PAUL AT ICONIUM AND LYSTRA Sunday School Lesson for May 16, 1909

Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.-Acts 14:1-28. Memory verses 21, 22. GOLDEN TEXT .- "All the gods of the

nations are idols; but the Lord made the heavens,"-Psalm 96:5.

TIME .-- Immediately after the last lesson. Perhaps in the autumn of A. D. 47. PLACE .- Lycaonia, in southern Galatia. Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, with a return to Antioch and Perga, and thence to Antioch in Syria.

Suggestion and Practical Thought. The greater the work a man endeavors to do, the greater the obstacles that he will meet, and the more numerous they will be. It is a principle of physics that resistance increases as the square of the velocity. Paul's work, like that of all true Christians, was very great, and therefore it encountered formidable obstacles.

But these hindrances were overcome, in Christ's strength; and the process of overcoming them strengthened Paul, as it will strengthen us. "A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against and not with the wind. Even a head wind is better than none."-John Neal.

"A great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks (Jewish proselytes) believed;" but there were "unbelieving Jews" (R. V. "disobedient" to the truth), who prejudiced the Gentile populace against the missionaries by their calumnies. For this double reason ("therefore," v. 3) Paul and Barnabas remained at Iconium a "long time," probably several months, since (1) there were so many converts to be instructed in their new faith, and (2) that faith was evidently to be tried by severe opposition and would need to be strengly re-enforced by instruction. Finally, bowever, the hatred of the Jewish rulers and of the Gentiles whom they influenced (not the Gentile rulers, see v. 5) became so inflamed with the missionaries' bold speech and increasing success that a plot was formed to stone them as blasphemers. Getting knowledge of this, and mindful of Christ's command (Matt. 10:23) to flee from persecution, Paul and Barnabas escaped, going first to "Lystra," 18 miles south-southwest of Iconium, and then to the Derbe, 20 miles to the southeast of Lystra.

Stories of the gods coming down to man were common among the Greeks and other races. "Like distorted and obscure reflections in muddy water, they give a blurred image of the great truth."-Maclaren. They show that Christ's coming was in response to a universal need. One of these tales was of the visit of Jupiter and Mercury to this very Lycaonia. The people thought them to be poor vagrants, refused to entertain them, ridiculed and maltreated them. At last they came to the hut of the poor peasants, Baucis and Philemon, who received them hospitably and entertained them with the best they had. In return, the gods transformed their hut into a glorious temple over which they were set as the chief ministers of worship, while the churlish neighbors were punished by a terrible flood which overwhelmed them. The statue of Jupiter stood before the gate of Lystra, and Ewald suggests that this story of Baucis and Philemon may have been recited year by year at the great festival in this temple. They "persuaded the people." "Probably they influenced the multitudes to regard the miracle, the reality of which they could not dispute, as the work not of beneficent gods, but of evil demons."--Expos. Greek Testament, They raised a mob, which "stoned Paul," whose bold speech had centered hostility upon himself. What memories of the stoning of Stephen ten or eleven years before must have passed through Paul's mind! "Transformed into a howling mob, like those which even in Christian America shoot negroes, Chinamen and Italians, the quondam worshipers left Paul ready, as they supposed, for the cremation fires or the vagrant dogs."-William Elliot Griffs, L. H. D. Perhaps, as the stoning of Stephen must have moved Paul toward Christianity, the stoning of Paul was the turning point in the life of Timothy. The young man may have been among "the disciples who stood round about him," to give what aid they could, and care for his body if he were really dead. Note the sudden change in the feelings of the people toward Paul, and compare it with the revolution in the attitude of the people of Jerusalem toward Christ, from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify him!" Compare also the sudden change in the minds of the people of Malta, Acts 28:4-6. The lesson is "not to rate very highly human praise; not to be greatly depressed by human censure. Had Paul been desperately anxious to please Lystra, I fancy that that stoning would have killed him."-Morrison.

STREET CORNER ASTRONOMER. Old London Character Who Is Patronized by Peers of Parliament and Other Notables.

London .-- Close to the houses of parliament in London at the entrance to Westminster bridge, stands a man with a telescope. His name is George Crocker, and he might properly be called the "parliamentary astronomer royal." Most of the old members of the house of commons and not a few noble lords who attend the upper fegislative chamber have peeped through Crocker's star-gazer. For more than fifteen years he has held his post. The police have, on one or two occasions, tried to oust the astronomer, but



Old London Street Corner Astronomer.

Crocker is not a man who is moved easily, and his "pull" with members of parliament has been so strong that the police have had to let him alone. Crocker is one of the few interesting 'types" of character left to London in these days of modernity. He is a ruddy-faced, jovial looking man of 60, whom communion with the stars has provided with a fund of philosophy all his own.

