

REPORTER LUKE'S GREAT SEA STORY

The International Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 27th is: "Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck."—Acts 27:1-44.

By William T. Miller.

Of all the myriads who, since the days of Phœnicia, have sailed the blue Mediterranean, none has left so clear and compelling a story of its winds and waters and ways as Dr. Luke's narrative of the voyage and shipwreck which he shared with the Apostle Paul and their companion, Aristarchus, of Thessalonica. It has often been declared that this dramatic tale gives us the best picture of ancient maritime methods that has come down from the period of classical history, which all centers in the Mediterranean. So the next best thing to a Mediterranean voyage—perhaps a better experience for most of us—is a careful, intelligent reading of the greatest marine story of all time.

Dr. Luke was a "star" reporter. Let us pause to honor this brilliant, versatile chronicler to whom Christianity and history are so immeasurably indebted. He wrote the thing as he saw it. And he had seen eyes. Unthinking persons often speak disparagingly of the daily opinion and action of the world as based largely upon the painstaking fidelity and veracity of the men who find out facts and present them fearlessly. There is a place for the philosopher, of course; but he only follows after the humble man who, day after day, in season and out, despite obstacles of which the world knows nothing, dig out the significant facts of the world's changeful life. Dr. Luke belonged to a goodly fellowship and to an honorable profession.

the weak and the strong, the noble and the contemptible, to move along on an even plane, indistinguishable. It takes storms and strain to test character. As the war revealed essential worth, and drew a deep and irradicable line between the slackers and the servers, so the calamities which overtook the ship conveying the Roman soldiers and their prisoners—quickly made clear who was the greatest soul aboard.

Opportunities do not make greatness; they only reveal it. What we are in crisis is an unveiling of what we have been in our innermost being. The hero's deed is but the expression of the hero's heart. If Paul had not steadfastly played the man throughout the years, with all their vicissitudes; if he had not met the common days even masterfully, he would not have risen to the great heights which he attained when the naked souls of the men of all hurricane and danger stripped bare ranks, which comprises the twenty-seventh chapter of the book of Acts, must be read and re-read to get the setting and sequence of events. Essentially, it is the narrative of how a man rose above circumstances, and stood serene in the presence of panic and in the face of death. That man Paul was a fearless hero, as well as a heartening saint; a king among men, because "the slave of Jesus Christ."

The Ship Versus The Folks.
Real light upon one of the greatest of our day's issues is shed by this thrilling adventure of the storm-buffed ship. It embodies the clamorous question of property versus people; of material rights in relation to human rights. The ship's captain, abetted somewhat by the Roman official, was all for seeking the welfare of the ship; Paul could cheerfully order all the cargo thrown overboard, and all the gear; and could see the stout craft splintered on the rocks, with no serious concern, so long as the men were saved. And that is Christianity's verdict upon our present acute industrial and economic problems. If the welfare of people is kept first, all other considerations will in time fall into their due place.

"Human Interest" Touches.
One clear difference between what are called "learned publications" and daily newspapers is that the former are dry and stupid with small sense of proportion. One periodical that comes to me devotes pages to the use of a diacritical mark in the extant manuscripts of a dead oriental language. It is never readable because it is never human. The newspaper, on the contrary, with all its faults, throbs with the red blood of real life. This journalistic quality of importing the "human interest" touch was possessed by Dr. Luke in a rare degree.

In this one chapter he portrays, in a luminous word or line, Julian, the centurion—even giving his regimental name, a painstaking reporter; Aristarchus, who was included in the narrator's "we"; the thrifty and incompetent master of the boat; the clacker sailors, who tried to abandon ship under the pretext of service; the Roman soldiers, men of action, cutting away the sailor's means of escape; and, most of all, Paul, depicted in quotation and in action, the hero of the great adventure.

With all of a good reporter's passion for detail, Dr. Luke so wrote his story that any reader can check it up on the map in the back of the bible; if it were appearing today in a newspaper it would be accompanied by a map or chart. He did not digress into non-essentials, else he would have done some flowery writing upon the rock harbor and the vaulted streets and bazaars of picturesque old Sidon; and he would have reminisced about Cyprus as the home of Barnabas and John Mark. But he restrained himself, even, in dealing with Crete, a place the apostolic party did not love. The same restraint appears in his powerful description of the storm, recalling Stevenson's dictum that "the only art is to omit."

"Once Upon A Time" a Man.
A man is only as much of a man as he proves himself in emergency and adversity. Any ship is good in fair weather. Civilization's routine and machinery make it possible for

For The Disappointed Person.
As there is said to be perfect calm in the centre of the cyclone, so in the midst of this tumultuous adventure of the Apostle Paul there is a message of peace for every troubled, disappointed, baffled life. All who seem to have made shipwreck of some dear desire or expectation, all who have felt their spirits crushed by the collapse of ambitions and dreams; all who have laid in any grave their most cherished hope, may see clearly, amid the darkness of the rushing storm that drove the great missionary's craft across perilous waters upon rocks of disaster, that God's purposes are large and sure and unchangeable. He leads his own by strange ways; but He leads them. He carries them through mysterious and difficult experiences, but He carries them.

