

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE CHURCH ENLARGING ITS FELLOWSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson for May 4th, 1941

Golden Text: "They therefore that were scattered abroad went about preaching the word."—Acts 8:4.

Lesson Text: Acts 8:1-8, 14-17-25

Six years after the death of Jesus we find his church still in Jerusalem. The great commission to preach to all nations had yet to be carried out. No flaming missionary zeal had yet taken possession of the thousands of those who believed in "the way." Suddenly, all this was altered.

During these early years the new Christian faith "got along" fairly peacefully with the older Jewish religion. In fact, the apostles and converts were all Jews and continued in their allegiance to the Temple. The new faith was regarded friendly by the people and even numbered some priests in its ranks, but it was strictly a Jewish institution.

Within the early church were two groups of Jews. There were the Hebrews proper, inhabitants of Palestine, traditionally keeping the exclusiveness of their race. Another group of Jews, however, were referred to as "Grecians," that is, they were Jews who had lived abroad, traveled, and come in contact with the Gentile world. These were cosmopolitan, broader and readier to mingle with other races.

The disturbance came from the Grecian Jews. First, they murmured because the other Jews were neglecting their widows in the handing of charity, as we studied last week. As a result seven deacons were appointed, apparently all Grecian Jews. The first of these mentioned was Stephen, who, not content to serve, preached with unusual vigor and earnestness, resulting in the utter discomfiture of the orthodox Jews who sought to argue the cause with him.

Stephen was hailed before the Sanhedrin, charged with blasphemy. The adherents of the ancient faith, in the same narrow view which led to the death of Jesus, accused Stephen, and brought him to trial.

Stephen thus became the first Christian martyr, and marked the beginning of a determined persecution of the believers in Jerusalem, which caused them to flee to various parts of the world. Preachers of the new faith were eventually found everywhere. Saul, subsequently Paul, heard as a strict Pharisee and a rabbi, a member of the Sanhedrin, witnessed Stephen's death, and became a most vigorous exterminator of those who confessed the new faith.

Among the seven deacons appointed at the time the Grecian Jews complained that they were neglected was a man by the name of Philip. Philip went to Samaria and our les-

son today tells us about the missionary labors of this deacon.

The Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. The latter were a mixed race. When Assyria captured the northern kingdom many of the leading Jews were carried away as prisoners while a number of Assyrians settled with the remnant, and their descendants were the Samaritans of Philip's day. The Samaritans accepted the Pentateuch only of the Hebrew scriptures and in Mt. Gerizim they had a rival locality with Jerusalem for the place of worship.

To this despised country Philip went and his work was blessed with great good. Philip's convincing speech was reinforced by miracles of healing which produced the natural effect and many Samaritans accepted the teachings about Jesus. When the news of these events in Samaria reached Jerusalem, the faithful there were surprised and somewhat skeptical, so they sent Peter and John to investigate their report. These two apostles found the situation entirely satisfactory, and while there Peter was instrumental in bringing the gift of the Holy Spirit to the new believers.

Philip was next called upon to leave Samaria and go south to Jerusalem to a certain road, which he did without question. Notwithstanding the work he was engaged in Philip did not hesitate to follow the spiritual promptings. This required faith but it is possible for every believer. As J. H. Jowett says: "If I, too, would have the constant guidance of the Spirit, three things are needful:

(1) I must keep sensitive toward God. To this end I must pray and praise without ceasing. (2) I must listen for His voice: His voice is always the 'upward calling.' I must harken to my conscience, and to the quiet whispering in my soul. (3) I must obey the voice. Every time I obey I improve my organ of hearing, and the Spirit can tell me deeper secrets."

On the Gaza road Philip met a high official of Candace, Queen of Ethiopia, who was evidently a convert to Judaism and was returning from some observance at Jerusalem. He was reading from the Prophet Isaiah, probably using the Septuagint version, which had been translated at Alexandria. Philip went to him and from his more thorough knowledge of the scriptures interpreted the same to him whereupon the official requested baptism, which Philip accorded him.

We do not hear much more about Philip. After this experience we are told that he preached in other cities until he reached Caesarea. There, twenty years later, Luke and Paul visited him and we are told that his four daughters were prophetesses.

Matter of Direction
Madge—Jack's proposal was so sudden it made me jump.
Maria—At it, of course.

Flowers-Buchanan Wedding At Durham Saturday, April 26

A wedding of wide interest to their friends in Perquimans County was that of Miss Mary Frances Buchanan and George Horace Flowers, Jr., which took place in Durham on Saturday, April 26, and of which the following announcement was taken from the Durham Herald-Sun:

"Uniting two prominent Southern families of long friendship, the marriage of Miss Mary Frances Buchanan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams Buchanan, of Durham, and Second Lieutenant George Horace Flowers, Jr., of Richmond, Va., son of George Horace Flowers, of Richmond, and the late Mrs. Flowers, was solemnized last evening at 8:30 o'clock in a formal ceremony in Trinity Methodist Church. The Rev. George William Perry officiated during the saying of the vows.

"The church was decorated handsomely with calla lilies, Southern smilax and ferns. Tall white cathedral candles in wrought-iron stands furnished illumination throughout the church.

