

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

**PAUL TRAINS FOR HIS LIFE WORK**

International Sunday School Lesson For October 20

Golden Text: "Straightway in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, that he is the Son of God."—Acts 9:20.

Lesson Text: Acts 9:19b-22; Galatians 1:17-24; Acts 11:25-26.

The vision on the road to Damascus had changed Saul, the rabid Pharisee, the terrible persecutor of the believers, into a humble, contrite follower of Jesus Christ. After remaining "certain days" with the disciples at Damascus, Saul went into the Arabian desert for an indefinite period, believed to have been a year or more. It is understandable that this man, after such a remarkable about-face, needed the solitude of the quiet places to think out the meaning of his experience and to fight through to victory his inner battles.

Following his stay in the desert, Saul returned to Damascus, with the foundation of his theology firmly thought out and began preaching the gospel of Jesus so vigorously that the Jews there plotted to kill him. Aided by his disciples, Saul escaped to Jerusalem, where he attempted to attach himself to the attendants of the new faith.

Naturally, knowing Saul's reputation as a persecutor of believers, they were suspicious, fearing that he was only seeking to entrap them. Barnabas, hearing of this, stepped forward and vouched for his honesty of purpose.

Saul, who never did things in a half-way manner, began proclaiming his new faith in such a vigorous fashion that the Jews in Jerusalem, as in Damascus, plotted to assassinate him and, once again, he was forced to flee for his life, this time to his native city of Tarsus, where he continued to work in behalf of the new cause. How long Saul remained in Tarsus we do not know but the next we hear of him is ten years or more later.

In the Book of Acts, Luke, after telling the story of Saul's conversion and his experiences in Damascus and Jerusalem, reverts back "in point of time to recount the early spread of the Christian faith.

The persecution which followed Stephen's death resulted in adherents of the new faith "scattered abroad", the disciples fleeing to various cities, including Antioch, where they preached the new gospel. However, at this time, they confined their missionary efforts to their own race, "speaking the word to none save only to the Jews."

Antioch, in Assyria had been founded three centuries before on the Orontes River. It was the third city in the world, with a population of half a million, and the terminal of rich caravans from Persia and India. It was modern for its day, having a splendid and adequate water system, and its main street five miles long, was wonderfully lighted by night and travelers by day were sheltered from the sun by its arcades. However, morally the city was disreputable; the Roman Juvenal criticizing the evil in Rome said, "the Syrian Orontes has flowed into the Tiber."

Regardless of its evil practices and reputation, Antioch is known as the second birthplace of Christianity. Here it was that the word was first intentionally preached to the Gentiles by Jews having a broad cosmopolitan outlook. These were natives of Cyprus and Cayenne, having lived abroad and broken somewhat with the strict racial code of their brothers in Palestine. In their activity these Jews "spoke unto the Greeks also." Eventually news of this development came to the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem and caused somewhat of a discussion there.

Up to this time the gospel had not been directed particularly to the Gentiles. True, it was that Peter had previously been to Caesarea and received the centurion Cornelius into the faith, which act had been approved at Jerusalem, but no general effort had been made to reach others than Jews. The Jerusalem Christians, somewhat concerned about the reports from Antioch, decided to investigate and wisely selected Barnabas for this purpose. He was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, and his character is amply attested in the commentary that "he was a good man."

Barnabas went to Antioch and was no impressed with the activity there that he remained and took part in it. Remembering Saul of Tarsus, who some seven or eight years ago he had vouched for in Jerusalem, and realizing that this was the type of man for the particular service needed, Barnabas set out for Tarsus in an effort to seek Paul. During these years Saul had been writing; perhaps sometimes questioning why, but nevertheless, undergoing a period of preparation by working in Cilicia for the wider and greater mission which he was to undertake.

It was at Antioch that the term "Christians" was the first applied to followers of Jesus. This name was not assumed because they

usually referred to themselves as "saints", "disciples", "believers" or "those of the way". The title was not given them by the Jews, because they were accustomed to refer to the Christians as "Nazarenes" remembering the question whether any good thing could come from that city. The probability is that the Gentiles, perhaps in derision, first began using the term "Christians" for those believing in the new faith.

**Oxford Orphanage Has Record Service To State Children**

The Oxford Orphanage at Oxford, North Carolina, has a record of seventy-three years of service to the children of North Carolina. Over five thousand have been cared for and trained. Its graduates and former pupils are in all walks of life and there is no record of a former pupil having been convicted and sentenced for committing a major crime in North Carolina. It is the oldest orphanage in the State and receives children other than those of membership of the supporting order.

