Sunday School Lesson

July 15—Lesson III—The Conversion of Saul, Acts 22: 6-16. Golden Text—This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Tim. 1: 15.

ANALYSIS

I. THE APPEARANCE OF CHRIST, Acts 22:6-9.

II. THE SURRENDER OF SAUL, 10-16.

INTRODUCTION—The conversion of Saul was one of the most tremendous spiritual experiences ever known, while it was also one of the most influential events in the history of the Early Church. It is related three times at length in Acts, and there are at many indirect references to it in the New Testament. This admission of Paul to the church brought into her ranks the most distinguished of the younger leaders of the Jews, and created a great impression throughout the Jewish world. His great ability and zeal were now placed at the disposal of the Christians, and he did more than any other to carry the gospel into new regions. More liberal teachings on God, man and nature appear with him, and Christian theology and [illegible] assume new proportions. By his self-denying labor, by his natural endowments, by his early training and absolute surrender to Christ, Paul became the greatest of the apostles.

I. THE APPEARANCE OF CHRIST, Acts 22:6-9.

V. 6. Night into Damascus. Saul's determination to stamp out this new sect had led him to undertake a journey to Damascus, an important city outside Palestine, but near enough to learn [illegible] of the things that were happening. He told how the Christians were in that northern capital, probable that pilgrims had gone up to the Pentecost and had come into touch with the new faith and had carried home the [illegible] when they returned. There [illegible] separate churches, but kept up the old customs, only adding [illegible] the worship of Jesus [illegible]. They had been left in [illegible] this visit which now threatened with ruin.

[illegible] light. This light was supernatural, coming direct from God due [illegible] immediate manifestation of [illegible] he now came to call his new [illegible]. This was therefore, not [illegible] a fiction of the imagination, a [illegible] vision; but a real appearance of the glorified Christ. There are [illegible] such appearances in the New Testament. The first was during the life of Jesus on earth on the Mount of Transfiguration. One came to Stephen, one to John at Patmos, and this, the fourth. In his subsequent life Paul often spoke of this manifestation made to him, and among the other claims made by him of his apostolic standing is that he had seen the Lord.

V. 7. Heard a voice. There are slight differences in the three narratives as given in Acts 9:1-19; 22:6-16; 26:12-18, but these can be explained without much difficulty. Saul distinctly hears his name called in the Hebrew tongue, and the question that follows is a direct and searching one: "Why persecutest thou me?" His attack on the members of his church is an attack on Christ who is now crowned in heavenly glory. In the other narratives the words are added, "It is hard for thee to kick against the goad," as if Paul's mind was not at ease. He could not take real joy in inflicting such ruin, while the patient endurance of the converts must have appealed to him. He was going against his better nature.

V. 8. Who art thou, Lord? The question has often been asked whether Paul had ever seen Jesus during the days of his flesh, and a verse in 2 Cor. 5:16, is quoted, "Though I have known Christ after the flesh"—but even if this were the case, the present vision was quite different, since Jesus had risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, so that this was the vision of the glorified Christ.

I am Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was known among his enemies as the Nazarene, and he thus uses this term to make it clear to Saul that he is the very Jesus whom formerly Saul had regarded with such anger and contempt.

II. THE SURRENDER OF SAUL, 10-16.

V. 10. What shall I do? This expresses both the surprise of one overwhelmed with the great change that has come to him, and also the great energy of this man who henceforth will throw himself, with whole-heartedness into the new duties which he has to face. There is much to be done, but first of all Saul must go into the city not as a persecutor, but as a follower of Christ.

V. 12. One Ananias. The character of this man is given in brief, but suggestive words. Evidently he was a leader among the Christians and was also held in high regard by all the Jews. From the other accounts we learn of the dread which Ananias felt in undertaking this commission, for the evil fame of Saul had preceded him.

V. 14. God of our fathers. The God of the Christians is the same God who had guided and blessed Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and this God will so bestow his grace upon Paul, that great results will follow: 1. In Jesus. Paul is to find out the will of God. 2. Jesus is the righteous one, one who fulfills all the hopes of Israel and who will meet all the needs of mankind. 3. Jesus will give him explicit directions for his work. 4. The great world beyond the Jews will also hear of the wonderful salvation of God.

V. 16. Be baptized. This is the natural consequences of Saul's conversion, for it is the outward symbol of entrance into the church. He is now one of the disciples, ready to undertake whatever task his Master assigns to him.

Robbing the Mails

Toronto Mail and Empire (Cons.): The successful hold-up in the Union Station has been a revelation to most people. There was an idea that a mail coach loaded with treasure would be guarded by men with loaded guns. The public are amazed to learn that there was in that mail coach hundreds of thousands of dollars to be had just for the taking. The gunmen would not be so successful if the Government were not so slack a trustee.

