

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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SAUL'S CONVERSION.

ACTS 9, 1-18.

1.—A fierce storm of persecution, of which Saul was a prominent leader, had been raging against the infant Church. But God determined that the persecuted Christians should see His salvation in a way little expected—that out of the very camp of the enemy their boldest champion should be taken when flushed with his triumphs—that the greatest enemy of the religion of Jesus should be made its firmest adherent, its boldest advocate, its most successful propagator.

Thus, in hot haste, pursuing his journey to Damascus, that light from heaven and that majestic voice, were sent to stop his mad career. In that light which paled the splendor of the noontide tropical sunshine he beheld the Son of God in all His Divine majesty; and overwhelmed he fell to the earth, while his inmost soul was startled by the question, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" Well might he, "trembling and astonished," say at length, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The wondrous vision had wrought its end. He was convinced, humbled, penitent, so far as he had light. Directed what to do, and obedient, he rose and opened his eyes only to find himself deprived of sight—

fitting emblem of the mental and spiritual darkness in which he had hitherto walked. His haughty spirit humbled, his fiery passions subdued, oblivious of the purpose for which he came, and helpless in his blindness, he submitted to be led into the city. Then there were those days of darkness and of fasting, during which his mental conflicts and heart-searchings must have been most severe. He knew that Jesus had been crucified—he had been instructed that He was an impostor—he had acted under that belief—but how to reconcile this with the vision, he knew not. And then, if it were true, and true it must be, how guilty was he for having persecuted the followers of Jesus without investigation. Agitated by conflicting thoughts and feelings, he prayed, and the Lord who always heareth the prayer of a penitent heart, sent him light and deliverance.

God only departs from ordinary methods when there is a necessity. Saul of Tarsus having been brought by the marvellous vision into a frame of mind to receive instruction, an ordinary teacher was sent to complete the work. One of the humble Christians whom he had come to persecute could do all the rest, and under Ananias' ministrations the scales fell from his eyes, and the darkness was removed from his spiritual vision too. And the strange spectacle was seen in Damascus of the man who was known to have come there with anathema from the chief priests to bind all that called on the Name of Jesus, kneeling in prayer, preaching in the synagogues "that He is the Son of God."

2.—And that all that is special in the conversion of St. Paul, there are clearly seen, the essential principles which characterize every true conversion. Conviction of sin produced by the power of the Holy Ghost—that conviction so yielded to by the sinner as to result in godly sorrow for sin—the believing, confident acceptance of Jesus Christ as the only sufficient Saviour—release from the sense of guilt and condemnation through faith—peace succeeding to agitation—joy to sorrow—a thorough change of life and character manifest to the world—a desire evinced to make known to all others the Saviour who has been found. There are the essential elements of true conversion. Every conversion may not be as sudden and startling, and plainly marked in its characteristics as that of St. Paul, but amid all the diversity of operations the same essential principles are always to be traced.

3.—The conversion of Saul was the greatest Gospel triumph of early history, and therefore the strongest proof that the grace manifested through the Gospel is able to bring under its influences the most violent bigotry, the strongest prejudices, the most fiery passions, and the most stubborn and rebellious will. It was his consciousness of the marvellous power manifested in his own conversion which, perhaps more than any instances of it he had seen in others, prompted that strong asseveration of his confidence in the Gospel in his Epistle to the Romans, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." With this conversion before us, we dare not say that anyone in this wide world was a mind so dark, or a heart so hard, or a will so perverted, or a soul so vile as to be beyond the reach of that power which arrested Saul and turned the haughty Pharisee and fierce persecutor, first into a humble penitent at the feet of Jesus, and then into a happy believer in Christ, and eventually into the great Apostle of the Gentiles.—Abridged from the W. M. S. S. Mag.

FENCING.

A writer in an exchange says: "I discovered many years ago that wood could be made to last longer than iron in the ground, but the process is so simple that it was not well to make a stir about it. I would as

soon have poplar, basswood or ash as any other kind of timber for fence posts. I have taken out basswood posts after having been set for several years that were as sound when taken out as when put in the ground. Time and weather seemed to have no effect on them. The posts can be prepared for less than two cents apiece. This is the recipe: Take boiled linseed oil and stir in pulverized coal to the consistency of paint. Put a coat of this over the timber, and there is no man who will live to see it rot."

A HEALTH HINT.

In a country home, on a high, dry, breezy hill, the doctors were puzzled to account for successive deaths until they found a slop-hole in the cellar and a wooden drain, also opening under the house, but with long choked-up outlet. Leaving tidiness out of the question, there is no safer way of disposing of such waste than by pouring it over the ground, or about trees and plants, provided it is not emptied in one place so long as to shut off the air from any of it, or from the soil. The oxygen of the atmosphere which burns the most offensive and dangerous refuse into harmless ashes in a fire, cremates just as effectively, but by a much slower process all such matter that it can reach, even at ordinary air temperature.—N. Y. Tribune.

USEFUL HINTS.

Plant beans in a dry, light soil as soon as danger from frost is past.

You can get a bottle or barrel of oil off any carpet or woollen stuff by applying dry buckwheat plentifully and faithfully. Never put water to such a grease spot, or liquid of any kind.

