

tinued without interruption. And third, that the assembling of different classes and nationalities from surrounding villages at a return of the Pentecostal season gave them greater opportunities of diffusing the truth.

The first dissension in the Infant Church arose from the Grecian Jews complaining that their widows were neglected in not getting a fair share of the charities distributed by the Hebrew Jews residing in the city. The difficulty was wisely met and satisfactorily remedied by the appointment of seven Deacons to conduct the temporal affairs of the Church, and to assist in visiting and instructing the converts.

In answer to prayer, seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, properly fitted for the work, were all chosen from the Grecians, of whom Stephen, the proto-martyr, seems to have been the leading man. He became one of the most interesting and remarkable characters of the New Testament, although his deaconship was of short duration. He had eminent gifts, was a man of great controversial power, and became especially prominent and useful. Certain sects, inimical to Christ, disputed with Stephen; but not being able to resist his wisdom, and the spirit by which he maintained his doctrines, they resolved to get rid of him by making false accusations, and by suborning witnesses who would swear falsely, as they were told to do.

Stephen was arrested and brought before the Council, where false witnesses testified against him; and all looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel. See Ex. 34: 29, 30; and Luke 9: 29.

And yet, as we shall see in the next chapter, he was condemned and stoned to death!

The process of appointing Deacons in the Infant Church was simple and scriptural.

1st. The Church selected them for their piety and wisdom; not for their wealth or influence.

2nd. Having been selected, they were presented to the Apostles.

3rd. They were dedicated to the office by prayer for God's grace and guidance.

4th. And then the Apostles laid their hands on them, and thus set them apart for their sacred and important work; which was especially to assist the Apostles in providing for the bodies and souls of the destitute, and in promptly performing the manifold services connected with the Infant Church, now mightily increasing day by day. C. Y.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

(FOR SABBATH SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES.)

- K was a city smitten by a man to win a wife;
 L was the lawful husband of a Prophetess for life.
 M, though possessed by demons seven, Christ cured in Galilee;
 N was a gullant Captain cured of dreary leprosy.
 O was King David's herdsman who had camels in his care;
 P was a great Apostle, who would nobly die or dare.

ANSWERS FOR JUNE.—Y, Yarn; Z, Ziklag; A, Abinadab; B, Baal-berith; C, Caleb; D, Dan.

DEAR CHILDREN,—We are glad you are doing so well. Your answers are examined every month and carefully marked down, along with your names; and all of you that go on doing your very best every time, may be sure of an honour at last. Just so in your life: God marks down all you do; and if you put your trust in Him and do the right till the end, you will win. "He that endures to the end shall be saved."

REMINISCENCES OF A LONG LIFE.

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(Continued.)

IHAD been at no school before coming to America. The Parish school was more than ten miles distant from my father's house. There were two private schools in the Parish, but none of them nearer than ten miles. My brother Augus, who was about eight years older than I, was attending school for some years, and was a very good English scholar. The first of my schools was with a little Irishman named Patrick Dowling, who taught on Fraser's Mountain for a winter. With him I began reading and writing. He was a kind little fellow, and much liked by his pupils, who were all pretty well grown up. I do not know what became of him since. It was very difficult to get books or papers in those days. Dilworth's Spelling Book, Dilworth's Arithmetic, and the Bible, were the text books. I took great delight in reading, but it was not an easy matter to get hold of anything worth reading, besides these. I got hold somewhere of Buchanan's History of Scotland, and read