

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

MAY 13, 1883.

THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL.

ACTS 11, 19-30.

1.—Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch indicate both the route these evangelists travelled, and the principal places in which they carried on their mission. The first was elsewhere called the coast of Tyre and Sidon (Matt. xv. 21), north-east of Palestine. From either place it was easy to sail to Cyprus, and thence to Antioch. Cyprus has been brought into prominence during the last few years through its having come under British rule. Its situation made it in ancient times a place of great importance. Antioch is on the mainland opposite Cyprus, a little to the north-east, on the river Orontes, having a seaport named Seleucia. It was a place of great importance in the time of the apostles. Seleucia was in communication with all the trade of the Mediterranean; and Antioch was conveniently approached by caravans from Mesopotamia and Arabia. It was almost an Oriental home, in which all the forms of the civilized life of the empire found some representatives. It is said to have been seven times taken and pillaged, and four times destroyed by earthquakes. The modern town is a wretched collection of hovels, and nothing but ruins attests its former greatness. At first these disciples, scattered abroad, preaching in all these places to Jews only; but afterwards they extended their labors to the Greeks. The word Grecians is changed to Greeks in the Revised Version, more distinctly expressing the fact that those referred to were Gentiles.

2.—The choice of Barnabas was a departure from previous practice. He was not an apostle, nor so far as appears, had he held any office in the Church at Jerusalem. The chief reason, no doubt, was that he was a native of Cyprus (chap. iv. 36), well acquainted with the country, and probably also with many of the new converts. Under his exhortations the converts became established in the faith, and large numbers were added unto them. His mission might have been resented as an interference by those who had begun and carried on the work, had he gone with any assumption of ecclesiastical authority, or in a dictatorial spirit; but he went in the true spirit of the Master, and they received him in the same spirit; and we have a beautiful picture of brotherly love, and earnest co-operation in Christ's work, instead of the unpleasant one we might have had, had a man less wise and good been chosen for this mission.

3.—At Antioch Barnabas soon found the need of help. This led him to Tarsus, in search of Saul; who had gone there when the Jews compelled him to leave Jerusalem (chap. ix. 30). Barnabas had introduced him to the apostles (chap. ix. 27) and there are grounds for believing that they were acquainted with each other before that time. Cyprus is within a few hours' sail from Cilicia. At the schools of Tarsus the friendship may have begun which lasted through many vicissitudes, till rudely interrupted in the dispute at Antioch (chapter xv. 39).

The two speedily returned to Antioch, and continued their labors for a year with marked success. The disciples "were called Christians first at Antioch." It is not likely that the Jews originated the name, for they expressed their contempt by calling the Nazarenes. Nor is there evidence that it originated with the Christians themselves. Brethren, disciples, believers, saints, are the terms in most common use in the New Testament. The word Christian is only used twice again (chap. xxvi. 28; 1 Peter iv. 16); and in both cases as a name given by those outside. There is little doubt that the name originated with the Gentiles, who began to see that this new sect was so far distinct from the Jews, as naturally to receive a new designation. And the form of the word implies that it came from the Romans, not from the Greeks. The word Christ was often in the conversation of the believers, as constantly in their letters. Christ was the title of Him whom they avowed as their leader. They confessed that this Christ had been crucified; but they asserted that He was risen from the dead, and that He guided them by His invisible power. Thus Christian as a name naturally found its place in the reproachful language of their enemies. It is remarkable that the people of Antioch were notorious for inventing names of derision, and for turning their wit into the channels of ridicule.

4.—Amongst the special gifts of the Holy Ghost, that of prophesying, in the sense of foretelling future events, was granted to a few persons. Agabus was one of these, and twenty years afterwards he appears exercising the same gift (chap. xi. 10). His prediction was remarkably fulfilled, for no less than four famines are recorded as having occurred in the reign of Claudius.—Abridged from the W.M.S.S. May.

Every moral system which cannot give to a man a new heart will be, and must be, a failure.

SUCCESS WITH ONIONS.

Onions differ from most other crops in not requiring a rotation. In some places the land has been in onions annually for half a century. If the crop is to be grown for the first time, newly cleared land is best, and next to that, soil which has been in corn or potatoes. A good, deep, rich loam, is essential, as is heavy manuring. Fifty loads of stable manure to the acre are an ordinary manuring, and may be supplemented by ashes, bone flour, or guano, as a top-dressing. The seeds should be sown very early; should be of the previous year's growth, and from a reliable raiser. The rows are a foot apart, leaving every seventh for a path, and from three to six pounds of seed are sown to the acre. On land not before in onions, thin sowing is better than thick. After sowing, roll the surface. Some sow an ounce or two of radish seed with every pound of onion seed. The radishes come up in a few days and mark the rows so that a hand-cultivator or push hoe can be run close to the rows even before the onions are up.—American Agriculturist.

A COMPOST HEAP.

Every garden, be it ever so small, should have its compost heap—a sort of depot in which may be collected refuse of every kind, so that nothing is wasted, but becomes instead valuable material for the replenishing of the soil. The heap should be made as far from the house as possible, that no ill effects may be produced by disagreeable odors. A deep layer of muck or dry earth should make the foundation of the heap, and upon it may be thrown all the animal and vegetable refuse from the house and garden. Add also leaves, house slops, soap-suds, ditch cleanings, etc., and from time to time cover the whole with a layer of dry earth. The heap should be turned over occasionally and thoroughly mixed. It is surprising how rapidly such a heap will increase in size if care is taken to add to it all waste matter that comes to hand, and it also helps to keep the garden clean and tidy by concentrating all the rubbish in one spot.

USEFUL HINTS.

Machine oil stains can be removed if, before washing, the spot is rubbed with a cloth wet with ammonia.

Stoves may be kept looking nice for some time by rubbing them thoroughly with a newspaper every morning.

If an artery is severed, tie a small cord or handkerchief tightly above it until a physician arrives.

It's easier and cheaper to take a stump out than work round it with plough, harrows and reaper, for ten or fifteen years.

Clear boiling water will remove tea stains. Pour the water through the stain, and thus prevent its spreading over the fabric.

A teaspoonful of strong coffee put into the gravy of melted butter, pepper, and salt, to be poured over beefsteak, imparts a delicate flavor to the gravy and meat.

Crops bear a relation to one another, that all should understand, as it is not right to charge all the cost to one crop, say potatoes, for their culture has great effect on the crops following.

If the orchard is young, don't try to grow a crop of grain on it. One crop is enough, but you may have potatoes or something that requires cultivation, as that benefits the trees for a year or two.

There is an advantage in growing some kinds of trees from seed, planted where the tree is expected to remain. The peach tree is longer lived if never transplanted, and if budded at one year old will soon get into bearing. A few varieties of peaches reproduce themselves from the pit.

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