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LESSON VIII.-FEB. 21, 1909.

Stephen the First Christian Martyr. -Acts 6; 1-8; 3. 6; 8-15; 7: 54-3: 3.

Commentary.—I. The seven deacons chosen (vs. 1-7). After a time, when the church had become numerous, a complaint was made that partiality was shown in the distribution of the common fund. The Grecians charged that their widows were neglected. The apostle im

widows were neglected. The apostle immediately called the church together and asked that seven men be chosen whose duty it should be to attend to the distribution of the fund. This was done, Stephen being one of them.

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Stephen—Very little is known of the history of Stephen. It is thought that he was one of Peter's converts on the Day of Pentecost, full of grace and power (R. V.)—He was filled with the the Day of Pentecost. full of grace and power (R. V.)—He was filled with the Holy Spirit and had power, (1) as a great reasoner and (2) to work miracles. He was a deep student of the Old Testament, a theologian of unusual insight, and showed a wisdom in speech that his diversaries could not gainsay. did—"He was a man of deeds." wonders—This is one of the words used in the New Testament to denote miracles miracles—"Signs."—R. V. "He wrought

tines—"Freed men." Roman captives who had been given their liberty. Many of these had returned to Judea and they had a synagogue of their own in Jerusa-lem. Cyrenians—Cyrene was the chief city in North Africa, and a great Jewish colony. Numbers of Jews were settled there, and are said by Josephus to have been a fourth part of the inhabitants of the city. These Jews also had a syna-gogue. Alexandrians—The Tahmud spe-cially mentions the synagogue of the Jews who came from Alexandria, in which city about 100,000 Jews resided. They were the most learned of their race. Cilicia—Paul's native province. Asia—This was the Roman province in western Asia Minor, and not the "grand had a synagogue of their own in Jerusa Asia—This was the Roman province in western Asia Minor, and not the "grand

division." 10. not able to resist—By any arguments which they could bring.
11. suborned men—Privately bribed. and instructed. against Moses—Stephen taught that the old dispensation was in and instructed. against Moses—Stephen taught that the old dispensation was in decay, and that the temple must pass away. against God—"This must refer to the supreme dignity and authority which Stephen claimed for Christ as the Head of the new economy which was so speedily to supersede the old." 12 they stirred up the people—At this time the whole Jewish people were in a state of ill-suppressed frenzy, and most sensitive jealousy for the honer of the Mosaic institutions—feelings which broke out in constant revolts against the Roman power. This accusation was therefore the most likely one they could have pitched upon to stir up ill-will.—Spence. caught him—Without law or form of justice. 13. false witnesses—"Their falseness consisted in the perverted turns which they gave to the words of Stephen." 15. all...saw his face—All eyes turned upon Stephen. As he had been inspired by the Spirit in his arguments, so now, in the hour of trial, the Spirit shone out upon his face to testify of his presence within. of an angel—God's people shine brightest in the midst of the darkest and most severe trials.

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III. Stephen's defense (7. 1-53). After the false witnesses had testified the high priest asked Stephen whether these things of which they accused him were they are the same than the same than the weather than the same t eo. Then follows His defence or apology in which He gives a concise history of the Jewish people. He answers the charge of blasphemy by showing that he se. Then follows His defence or apology in which He gives a concise history of the Jewish people. He answers the reverences the scriptures, and that he reverences the scriptures, and that their extermage of coronany and that their extermage are coronany, and that their extermage are coronany, and that their external rites foreshadowed the more perfect nal rites foresha

whether the speech was finished or not. Lis abruptness in closing and the anger of the Jews at this moment render it probable that he was interrupted. Cut to the heart-Literally, they were sawn through, or asunder. A figurative expression for being greatly enraged. Gnashed on him—They thirsted for his blood; "snarled like beasts of prey."
"Truth would always seem to produce a "Truth would always seem to produce a double effect. Sometime ago we read that when the people heard Peter's speech they were pricked in their hearts, and said, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' But when the people heard Stephen deliver substantially the same message they were cut to the heart, and grashed on him with their teeth. This is the history c2 preaching to-day."—

