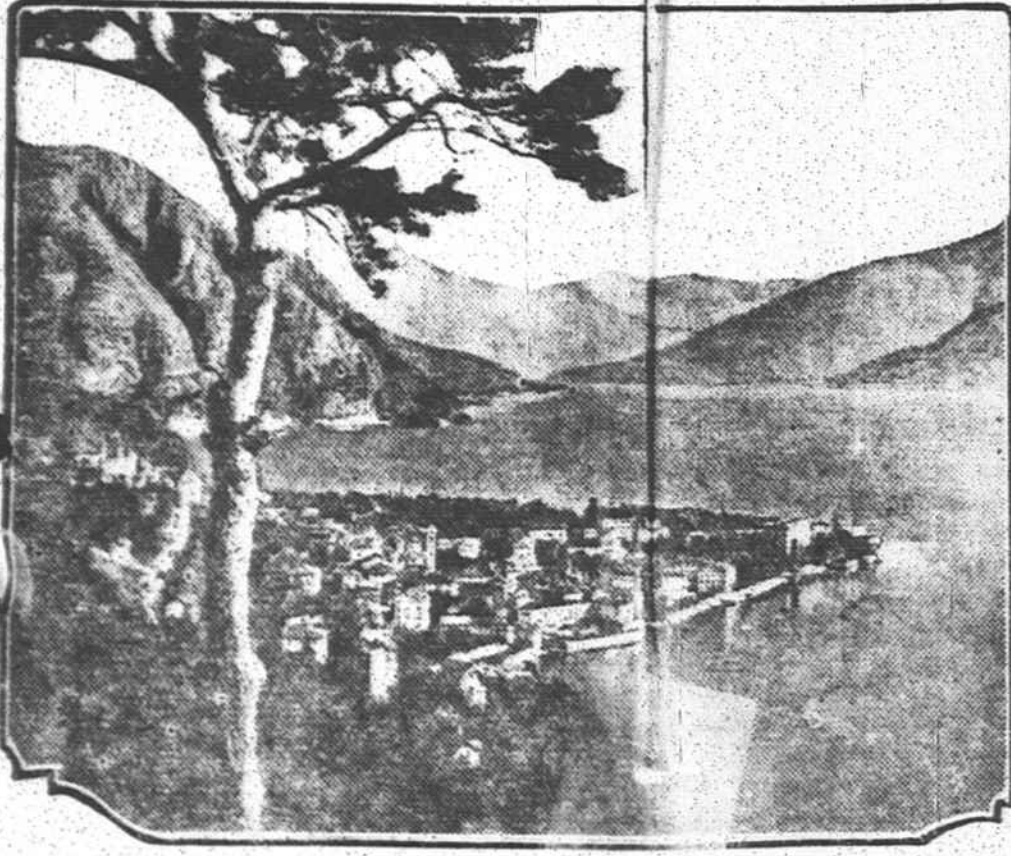


ITALIAN LAKES



Bellagio, on Lake Como

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Few of the beauty spots of Europe surpass in charm and grandeur the Italian lakes toward which the streams of summer travelers is now taking its way. In this region there is a wonderful combination of air, sky, water, mountains, and vegetation as well as embellishments by works of art, both ancient and modern. There are many lakes located in the extreme northern part of the country, some forming a portion of the boundary line between Italy and Switzerland. The most beautiful of these are Lake Como, Lake Lugano and Lake Maggiore. Milan is the convenient starting point for a trip to these three lakes.

It is but a short journey by rail from Milan to the shores of Lake Como, considered by many to be the most beautiful of all the lakes in northern Italy. This was one of the favorite haunts of the old Romans and was known among them as *Lacus Larius*, but is now the summer residence of the Milanese aristocracy. It is the fullest, longest, deepest, widest, and situated among lofty mountains, thus giving it a grandeur which few other lakes possess.

The scenery up the lake is one of the most beautiful scenic treats it is possible to enjoy. At one moment it appears as a wide river, the banks being lined with verdant slopes and terraces for the growth of the vine while at the next it opens out as vast stretches of water. As the boat glides swiftly upward, wonderful glimpses are to be had of the snow white villas and grim turreted castles peeping out of the forest and among tropical gardens. Another interesting feature is the color of the foliage as the shores are bordered with dull gray-green of the olive, which a little higher up is the brilliant green of the walnut and chestnut which harmonizes so well with the deep blue sky and placid waters. There are many peninsulas and promontories jutting out into the water, and these are quaint villages surrounded by their gardens, pulpits and groves.