"Do you think it is unlucky to marry on Friday?" "Certainly. Why should Friday be an exception?"

Byng of Vimy Will be Head of London Police

Scotland Yard to Have Canada's Ex-Governor-General at Their Head

RESULT OF SHAKE UP

London.—Viscount Byng of Vimy, former Governor-General of Canada, and one of the outstanding British Generals during the Great War, will become Commissioner of Police next autumn.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, to-day told the House of Commons that Sir William Horwood, the present Commissioner, will retire within a few months, and that Viscount Byng would succeed him.

Sir William Horwood was connected with the recent inquiry into charges against the police following the arrests of Sir Leo Money and Miss Irene Savidge in Hyde Park, but his retirement has nothing to do with this case.

The Government, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, pointed out, aimed at getting the best man possible. Viscount Byng had hesitated greatly before accepting the appointment, but finally accepted it as being a call to duty.

Viscount Byng made his great name in the world war, when in November, 1917, as commander of the third army on the west front, he broke the Hindenburg line to a depth of several miles along the St. Quentin line, taking thousands of prisoners. He was elevated to the peerage a year or two later and was appointed Governor-General of Canada in 1921, returning from that post in 1926.

This is the first time that an ex-Governor-General of a great Dominion and a member of the House of Lords has been called upon by the King to preside at the Scotland Yard.

Viscount Byng will be in control of 22,000 men policing an area of 700 square miles.

The Commissioner of Police is directly responsible to the Home Secretary, who himself decides what police tax shall be levied upon the metropolitan boroughs and parishes. The police forces in England are controlled by municipal or county police committees, but the State pays half the maintenance costs.

Though controlling such a large area the metropolitan force does not guard the one square mile of London City proper, which is like a little island in the big police area. It possesses its own force, controlled solely by the Corporation of London. This curious arrangement in regard to the financial district is said to work satisfactorily.

British Pupils to Visit Canada

Party of 25 Young Ladies from Secondary Schools on Tour

An educational party of unusual interest will travel throughout the Dominion, following their arrival at Quebec on August 11, and continuing until their departure from the same port on October 19, and during the interval they will cover the country from Halifax to Victoria, taking in all the important communities. This party will consist of 25 pupils of the public secondary schools of England, whose itinerary has been arranged through the enterprise of the Society for Overseas Settlement of British Women, aided by the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire and the Children of the Empire (Junior Branch).

The young ladies will come from upper class homes, and will be students of such colleges as Cheltenham and Rodean. The purpose of the trip is educational, and while in Canada all hospitality will be provided by the I.O.D.E.

The students will range in age between 17 and 19 years. Travelling to Canada they will be in charge of Miss Edith Thompson, head of the All-English women's hockey team.

Swedish Air Mail to England Starts

Stockholm.—The first Swedish air delivery of mail to England has been successfully completed, despite adverse weather conditions. The Swedish machine took off from Stockholm for Malmoe, in the southern province of Scania, where it awaited the arrival of the mail trains from Stockholm and Gothenburg before proceeding on its way to Hamburg. From Hamburg the machine hopped to Amsterdam and thence on to London. Mail sent from Stockholm in this manner arrives in London the following day in time for distribution for noon.

WORLD'S LARGEST LINER BEING BUILT IN BELFAST SHIPYARD

London.—Construction of the world's largest liner according to a dispatch in the Daily Express from Belfast, has begun in the yards of Harland & Wolff, Limited, for the White Star Line.

An official announcement says that the dimensions are not yet available, but it is understood the vessel will be larger than the Majestic, which is 915 feet long, with a gross tonnage of 56,000. The new liner is expected to be about 1,000 feet long and have a gross tonnage of 60,000. She will take between three and four years to construct and cost £7,000,000. The keel is to be laid this month.

The new liner is to be employed in the passenger service between Southampton and New York. No official information is available as to the type of propelling machinery to be installed.

Labor Leader and Daughters To Visit Canada

INTIMATE PHOTOS OF RAMSAY MacDONALD AND FAMILY

Canada is soon to be host to Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, former British Labor premier, and his three daughters, Ishbel, Sheila and Joan. They left on June 28 to spend a vacation at Lake of the Woods on the Ontario-Manitoba border. They will also visit Lord and Lady Willingdon and Mr. MacDonald will fill a number of speaking engagements. Above are shown Ishbel (at the wheel) who has taken an active part in her father's political campaigns, and her sister Sheila. A full length view of Ramsay MacDonald and Ishbel is also shown.

