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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson VI.—First Quarter, For Feb. 6, 1916.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Acts iv, 8-21. Memory Verses, 12, 13—Golden Text, I Cor. xvi, 13—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The high priest and his kindred, with the rulers and elders and scribes, being gathered together at Jerusalem, Peter and John, being brought from prison, were placed before them and asked, 'By what power or by what name have ye done this?' (verses 5-7) Here was provided a great opportunity to testify again to the risen Christ, and the witnesses were all ready. Whether they had much or little sleep in the prison that night we may not know, but we may be quite sure that they had communion with Him for whom they were still on earth. And now Peter, being specially filled with the Spirit, is again the messenger of the risen Christ.

The Lord Jesus had told them while He was still with them that when they should be brought before rulers for His sake it would be given them by the Spirit what to say (Math. x, 16-20), and this was one of many fulfillments of that assurance. See with what boldness Peter tells this gathering of the rulers that Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom they crucified, God had raised from the dead and that He, the risen living Christ had made the lame man whole (verse 10). This was the same doctrine which had been put in prison for the previous evening, but for this they stood fearlessly and could not say otherwise. The reference to the rejected stone takes us back to Ps. cxviii, 22; Isa. xxviii, 16, and to our Lord's reference to it in Matt. xxi, 42.

But the stone takes us further back to Gen. xlix, 24, and onward to the kingdom (Dan. ii, 34, 35, 45). We cannot but think of I Pet. ii, 4-8, where he makes such full reference to the stone and the stones. With what utter disregard of their earthly greatness he said to them, 'You builders can never be saved except by that stone which you despise?' (Verses 11, 12) How could they help marveling at their boldness? But was it not a little strange that they should attribute it to Jesus, who had been crucified? (verse 13). Beholding the healed man and knowing that Peter and John had no power to do this, they must have been in a measure convinced that there was some truth in their testimony concerning the risen Christ. But it must not be spread farther, and the name of Jesus must not be mentioned (verses 14-18). Filled with the Spirit, they had no fear of what man might do to them (Ps. xxvii, 1), their only standard was what was right in the sight of God, and what they had seen and heard they could not help telling even if they died for it (verses 19, 20). The messenger of God must never consider the faces of people nor whether his message is acceptable to them or not. But his motto must be, 'Not pleasing men, but God, who trieth our hearts,' remembering that if we live to please men we are not servants of Christ (Jer. i, 8, 17; Ezek. ii, 6; iii, 9; I Thess. ii, 4; Gal. i, 10).

With threatenings from these men of power and importance from a human standpoint, they were set free and went to the company of believers, who had no doubt been praying for them, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said. With one accord the believers turned to God and told Him all, but did not ask to be delivered from further persecution, rather that they might speak the truth boldly regardless of consequences, and that healings and signs and wonders might be wrought in the name of Jesus Christ. There are men in prominent pulpits today who seem not to know what the Scriptures teach concerning this present age and the coming and kingdom of our Lord. There are others who, if they know these things, do not seem ready to tell them for fear they might give offense to some important (?) people, and there are still others who once did seem to know, but now for some reason are no longer valiant for the truth. Note how these believers relied upon the living God, believed His word, quoted from Ps. ii and xxxiii, and like Jeremiah, considered nothing too hard for Him who created heaven and earth (Jer. xxxiii, 17).

The words of Ps. ii, which had had many a fulfillment and a notable one in the days of Hezekiah and Pilate, will have their last and complete fulfillment in the days before us, when under the anti-Christ the kings of the earth and their armies shall make war with the Lamb, but the Lamb shall overcome, and the two great leaders shall be sent alive to the lake of fire (Rev. xvii, 12-14; xix, 19, 20). Every true child of God should rejoice to be on the winning side, and, though the present conflict may be severe and the enemy be permitted for a time to have seeming victory, let us continue to shout, 'The Lamb shall overcome!' See in verse 31 how heaven heard and answered their cry; the place was shaken; they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spake the word of God with boldness. If we were as whole heartedly for God as they were we would know more of His power. In verse 33 we learn that their one topic was the great fact of a risen living Christ, the same Jesus whose eyes are ever looking to find His faithful followers (I Chron. xvi, 9).

Indisputable Evidence

A Christmas Story

By IDA SPEED

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When Miss Cecilia Cary came to this western country from back east to teach music she was regarded as a rank outsider.

Old man Seeberger, whose word ain't worth 10 cents, but whose signature is worth all of \$10,000, said the first Sunday she sung before preachin' that when she got up on them high notes she put him in mind of a bronc when it's been thrown and gits to gaspin' and wheezin' as the rope is tightened.