Charming Bellagio.
On one of these stands Bellagio, a jewel in the crown of the lake situated about half way up Lake Como where the southern extremity of the lake divides into two bodies of water, the other being called Lake Iseo. It is a charming location and town no less interesting, for here the busy activities, where the merchants display their wares of industries. These consist principally of hand-made woodwork, maple inlaid boxes, picture frames, small articles of various forms, silk made into blankets, scarfs. Several streets leading to the portion of the town consist of ancient stone steps, lined on both sides with shops and homes of small industries.

From Bellagio it is but a few minutes by steamer to Menaggio, and this trip one sees for the last time the square-rigged sailing vessels, the peculiar characteristics of the harbor, or boats, which are unserviceable in all kinds of weather by spreading canvas over hick arches fastened on either side to bulwarks.

Menaggio is a quaint little town but the spirit of commercialism is rather more apparent than at other points. Here one takes a steam train which winds up the side of the mountain. For a time the train follows the banks of a wild and rushing mountain torrent which flows into Lake Como, while later it descends on a brink of a great gorge containing similar rushing stream, until Porlezza on the shore of Lake Lugano is reached.

This lake is much smaller than Lake Como, sixteen miles long, two broad, and differs very greatly from the latter in scenery. Dense wooded mountains dip precipitously into its waters.

A noted change in vegetation occurs the moment the bay of Lugano is entered; instead of the rough rugged variety, it is of a rich and thriving nature, varying with the neighboring lakes.

First is noticed Lugano Paradiso, nesting at the foot of the slopes Mount Salvatore, and a little farther on the town of Lugano itself, which is delightfully situated, enjoying very equable climate, being mild

and avoiding the excessive heat of the summer, but during the winter is interesting.

Several things that make these lakes so interesting, both from a scenic standpoint. One of the things that has figured prominently in the history of the lakes is the fact that in 1818, the town of Bellagio and among its other lakes, the church of San Lorenzo, which is a wonderfully decorated facade in early Renaissance style, and the convent church of Santa Margherita, containing most beautiful frescoes by Lunini.

A few hours spent in a trip to these three lakes

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Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

SABLE AND ADDAX

"I am the Addax Antelope, and I am fourteen years old."

"Many happy returns of the day," said the Sable Antelope, who wore a handsome black suit with white spots.

"I didn't say that today was my birthday," the Addax Antelope answered. "I said that I was fourteen years old. I don't know upon which day I became fourteen. But I know it was some day during this year."

"Well," said the Sable Antelope. "If it was one day during the year—and it must have been one day for you can't be born several times in succession—no, that would be absurd—well, it must have been one day. And as there are three hundred and sixty-five days in the year you can take your choice of any one of the days. That's quite nice, that is."

"Indeed it is nice," said the Addax Antelope.

"But it would be hard to have to wish a creature 'Many happy returns of the day' every day in the year."

"That's so," agreed the Addax Antelope. "Well, then, I will choose today as my birthday."

"Once more, many happy returns," said the Sable Antelope.

"Thank you, thank you," answered the Addax Antelope. "I came from North Africa. I continued after a moment. 'I really feel that I have a great deal for which to be thankful—I have lived fourteen years. I have been in a foreign country where I had adventures and several times narrowly escaped being killed, and I have lived in a very fine zoo and had people come to see me.'"

"Not only that," the Addax Antelope went on, "but a few children who were in the zoo once said, upon seeing my horns:

"'Wouldn't he be fine to take along on a picnic? If we forgot a corkscrew the ginger ale his horns would do just as well. Then we wouldn't have to break our ginger ale bottles on a rock.'"

"Now, think of that! I would be a picnic creature to take on a picnic—not at all! I know just what a picnic is—but on the way they talked I know it is something very, very fine. And while many people have said my horns would do like a stairway which would lead up and around I think it is much better to hear that they would be used on a picnic. That sounds more interesting."

But Sable was not paying any more attention for another antelope had spoken to him.

"Sometimes they mistake me for you," said Mr. Leucorox Antelope. We shall call him Mr. L. Antelope.

"I've heard they did," said Mr. Sable Antelope. "They have sometimes



Many Happy Returns of the Day.

spoken of you as the Sable Antelope and then they have mixed that up with my name of Sable Antelope. Pray tell me, you come from the deserts of Africa, I believe?"

"I do," replied Mr. L. Antelope. "But I like it very well in the zoo. Our family enjoys zoo life and the children like it, too."