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55. Being full—The Greek "being full" implies, not a sudden inspiration, but a permanent state.—Plumptre. Looked up—We would see more heavenly visions if we would "look up" offener. Into heaven—The question has been asked how he could see into heaven from that council chamber; but we should remember that the Spirit revealed to him this scene in heaven. "The eye of faith can see heaven from any spot on earth." Ond saw—There is no indefiniteness about this statement. The glory of God—It was some visible manifestation of the divines plendor, such as Moses saw on Horeb and Ezekiel at Chebar. It first on the part of the divines plendor, such as Moses saw on Horeb and Ezekiel at Chebar. It first on the part of the divines plendor, such as Moses saw on Horeb and Ezekiel at Chebar. It first on the part of the divines plendor, such as Moses saw of the prevention of the divines plendor, such as Moses saw of the prevention of the divines plendor, such as Moses saw of the divines plendor of the divines plendor, such as Moses saw of new ho afterwards became a mightier and Ezekiel at Chebar. It first filled the tabernacle and afterward the temple, and shone round the shepherds, and appeared to the apostles upon Hermon. And Jesus—He saw Jesus "in His official character as mediator between God and man." Standing — In other places Jesus is represented as sitting on the right hand of God (see Matt. 26. 64). The right hand—Christ was exalted to a place of honor and power. 56. Heavens opened—A figurative expression denoting that he was permitted to see into heaven. Son of man—This is the only time that our Lord is by human lips called the Son of man after His ascension. And why

RHEUMATISM the CAUSES: A run down condition of the

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boat Scorpion, which came from Con-

BLYTHE TO HANG.

May 13 h at Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., despatch: Just before

noon to-day Judge Riddell sentenced

Walter Blythe, the Canadian Pacific sec-

Naples, Feb. 15.—The American gun-

New Testament to denote miracles, miracles, principally, no doubt, in cases of sickness and suffering."

9. there arose certain—By his miracles and by his cloquence and power, Stephen excited the jealousy of the unbelieving Jews. They became excited and engaged in discussions with him. Libertines—"Freed men." Roman captives on an elevation twice the height of a man, from whence with his hands bound he was thrown down, and then a stone as much as two men could carry was rolled down upon him by the witnesses, after which all the people present cast stones upon him.—Cam. Bib.

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59. Receive my spirit— They stoned him while he was praying. This is the identical prayer that Christ himself had offered on the cross. Here is clear proof that it is proper to offer prayer to Jesus Christ. 60. Kneeled down—A good position in which to pray, or to die. Fell asleep—He died. "But sleep implies an awakening." I. Saul was consenting—So terrible was the hatred which this man bore to Christ and his followers that he delighted in their destruction. A great persecution—the rulers carried on the persecution with increasing violence. 2. Great lamentation—An evidence that he was not condemned by the Sanhedrin, as public lamentation was forbidden in such cases.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

Stephen the Witness. I. Full of grace. "Stephen, full of grace" (v. 8, R. V.) As a man, he was chonest; as a deacon, powerful to work wonders and miracles (v. 8); as a prisoner, radiant, rejoicing (v. 15); as a preacher, scriptural (7: 1-50), searching (7: 51-53), irresistible (v. 10); as a martyr, full of the spirit of faith (vs. 55, 56), hope (v. 59), love (v. 60). Spurgeon says, "It is remarkable that Stephen's is the only death scene described geon says, "It is remarkable that Ste-phen's is the only death scene described at length in the New Testament, except our Lord's. The Holy Spirit would not have us attach so much importance to the manner of men's deaths, as to the character of their lives."

character of their lives."

II. Falsely accused. "They suborned men ... and set up false witnesses" (vs. 11, 13). The last beatitude is, "Blessed are ye, when man ... say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake" (Matt. 5: 11). If you have given all your money, time and influence to the right, and are doing everything you can to make the world better, and have raised your voice against the crying evils of the day, and have told of your glimpses into heaven, you will be misunderstood, falsely accused, sneered at, million, as compared with the preced-

III. Full of attraction, "All looking steadfastly ... saw his face as if it had been the face of an angel" (v. 15). The face of an angel at the tomb of Jesus was "like lightning" (Matt. 28: 3). God's messengers are "a flame of fire" (Heb. 1: 7). Moses' face shope as he came from personal communion with God (Exod. 34: 30).

