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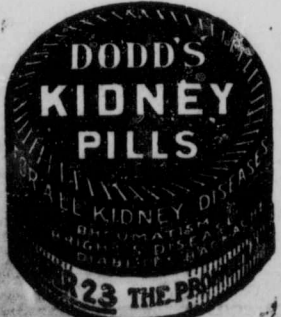
SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON VII.
Christian Missions, Acts 1:8, 13 and 14:28 Print. 1:8, 14:28-30.

Commentary.—I. Power to witness to the world (Acts 1:8). But ye shall receive power. It was just before the ascension of our Lord that he spoke these words. The minds of the disciples were taken up with the question of the restoration of the kingdom to Israel, but Jesus led them to think of the work of bearing witness to all the world of the power of the gospel. The task was great, but power would be given to them for its accomplishment. After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.—R. V. The Holy Spirit is come upon you.—R. V. The apostles' holiness of heart and ability to live and speak as Jesus would live and speak. The power of the Spirit was to be the permanent power in the individual believer and in the church of Jesus Christ. Witnesses unto me. The gift of power was not to be merely for the comfort of the disciples, but it was to be for service. They were to be empowered to bear witness effectually to the power of Jesus to save from sin. In Jerusalem. The centre of the Jewish system and the seat of prejudice and hatred against Jesus and his followers. All Judea. The regions where the Jewish religion was at home. Samaria. The seat of a mixed religion, partly heathen and partly Jewish. Unto the uttermost part of the earth. The field of the church is world-wide.

II. Missionaries sent forth and their work (Acts 13:1-14:7). Saul of Tarsus, later called Paul, had been converted and had been preaching effectively for probably ten years when the church at Antioch in Syria was divinely impressed to set apart Barnabas and Paul to go forth as missionaries. These two men set out on their mission and accomplished their first missionary journey. They went southwestward to Seleucia, and sailed thence to Cyprus, where they labored effectively. They went from this island to Asia Minor and labored in Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium and Lystra.

III. Honored and persecuted (Acts 14:8-20). 8. Lystra. This city was eighteen miles southwest of Iconium in a wild region, where there were few, if any, Jews. Impotent in his feet. This man probably sat in a public place in the city and was well known in Lystra. He was afflicted with lameness in his feet and had never walked. We are reminded of the lame man that the apostles spoke in the streets of Lystra, as no mention is made of a synagogue, and the cripple heard the gospel story from Paul's lips. Steadfastly beholding him. Paul's attention was drawn to him by his earnest, wistful look. Seeing that he had faith to be made whole (R. V.) The man earnestly desired to be healed, and he believed that the Lord was able and willing to make him whole. 20. Said with a loud voice. Paul's earnestness in this matter and his importance brought forth in a loud and clear voice the command which follows. The people who were about Paul could hear the words and could be witnesses to this marvelous cure. Stand upright on thy feet. The preaching of the apostle in Lystra had set forth the power of Jesus and it would be understood that through his power, and not Paul's, the cure would be wrought.

11. When the people saw.—The mir-



pioneer of Christianity, acknowledged a universal obligation (Rom. 1:13-16). The world-crisis, existing and impending, is unique in opportunity, danger, responsibility and duty. This with the decade of long-established systems of religious faith creates unparalleled possibilities in all fields, which will not linger. The underlying principles of missionary enterprise were never as relevant or imperative as to-day.

II. Aims, methods and results. The aim of Christian missions is first to evangelize to spread the knowledge of the great transforming truths of Christianity. This is a means, not the end. The great design of gospel preaching is unchanged and unchanging. It remains the "power of God unto salvation." Social and civilizing agencies and intellectual development have their place, but must never be suffered to eclipse the great design of bringing men into loving subjection to God and believing union with him. Evangelization is to precede, not to supersede regeneration. "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come upon the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). Toward this God has been working through all history. Methods are always determined by design. The first in the best missionary methods is always prayer. It is not a last extremity, but a first necessity. "Preaching reaches the heart of man, but prayer the heart of God." Paul regarded it as a great avenue of effectual service (Eph. 6:18, 19). The second agency is the direct preaching of the gospel to men. The gospel presents a living Christ, and he alone can fill the world's appalling emptiness. "It is the unshared ministry of the church to present a Savior." Institutional agencies, schools, hospitals and industrial training are the outrunners of the gospel, which alone "is the power of God unto salvation." They prepare "the way of the Lord," and are the messengers which go "before his face." The results of Christian missions justify the past and preface the future. Christianity is international. It alone points the path of peace and provides the basis of racial fraternity. Jesus Christ belongs to all people. He is a world Savior. Commerce, schools and international law have all proved failures. Christianity has the stupendous world task. Christ is the source and centre of world unity.—W. H. C.



