

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

MARCH 4.

PERSECUTION RENEWED.

1.—The death of Ananias and Sapphira was followed by such miracles by the Apostles, that great excitement was produced. These were almost entirely miracles of healing; for in addition to ordinary reasons for such miracles there was no doubt a wish on the part of the Apostles to do away with any unfavorable impression that the miraculous judgment on Ananias and Sapphira may have produced. The Jews would perceive that it was only the exception to use this miraculous power for punishing; while it was largely called into exercise for the sick and helpless, not only amongst Christians but the community at large.

Such a state of things was not likely to please some of the rulers. They were filled with indignation. In the Revised Version, this word is changed to "jealousy," an alteration which brings clearly out the cause of their indignation. They were jealous of the popularity of the Apostles and of their influence, not because of their own loss of prestige and authority, jealousy made them envious, and they prompted them to lay violent hands on the Apostles.

2.—The next morning the high priest called the Council together at an early hour, and officers were sent to bring the prisoners. But, although the doors were shut and the sentinels in their places, the dungeon was found empty. One can imagine their astonishment and perplexity. They had the evidence of their senses that everything looked as secure as on the previous night, and the guards at their posts evidently thought all was right and the prisoners secure within, and yet the place was empty. We can explain. An angel had been sent in the dead of the night to release the servants of Christ; he had opened the prison door and brought them out unperceived by any of their guards. Having liberated them, he instructed them to proceed to the temple, and proclaim the Word of Life as though nothing had occurred.

This fact was intended to deepen the impression already prevailing, that God was on their side. The people who saw them consigned to prison the night before, and yet found them calmly teaching in the early morning, must have known that they could have been released only by supernatural power. It was intended, too, to be a warning to their opponents in the direction afterwards pointed out by Gamaliel (verse 39). That it produced the greatest consternation in the Council when the officers returned, is evident (verse 24). The officers were immediately despatched to re-apprehend them; but it is noteworthy that the attitude of the people compelled them to do so without violence (verse 26).

3.—The high priest brought two charges against them. 1. They had disobeyed the mandate by which they had been prohibited from again preaching in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and had filled Jerusalem with their doctrines. 2. They set forth the claims of Jesus of Nazareth as to subject them (the Council) to the charge of having put an innocent man to death. Their anxiety that this responsibility should not be affixed to them is very striking when we remember that they had said "His blood be on us and on our children." (Matt. xxvii. 25.) The blood guiltiness was there, and nothing could efface it; but they are now as anxious to get rid of it, as they were formerly in their mad passion, reckless about themselves.

To both charges the Apostles, through their spokesman, Peter, could only plead guilty; but in no spirit of submission, and with no consciousness of real guilt. It was all as Peter said; they had taught that Jesus, whom their judges had slain, had done so because they had no choice but either to disobey the Council or disobey God. And moreover, this Jesus was exalted a Prince and a Saviour.

But the effect of it was only to harden them. They were cut to the heart in the wrong sense, and excitedly whispered to each other that on some pretext these men must be put to death. It was well that there was at least one amongst them whose judgment was not overriden by prejudice and passion. Gamaliel was of such reputation and influence that they felt compelled to listen to his advice. He laid down the indisputable principle that if this new doctrine were only of human origin, it would die out of itself—opposition to it in that case was quite unnecessary. But if it really were of Divine origin, then all they could do would never overthrow it, and by opposing it they would incur the guilt of fighting against God. In either case, therefore, the only wise course was to "refrain from these men and let them alone."

Notwithstanding, their bitter foes could not bring their minds to let the Apostles go without inflicting on them a cruel scourging; the only result of which was to lead them to rejoice that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for Christ.—M. Sunday-school Magazine.

EARLY RISING.

It is a mistake, says the London Lancet, to both rise early and late take rest. The rising early is good as a habit of life, if it does not mean robbing nature of her opportunity to recruit the exhausted strength of brain and body by prolonging sleep when that necessary luxury is at length enjoyed. There would appear to be some need of remonstrance on this score. The fashion of the day favors early rising and the manly "rubb," but those who rise early have, for the most part, sat up prodigiously late, and the tub is chiefly appreciated because it rouses the system, and makes it feel—and feelings are very deceptive—strong and vigorous. This is burning the candle at both ends. If we must sit up half the night, it would be better to sleep half the day than to rise betimes and go in for arduous labor after insufficient rest. Early rising is harmful without early resting.

CELERY.

An English woman proclaims a coked celery as a cure for rheumatism, which it certainly will not, but it is said to cure. We read as follows: "Celery coked, is a very fine dish, both as a nutrient and a purifier of the blood. I will not undertake to say that I have made any cure with celery for the medical men, but I like the coked celery, and I will not say that I have not made any cure with it. Let me feebly say that rheumatism is impossible on a coked celery. Plainly, let me say, that cold or damp never produces rheumatism, but simply develops it. The acid blood is the primary cause and the sustaining power of the evil. While the blood is alkaline there can be no rheumatism, and equally no gout. I must return to coked celery. Cut the celery into inch pieces and boil in water until soft. No water must be poured away unless drunk by the invalid. Then take new milk, slightly thicken with flour and flavor with nutmeg; warm with the celery in the saucepan. Serve up with diamonds of toasted bread around the dish, and eat with potatoes."

USEFUL HINTS.

Paint should be varnished, because it is then more easily cleaned.

Powdered alum sprinkled under the edges of a carpet is said to keep away moths.

All kinds of turnips that are for the home table ought to be packed in sand, so they will fully retain their plumpness and flavor.

A distinguished scholar says he owes his success to the faithful observance of this rule—always to believe that whatever could be done by any person could, if he would take sufficient pains, be done by him.

To make an excellent icing take the whites of two eggs and beat them to a stiff froth; add, a little at a time, half a pound of pulverized sugar and beat thoroughly for half an hour; flavor with lemon.

Dr. Lyndon, of Georgia, suggests a mustard plaster on the chest in the early stages of small-pox to attract the eruption there and save the face. He has seen one case of small-pox eruption localized in this way.

To remove a grease spot from silk, lay it on a thick pad of tissue or blotting paper, cover it with another similar pad and press it under a moderately hot iron. The surface around the iron must be protected, or the heat may change the color of the silk.

It is a good rule to accept only such medicines as have, after long years of trial, proved worthy of confidence. This is a case where other people's experience may be of great service, and it has been the experience of thousands that Ayer's Cherry Balm is the best cough medicine ever used.

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