Stephen the Martyr. I. Filled with the Spirit. "He being full of the Holy Spirit... saw the glory of God" (v. 55). A. J. Gordon says that when reading the words, "That we through patience and comfort of the scriptries might have hope" (Rom. 15: 4), there came to him a suggestion of exceeding sweetness from the word "comfort" in the original. The Spirit is called the Paraclete, and here his office

TORONTO MARKETS.

FARMERS' MARKET. The offerings of grain on the street to-day were 1,100 bushels. Wheat is a cent higher, with sales of 200 bushels of fall at \$1.01 to \$1.02. Oats firm, 350 bushels selling at 47 to 48c. Barley un-changed, 600 bashels selling at 55 to 69.

per bushel,
Hay is unchanged, with sales of 35 loads at \$12 to \$13.50 a ton for No. 1 and at \$9 to \$10 for mixed. One load of bundled straw sold at \$12 a ton.
Dressed hogs are easier at \$9.25 for heavy, and at \$9.50 to \$9.60 for light.

Barley, bushel Peas, bushel There is tive to all timent for No case 2.50. Sold Do., No. 2 Straw, per ton Dressed hogs Dutter, dairy Do., creamery Eggs, new laid Do., fresh Chickens, dressed, lb. Geese, lb. Geese, Ib. Turkeys, 1b. Cabbage, per dozen Celery, per dozen Potatoes, bag ... Rumer Received That She Will Wed Beef, hindquarters
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LIVE STOCK. The railways reported 108 carloads of The railways reported 10s carloads of live stock as being received at the City Market on Wednesday and Thursday.

There were several lots and loads of good to choice cattle, but more of the common and medium.

Trade was good, especially for the best grades of butchers; in fact, all grades of butchers were a little higher in price.

price, Exporters—About 60 export steers sold from \$5.25 to \$5.55, one load, the best on the market, in fact the only full load, being sold at the latter price. Balls sold from \$4 to \$4.50, and one at \$4.75. Butchers—Choice loads and lots of outchers sold from \$4.75 to \$5.10, and butchers sold from \$4.75 to \$5.10, and there were some light exporters, sold for butcher purposes, at \$5.25 to \$5.50, as will be seen in sales given by McDonald & Halligan; loads of good, at \$4.50 to \$4.60; medium, \$4 to \$4.40; common. \$3.75 to \$4; cows, \$3 to \$4; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Milkers and Springers—This week witnessed one of the strangers and springers. and the Count of Turin, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, are revived to-day by the Mattino. This betrothal was sus-pended, it is said, because of the oppo-

Mikers and Springers—This week witnessed one of the strongest markets of the year for good to choice milkers and springers, which were bought up readily at prices ranging from \$35 to \$75 each, but only one at the latter price; several, however, reached \$70.

Feeders and Stockers—Messrs, Murby bought, block 150 bess.

Falling Off in Value Compared With Last Year.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The report of the fisheries branch of the Marine and Fisheries Department, covering the fiscal year ending with last March, was represented to Parliament to-day. The report shows that the whole catch of fish by Canadians in Canadian waters totalled for the year twenty-five and a half million dollars. This is a falling off of three-quarters of a is a falling off of three-quarters

and development of the great re-sources of the waters of the Dominion would be facilitated were the present divided authority and overlapping of Federal and Provincial jurisdiction merged in one central system under Fed-eral control.

Wife Murderer to be Executed on

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW

Montreal—The volume of trace here continues somewhat limited. Retail trade has improved during the past week owing to more essentially seem to be still observing considerable caution and to be ordering mostly for present Toyonto. The

fure comes forward well and prices hold Lordon-Business holds a fairly steady Ottowa-Sorting orders are coming in fairly well following a comewnat improved re-

SURRENDER OF CUBA

Bits of Inside History of the Spanish American War.

Madrid, Feb. 15 .- Following the publication of certain cablegrams exchanged back, stiff joints, sore muscles, lumbage between the Spanish Government at and cold in the chest as Madrid and General Bianco at Havana, relative to the surrender of Cuba to the United States in 1898, it is now learned that fear of an American attack upon the coast of Spain and a subsequent revolution in this country was the official reason for Premier Sagasta's decision to make peace with the United States. Moreover, this decision was reached before the negotiations for the surrender of Santiago were concluded.

These facts have been disclosed by the further publication of the correspondence between General Blanco and Predict of Santiago were concluded.

