

Wardens of three counties closely identified with Toronto-Barrie Highway development attended a dinner meeting at 6.15 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, held in the Oakwood Hotel, York Township, which was addressed by Deputy Minister J. D. Millar of the Ontario Department of Highways. The function led off the 1952 campaign of Toronto Metropolitan Area's 14 Lions Clubs' in behalf of children's traffic safety. Chief Constable Robert Alexander of York Township, president of York Lions Club, host organization, presided. The three wardens, photographed at the recent Ontario Good Roads Association Convention are, from left to right: Warden J. L. Spillette of York County; Warden J. W. Hart of Simcoe County; and Warden J. E. Patterson of Peel County.

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Golden Text.-He was a good man, Paul. The teacher ought certainly and full of the Holy Ghost and of to track down every reference to faith .- Acts 11:24 THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

By J. C. Macaulay, D.D. Approach to the Lesson

house of good things.

as the major personalities. Indeed, Happy is the church that has a for a single lesson or sermon they Barnabas on its official board. are more easily handled, for we Verse by Verse are not embarrassed by such a Acts 4.36.—"Joses . . . Barnabas weight of material as in such | . . . of Cyprus." "Joses" is the

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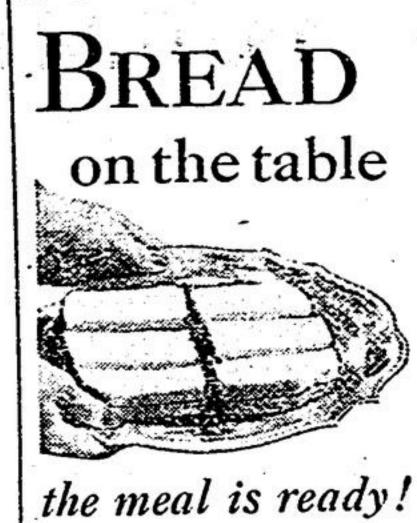
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teaching becomes alive in human given him by the apostles in recog- were generally weathy men. studies as Alexander Whyte's gift of exhorting and encouraging fund. "Bible Characters" are a store- others, and the apostles named Strangely accordingly.

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to join himself to the disciples: adherents of Jewish order, won The so-called lesser characters enough, the pet name quite super- but they were all afraid." The the immediate support of Barnaof the Bible are just as important seded his real name, Joseph. dread persecutor's sudden change bas, who, knowing so much of the grace of God himself, quickly as the major personalities. Indeed, Happy is the church that has a of attitude was regarded as a ruse grace of God himself, quickly of attitude was regarded as a ruse against them, so they held him at a distance, just as Calvin and the Genevans put the Marquis of Vico thought of Saul, the promising

but the sowers were unacquainted of encouragement." May his tribe with what is related in chapter 10, nor had they learned the truth of chapter 11: 18.

Verse 20."Men of Cyprus and Cyrene, ... come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians." They were Hellenistic Jews, like Paul, and men whose wider sympathies is extended to the Wideman fambroke through the exclusiveness ily in the loss of a loving mother, of the Palestinian Jews. They Mrs. Samuel Wideman. dared the great experiment, lack- Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wideman ing any authority save the inward and family had .Sunday dinner pressure of the Spirit.

Verse 21.—"The hand of the Lord . . . a great number." The Greek of this verse is full of exite- Neil, and Mr. Ralph Wideman of ment. These pioneers found that Richmond Hill spent Sunday with God was with them beyond their Miss Zeta Milnes of Richmond best hopes, till, inexperienced in Hill. matters ecclesiastical, they found Mrs. Geo. Cober spent Sunday themselves with a newborn evening with Mrs. Peter Stickley. church, and a Gentile one at that, upon this hands.

of magnanimous spirit was needed family. to handle such a situation. God's man is always the right man for any case.

Verse 23 .- "Came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted." An exclusivist would have seen a movement completely out of order, and killed it. The man of grace saw the work of grace, and rejoiced. The word "exhorted" is the same as "encouraged." Barnabas was living up to his new name.