"Yes, I have seen a good many changes in my time," he said recently. "I have stood for many years at the entrance to this bridge, and you would be surprised at the number of wellknown folk who have come to my telescope to have a penny peep at the stars, or else, on cloudy nights, to have a look at the face of 'Big Ben'the largest clock dial in the world.

"I have made a fair living from my telescope since I started 15 years ago. In fact, this is my second instrument. It cost me \$200-all saved up from pennies collected here on the bridge. was encouraged to buy the new instrument by Sir Robert Ball, the famous astronomer royal. He came to the bridge one night and had a look through, paying his penny in the usual way. He had a good, long look, and I thought of charging him extra. Then he began to move the machine around and find stars for himself. You know, don't usually allow customers to work the instrument. However, I didn't say much, and, after awhile, he

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To Help Him Save.

H. H. Rogers plunged into the polltics of Fairhaven last month in order to secure prohibition for the beautiful Massachusetts town that is his birthplace.

"Mr. Rogers is against drinking," said a Fairhaven man. "He thinks, for one thing, that drinking brings on extravagance and thriftlessness.

"Mr. Rogers stopped and shook hands with me on the street the other morning.

'Glad to see you out again,' he said. 'Hope you'll vote the right ticket. You've been sick, haven't you?' "'Yes,' said I. 'Stomach trouble. I guess I won't get to the Easter blowout. The doctor has ordered me to

give up champagne." "'You haven't paid his bill, yet, eh?'

said Mr. Rogers, and he walked off chuckling."

An Error. He had dined exceedingly well and this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886. began to tell me a lot about certain was standing in the hotel lobby, hatstars. He spoke of 'distances' and less, and looking exactly as if he were



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'diameters' in a way that soon showed me that he knew all there was to know about astronomy.

"When he left he gave me some cards to a lecture which 'Sir Robert Ball' was to deliver at the Royal institute. I did not know at the time that he himself was Sir Robert, but when I got to the Royal institute I saw that the famous scientist and my customer were one and the same person. He laughed at the joke, and then he talked to me about my telescope. He said it wasn't up to much and advised me to get a new one. I attended a lot of his lectures and I became so interested that I took up the study of astronomy seriously. As soon as I got well into it I saw that my old instrument was indeed a poor one, and I began to save up to buy a new one. I managed in the course of a few years to get together the necessary cash. Sir Robert told me where to buy my new instrument and the best kind to buy for the money. Thus I set up the present one.

"I have had a lot of people besides astronomers to look through my machine. The Rt. Hon. John Burns often stops and has a peep through on his way home from parliament at nights. Though a cabinet minister, he often walks home across Westminster bridge at night all the way to Battersea-a good hour's walk. He likes to have a peep at the stars and a chat. "Then again, I have had Sir Benjamin Stone, Lord Rosebery, Balfour and lots of others to look through.

They always have a word or two with me and pay their pennies like the rest of folks-sometimes a little more."

Towboats on Western Rivers.

Some of the inland towboats reach huge proportions. The largest ever built to ply the western rivers tows coal on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. It is made almost exclusively of steel and is twice as powerful as the have tried at different times about next largest boat. The coal towing capacity of this peculiarly constructed steamer when in barges holding 12,000 bushels each would cover an area equal to a city block.

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Touched All Right.

"Isn't it pathetic after all, the story of the poor farmer, robbed of his little all by the green goods pirate?" "I must admit there is something touching about it."

quite at home there. It was no wonder that the hotel guest walked up to kim and inquired imperiously:

"Where's the news stand?" "Dunno." The guest glared.

"I'll report you for insolence," he

hissed. "Huh?" inquired he who had dined

well. "R'port m'?" "Say, what are you? A bellboy of a detective or-what?"

"I'm a haberdasher," answered the other, with a pleasant smile.

The other snorted and withdrew.

Work of Fish Hatcheries.

As the result of special efforts in the hatchery work during the year the output of fish and eggs in 1908 was greater than ever before in the history of the national bureau, reaching a total of 2,871,456,280. Of this number 2,413,809,225 were young fish distributed for the stocking and restocking of public and private waters, and the remaining 457,647,055 were eggs delivered to state and foreign hatcheries. The output of young fish exceeds the greatest previous record for any one year by 376,000,000.

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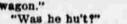
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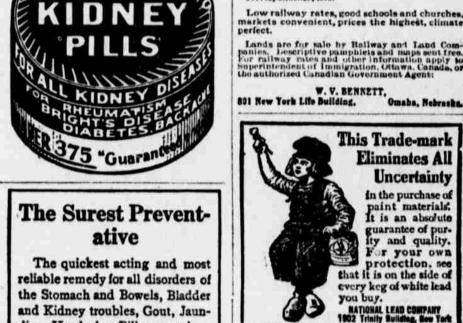
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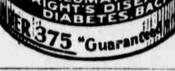


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