At the present time less than forty per cent of the population of the Or-

phanage is of Masonic parentage. The home possesses valuable buildings, grounds and equipment and has had no operating deficit for several years.

The annual budget of the Orphanage calls for an expenditure of \$194,500.00. This provides shelter, clothing and food, recreation, heat, light, books, school supplies, health program, staff of trained workers, vocational training in several departments, laundry, repairs and upkeep to grounds, building and equipment and experienced case work for a family of 308 children.

Liberal gifts are needed this year for operating expenses in order to maintain the Home and provide emergency repairs.

The Oxford Orphanage is more than a philanthropy—it is an investment in the lives of North Carolina boys and girls who would not otherwise have a chance. It pays to the State and its citizenship the high dividends in character and trained young people. It is an opportunity today for North Carolina citizens to express in a substantial way their desire to help others.

The orphanages of the state use the Thanksgiving season as an occasion to appeal to the citizens of the State for so much needed assistance. The Oxford Orphanage is open for visitors each day and hundreds of North Carolina citizens visit this historic spot every year.

**STATEMENT  
Globe Indemnity Company  
NEW YORK, N. Y.**

Condition December 31, 1945, as Shown by Statement Filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash	\$ 2,500,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31 of previous year	52,224,797.33
Income—From Policyholders, \$20,938,940.90; miscellaneous,	
\$1,832,167.60; total	22,771,108.50
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$8,737,583.36; miscellaneous,	
\$11,625,169.51; total	20,362,752.87
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Value of Bonds and Stocks	\$47,773,276.71
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	2,490,250.30
Premiums in course of collection	3,241,819.84
Interest and Rents due and accrued	191,193.09
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	2,551,977.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,248,517.25</b>
Less Assets not admitted	468,438.21
<b>Total admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$55,780,079.04</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Unpaid Claims	\$ 2,876,567.00
Expense, Investigation and Adjustment of Claims	425,910.00
Unearned Premiums	9,407,906.23
Commission, Brokerage and other charges due	569,723.00
Salaries, Rents, Expenses, Bills, Accounts, Fees, etc., due or accrued	435,000.00
Estimated amount of Federal, State, county and municipal taxes	570,000.00
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	16,405,431.10
<b>Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital</b>	<b>\$30,690,537.33</b>
Reserve	\$12,589,541.71
Capital paid up	2,500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	10,000,000.00
<b>Surplus as regards Policyholders</b>	<b>\$25,089,541.71</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$55,780,079.04</b>

Business in North Carolina During 1945		
	Premiums Rec'd.	Losses Paid
Accident	\$ 1,267	\$ 315
Health	125	
Group Accident and Health	374	
Auto Liability	26,844	31,786
Liability other than auto	4,844	842
Workmen's compensation	26,444	11,049
Fidelity	1,517	8
Surety	2,906	
Plate glass	424	232
Burglary and theft	2,550	505
Steam boiler	2,377	
Auto property damage	10,387	7,261
Auto collision	200	
Property damage and collision other than auto	2,461	568
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$82,721</b>	<b>\$51,936</b>

President, Clarke Smith; Secretary, J. B. Clancy; Treasurer, Emil Scheitlin; Home Office, 150 William Street, New York, N. Y.  
Attorney for service, Wm. P. Hodges, Commissioner of Insurance, Raleigh, N. C.

I, Wm. P. Hodges, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Globe Indemnity Company, of New York, N. Y., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1945.  
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.  
(Seal) WM. P. HODGES, Commissioner of Insurance.

