

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

FEBRUARY 11.

NONE OTHER NAME. ACTS 1. 1-47.

1.—While Peter was still speaking a number of priests and Sadducees, led by the captain of the temple, appeared and took the two Apostles into custody. No doubt the desire to close the mouths of these new preachers had been growing in the minds of the enemies of Jesus since the Day of Pentecost. Now the collection of an excited crowd within the precincts, and Peter's presuming to preach to them there, gave them what they thought a sufficient pretence. There were three parties actuated by different motives. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection from the dead, or a future state, and thus were naturally opposed to a religion which rested all its claims upon the avowed resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Pharisees were the chief opponents of Jesus because His teachings exposed the error of their opinions and practices. Each aspect of the truth met with its own opponents. There were also priests amongst those who interfered—in fact, some of the priests were Sadducees—and were no doubt offended that unauthorised teachers should presume to address a crowd in the temple porch. These combined parties acted under cover of the authority of the captain of the temple, whose office was to preserve order within the temple precincts. On a charge of encouraging disorderly conduct, no doubt, the two Apostles were lodged in prison.

The miracle and the discourse had, however, produced a great effect. Many believed, and the infant church was so increased that it now numbered five thousand men (ver. 14). In this reckoning, the women seem for some reason to have been excluded. Further on they are specially mentioned (Chap. v. 14).

2.—The next morning a formal meeting of the Sanhedrim was held. The rulers, elders, and scribes, i. e., the members of the Sanhedrim, met together in Jerusalem; and certain distinguished individuals were there. Annas, called the high priest, was not actually so, having been deposed by the Roman authorities, and Caiaphas, his son-in-law, appointed in his place (John xviii. 13.) Who the other two mentioned (ver. 6) were, is not known, but the kindred of "the high priest," also mentioned, shows what a dominant influence Annas and his family had in the council.

Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, hesitated not to declare, in reply to their question, in whose name and by whose power the lame man had been cured, as boldly and as fully as when preaching to ordinary people. He who had not found courage to tell the council that Jesus of Nazareth, whom they had crucified, had been raised from the dead, and was the only true Saviour, had in the same place been so overcome with terror at the mere suspicion of being a disciple that he had three times denied his Master.

3.—The first perplexity of the council was the boldness of Peter and John whom they perceived to be unlearned and ignorant men. Their whole bearing and address were altogether unlike what they expected from their prisoners. And the terms unlearned and ignorant are scarcely to be taken in the ordinary signification. There was no betrayal of ignorance in Peter's defence, but they perceived that they did not belong to the educated classes of Jewish society. Their astonishment was, no doubt, increased as Peter reversed the positions of judges and prisoners and instead of speaking as an accused man, proceeded to bring the gravest accusations against those who were sitting to try him. Their perplexity was increased by the lame man standing with the prisoners. He had probably been sent for in the hope that they might discover some flaw in the alleged miracle, or elicit something condemnatory of the apostles as they had on a previous occasion sent for a man born blind (John ix.) But with the man, whom they all knew from the conspicuous place in which he formerly lay in the temple gate, standing there so erect and strong, "they could say nothing against it." Their perplexity resolved itself into the practical question. What they were to do to these men? It is evident that they would have denied it if they could, but as the proof was too strong, and there was no ground on which to punish the Apostles, they resolved to threaten them and let them go.—Wesleyan S. S. Magazine.

THE STAIRS.

A New York physician thinks there is a connection between hastily ascending stairs, and heart disease. He says: "The greater care is necessary in his matter for people with any heart trouble, either latent or developed. There certainly are among our business and professional men, many afflicted with some form of heart trouble which has often been induced by severe attacks of rheumatism or kidney disease. I have not known a case of heart disease which was attributed alone to ascending stairs. Of course the first effect of running or rapidly ascending, is shortness of breath. That means that the legs and arms are moving quickly, while the motion of the heart not having caught up, is slower. So a load of

blood from the limbs is suddenly thrown upon the heart, before it begins to move rapidly enough to dispose of it. The undue burden suddenly put on the heart and the temporary congestion in the lungs, caused imperfect action on their part, and we experience what is known as shortness of breath. This is what every one has felt running up stairs to catch a train. But, if the heart is perfectly sound, this exertion will not cause disease. But persons with weak hearts, should go very carefully.

FRUIT TREE CULTURE.

The Canadian Farmer gives the following points in reference to fruit culture. 1st. Instead of "trimming up" trees, according to the old fashion, to make them long legged and long armed, trim them down so as to make them even, snug and symmetrical. 2d. Instead of manuring heavily in a small circle at the foot of the tree, spread the manure, if needed at all, broadcast over the whole surface, especially where the ends of the roots can get it. 3d. Instead of spading a small circle about the stem, cultivate the whole surface broadcast. 4th. Prefer a well pulverized, clean surface in an orchard, with a moderately rich soil, to heavily manuring and a surface covered with a hard crust and weed and grass. 5th. Remember that it is better to set out ten trees with all the necessary care to make them live and flourish, than to set out a hundred trees and have them all die from carelessness. 6. Remember that tobacco is a poison and will kill insects rapidly if properly applied to them, and is one of the best drugs for freeing fruit trees rapidly of small vermin—and is better used in this way than to make men repulsive and diseased.

USEFUL HINTS.

Bones sufficient to fertilize ten acres are scattered about most farms.

Kerosene should be used to remove gum from axle-trees before oiling.

Tepid water is produced by combining two-thirds cold and one-third boiling.

In washing muslins and lawns put a little pulverized borax in the water and use but little soap.

It is worth while for all farmers everywhere to remember that thorough culture is better than three mortgages on their farms.

In setting fence posts in the spring wash the part that is to enter the ground with boiled linseed oil and pulverized charcoal, bringing it to the consistency of cream.

If salmon is not put in the water in which it is to be boiled until the water is boiling, the meat will be nicer in every way. It will be more firm, and keeps its shape better.

Serviceable and pretty coverings for the sofa parlor in the common sitting room are made by using the plaid or striped Turkish towels which are so inexpensive and yet so pleasing to the eye.

Plant red raspberries at least four feet apart each way, or six feet one way and three the other when allowing them to grow like a hedge. Black raspberries are set not less than seven by four feet apart, and farther if possible.

The cluster of eggs that may be found on apple tree limbs should be picked off during open weather in winter, and thus prevent the hatching of the tent caterpillar. The eggs appear to be varnished; but such is not really the case, since a slight coat of varnish or oil would destroy their vitality by excluding the air.

To swell the currants for cakes, after they are picked, pour boiling water over them, and let them stand, covered over with a plate for two minutes, drain away the water, throw the currants on a cloth to dry them, and do not use until they are cool. Or, after being picked and washed, put them on a dish in a cool oven with the doors open; turn about occasionally. Sultanias are to be prepared for cakes in the same way.

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