But old man Seeberger's opinion was not shared by all the male population of Clanaahans, for them boys shore swarmed, and, rattle the planner and holler her vocal singin' as she would, she couldn't git 'em to settle.

She went to boardin' with the Widow Hughes when she first come. Bill Hughes was gittin' up some horses one day and was doin' a fast piece of ridin' when his mount turned over with him. Gopher hole, you know, Bill under the whole works.

Never spoke afterward, and in two hours his pretty young wife was known as the Widow Hughes, and in spite of much persistent courtin' she's known as that yet.

It looked once like her and Red Martin was goin' to make a hitch up of it, but that seemed to fizzle out, and he was one of the leaders with Miss Cary when she first come, for Red is the leadin' kid.

He done in this case same as he had with several women before—hit the trail to Arizona with a herd, right when he seemed to have a walkover, and Hick Fuller and Sam Harman took his place so complete he never was missed.

Now, maybe you've noticed how a woman does about a solitary diamond ring. If her folks give it to her or she buys it herself she'll always try to let on like it come from her beau.

If a feller gives it to her she'll intimate that it's a present from her pa.

So nobody knew where nor just when Mrs. Hughes come by her ring. In fact, very little was said or thought about it, as Bill had an accident policy, until she raised a great hue and cry about it bein' stole.

Chances are few for robbery here, where everybody knows everybody else and there ain't no suspicious characters, such as crooks, hoboes, promoters and the like, so it shore looked plumb odd when Miss Cecilia Cary moved over to the Citizens' hotel to board and simultaneous begun to wear a diamond the size as the one the widow Hughes had lost, only in a woman's ring instead of a heavy settin' like Minnie Hughes had wore.

This would not have looked so bad by itself, but Adolph Warner, who was the postmaster and express agent, knew that Miss Cecilia had sent off a small registered package one day just before she changed her boardin' place.

He said he remembered it particular, because while she was waitin' for her receipt at the postoffice window Red Martin got up from off the cracker box he was settin' on back by the stove and told her if she was ready to go he would walk home with her, as he was leavin' as soon as the rest of the outfit come by.

Adolph said she told Red all right and that she was goin' to be on the move that day too.

Red says, 'Where to?' And she tells him the Citizens' hotel, and he says, 'Good,' and then Adolph handed the receipt to her, and they walked out together.

Some days later she gits a express package about the size of the one she sent off by mail, and then she comes out in that diamond ring.

Well, Minnie Hughes never accused nobody, but she hinted powerful, and folks come to cool off on Miss Cecilia.

She never seemed to notice it, but just played her hand with Sam and Hick, who stood by her manful and knocked the whey out of a feller or two aplece who merely related the facts in the case concernin' Minnie Hughes' ring.

There was some talk of takin' pupils away from Miss Cecilia, but as her patrons had paid six months in advance in order to git her to come they didn't quite give way to their feelin's to that extent.

The kids she gives lessons to all was crazy about her anyhow, and they was all learnin' fast.

In the store one day the little Harman girl, Sam's sister, was holdin' her teacher's hand, and she says, 'Miss Cary, where did that pretty ring come from?'

Miss Cary looked around like she was seein' who'd heard, and her face got awful red.

'I haven't got any change with me,' she says to the Harman muchacha, 'but let's see if my credit is good for a dime's worth of peanut candy and a dozen apples.'

And she shuts the kid's mouth by stuttin' it full of trash to eat.

Things rocked along until Christmas, with more talk of that ring than anything else, and then folks begun to try to decide what they'd like to have so as to give it to some of their family or friends for a Christmas gift, and gossip turned to the big dance that was to come off on the night of the 25th, with fireworks before and after

Christmas eve five of them pesky cowboys from the Lazy M blew into Clanaahans with a flourish of six shooters and rope and drag off everybody's due that they can reach, leavin' us in a fix when the norther come up Christmas mornin', so that the hall where the dance was to be pulled off, bein' the only two story buildin' in the burg and havin' a big beater in it, was resorted to by young and old as a warm refuge from the storm.

Hick Fuller had Miss Cecilia Cary's company for that night, and it seemed like all the boys tried to make up for the way the rest of the population had treated her.

Minnie Hughes had got so she'd hardly speak to her and give her dirt to her back pretty near every time she opened her mouth.

The dance was more'n half over and the old ladies and children had gone home to bed when Cecilia sets down in one of the front windows to rest between dances.

There was a whole bunch around her, and from the place where the stair steps come up into the hall you could only see the top of her golden head with a band of light blue ribbon around it.

