

The Sunday School Lesson
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 1948

Exposition.—I. A Riot in Ephesus (vs. 10-12; 18-20). Ho must also have feeling before he leaves. It might seem to us that it would have been better for Paul to leave in the full blaze of his success; but God looks at this thing quite differently from what we do. The Gospel Way is sure to create a stir sooner or later. Men do not realize all its bearings and all its demands at once, so they receive it quite calmly. But Demetrius will wake up to the fact that it touches his business. The gospel faithfully and fully preached will stir up any community, at home or abroad. That stir came because the new religion affected business (v. 25). Reforms and revivals are all right if they do not hurt anybody's business. "The love of money" — what a prolific mother of evils it is! (1 Tim. 6:9, 10, R.V.)

There are many applications. Let us see if we cannot find one that will hit ourselves. Demetrius uttered a very striking and truthful, though entirely unintentional, commendation of Paul (v. 26). Would that we had more Pauls who will persuade people and turn them away from the worship of false gods "to serve the living and true God: And to wait for His Son from Heaven" (1 Tim. 4:7-8). Paul was, of course, entirely right in saying that "they be no gods, which are made with hands." Demetrius does not attempt to prove that he wasn't, but simply points out that this doctrine would have a bad effect on their business. The first danger was injury to business; but there was another: poor Diana was imperiled (v. 27). It is doubtful if Demetrius really cared much for her; but he knew that an appeal to religious prejudices would carry many with him whose co-operation he greatly desired. There are many today who become very enthusiastic re-

ligionists. If they can coin money out of it or get into an office. His statement that all Asia and the world worshipped Diana was hardly consistent with his professed apprehension concerning her; nor was it exactly true. Some were enraged because they saw their business going to pieces. And then there was a concert of action to re-establish business and religion at the same time.

In unison they opened their mouths and yelled: "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" This way of proving a point has not gone out of use, even in our day. The crowd who can yell the loudest are quite sure they have proved their case in our day. There was a rare combination of fearless courage and humble common sense in Paul. The mad mob awakened the manly fire in Paul's soul. He wished to go into the midst of the riot and proclaim Jesus. But he yielded to the entreaties of the disciples and the persuasions of his friends who were in place of power. Paul will have the opportunity of facing a maddened mob further on; the time has not yet come. Mobs are always irrational and mob law always insane. There was a babel of voices, one crying one thing and another another. There was utter confusion and the majority knew not why they were come together. The original cry (v. 28) is taken up again, and with one voice they shout it for two hours. What a strange sight, a great concourse shouting steadily for two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." If shouting could prove anything, surely this proposition was proven. But shouting, no matter how loud, how long or how unanimous, proves nothing. The probability is they did not altogether believe it themselves in their inmost souls, and were trying to convince themselves of it by yelling the louder. The man who in his inmost heart is sure that he is right, is pretty sure to be calm and quiet, while the man who doubts the truth of his position waxes vehement in his assertion of it.

II. The Mob Quieted by the Town Clerk (vs. 35-41). The town clerk was a sensible fellow. He told them that there

was no use in yelling so loud to prove what everybody believed. He also put in a protest against mob law. He told them there was a legal way of having difficulties settled and crimes punished, and that they were in danger of getting into trouble themselves by raising a riot. Men who incite a riot or set in motion mob law ought always to get in trouble themselves. The advice given the excited citizens of Ephesus is good advice for us all—"be quiet," "do nothing rashly." The Greek word translated "rashly" means "precipitately." There was never a time in the world's history when so much harm was being wrought by precipitate action among the nations as today. Let us as individuals be deliberate and thoughtful and be sure we are right before we go ahead. The true man of faith will never do anything precipitately (Isa. 28:16). Paul and his companions had respected the rights even of idolaters. He seems to have used its strength rather in preaching truth than in attacking error (v. 37).

WRONG REQUEST

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Bob Hiltcheck, who graduated from Oakville and Trafalgar High School this year, received high praise and the offer of a bursary from the registrar, of the University of Toronto as a result of his excellent marks. The registrar, in a letter, warmly congratulated the young man on his standing, especially in mathematics.

Friends old and new from near and far gathered at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Caswell, Balsam Drive, on Tuesday, to celebrate them on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

A high scholastic honor has come to an Oakville High School student, Catherine Theresa McDermott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McDermott, Allan Street. Miss McDermott has been awarded the Gertrude Lawler Memorial Scholarship, the value of which is \$720. This scholarship entitles the winner to a four-year course at the University of Toronto.

A Gray Coach bus was burned and about a dozen other minor accidents occurred on the Queen Elizabeth Highway near Oakville on the evening of Monday, Labor Day, as a result of one of the worst traffic jams this district has ever experienced. The scene of the fire was the vicinity of the Bronte bridge. Record-Star.

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September 11, 1948.

ROBERT H. SAUNDERS, C.B.E., M.C.
CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Citizens:

The demand for electricity from all classes of the community - homes, farms and industries - all over Ontario, is still mounting. Homes are being built, the demand for increased production from farms is steadily increasing and industry is pressing forward with plans for expansion, plans that mean greater production and more jobs to keep Ontario prosperous.

It is anticipated that the increase in demand over the available supply will amount to in excess of four million kilowatt hours per day, and conservation measures have been put into effect as of Tuesday, September 14th. These will include reductions in the supply for show windows, office lighting and certain industries, banning outdoor electrical signs and in other ways. Even with all these reductions we will still be short 1,200,000 kilowatt hours per day but to insist on more would have a hampering effect on industry and seriously reduce employment.

Where then can we get the vitally needed power? From you and every individual Hydro user in Ontario. How much should you save? Take a 60-watt electric lamp as an example. For every 24 hours it burns, it requires almost one and a half kilowatt hours of current. If every one of the 900,000 Hydro users in Ontario will save the equivalent of that much electricity every day there will be no need for cut offs.

Everyone must do his or her part. It should be a 24 hour effort. Turn off every light, switch off every motor or appliance the moment it is not needed. Particularly, watch the switches on your electric range.

The situation is critical. Full employment must be maintained and the support of every householder, every commercial user and every industrial consumer is essential in avoiding the waste of electricity.

Robert H. Saunders
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