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micr Sagasta, at the instigation of Blanco as a defence against the charge Elanco as a defence against the charge of cowardice made against the Spanish army in Cuba by a Catalonian deputy. A despatch received by the Spanish Government on July 9, 1898, from General Blanco insisted that the army, although crippled by the loss of Cervera's fleet was ready and auxious to continue the war, but both the Minister of War and Premier Sagasta replied on July 12 that as the Americans were masters of the sea and were preparing to attack the Belearic Islands and the Spanish coast, which would be certain Spanish coast, which would be certain to produce an uprising in the interior, peace was imperative. General Blanco, protesting to the last, finally agreed to

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HISTORIC PILE

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Escorial, causing a less of numerous valuable works of art and menacing with destruction the historic building itself.

The real monastrio de San Lorenz del Escorial, commonly called the Escorial, one of the most celebrated architectural monuments of Spain, was, the story goes, built toward the end of the sixteenth century by King Philip II., in accordance with a vow taken by him on the control of the president Fairbanks, occuping a sent on the right of Speaker Cn.

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Straw—Range is from \$6.50 to \$7.50, according to quality.

OTHER MARKETS.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.
Wheat—February \$1.041% bid, July \$1.073% bid, May 1.061% bid.
BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.
London.—London cables for cattle are steady, at 121% to 133% open lb., dressed

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London.—London cables for cattle are steady, at 12½ to 13¾c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9¾ to 10¾c per lb.

WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

Winnipeg grain receipts were 53 cars of wheat, against 79 cars a year ago; 27 of wheat, against 79 cars a year ago; 27 of wheat, against 79 cars a year ago; 27 of the exact delimitation of the boundary between the two peoples. One of these provides for the exact delimitation of the boundary between the two countries of the boundary between the two peoples.

cars of oats, 1 car of barley nd 1 car of flax. Wheat inspections gaded: No. 1 northern, 2 cars; No. 2, 6 cars; No. 3, 12 cars; No. 4, 9 cars; No. 5, 5 cars; No. 6, 2 cars; other grades, 9 cars; winter, 8 cars.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

Liverpool and other European markets are still regarding with anxiety the reduced estimates of Argentina's exportable surplus, and with the strength in the wheat markets on this continent have advanced further. Liverpool spot wheat advanced 34 and futures ½ to 54d. Corn advanced 34 to 1d.

RPANCTREFT'S TRADE DEVIEW. ed States and Canada. This last is a matter of the greatest consequence because questions left unsettled on this boundary might easily give rise to vexa-

DYING OF STARVATION

Unemployed Man Found in His Rooms Over Boathouse.

Chatham, Ont., despatch: A man named Ollis was found this morning in his rooms over Robert's boathouse in a very serious condition. He had been unable to secure work and was too proud to accept charity. As a result he went to his rooms, where he remained for several days with he went to his rooms, where he remained for several days with nothing to eat. He was removed to the General Hopital, where he now lies in a very serious condition. It is thought he will not

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ANOTHER RAID.

Militant Suffragettes Propose to Meet Force With Force.

London, Feb. 15 .- The militant suffragettes, who have already threatened new terrors if the King's speech the opening of Parliament, on Feb. 185, does not satisfy their aims, now take of "meeting force with force." They have organized a gathering on Feb. 26 at Caxton Hall, whence, if the Government is not conformable, they will again attempt to raid the House of Commons. They profess to expect that soldiers will be called out to stem their rush, and consequently they are trainrush and consequently they are training Amazonian cavairy to ride them

down.
One of the leaders says: "We have One of the leaders says: "We bare more than fifty young women practizing horsemanship (sie). A number of them are already accomplished ridera. We intend to detach them from our foot regiment to meet the soldiers." The Executive Committee has been considering the possibility of kidnapping a member of the Cabinet, either Premier Auquith, John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, or Winsten Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, but this plan has been abandoned as impracticable, at any rate for the present.

ELECTION OF TAFT.

Formally Ratified by Both Houses of Congress.

Washington, D. C:, Feb. 15.- The two Houses of Congress met in joint session in the hall of the House of Representatives at 1 p. m. to-day to formally rabile the Herald from Madrid says that fire and James S. Sherman, of New York, the last evening completely destroyed the President and Vice President of the President and Vice President and Vice President of the President and Vice President



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