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Jesus. JUNIOR TOPIC-The Gospel Starts Around the World. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-IC-New Adventures With Christ, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP-IC-The Holy Spirit in Missions.

The normal expression of salva-tion in the life of a believer is a passion for the conversion of others. The early church soon began to fulfill the great commission of its Lord and Master. Its first missionary enterprise was in the great and wicked city of Antioch, only 150 miles from Jerusalem, but far from God. In this unpromising soil we find growing:

I. A Model Mission Church (vv. 19-21).

Its establishment was in accord with the plan of God, for it was: 1. The result of a faithful testimony (vv. 19, 20).

Those who were scattered abroad by persecution had but one crowning purpose-"preaching the Lord

2. A gathering place for all God's people (vv. 19, 20). The truth was preached to both Jews and Gentiles. 3. A living witness in a wicked city (v. 21).

"The hand of the Lord was with them." Little wonder then that "a great number believed and turned unto the Lord." Note in verse 26 that it was in Antioch that the followers of Christ were first called by the beautiful name "Christians." In the midst of the most evil and degraded surroundings the sweet flower of Christian faith may grow.

II. The Model Mission Church Be-comes a Model Missionary Church (13:1-12). We have here the first step in the

world-wide missionary movement which continues to our day and which has influenced the destinies of men and shaped the course of world history. This first missionary enterprise

presents the essential principles nd methods which are vital to true missionary work, even in our day. To begin with, there must be a proper base of operation, namely:

1. The home church (vv. 1-3). God calls his messengers right out of the church membership. On the Sunday that this lesson is taught missionary leaders of the next gen-eration will be in the classes of some crossroads Sunday school. How important it will be that the teacher present the truth of God's Word plainly and faithfully. Notice that this church was spir-

itually alive. It was a church that prayed, fasted, and ministered the Word of God. It was responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and was ready to sacrifice by giving up its leading men for the missionary



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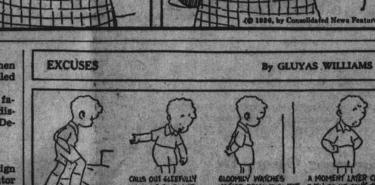


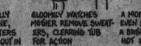
Super Salesgirl Mother—What happened when that high-pressure salesman called today? Daughter-Oh, I sold him fa-ther's old clothes and all the dis-carded furniture in the attic.-De-

Watch Your Hat "What's the idea of the big sign "Watch Your Hat'?" asked Senator "That's a political warning." an-swered the barber, "to keer some gentleman who hasn't a chance throwing his hat into the ring."

mart The officer took out his book and dised his stubby pencil. "What's our name?" "John Smith."

"John Smith." "Yer real name," bawled the of-ficer, who had been tricked before. "Well, then, put me down as Wil-liam Shakespeare." "That's better. Yuh can't fool me with that Smith stuff."





Next we have indicated the type of men called to be: 2. The missionaries (vv. 2-4).

a. The strongest men in the church (v. 2).

When you want something done ask a busy man to do it. God's missionary program calls for the best the church can give, not misfits or failures.

b. Spirit-led men (vv. 3, 4). God chooses and sends men into ervice. He separates and places them. We must be responsive to God's call for us and be quick to assist men and women who are called by God.

3. Missionary experiences (vv. 5 12).

a. Minister to all people (vv. 5-7) Paphos was a Greek city of high culture and low morals. It was ruled by Sergius Paulus, a Roman officer of noble character. With him was Barjesus also called Elyhim was Barjesus also called Ely-mas, a wicked Jew. The mission-ary messenger rejoices in the op-portunity to preach to Greek, Ro-man, and Jew, of high or low es-tate, interested or bitterly antag-onistic to the gospel. b. Meet satanic opposition (vv. 8-10)

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The devil has his servants who live only to oppose the gospel. No-tice that even as God has children so also there are children "of the devil" (v. 10). We choose our spiritual family connections. c. Proclaim judgment on sin (v.

11). This is not an easy thing to do but is required of one who is "filled with the Holy Spirit." d. Lead men to Christ (v. 12).

d. Lead men to Christ (v. 12). In this case it was the result of fear, which is a powerful factor in the conversion of some men. The Master's commission, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," has never been altered, modified, or abrogated. It is still the great "unfinished business" of the church.

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