"It's a good thing to be satisfied," said Mr. Sable Antelope as he looked at his neighbor out of his big and beautiful eyes.

"I should think you would be satisfied with life, too," said Mr. L. Antelope.

"I am indeed," said Mr. Sable Antelope. "But what makes you think I could be so satisfied? For the same reasons you are, or for others? You're happy because you enjoy zoo life and because it agrees with the children, but you speak as if I had other joys, too."

"Ah," said Mr. L. Antelope, "while my family are the only ones of our species to have curved horns, you are really beautiful. You have handsome horns and a beautiful coat trimmed with white. Oh, I admire you tremendously, Mr. Sable Antelope."

Mr. Sable Antelope smiled and his eyes looked very bright and happy.

"I am glad that I am beautiful and that you admire me," said Mr. Sable Antelope, "and I like to hear the boys and girls who come to the zoo admire me."

"If one is just liked by visitors and outsiders it doesn't mean nearly so much as to be liked by those who are around us all the time and who see us when we're happy or sad, well or feeling poorly."

"You're right," said Mr. L. Antelope.

"And beauty isn't everything," said Mr. Sable Antelope. "I've heard that somewhere," he added, for he saw Mr. L. Antelope smile.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for July 5

THE BEGINNING OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

LESSON TEXT—Acts 13:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16:15.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Two Men Become Foreign Missionaries.

JUNIOR TOPIC—How Foreign Missions Began.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Beginning of Foreign Missions.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Holy Spirit in Foreign Missions.

I. The Gifts of the Church at Antioch (v. 1-4)

Young as Antioch, the new religious center was, she had prophets and teachers. In Eph 4:8-12 Paul declares that when Christ ascended He gave gifts to men for the purpose of perfecting the saints unto the work of the ministry. This shows that the church does not exist for itself, but for service to others. Christ, the head of the church, came not to be ministered to, but to minister and give His life a ransom for many (Matt. 20:28).

II. Barnabas and Saul Sent Forth (v. 5-13)

These were the first foreign missionaries sent out. While the five ministers were praying and fasting, the Spirit of God commanded them to send forth Barnabas and Saul. The work of evangelizing the world was laid so heavily upon these men that they refrained from eating in order to seek the will of the Lord in prayer. This is the kind of fasting that meets God's approval. From the fact that they were directed to send forth those whom the Spirit called, we learn that the real call to Christ's service comes from the Spirit. The Spirit called and the church sanctioned the mission by sending those who were called by Him. The church should be constantly seeking the mind of the Spirit before five to the sending forth of laborers into the vineyard. The Spirit called and the church sent the very best men from the church at Antioch. These men seem to have been ready to go for they rendered instant obedience. This should be our attitude toward the Lord's work, holding ourselves in readiness for the immediate execution of His commission. Those who have received the Spirit's call are not taken by surprise when the church sets them forward to their special work.

III. Preaching the Word of God in Cyprus (v. 4-5)

We are not told as to why they first went to Cyprus, but we are left to infer that it was owing to the fact that it was the home of Barnabas. He was acquainted with the country and people, and could thus be assured of a respectful hearing among them. Besides it is most natural that those who have heard the good news to go with it first to their kindred and friends. Andrew first went to his brother, and the man out of whom the demons were cast, was denied the pleasure of his request to follow Jesus. Christ commanded him to go home and tell what great things the Lord had done for him (Luke 8:39). As they went forth they carefully carried out their commission for they preached the Word of God, not current history, philosophy, ethics, etc. Those who are faithful to God will never preach anything but His Word. The great need today is Spirit-called, Spirit-filled men preaching God's Word. In fact, Spirit-filled men will preach nothing else. The opposer of God and Christ can only be successfully met by this means.

IV. Withstood by Elymas, the Sorcerer (v. 6-12)

Sergius Paulus, the deputy, invited Barnabas and Saul to tell him of the Word of God. Elymas maliciously sought to turn his mind from the truth. This is the first obstacle they encountered, but it was overcome through the power of the Spirit. This opposer is the same one who came to Adam in the garden of Eden, and Jesus in the wilderness. He is the enemy of God and man. He now sought to bar the gospel as it entered upon its career of the conversion of the heathen. Paul denounced him in the most scathing terms. He called him the child of the devil, denounced him as full of guile and villainy, pronouncing him the enemy of all righteousness, accusing him of perverting the right ways of the Lord. Surely a man is never more of a villain than when trying to turn a soul from the gospel.

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Sunday

Sunday must continue Sunday.—Strauss.

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