Clever Swindlers Make Big Haul

Get Away With $750,000 on Forged Bills of Exchange From London and Continental Banks

Biggest Thing in Years

London.—British and continental banking circles, thirsting for justice, have called on Scotland Yard and Belgian and French police for swift capture of a clever gang of swindlers who have mulcted British, Belgian and French banks of $750,000 in recent days.

Not since the famous Bidwell gang came to London from the U.S. 65 years ago and induced the Bank of England to part with $500,000 for forged bills of exchange have the bankers been so alarmed.

The present swindlers began their activities in London only recently. Within the last few days several banks in West London were presented with forged letters of credit on large amounts, all of which they honored except in one instance. This incident almost resulted in the capture of the cheaters in a similar manner as the Bidwell quartette, who were arrested when they presented an undated letter of credit for $125,000.

The banker told the member of this modern gang to return later while he examined the $50,000 bill of exchange, but the swindler failed to appear. At other banks, however, they were eminently successful and reaped a harvest of $300,000 in London alone.

When things got too hot for them in England they chartered an airplane at Croydon and flew to Brussels, where they fleeced Belgian banks in a similar manner to the sum of $100,000.

Chief Constable Wensley, of Scotland Yard, believes that a member of the criminal organization is employed in an Italian bank where the drafts are supposedly issued on London banks.

The British authorities describe one of the criminals as a native of Brazil or some other South American country. He is believed to be an international crook who has been convicted of similar frauds in France and the U.S. His name and description have been telegraphed to the Belgian police, who replied he was seen in Brussels soon after the arrival of the Croydon airplane. Close watch is being kept at all continental and English cities, seaports and airdromes.

Urge Premier King to Attend League

Colleagues Say He Should Represent Canada at Meeting

Ottawa.—Efforts are being made by his colleagues in the Cabinet and by others outside to have Premier King go to Geneva in September as Canadian representative at the League of Nations Assembly. Canada has always been represented there but never by a head of the Government.

Stress is laid on the fact that last year Canada was given a seat in the League Council and at the meeting. Meanwhile Senator Dandurand has filled it. In fact the Senator for years has been one of the delegates to the League and is a former head of the Assembly.

It is being represented that an English-speaking minister should go to the League Council this year and the Prime Minister is being urged to do so, but he is said to be disinclined.

Watch the garden for the insect visitors. A bug in time saves nine, and it saves the garden, too.

Pays Debts

Cornelius Vanderbilt Makes Sacrifice To Pay His Debts

Chicago—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., scion of one of America's oldest and foremost families, recently signed a unique legal document in Chicago, by which he relinquishes his inheritance of more than $1,000,000 in order to repay the stockholders of his defunct newspaper properties.

The money, left to young Vanderbilt by his maternal grandfather, the late Richard T. Wilson, and his paternal grandfather, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, is to be placed in a trust fund for the stockholders.

Previously young Vanderbilt gave up more than $900,000 of his personal fortune to meet issues incurred when the tabloid newspapers in Miami, Los Angeles and San Francisco failed.

SMART FROCKS FOR THE GROWING GIRL.

The distinctive feature of these two frocks is the circular flare introduced at the hip-line, giving the required fullness yet retaining a graceful flowing line. The popular two-piece effect is simulated in the frock worn in View A, although in this instance for practical purposes, the blouse and skirt are joined beneath the narrow belt. The round collar fits becomingly to the neck, and the long sleeves are gathered into a narrow band. The collar was omitted in View B and the short sleeves finished with a cuff. The diagram pictures the simplicity of pattern, No. 1175, which is in sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12 years. Size 8 years requires 2½ yards of 32-inch, or 2¾ yards of 36-inch material. Price 20 cents.

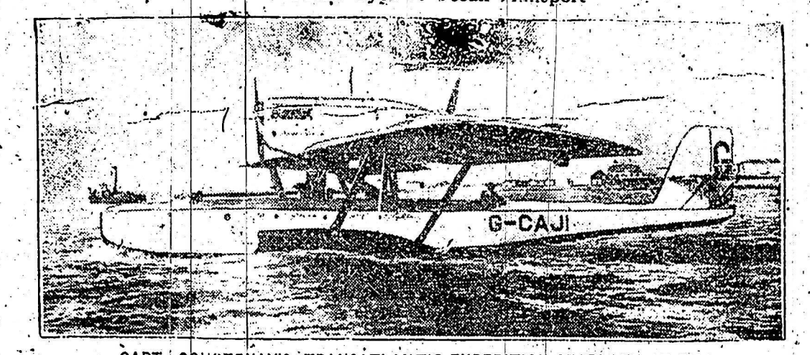
HOW TO ORDER PATTERNS.