Minnie Hughes had crowded close to where Cecilia sat lookin' awful pretty in her black dress against the white shade, which was pulled down behind her.

Some of the boys offered Minnie some preserved cherries, which they was all eatin' out of the bottle with their fingers. But she declined.

'I'm wearin' my gloves tonight,' she says, looking hard at Cecilia's diamond, for she was bollin' over with rage and jealousy at Cecilia bein' the belle of the ball in place of her, as had been the case for a long time.

'I haven't got any diamond to show off now,' she says, spiteful.

'That's too bad about your ring,' says Cecilia, sympathetic. 'What do you suppose could have become of it?'

'It's on your finger,' says Minnie, her lip curlin'.

Cecilia went white.

She snatched the ring off and held it toward Minnie. At the same moment she braced her shoulders as though she'd been struck at, and then, before anybody realized it, there was a quick, dull sound, and out of the window she fell, for it was open, and the thin strip of wood in the shade had snapped. Below was the only piece of sandstone sidewalk in Clanaahans.

It was so sudden everybody seemed paralyzed except Hick Fuller, who had presence of mind enough to grab one black satin toe, and in less time than it takes to tell it he had jumped to his feet and pulled her back from death, a pale, sick girl with a pretty badly sprained back.

Anyhow, that second was not too brief for a very important thing to happen. The conscience of every man and woman in that room got a wrench that brought them back to a sense of justice, so they were ready to receive Red Martin when he bounded into their midst.

He had heard and seen it all on his way across from the head of the stairs; he had pictured her maimed form on the stone walk below, and the skeer had all but made him faint, though he was plumb dauntless as a broncho buster and would fight a bear.

'Oh!' Cecilia says when she saw him bendin' over her. 'Oh, but I'm glad you are back! Here's your ring,' she says as she holds it out in her hand. 'Tell them.'

'It ain't my ring, girl,' he says. 'It was, but it's yours now,' and he puts it back on her third finger and holds her hand to his lips.

She half set up on the bench where we'd laid her, then fell back pale as a ha'n't.

'Somebody run for water,' begs Red, helpless and skeered.

'I'm all right,' she says, stern and dignified. 'But why does Mrs. Hughes say she once wore this ring?' and she draws her hand away from him.

'She did wear it,' says old Red, with a groan. 'She kept it for me a year. I had no safe place to keep it, and Bill and I were always pals. I ought to have told you. That's why I asked you to change your boardin' place. Minnie didn't like it when I asked her for the ring, and I was so afraid—here he broke off and looked sheepish—'I was afraid she'd say somethin' to make you distrust me,' he ends.

'But what about the package you sent off?' says Adolph, too interested in gettin' the mystery cleared up to keef for buttin' in.

'The package that I sent? When?' Cecilia asks.

'The day Red left,' says Adolph. 'Oh, that!' she says and looks straight at Red in a meanin' way.

'It's none of their business,' he says, furious.

'Tell them,' she orders him. 'Don't you see they have thought all along that I took her diamond? It must be explained.'

Red got that dead beat look again.

'She sent back the plain gold engagement ring to the man she gave up for my sake,' says Red. 'I took my diamond to be set in a ring to fit her finger and had it expressed back to her, and she's goin' to marry me at once,' he says through clinched teeth.

'And now,' he says, gittin' on his feet and doublin' up his fists while the crowd edged back. 'if that ain't enough and any pryin', scandal mongerin', long tongued son of a lyn' father wants to know any more about her and me collective or her or me individual let him meet me down there in front of this hall and help himself to the grapes.'

He glares at the whole lot of us a moment; then he turns and takes Cecilia's wraps from Hick Fuller, who has brought 'em up, and he asks her gentle if she can walk downstairs and across the street to the Citizens' or shall him and Hick carry her?

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If there is anyone who refuses to believe that this expression reflects the attitude of an influential section of the British public, he must belong to that rapidly dwindling host which still believed in the efficacy of the well turned phrase to command international respect, of the expression of humanitarian sentiment to hide political and commercial barking to cloak poltroonery. Let us take stock of our own cynicism in the

matter. This is a campaign year, remember. Does anyone believe in his heart that the man who would palaver over the destruction of a hundred odd countrymen to save the votes of Mr. Bryan's admirers will risk an embargo and a panic before election? The British are not a whit less sophisticated than we are.

The evidence is piling up daily that in payment for our patience during the continued murder of our citizens, we have reduced to a minimum the danger which every other member of the family of nations feel it is running in treading deliberately on the champion of the neutral world. Such is the contagion of contempt.—The Tribune, New York.

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