Verse 24.—"A good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." See Romans 5:7. Barnabas added kindliness to righteousness, and when his kindly disposition was sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and exercised in the way of faith, it is no wonder that "much people

was added unto the Lord."

Verse 25.—"To Tarsus, for to seek Saul." See chapter 9: 29, 30.

Barnabas realized how well fitted was Saul for the work at Antioch, and coveted the best for that infant

church. No jealousy here! Verse 26.—"A whole year they assembled . . . called Christians first in Antioch." What a rich year, with such a plurality of eldership! The manner in which these disciples in Antioch proclaimed Christ and lived for Him is reflected in the name given

them—Christians. Chap. 13: 1. — "Prophets and teachers; as Barnabas . . . and Saul." There was a wealth of ministry in the church at Antioch. Notice the senior position of Barn-abas, and the junior position of

Verse 2.- "The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul." This prayer meeting was the birthplace of world missions. When ministers give themselves to prayer, big movements begin to take shape. The Holy Spirit speaks!

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fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Here was a missionary commissioning service, which the missionaries would not forget. extended prayer, There was necessitating a fast; a form of ord-two from local duties in view of ination; and an act of "loosing" the the new call.

The Heart of the Lesson "He was a good man," says the Word of God about Barnabas (Acts 11:24). We remember that when the rich young ruler called Jesus "good," our Lord reminded him that such a description fitted only one, namely, God. In the absolute sense, that is certainly true, yet men apply the epithet to such of their fellow sinners as manifest a degree of uprightness and kindliness. I have no doubt that, even before his conversion to Christ, Barnabas (or Joseph, as he was then known) passed for a good man among all who knew him, and that many had benefitted from his generosity. But when this Levite of Cyprus was jointed to the Lord Jesus, and became "full of the Holy Ghost and of faith," his goodness was some-thing more than a naturally kindly disposition, but was "the fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22), a very bit of the goodness of God established in the heart of a redeemed The whole story of Barnabas, as

we have it in the Acts, is but a present lesson, build his own same as "Joseph." "Barnabas" of God in a man. You could always story, seek to discover the ruling means "son of prophecy," but the principle running through all the means "son of prophecy," but the depend on Barnabas to do the There is no richer study for incidents related about him, and Greek interpretation emphasizes helpful thing, to stand by the one There is no richer study for incidents related about him, and mind and heart than biography. then read some good study by a mind and heart than biography. This is just as true of Bible master such as Alexander Whyte, biography as of any other, and already mentioned. biography as of any other, and already mentioned.

even more so. Here doctrine is even more so. Here doctrine is incarnated in flesh and blood, sixen by the executed in the state of the s teaching becomes alive in human personality, and we see divine principles in operation in chosen vessels. A series of biographical sermons has always, in my own experience, stirred real interest and awakened hearty response, and awakened hearty response, and such volumes of biographical and such volumes of biographical studies as Alexander Whyte's gift of exhorting and encouraging fond. Chap. 9: 26.—"Saul . . . assayed been frowned upon by strict to gather more information recognized its operation in the under police supervision when he young convert in semi retirement came to them for refuge from in Tarsus, and coveted his gifts Radionics & Slenderizing Equipment Verse 27.—"But Barnabas (chap. 11:25, 26). The same good-ph. HYland 2110 Res. MAfair 5702 for this Gentile work in Antioch 3467 1/2 Yonge St. same magnanimous spirit, but this superior gifts of his younger time championing a suspected be protege, and to yield to him the liever. Actually Barnabas stood place of leadership without jealsurety for Saul's sincerity, and ousy or rancor (chap. 13:2; 13); argued his right to full fellowship. and even his fierce dispute with Chap. 11: 19.—"Now they which Paul was in defense of a youthful were scattered abroad, . . . preach- failure whom Barnabas felt ought ing . . . the Jews only." See chapton to have another chance (chap. 15: 37-39). Whether by word or by instrument in scattering the seed, deed, Barnabas was a true "son

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