Write your name and address plainly, giving number and size of such patterns as you want. Enclose 20c in stamps or coin (coin preferred; wrap it carefully) for each number and address your order to Wilson Pattern Service, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto. Patterns sent by return mail.

The Hardest Thing

The hardest thing in starting work, in the time we fiddle around before getting under way we might have the most difficult job half done. Things are rarely as hard to do as we think they are going to be. We suffer most in anticipation. It's really fear that keeps us from starting. The water's fine when we get in. The least pain comes when we plunge. The wind is coldest when we dawdle along the bank.—Capper's Weekly.

A New Type of Ocean Transport



CAPT. COURTENAY'S TRANSATLANTIC EXPEDITION SEAPLANE AT PISA

It was here that the British airman formerly accepted the machine after giving it thorough tests. It's radio call is G-CAJI and a well equipped station is housed aboard. Doubtless many amateur radio operators will be picking up this station soon.

King John's Signature of Magna Charta Commemorated at Island of Runnymede

London.—The annual commemoration of King John's signature of Magna Charta in 1215 took place at the little island of Runnymede on the Thames on Sunday. Baroness Ravensdale, who described herself as "the first woman to speak on this historic ground," declared that a new Archbishop Langton is required today "to excommunicate those distinguished barons who bar the door" against women's entry to the House of Lords.

The celebrations, accompanied by a religious service, were attended by representatives of many denominations and friendly societies. The event is of special interest this year owing to the fact that July 9 marks the seventh centenary of Stephen Langton, whose assistance is generally regarded as having been the deciding factor in enabling the barons to force John to sign the charter.

An appeal has recently been received that Runnymede should be turned into a sort of national park.

The Coalition Government in 1922 placed the site on the market, but a popular outcry prevented its being split into lots for the erection of bungalows. The present Government has promised never to sell the island, but presumably the decision could be reversed unless the island is definitely acquired for the nation.

Receives Letter After Six Years

Toronto Man Gets Missive Posted in February 1922

Hamilton, Ont.—A letter posted in Toronto, 40 miles away, six years ago reached M. Pliskow, leather goods merchants, 125 St. James street north, the other day. The letter was mailed by S. F. McMorran in Toronto on February 11, 1922.

John A. Webber, postmaster, said it was likely that the letter had been delivered to the wrong person in February in 1922, and that that person had evidently failed to remail the letter until a few days ago. Such instances were rare, Mr. Webber declared.

Saskatchewan Man Given High Award

Hamilton, Ont.—Awards for bravery were announced by the Royal Canadian Humane Society here recently, after the board had considered a large number of cases of heroism throughout Canada in the past year.

For the second time in 25 years, the gold medal, highest award in the society's gift, was granted. It was voted to Albert J. Ewen, of Riverhurst, Sask. Mr. Ewen was working as hired man on the farm of H. J. Skeoch, when hearing screams, he rushed to the house to find Mrs. Skeoch's clothing a mass of flames and the house on fire from a gasoline explosion. He wrapped her in a blanket, suffering terrible burns himself, carried her to safety and then returned to rescue three children.

British to Extend Aid to Agriculture in All Dominions

Aim of Information Bureaus Explained to Americans by Sir Robert Greig

Sir Robert Blythe Greig, chairman of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, has just arrived in Ottawa to arrange with Canadian Government officials for the inauguration of the plan of the British Government for an extensive chain of agricultural information bureaus.

These bureaus, when the organization work is completed, will be located in British dominions all over the world, Sir Robert said. Representatives from 60 British lands overseas attended the Agricultural Research Conference in London, at which the plan for the bureaus was outlined, he added, and there will be more than this number of bureaus co-operating for the development of agriculture. In addition to their own work the information bureaus will co-operate with the Departments of Agriculture or similar branches of government of all other countries with such departments.

"Through the work of the bureaus and with the co-operation of other nations already promised, farming within the next 10 years will have access to a fund of information on a par with other industries maintaining vast research divisions," Sir Robert said.

Twice Go Astray From Fisherman

Dory Crew Has Second Adventure Within One Week

Canso, N.S.—After 30 hours of hard rowing, William Kippen and Edward Benham arrived here in their dory recently from Sale Island bank where they had strayed from the Lunenburg fishing schooner, Mary Ruth. The men were none the worse for their long journey, and will be returned to their vessel by the Government steamer Arieux.

This is the second time Kippen and Benham have gone astray from the before they were picked up by the Mary Ruth within a week. A week trawler Good Hope and returned to the schooner.

If we wanted to shirk we would organize a labor union of runners and say that we would cut down the race to five miles and we would loaf.—Clarence De Mar.

Bees and Bee Books

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Canadian Secure Army Manuscript

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Stuffed Peppers

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Immigration

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