HAVE ACRE ORCHARD ON EVERY FARM.

No matter what branch of farming the farmer specializes in, he should have an orchard, even if it should be only a small one. An acre orchard would give all the fruit a family could consume. By having all the fruit one can utilize, the cost of living can be kept down considerably. As a rule, the location of the orchard is limited, as it is wanted close to the house. But where there is choice of location, the soil should have first consideration. There is no definite soil that will fit all fruit equally well. Pears do best in heavy clay loams of clays; apples in clay loams or gravelly loam; cherries, in gravelly loam, and pears do well on a variety of soils. The largest variety of fruit, however, do best on clay or gravelly loams.

The kind of subsoil is next important, unless the surface soil is five or six feet deep. A subsoil that will not let water through is not suitable, as it prevents deep rooting and brings the water table very close to the surface. On the other hand, a sandy or coarse gravel subsoil will let the moisture pass through too quickly and will be unfavorable to the trees in dry seasons. A previous limestone subsoil is best, as it allows the roots to work deep, and it is also believed that the limestone aids in the production of highly-colored fruit.

The orchard should never be planted on a low piece of ground. When the late spring frosts arrive they injure the trees on the low land, while those higher up escape unharmed. Cold air has a tendency to sink and warm air to rise because of difference in weight. This causes the frosts on the low ground.

The exposure, or the general direction of the slope of the site is another important consideration. On land that is rolling it is impossible for all the land to slope in the same direction, but if the orchard is located near a lake or other body of water the exposure should be toward the water. In case of a region of high winds the orchard should be away from the prevailing winds. A northern exposure retards the growth in



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the spring, resulting in less injury to the blossoms from late spring frosts. Large bodies of water, warming slowly, retard the growth.

AGE OF TREES TO PLANT.

There is a difference of opinion in respect to the proper age and size of trees for planting, but it has been proved that a tree which is 1 year old at planting will, as a rule, come into bearing at about the same time older trees do. But, for different reasons, many orchardists prefer larger and older trees.

Younger trees cost less originally, and, on account of the smaller root system, there is less labor in planting. Besides, they transplant much better. A young tree is more likely to make a good tree, because the older trees are headed up too high in the nursery, while the younger trees may be headed lower, and, in general, shaped to suit the ideas of the grower.

Trees which produce heavy lateral growth in the nursery should be planted at one year of age. Trees which make but a weak lateral growth are best planted at two years of age. If trees are two years old, it is best to select them in the nursery because the branches which the trees possess determine the character and shape of the tree.

HOW TO ORDER TREES.

Where a number of trees are to be purchased it is good economy to visit the nursery and make a personal selection. When this cannot be done, it should be specified with the order that only first-class stock be sent, with the privilege of rejecting any poor stock. By purchasing directly from the nursery, the agent's commission is saved, and better stock obtained, and there is less trouble in settling any differences.

Early orders secure the pick of the stock. The kind of stock desired, the number of branches, height of head, etc., should be stated definitely. It should also be stated in the order that substitutes will be accepted. When this is not mentioned, the nurseryman feels at liberty to substitute if short of anything ordered. A copy of the order should be kept, with which to check over the stock; in that way there can be no dispute about the stock ordered. Pay a good price, but insist on and accept only good stock.

If Thin, Nervous,
Run Down, Depressed,
This Will Help!

The wear and strain of life has tended in recent years to produce nervous debility in a large percentage of our population.

Thousands are affected with a feeling they can't exactly describe. They are always tired and droopy; lack ambition, have poor appetite; look pale and suffer from depressing headaches and insomnia.

This condition is full of peril. It is the stepping stone to invalidism, the beginning of a shattered constitution.

We advise everyone in this condition to take a good medicine at once and try to get well while yet there is time.

Probably no better advice can be given than to use Dr. Hamilton's Pills, which have become famous in restoring the sick to good health. A general toning up of the system at once takes place. The whole body is vitalized by rich and purer blood. The appetite is increased, food is digested and naturally strength rapidly increases. Headaches go because the bowels are regulated and all wastes are carried off.

There is no experiment about using Dr. Hamilton's Pills because they certainly restore the sick, as a trial will quickly prove. Just as good for the old as the young, and suitable to the needs of women and children. This grand family medicine should be in every home.

Translations.

Translations are like photographs, best for reproducing drawings and worst for sunsets. It is as though one who could not see the French cathedrals or the Pyramids should acquaint himself with good paintings of them. But they are not the cathedrals or the Pyramids. They are the next best thing, unless, as may be the case, the tales of travellers are better. These, too, are not the original, but a teacher's interpretation—sometimes very good and sometimes not.—Andrew F. West.

