

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

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FEB. 10.—The Conversion of Lydia—Acts 16: 11-24.

Golden Text.—Whom heathen the Lord opened, that he would add unto the things which were spoken of Paul—Acts 16: 11.

The central thing in these particular verses is the instructive account they give of a divine conversion; one in which the means and signs of the happy change are as clearly shown as is the blending in it of both divine and human agency.

But first note the "we" which, appearing in the tenth verse, is here repeated and runs through the remainder of the book.

Also note that the messengers of the gospel are now in Europe. They have crossed the narrow sea which separates Asia Minor from Greece.

Passing to the main point of the narrative, we find an unwearied Apostle.

1. Seeking work.—This was not for himself or in his own interest. It was love to Christ and to souls which impelled his steps.

Was Paul destitute of historic interest and literary taste? That nowhere appears. But what does appear is that he was fired by a nobler passion than that which kindles the selfish breasts of most modern sight-seeking tourists.

At Philippi his first need was to learn the character and religious opportunities of the place, and perhaps to procure something to do at his trade.

2. Gathering fruit.—Among those who had resort to the place of prayer, was a woman, named Lydia, whose trade had brought her hither from the distant city of Thyatira in Asia Minor.

Note the process of the change. (a) She "heard." That which she heard was the gospel. The demonic spoken of further on, testified that it related to "the way of salvation."

Note the signs that the change was a true conversion. (a) "She was baptized." Openly, and in the appointed way, she confessed her trust in Christ, and owned her allegiance to him.

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Note how this fruit was gathered; not by a formal discourse, but by religious conversation.

3. Silencing a troubler.—The troubler, in this instance, was a demoniac, subject to demonic possession. An evil spirit either enabled her to foretell the future, or stirred her up to pretend to do it.

4. Suffering for well-doing.—The troublesome demoniac, who followed Paul, was a slave not to an evil spirit only, but to a company of masters who, with demonic selfishness, made gain of her fortune-telling.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

- 1. There is no excuse for religious idlers; seekers after work find it.
2. The most effective preaching is to little groups, and single hearers.
3. One hearing sufficed for Lydia. Let workers seek and expect sudden conversions.

SOMETHING new in a conductor's outfit has recently been introduced on one of the Brooklyn horse car lines. In the fair-recording apparatus swung from their necks, so the passengers can see his fair noted, is a fixed watch, so the passenger can also see the time.

A Strange Story.

A PROEMINENT VIRGINIA SOCIETY LADY AFTER POSING AS A WOMAN 38 YEARS ACKNOWLEDGES HERSELF A MAN.

One of the best known ladies of the Shenandoah Valley, Va., has turned out to be a man. Miss Elizabeth Rebecca Payne, daughter of the late Joseph Payne, seven miles from Winchester, who has lived for thirty-eight years as a lady, suddenly avowed herself to be a few days since a man, and startled J. P. Reilly, clerk of the county court, by applying for a license to marry a Miss Hinton, who had resided in the Payne family as a domestic.

His sisters were distinguished for their culture and personal charms and several of them married prominent gentlemen.

Rebecca Payne devoted himself to the management of a farm and to the supervision of a store which he had established at Rest, where he also held the appointment of postmistress. He also dealt in cattle and horses and became an expert in that way.

When Payne proved his real sex by producing the certificate of Dr. P. W. Maguire of Winchester, the license was said refused on the ground that Virginia law compels a man to have given names which show his sex before he can act as a man before the law.

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OF UNSEATED LANDS.

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Table listing land parcels with columns for Acres, Per. (Percentage), Redeemable Name, and Bidder Name. Includes entries for John M. Hall, James M. Hall, and many others.

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S. P. HUBBARD, M. D.

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