"A host of out-of-town friends and relatives from North Carolina and Virginia and other points in the South and East came here for the wedding. Many of them arrived in the city earlier in the week and attended the final courtesies extended the bride and groom.

"Mrs. Bert Cunningham played the nuptial music. During the assembling of the guests, the following organ selections were heard: "Romance," by Rubenstein; "If My Love Had Wings," Hohn; "Londonderry Air"; "I Love Thee," Grieg; First Movement of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," "Evening Star," Wagner; "On Wings of Song," Mendelssohn; "Liebestraume," Liszt; "At the Altar," Arensky; "I Would That My Love," Mendelssohn; "Ave Maria," Bach Gounod. After the bride's mother was seated the organist played "So Fair, So Sweet and Holy."

"Promptly at 8:30 o'clock the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin by Wagner, was begun, and the petite flower girl, Miss Martha Erwin, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Cameron, entered and took her place at the altar.

"The groomsmen followed in pairs, and included Tom S. White, of Durham.

"The groom was attended by his father as best man.

"The four sisters of the bride, Misses Martha, Susan, Betsy and Anne Buchanan, served as maids of honor. They entered alone and were attired in pale green frocks of Springanza and lace fashioned with sweetheart necklines, bishop sleeves, tight bodice and hoop skirts.

"The bride entered on the arm of her father by whom she was given in marriage. Her wedding gown, styled by the Lady Hamilton collection, was of silk marquisette. It was fashioned with drop-shoulder, tight bodice of Chantilly lace veiled by marquisette, and mid-riff design with long waistline to which was attached the bouffant skirt and long cathedral train. The skirt of Chantilly lace and pleated ruffles was covered by marquisette. She carried a bouquet of white spray orchids with a center corsage of large white orchids.

"The bride's mother was attired in sky-blue lace and taffeta, and wore a shoulder corsage of Athena orchids.

"Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan were hosts at a large reception at their home in Forest Hills.

"Among the out-of-town guests were: Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Buchanan, Miss Frances Buchanan, Laurinburg; Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Buchanan, Rockingham; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Toms, Francis Toms, Petersburg, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Battle, Miss Mary Wood Winslow, Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman, Clarence English, Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. White, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pitt, Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. William Skinner, Elizabeth City; and Miss Julia Skinner, Raleigh."

WHITESTON NEWS

Miss Miriam Lane, of Norfolk, Va., was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane.

Mrs. Lou Morgan has returned to her home in Elizabeth City, after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Mary Williams.

Mrs. Roy Lane and son, Jesse Roy, of Kinston, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Winslow.

William Winslow, U. S. Navy, of Norfolk, Va., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arba Winslow, during the week-end.

Miss Mavis Winslow recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Winslow, of Suffolk, Va.

Willard Baker, U. S. Coast Guard, Norfolk, Va., has been at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker.

Misses Lena Winslow and Lucille Lane attended the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs in Hertford Saturday afternoon.

Undisputed Passage
"My son wants to be a racing motorist. What shall I do?"
"I wouldn't stand in his way."

Tomato Producers See Better Prices

The 50 percent increase in production of tomatoes for canning to meet a larger domestic and Allied demand should bring growers a boost of from \$2.75 to \$3 a ton over 1940 contract prices, says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist of N. C. State College.

"On this basis, the average price to growers as a whole would be \$14.50 to \$14.75 a ton, the highest since 1930," he continued. "In making this estimate, the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics used as a basis the relationship of prices paid and the acreage planted for the years 1933-40, inclusive, with an additional allowance for expected changes in production costs in some areas during 1941.

"Naturally," Niswonger went on, "there will be considerable variation among the states. In the past, prices have varied as much as \$4 to \$5 a ton. But now all tomato growers have their best opportunity in years

to make money."

To make it possible for canners to take immediate steps to secure the increase in tomato acreage, the Federal Surplus Marketing Administration proposes to ask canners to submit offers at once to deliver canned tomatoes after the new pack has been completed.

The SMA, in considering bids, will make allowance for increases of from \$2.75 to \$3 a ton over 1940 contract prices to growers. It is expected that the price increase will apply to the entire contracted production of all growers who cooperate in furnishing the increased quantities desired.

The Government cannot guarantee that additional contracts will be offered at a higher price, but it is pointed out that conditions will be favorable for farmers to make a good bargain.

Beetle Trapping To Begin In May

Trapping of Japanese beetles, costly pest of 300 agricultural plants, is scheduled to begin late in May "in order that information may be gathered to be used in mapping a general control program," C. H. Brannon, chief of the State Department of Agriculture's entomology division, announces.

An estimated 10,000 beetle traps, furnished by the United States Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, will be used to determine the extent of the beetle population in the State.

Soil treatment, using a spray of arsenate of lead, will be continued this year with the program scheduled to be launched in the fall.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. M. Carter, deceased, late of Perquimans County North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Durants Neck, N. C., on or before the 14th day of April, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of April, 1941.
H. C. BARCLIFT
EVELYN B. CARTER
Administrators of W. M. Carter.
apr.18,25,may2,9,16,23

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administrators of the estate of A. W. Roughton, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., on or before the 2nd day of April, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 2nd day of April, 1941.
J. R. STOKES,
D. J. PRITCHARD,
Administrators of A. W. Roughton.
apr.4,11,18,15,may2,9

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