INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 9.

SCHOOL

THE SABBATH

Subject: The Sin of Lying, Acts iv., 32. v., 11 - Golden Text, Eph. iv., 28 - Memory Verses, 3-5 - Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

32. "Multitude." The whole 5000 menbioned in verse 4, and probably many othtry of the other apostles since that time. "Of one heart." Though of different ages, dispositions and conditions before they be-lieved, and perfect strangers to one another, yet when they met in Christ they were intimately acquainted. "Neither said my of them." There was not a dissenting member. No such thing as discord existed mong them. "All things common." There xisted such confidence in each other.

33. "With great power." With no diffiulties among themselves to absorb any of heir time, the apostles were encouraged with great vigor, spirit and courage. "Wit-The apostles were witnesses to what ess. hey had seen and heard. This is a most ffective way of preaching. "Of the resurection." All knew of the death and burl of Jesus. But the enemies of Jesus, he Jews, would not believe in the resurction of Jesus.

"That lacked." This was one reaon for their favor among men, for all ould see the self-sacrificing spirit that ctuated them. "Sold them." It seems lear that all the owners of real estate the belonged to the church sold property. Things that were sold." The language ere expressly avoids saying that these en sold all they had. They sold some hings, and the sum realized from what vas sold was offered to the common store. 35. "At the apostles' feet." To be dis-osed of as they should direct. They would better able to determine where there as need. Having a relief fund the aposes could draw upon it without making very case public. 36. "Joses." Or

"Joses." Or Joseph. He is the welltown Barnabas, who is afterward freently mentioned as an associate of the ostle Paul. That he was a Levite is a markable circumstance; we are soon aferward told that even many priests beeved. Chap. 6: 7. The surname of Barabas, which the apostles gave him, aluded, without doubt, to an extraordinary ift of the Spirit which was manifested in is addresses and exhortations. "Of Cyrus." An island in the Mediterranean ea, not very far distant from the Jewish The Jews were very numerous in

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that land.

"Having land, sold it." "He com-37. orted by his gifts as well as his words." le certainly proved his sincerity.

1. "But." The little word "but" is the inge on which great issues turn. "Ana-The meaning of the word is "Faored of the Lord," or "Jehovah is gra-ious." "Sapphira." "Beautiful." Their haracters were in sharp contrast with heir names. Here is a contrast between the honest liberality of Barnabas and the hypocrisy of Ananias and his wife. Prolessors of the gospel, but certainly not true believers, for all that truly believed were one heart and of one soul.

2. "Kept back part of the price." While hey pretended to make an offering of all. This was hypocrisy, and was called a lie. "His wife." This sin was premeditated by both parties. They had not set their affections on the land, but the money exercised such influence on them that they could not resolve to resign the whole, and hence hey retained a part. They were unwilling acknowledge this circumstance pub-

"Filled thine heart." Satan, the ther of lies, a liar from the beginning. eter traces the sin back to its sourcehe heart into which Satan had been adaitted; his question recognizes Ananias's ower to resist these evil influences. Satan mocked; Ananias opened his heart. "To e to the Holy Ghost." The apostles dis-laim any power in themselves. It is hrist who works the miracles; the God Abraham who gives the power of healng, and the Holy Spirit who is grieved sins like that of Ananias.

4. "Thine own." He might have kept without incurring the displeasure of the postles or the Lord. "In thine own pow-" These questions show that the beowment of goods was perfectly volunry and not a law, and that the crime was free and deliberate act. Ananias was ot censured because he had not surrenered his entire property, but for falseood in professing to have done so when e had not. "Unto God." The offense as chiefly against God. David takes this me view of his sin in Psa. 51: 6. But this an important text to prove the personity of the Holy Ghost. Peter uses the erms God and the Holy Ghost (v. 3) inrchangeably, which shows that the Holy host is not merely an emanation from od, but He is God Himself. 5. "Gave up the ghost." The immediate I and death of Ananias. when Peter had

dressed him. must be viewed as a direct t of God. "Great fear came." This ef-t on the Christian community is thought be the chief design of so startling a dgment.

"Young men." The earliest church s not without young men and young men. Acts 12: 13. "Carried him out." st beyond the walls of the city. That body was not taken to his home is incated by his wife's ignorance of what d occurred. "Buried." In a hot clite, like that of Palestine, burial had to e place at once, and the graves (caves h niches) were always open.

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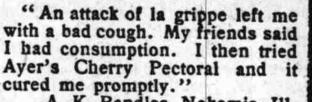
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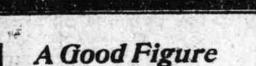
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t hour of prayer. Under the shock of death of Ananias they had not dissed.

"Tell me." The question was Sapira's place for repentance; the Holy irit strove with her in Peter's words, it she resisted his strivings. "So much." erhaps Peter pointed to the money still ing where Ananias had placed it. V. 2. Yea." It had been in her power to save t husband by a word of warning pro-st; it was now in her power to clear her n conscience by confession.

Peter that their sin had been premedi-ted, and not one of haste or ignorance. e was equal in the sin with her husband. eter's question gave the first knowledge Sapphira that their guilt was discov-ed, but her answer was given. "To mpt." To test, or try the Spirit of the ord by attempting to deceive Him, but God is not mocked" or deluded. 10. "Fell-yielded." It was not through

eter's words, nor his prayers, nor through hame, nor through remorse that this guilpair died, but an immediate judgment

God. 11. "Great fear." This judgment anwered the end for which it was inflicted; deeply religious fear occupied every aind, and hypocrisy and deception were anished from this holy assembly.

Where God is least wanted is where He is most negded.