Fully Explained.

Jennie was asked why she did not go next door any more to play with her little chum. She replied: "Our dispositions didn't match, so we disbanded our acquaintance."

MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKET

Dairy Produce—	
Butter, choice dairy...	0.55 0.60
do, creamery...	0.60 0.65
Margarine, lb...	0.37 0.40
Eggs, new laid, doz...	0.60 0.65
Cheese, lb...	0.35 0.40
Dressed Poultry—	
Turkeys, lb...	0.50 0.55
Fowl, lb...	0.35 0.40
Chickens, roasting...	0.45 0.50
Fruits—	
Cherries, 12-qt...	1.75 2.00
Cantaloupes, each...	0.10 0.20
Blueberries, bkt...	2.50 3.00
Raspberries, box...	0.20 0.30
Vegetables—	
Beans, bkt...	0.60 0.65
Peas, doz, bchs...	0.35 0.40
Carrots, doz, bchs...	0.10 0.15
Cabbage, each...	0.10 0.15
Cucumbers, each...	0.10 0.15
Celery, head...	0.10 0.15
Corn, doz...	0.10 0.15
Lettuce, 1 bch, for...	0.10 0.15
Onions, lb...	0.12 0.15
do, green, bunch...	0.05 0.10
Parsley, bunch...	0.10 0.15
Potatoes, bag...	1.50 1.60
do, new, peck...	0.50 0.75
Rhubarb, 3 for...	0.10 0.15
Radishes, 3 bunches...	0.10 0.15
Sage, bunch...	0.05 0.10
Spinach, peck...	0.30 0.35
Squash, each...	0.25 0.30
Savory, bunch...	0.05 0.10
Tomatoes, bkt...	1.20 1.50
Vegetable marrow, each...	0.10 0.15

MEATS—WHOLESALE

Beef, forequarters...	15.50 17.00
do, hindquarters...	24.00 26.00
Carcasses, choice...	20.00 21.00
do, medium...	16.00 17.00
do, common...	14.00 15.00
Veal, common, cwt...	12.00 13.00
do, medium...	20.00 22.00
do, prime...	25.00 26.00
Heavy hogs, cwt...	23.00 25.00
Shop hogs, cwt...	27.00 29.00
Abattoir hogs, cwt...	29.00 31.00
Spring Lamb, lb...	0.25 0.28

SUGAR MARKET

The wholesale quotations to the retail trade on Canadian refined sugar, Toronto delivery, are now as follows:

Acadia granulated...	100-bags \$10.16
do, No. 1 yellow...	9.78
do, No. 2 yellow...	9.66
do, No. 3 yellow...	9.56
Atlantic granulated...	10.16
do, No. 1 yellow...	9.78
do, No. 2 yellow...	9.66
do, No. 3 yellow...	9.56
Dominion granulated...	10.16
do, No. 1 yellow...	9.78
do, No. 2 yellow...	9.66
do, No. 3 yellow...	9.56
Redpath's granulated...	10.16
do, No. 1 yellow...	9.78
do, No. 2 yellow...	9.66
do, No. 3 yellow...	9.56
St. Lawrence granulated...	10.16
do, No. 1 yellow...	9.78
do, No. 2 yellow...	9.66
do, No. 3 yellow...	9.56
Barrois—5c over bags.	
Cases—20 5-lb. cartons, 60c and 50 2-lb. cartons 5c over bags; Gunies, 5 20-lb., 40c; 10 10-lb., 50c over bags.	

OTHER MARKETS.

WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE

Fluctuations on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, were as follows:—

Oats—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Oct.	0.71	0.82	0.72	0.80
Dec.	0.77	0.80	0.77	0.77
Barley—				
Oct.	1.25	1.25	1.24	1.26
Dec.	1.22	1.23	1.20	1.20
Flax—				
Oct.	5.50	5.70	5.67	5.67

MINNEAPOLIS GRAINS

Minneapolis—Flour unchanged. Barley, \$1.12 to \$1.14. Rye, No. 2, \$1.45 to \$1.47. Bran, \$4.00. Flax, \$5.50 to \$5.91.

DULUTH LINSEED

Duluth—Linseed, on track, \$5.50 to \$5.59; to arrive, \$5.58; September, \$5.59 bid; October, \$5.71 bid; November, \$5.67 asked; December, \$5.62 asked.

Little Things Cause Sunshine.

The sunshine of life is made up of very little beams that are bright all the time. To give up something, when giving up will prevent unhappiness; to yield, when persisting will chafe and fret others; to go a little around rather than come against another; to take an ill look or a cross word quietly, rather than resent or return it—these are the ways in which clouds and storms are kept off, and a pleasant and steady sunshine secured.—Aikins.

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