**STATEMENT  
General Casualty Insurance Company of America  
SEATTLE 5, WASHINGTON**

Condition December 31, 1945, as Shown by Statement Filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash	\$ 1,200,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31 of previous year	10,647,546.89
Income—From Policyholders, \$7,763,450.50; miscellaneous,	
\$383,608.71; total	8,096,959.21
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$2,583,908.28; miscellaneous,	
\$3,825,120.57; total	6,409,028.85
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Value of Bonds and Stocks	\$10,399,889.81
Cash in Company's Office	4,365.69
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	478,421.48
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	8,503.76
Premiums in course of collection	1,283,624.55
Interest and Rents due and accrued	34,110.28
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	1,194,746.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,403,862.16</b>
Less Assets not admitted	74,840.90
<b>Total admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$13,328,521.26</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Unpaid Claims	\$ 848,507.00
Expense, Investigation and Adjustment of Claims	50,000.00
Unearned Premiums	3,910,760.48
Salaries, Rents, Expenses, Bills, Accounts, Fees, etc., due or accrued	19,499.97
Estimated amount of Federal, State, county and municipal taxes	256,575.48
Reinsurance	21,083.09
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	3,934,180.21
<b>Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital</b>	<b>\$ 9,039,606.23</b>
Capital paid up	\$1,200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	3,089,215.03
<b>Surplus as regards Policyholders</b>	<b>\$ 4,289,215.03</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$13,328,821.26</b>

President, H. K. Dent; Secretary, L. E. Crowe; Treasurer, Ralph H. Baldwin; Home Office, 4347 Brooklyn Ave., Seattle 5, Washington.  
Attorney for service, Wm. P. Hodges, Commissioner of Insurance, Raleigh, N. C.

I, Wm. P. Hodges, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the General Casualty Insurance Company of America, of Seattle 5, Washington, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1945.  
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.  
(Seal) WM. P. HODGES, Commissioner of Insurance.

**Town of Hertford**

NORTH CAROLINA

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

June 30, 1946

**ASSETS:**

Cash in Bank and on hand	\$ 7,062.49
Water and light accounts receivable	\$ 5,352.33
Street and sidewalk assessment accounts	5,011.12
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	474.36
<b>Total accounts receivable</b>	<b>\$ 10,837.81</b>
Less—Reserve for losses	5,605.77
<b>Corporate stock turned in on paving account</b>	<b>5,232.04</b>
Notes receivable	77.43
Taxes receivable	2,700.00
Less—Reserve for insolvent taxes	
<b>Government bonds</b>	<b>2,226.20</b>
<b>Town properties</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
	364,354.50
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$401,652.66</b>

**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts payable	\$ 4,423.65
1946 taxes paid in advance	5,072.80
Customers meter deposits	1,920.04
Bonds outstanding	110,000.00
Reserve for deferred collections	3,164.62
Due to County Schools	127.08
Withheld taxes—Due to U. S. Government	298.30
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$125,008.35</b>

**SURPLUS:**

Excess of current operating fund assets over current liabilities	\$ 22,289.81
Excess of property values over bonds outstanding	254,354.50
	276,644.31
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$401,652.66</b>

**CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1946

**RECEIPTS:**

Taxes collected	\$ 15,340.45
Tax penalty and interest	593.73
Intangible personal property tax	370.79
Water and light collections	55,927.99
Ice sold	16,852.25
Privilege taxes and licenses	2,165.75
Street and sidewalk assessments collected	905.09
Notes and miscellaneous accounts collected	395.25
Government bonds sold	15,105.00
Interest on notes and bonds	562.50
Cemetery lots sold	380.00
Meter deposits collected	2,343.00
Rent collected	310.00
Material sales and miscellaneous refunds	3,250.02
Storage at ice plant	473.31
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$114,945.13</b>
Balance July 1, 1945	2,666.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$117,611.53</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Salaries, Mayor, Commissioners, Clerk and Assistant	\$ 4,138.70
Office supplies and expense	660.40
Audit, legal and insurance	1,979.57
Street maintenance	13,871.77
Street lighting	459.58
Police Department	5,181.80
Fire Department	806.68
Miscellaneous general expenses	1,024.43
Light Department expense	21,006.51
Water Department expense	8,262.46
Ice Department expense	9,620.25
Bonds and interest paid	11,355.79
Extensions and improvements	6,350.49
Government bonds purchased	20,000.00
Health Center	911.84
Meter deposits refunded	2,441.59
Miscellaneous	2,477.18
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$110,549.04</b>

**BALANCE—CASH IN BANK AND ON HAND JUNE 30, 1946**  
\$ 7,062.49

**CERTIFICATE**

We hereby certify that we have made an audit of the books and records of the Town of Hertford covering fiscal year ended June 30, 1946, and have rendered detailed report thereon. We further certify that we prepared the foregoing information from the detailed audit report and the books. Therefore, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the above statements correctly set out the financial position of the Town of Hertford June 30, 1946, as per the books.

**WILLIAMS & WALL,**  
By James M. Williams,  
Certified Public Accountants.

Raleigh, N. C.  
October 9, 1946.