The success of an orchard depends greatly on its early treatment. Culture, pruning, and manuring are most important during the first few years; a lack of them at which time can never be atoned for by subsequent care.

Pruning that was omitted last fall should be attended to as soon as the weather will permit. Grape vines need to be pruned long before the buds begin to swell. The currant and gooseberry bushes start growing early, and should be pruned before they begin to grow.

Screws may be readily removed from wood-work if they are first heated at their outer extremities, by applying an iron rod for two or three minutes. The kitchen poker will answer the purpose. Nails may be driven into hard wood if their points are first dipped into lard.

A lady, noted as a model house-keeper, on being asked by a friend how she was able to manage everything so easily and so well, replied, "My dear, you must know that the root of power is knowledge. Because I know how things ought to be done, I get them done."

A regatta at Eresham, England, was followed by sixty-eight cases of typhoid fever among persons who attended it. An investigation developed the fact that nearly every one had drunk lemonade at a refreshment stand, the proprietor of which had mixed the beverage with water from a disused well that was closed because it was known to be foul.

A good way to save washing, and at the same time to make a pretty covering for a bed, is to cover your turkey red or blue or pink "comforts" with Nottingham lace. Very pretty patterns, either striped or with small figure, can be bought for 12 cents a yard. You have no idea how it will keep dust from the quilt and obviate the necessity of a white spread. For children's beds this is highly recommended.

Silos are most commonly weighted down with stones or earth, loose or in barrels or boxes. Earth spread on about six inches or a foot thick is claimed to be preferable to stones or any rigid material, in this respect that it accommodates itself to irregularities in the settling of ensilage, hence, fewer air spaces are left. From 100 to 300 pounds pressure to the square foot are used. Screw-power pressure has not generally been approved.

In planting an orchard, thoroughly plow and pulverize the whole field and work manure into the soil as far as a grain crop. It can hardly be too rich; only avoid putting the manure in contact with the roots of the trees. Set the trees about as deep as they grew in the nursery rows; many die out from too deep setting. Fill all the interstices of the roots with fine soil and tramp it down carefully around them. It is better to mulch heavily than to water frequently in dry weather.

The Scientific American says that a pal varnish applied to soles of shoes and repeated as it dries until the pores are filled and the surface shines like polished mahogany, will make the shoes waterproof, and last as long as the uppers. The New England Farmer adds that one of the best things for farm boots is an outer sole or tap of wood, thoroughly dried, soaked in linseed oil and screwed to the bottom of the boot. It isn't elegant, but it does keep the cold from striking through the bottom of the boot.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY.

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If you have nausea, want of appetite, flatulency, dizziness, feverish symptoms, you are suffering from constiveness, and Hop Bitters is the Sure Cure. If you feel nervous, or depressed, if you have a feeling of general lassitude and weakness, are easily fatigued, perspire freely on going to sleep, are short of breath in every slight effort and have a general feeling of melancholy or depression, you are suffering from general debility and Hop Bitters removes it all.

If you have a sense of weight or fullness in the stomach; a changeable appetite—sometimes voracious, but generally feeble; a morbid craving; low spirits after a full meal, with severe pain for some time after eating, wind rising on the stomach; sour stomach; vomiting and fluttering at the pit of the stomach, and a soreness over it; nausea; headache, or some of these symptoms, you are suffering from Dyspepsia, and Hop Bitters will permanently cure you.

If you freeze one hour, burn the next, and sweat another; if you are suffering all the tortures of the Inquisition, one moment fearing you will die, and the next fearing you won't; if you have blue nails and lips, yellow eyes and ghastly complexion, you are suffering from that mysterious curse, Malaria, Malarial Fever, or Ague, and Hop Bitters will speedily cure you.

If you have a dry, harsh and yellow skin, a dull pain in the side, extending to the shoulder blade and pit of the stomach; a tenderness over the region of the liver; a sense of tightness and uneasiness about the stomach and liver; yellowness of the eyes; bowels irregular; a hacking, dry cough; irregular appetite; shortness of breathing; feet and hands cold; tongue coated white; a disagreeable taste in the mouth; low spirits; bioches on the face and neck; palpitation of the heart; disturbed sleep; heartburn; lassitude—if you have any of these symptoms you are suffering from Liver Complaint, and Hop Bitters only will cure you.

If you have a complaint which few understand and none can cure—catarrh of the bladder, an enfeebled condition; a gonorrhoea throughout the whole system; twitching of the lower limbs; a desire to fly to all pieces, and a fear that you will; a steady loss of strength and health—any of these symptoms show that you are suffering from that head-headed disease, nervousness, and Hop Bitters will effectually cure you.

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JAS. LANGILLE, Springfield, Annapolis Co., 1882. mar 2 Im

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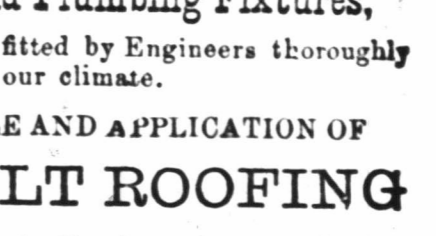
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