

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

JANUARY 14.

THE DESCENDING SPIRIT.

ACTS 11. 1-21.

I.—We find the disciples "all with one accord in one place." But we must not lose sight of the fact that ten days had elapsed. As their Master had told them that they should receive the Holy Ghost not many days after His ascension, but had not made known the exact time, it is probable that they had remained together the whole time, waiting in earnest expectation for the fulfilment of the promise. The previous chapter shows us that part of the time was spent in consultation respecting the duties about to devolve on them; but most of it was no doubt spent in prayer. They did not think it needless to pray because they had such definite promises, that the Holy Ghost should be given them to rely upon. They remembered, also, that He Himself had prayed, and was still praying to the Father to bestow this special gift upon them (John xv. 16). Learn from this that there is no blessing promised in such a way as to make its bestowal independent of our prayers. For every blessing, temporal and spiritual, and especially for the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit, we are to ask that we may have.

The delay of ten days before the fulfilment of the promise was no doubt intended as a test. It was not until the morning of the Feast of Pentecost, the second first day of the week after their Master had been taken from them, that the promise was fulfilled. And still "they were all of one accord in one place." What a noble example of persevering prayer, and of patient faith.

2.—The rushing mighty wind, and the cloven tongues of fire, were outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual gifts now imparted to the Apostles. The gift was to be an endowment by the Holy Ghost of "power from on high," and both these symbols were strikingly suggestive of power. They are both Old Testament symbols of the Holy Spirit. It is suggested by high authority, that the influence felt by the disciples was a "supernatural inbreathing," which must have recalled their Master's act when He breathed on them, and said, "receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John xx. 22). What the disciples saw would, perhaps, be described in modern phrase as a shower of fiery tongues, coming they knew not whence, lighting for a moment on each head, and then vanishing.

"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." That Divine Spirit, of whose gracious influences they had previously been sufficiently conscious to lead them to desire and pray for the fullness of it, now, for the first time, filled their entire being—"penetrated to the inner depths of personality, stimulating every faculty and feeling to a new intensity of life." By this influence they felt carried out of themselves, "thinking thoughts and speaking words which were not their own, and which they could hardly even control. They had passed into a state which was one of rapturous ecstasy and joy. We must not think of the gift as confined to the Apostles. The context shows that the writer speaks of all who were assembled, not excepting the women as sharers in it." We must think of a similar transformation in all cases in which we meet with the expression, "filled with the Holy Ghost." It was in this sense and measure, and not in regard to His ordinary influences, that the Holy Ghost was not yet glorified" (John vi. 39).

3.—It was also necessary that there should be some manifestation of Divine power to arrest attention and accredit them as Divine messengers. Nothing could be more appropriate than the gift of intuitively speaking in languages other than their own. Jerusalem was at the Feast of Pentecost usually filled with strangers from distant parts, and we find that such was the case on this occasion (verses 5, 9-11). The men who had come from the distant places of Europe, Asia, and Africa, were either naturalized Jews, or Jewish proselytes, and spoke the languages of the countries from which they had come. It is easy to understand, therefore, the commotion raised in the streets of Jerusalem when these one hundred and twenty disciples went out, and began relating their wonderful experience of the Divine power, in the languages of the persons they were addressing. There had been conflicting opinions as to the real nature of this miraculous gift, but the matter seems plain and simple if we only keep to the narrative before us. It was a power of speaking in any language needed "the wonderful works of God." When we consider the difficulties of learning a foreign language, we shall be less impressed with the manifestation of Divine power in this gift. As the gift was given to all Galileans, the apostles went soon spread, until a great multitude, eagerly discussing the matter, was gathered together. In the midst of this multitude Peter proceeded to give the explanation of all that had occurred.—Wesleyan S. S. Magazine.

TO BECOME STRONG.

In the summer of 1872 it was necessary to shift the rails on upwards of five hundred miles of permanent way on the Great Western line from the broad to narrow gauge, and there was only a fortnight to do it in. The work to be got through was enormous. About three thousand men were employed, and they worked double time, sometimes from four in the morning until nine at night. Not a soul was sick, sorry or drunk, and the work was accomplished within a fortnight. What was the extraordinary support of this wonderful spurt of muscular energy? Weak oatmeal gruel. To spare every ounce of strength, the men were butted along the line and brought with them bacon, bread, cheese, cocoa, etc., to provide their usual times.

There was no beer, spirits or alcoholic drink in any form. A pound and a half of oatmeal and a half-pound of sugar were allowed to each man daily, and to each gang of twenty-one men a cook was told off. The first thing done in the morning was to breakfast; the cook with his cauldron started along the line till water was found convenient, and a fire-place of stones built and the pot boiled. The thirsty men liked it exceedingly, and learned by experience the importance of having it well cooked. Here is a very old and well-known agent cheap enough and easily procured, capable of imparting "staying powers," better probably, than anything else, which is not employed to anything like the extent it might be with advantage.

FARM WAGGONS.

A writer says that a year's experience with broad wagon-wheels is conclusive as to their value. A four-inch tire will carry two tons over soft ground with greater ease to the team than a two-and-a-half inch tire will carry one ton. The wheels are not so much strained by stones and rough tracks on the road, and the road is not cut up, but, on the contrary, is packed down and keeps smooth. The prevalent idea that the draught is increased by widening the tire is altogether baseless; on the contrary, a wide tire reduces the draught. The extra cost of the tire is repaid many times over every year in the extra work that can be done by a team—Portland Oregon, Northwest Farmer and Dairman.

USEFUL HINTS.

A two-foot rule—Keep your feet dry.

Work well, work earnestly, but work judiciously in the temperance cause. Do not scold or abuse. Be gentle and kind but as firm as a rock.

Lemonade which is intended for a sick person should be strained. This is particularly necessary if there is any trouble with the stomach, as the rough fibres of the lemon are hard to digest.

Onions cut up with food for chickens are said to be an effectual remedy for chicken cholera. A little ground ginger mixed with their meal once every day or two is also beneficial when symptoms of cholera appear.

To make sauce for boiled rice, beat the yolks of three eggs into sugar enough to make it quite sweet. Add a teaspoon of cream and the grated peel and juice of two lemons. This is a good sauce for other puddings, especially corn starch pudding.

Professor Beal recommends to pack celery and other vegetables in damp moss for keeping through winter. It is said that vegetables thus packed will not only keep a long time, but retain their flavor and quality so well that they can hardly be distinguished from fresh ones.

A correspondent of the German-town Telegraph keeps rats out of his granary by daubing all the angles on the outside of the building with hot pine tar, to the width of three or four inches, and also any seam or crack where a rat or mouse can stand to gnaw. This is certainly a cheap expedient—if efficient.

The use of carrots for feeding horses is quite common, but this root is not fed as much to cows as it ought to be. Some of the cows that have made the largest butter and milk yields on record are fed largely on carrots. A peck of carrots a day is not an excessive ration, though it may appear to be so to the ordinary farmer. The crop is one that ought to be more used for this purpose.

INFORMATION.

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Public benefactors are not alone confined to the higher orders of scientific research. Indeed but few have done more for the welfare of the working classes than James Pyle through the introduction of his labor saving Pearlins. Jan. 5 1m.

For Coughs and Colds, use Allen's Lung Balsam. See adv. in another column. Dec 22 1m.

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