

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

APRIL 9.

DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.—Mark vi. 14-29.

This section of the chapter opens by telling us how the fame of Jesus had spread abroad, and what different people said about Him (verses 14-16). The most noteworthy of these sayings is that of Herod, who said that this new teacher must be John the Baptist risen from the dead. This shows the workings of a guilty conscience, for Herod had been the murderer of John under the circumstances narrated in the following verses of the section. Our notes on the subject are culled almost entirely from Dr. Morrison's quaint and graphic commentary.

Verses 17 to 27 constitute a long and intensely 'sensational' paragraph. Its sensationalism, however, is the quiet effluence of truth, not the noisy effluence of fiction. It is 'truth stranger than fiction'—deeply instructive truth, moreover, giving glimpses into scenes behind the curtain of court life, and revealing the hollowness of the pleasures that are founded on immorality. At the bottom of these pleasures there is an opening into a world of disappointment and woe. The paragraph is introduced into the narrative to account for Herod's notion regarding Jesus. It would, however, be greatly introduced by the Evangelist, partly because of the intensely striking character of the facts narrated, and partly because of the opportunity which it afforded for giving information regarding John the Baptist, who stood in so intimate a relationship to our Lord.

The reason why Herod had shut John up in prison is very explicitly stated. It was at the instigation of Herodias, who was deeply offended at John's having plainly reproved her sinful union with Herod. "It was a sadly scandalous affair all through. He was not only Philip's brother—he was also his guest, in Rome, at the time he stole Herodias's heart. He had, moreover, a wife of his own, to whom he had long ago been married, and who had been entirely faithful to him. She was the daughter of Aretas, King of Arabia. She fled to her father on discovering that it was the intention of her unfaithful lord to get divorced, that room might be made for her sister-in-law. A bloody war was the result; and a total and humiliating defeat was suffered by Herod. Thus hard in the long run is the way of transgressors."

It is very clear from verse 20 that John for a time had great influence over Herod, and that his conscience had been touched by his preaching. It is noteworthy that he heard him gladly and yet feared him. The monarch would feel that he was in the presence of 'an honest man' who was as great as he was good. It is often so with sinners still. They are attracted by the preaching of which they are afraid; they like to hear the truth, but are unwilling to give up darling sins.

It is probable that Herod would never have gone to the length of putting John to death, but for the unfortunate incident which was the immediate occasion of it. The incident gives evidence of a deep design on the part of Herodias to trap Herod under circumstances when he was probably not altogether sober, into making such a promise as he did, and which she had previously determined to make him keep on her own account for the gratification of her cruel revenge. 'This king was sorry; but his sorrow had come too late unless he was prepared to break his oath in the presence of all his guests. It would have been better if he had done this, for there is less sin in breaking an oath which never ought to have been made than in committing a crime in order to fulfil it; but Herod had not the moral courage to contend with the reproaches from Herodias and his guests if he had broken his rash promise. "Had Herodias instructed her daughter to demand Herod's own head, no doubt this pretended respecter of oaths would have exoused himself from the obligation." It is very likely that there were amongst the guests some of those persecutors of John through whose influence Herod had committed him to prison.—Sunday-School Magazine.

OVER-WORK AMONG WOMEN. One way in which women are over-worked by their own fault—a sin of ignorance frequently—is in the use of foolish clothing. We are all more or less in bondage here, for woman's dress is radically wrong. It is a weight and a hindrance everywhere. Clothing devised to suit the needs of the human body would be much more easily made and taken care of, and it would give a woman freer movement, greater ease and comfort about her work and play, and would be an aid to good health rather than, as now, a drag upon her strength. But a genuine reform cannot be made by any one woman, for it awaits the development of public opinion. But cannot we all lend a hand here, and say on all proper occasions, that woman's dress is absurd, and inconvenient, and unwholesome, and that we wish for something better? Most of us can put less work and care upon our trimmings, and none of us need wear a trained skirt, or one that touches the floor. We skirt, and we wear loose and warm clothing, and bear the weight upon our shoulders rather than over the hips. Various female weaknesses are supposed to be caused by active labor, by much standing upon the feet, by much climbing of stairs in the pursuit of one's daily industry. They may be aggravated by these causes, but they have been once induced, but I have serious doubts whether these weaknesses are often really attributable to the cause above named. Corsets

and heavy skirts are the real offenders. It is usually the case that the same work might have been done—the standing and the climbing—had the muscles of the body, both external and internal, been left free and unweighted by the clothing. How many feathers' weight are added to her burden of toil and worry by a woman's long skirts, as she goes about her work in-doors and out, up-stairs and down, around the kitchen fire, or cleaning the floors in an unsuitable dress?—American Agriculturist for March.

WARNING TO VACCINATED PEOPLE.

The Troy Times gives the following warning to persons who have recently been vaccinated: "Don't pick your nose with the finger that has shortly before come in contact with vaccine matter. A man in a neighboring village acted contrary to this rule, and as a result the matter took kindly to his nose, made the acquaintance of the membranes, spread all over his head, and he is now just able to leave his bed after a confinement of more than two weeks. A Glen's Falls' lady scratched the bite of an insect on her foot with the fingers that had been toying her vaccinated arm. The following day the foot swelled and shortly exceeded the size of the traditional Albany girl's feet. She was crippled for a month, and pinned away over the heart-rending prospect of wearing a No. 11 shoe for the remainder of her days, but finally recovered. These are practical hints on vaccine points, and will bear the caution they point out."

USEFUL HINTS.

In selecting beef, press your finger on it. If it retains the imprint of the finger, reject it.

Sunlight has an important bearing upon health. Introduce it freely into the house, and particularly into your sleeping rooms.

When the color of a fabric has been accidentally or otherwise destroyed by acid, ammonia is applied to neutralise the acid, after which an application of chloroform will, in almost all cases, restore the original color.

To make a plain fruit pudding, take one cup of sugar, one half cup of butter, and two eggs, and beat together, then add a cup of sour milk and one teaspoonful of soda, three cups of flour, and one cup of chopped raisins; spices to taste. Put in a mold and steam two hours.

The following is recommended as a cure for neuralgic headache: Squeeze the juice of a lemon into a small cup of strong coffee. This will usually afford immediate relief in neuralgic headache. Tea ordinarily increases neuralgic pain, and ought not to be used by persons affected with it.

Sour milk is an excellent bleacher. Place the garments in an earthen bowl or wooden pail and cover entirely with the milk. Let it remain two or three days, taking pains now and then to shake it thoroughly. Then after washing and boiling, it will be found of pure white. For tablecloths and napkins that have become stained and yellow, this is a good cure.

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