God's goal for Paul was Rome. But it was necessary that he go there, not as a mere traveller, nor as an inconsequential pleader, or minor point of law before Caesar's bar, but as a marked man, as a proved personality, as a friend of law and safety, a loyal supporter of right as Rome knew right. How could he have had all the later tokens of consideration, and of special privileges, that were accorded him, had he not proved himself, in the eyes of stern soldiers, a man of hero-stuff, a viable exponent of the noblest Roman qualities, a real leader of his fellow men: "Thou must stand before Caesar," said the angel to Paul; and that is the key to the whole of this strange experience.

This thrilling shipwreck story testifies against short views of life and of God's providence. Immature minds want God to meet their every immediate need or demand, just as a foolish mother gratifies each new wish of her little one. The Heavenly Father may seem to deny every desire of His children—cherished dreams are dashed, prized plans are baffled, precious loves are surrendered, real needs are unmet—and a short or narrow outlook upon God's ways with us makes us cry out in rebellion and bitterness. Like babes we want what we want when we want it, and regardless of all other considerations. But God has better plans for us than we can make for ourselves. He may send us to our destination by way of Crete and Malta and shipwreck, instead of by the short, swift, smooth route; but He is sending us the best way. Paul learned that later. Every mature Christian can bear witness that he has lived



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DAUGHTER ASKS COURT TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

Application Made by Daughter of the Late Senator Peter McLaren.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—Mary Isabel Benedict, daughter of the late Senator Peter McLaren, Perth, who left something between fifteen and twenty million dollars, asks for the administration of her father's estate, and the master-in-chambers at Osgoode Hall has referred the matter to a judge-in-chambers.

The late Mr. McLaren died two years ago.

Involved are mining and timber limits in Virginia, containing 87,000 acres, bought for nominal sum years ago, and now said to be worth \$20,000,000. At least the Dupont Corporation is alleged to have offered that amount.

Mrs. Benedict asks that the court

ALMONTE MERCHANT VICTIM OF ROBBERS

Alexander Allan Was Badly Beaten But Fought Off Assaultants.

Almonte, Nov. 23.—Alexander Allan, a prominent merchant of this town, was the victim of a daring hold-up attempt Monday night. About 10.30, as he was on his way home, he was accosted by two masked men, who ordered him to turn his pockets out at the point of revolvers. Mr. Allan, instead of complying with their request, turned on them and put up a fierce struggle. The robbers battered him almost senseless with their revolvers and his head received several severe gashes. The desperadoes became frightened at his outcry, however, and fled without getting any money.

Mr. Allan is resting easily and is expected to recover. The victim of the attempt is both lame and deaf, and an intense wave of indignation has swept the town, as the culprits are almost certain to be local men.

Monday was pay day in the mills and the robbery naturally assumed

WOLVES ARE KILLING THE FARMERS' SHEEP

Settlers East of Sault Ask For Government Aid—Bear Epidemic Over.

Sault Ste. Marie, Nov. 23.—So numerous and bold are the wolves becoming at MacLennan, just east

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of here, that stock raisers there are requesting relief. During the past two weeks about 100 sheep have been killed by wolves in a very limited area, which have appeared since the bear epidemic subsided. It is estimated that at least 400 bears were killed within the city and its immediate vicinity during the fall.

Reports are coming in from the Algoma Central Railway that the wolves are doing great damage there, particularly at Mile 95, where they are destroying the beaver and deer. The settlers here are demanding that a larger bounty be placed on the wolves, \$25 not being sufficiently large to induce expert trappers to spend their time in an endeavor to exterminate them.

Salaries appear to respond more readily to reduction diets than some of the stout ladies.

that Mr. Allan would have an extra large amount of money on his person. Mr. Allan did have a large quantity of money and managed to save it, but almost at the cost of his life.

No clue has yet been found as to the identity of the men. The hold-up was all the more daring as it occurred almost in the centre of the town and fairly early in the evening.

Immediately take charge of the affairs of her late father and administer the estate which so far has been entrusted to the executors—her mother, Mrs. Peter McLaren of Perth, James L. P. McLaren, her brother, and George Ritchie, K.C., barrister, of Toronto, friend and confidant of the late senator lumberman.

James Lyon Playfair McLaren acting for his mother and the other executors, takes the position that Mrs. Benedict has no claim to place the present executors aside, that the estate has been administered in the best possible way and that Mrs. Benedict, her sister, Mrs. Hall, of Perth, have had ample moneys from the returns of the estate so far secured after capable management.

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