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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for December 7

STEPHEN, AN EARLY INTERPRETER OF CHRISTIANITY

LESSON TEXT—Acts 6:1-7:60. GOLDEN TEXT—And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch.

I. Stephen Chosen as Deacon (Acts 6:1-8).

The early church was threatened with disruption over suspected partiality in the distribution of alms. As soon as the church had relief from external troubles, difficulties arose from within.

- 1. Integrity. They were instructed to look for men of good report, of unquestioned integrity. 2. Sagacity. They were to look for men full of wisdom, men of common sense and good judgment.

II. Stephen Before the Council (Acts 6:9-15).

1. Disputing with Stephen (vv. 9, 10). Certain foreign speaking Jews took the lead in this controversy. Perhaps the fact that Stephen was a Grecian-Jew provoked them to this action.

III. Stephen's Defense (Acts 7:1-53).

In refuting their charge he showed by the history of God's dealing with the Jews that they had always resisted him. Therefore, their present attitude was because they were unwilling to move forward with the divine purpose.

- 1. Looking steadfastly into heaven (v. 55). Instead of looking upon his murderers he looked up to heaven. 2. He saw the glory of God (v. 55). A vision of God's glory is only possible to those who are loyal unto death.

Faith

Faith draws out our steps. While the sympathy of our Lord is expressed in the briefest verse in the Bible—"Jesus wept"—that verse requires as a footnote the many pages which describe his crucifixion.

Before God

I stand at attention before God every morning before I go to my day's work and receive from him my marching orders.—Sir George White.

Measurements of Time by Old Water-Clocks

An early means adopted for the measurement of short periods of time was by noting the quantity of water discharged through a small orifice in the containing vessel, says an article in the Montreal Family Herald.

When the Roman general, Julius Caesar, was carrying out his conquest of Gaul, he crossed to Britain for the first time in the latter part of the summer of 55 B. C.

String of Amber Beads Sheds Light on History

A "human bridge" to Asia discovered by Horace McCracken, the leader of a scientific expedition into Alaska looking up some anthropological subjects. The "bridge" was the finding of a Stone-age mummy and a string of amber beads that may determine the fact that America's first settlers came from the west.

Altogether Too Frank

Fishing, perhaps, for a little adulation, the eighth-grade teacher told her pupils to write a theme telling just what they thought of her. "Please be absolutely frank, now," she urged.

Eleven-year-old Virginia, not yet wise enough in the ways of the world to realize that frankness is merely a pious ideal that meets vindictive suppression and punishment in practice, wrote:

"I think you're brutal. I don't like you. I think you're mean to me and to the other children . . ." and so on for two pages.

Poor Virginia.—Chicago Evening Post.

The Dividing Line

The great distinction between teachers, sacred or literary—between poets like Herbert, and poets like Pope—between philosophers like Spinoza, Kant and Coleridge, and philosophers like Locke, Paley and Stewart—between men of the world who are reckoned accomplished talkers, and here and there a fervent mystic, prophesying half insane under the infinitude of his thought—is that one class speaks from within, or from experience, as parties and possessors of the fact; and the other class from without, as spectators merely.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Somewhat Disturbing

A man was in the habit of opening his Bible at random and taking the first thing his eye alighted upon as something that would be helpful to him.

One day the first verse he read was, "Judas went out and hanged himself," and not thinking this quite suitable he shut the book and opened it again at another place.

He tried again, and this time, to his amazement, he read, "What thou doest, do quickly."

All That Was Needed

Glenn and Bess were two youngsters under school age, but they played with children who went to school and they studied music, especially the "do, ra, me" part.



1930 CHRISTMAS SEAL

This is the 1930 Christmas seal. Santa Claus has given it his official approval by uplifting his hand to emphasize the holiday greeting, "Merry Christmas—Health to All."

Everybody buys Christmas seals which raise the money to fight tuberculosis, but few know that the original seal designed by Howard Pyle in 1907 is now treasured by stamp collectors and has a value of \$5.00—5000 per cent. of the original cost of one cent.

This is the twenty-fourth seal sale. Practically all the returns are used in the community where the money is raised. Some of it goes for national purposes, such, for example, as the work of the national committee on medical research, which is conducting extensive laboratory experiments on the nature of the disease process known as tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis Killed 1692 Marylanders

Christmas Seals Help Reduce Death Rate

Tuberculosis took a toll of 1,692 in Maryland in 1929, according to statistics emanating from the State Department of Health. This represents a decrease of 19 deaths in comparison with the year 1928, when 1,711 were recorded in Maryland.

Fewer deaths from Tuberculosis in the counties of Maryland in 1929 was responsible for the lower State death rate, statistics show. In 1929, the counties accounted for 830 or 55 less than for the year 1928.

Table with columns: County, Total, White, Colored. Lists counties like Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, etc.

The number of deaths in Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick and Wicomico counties appear high, due to the fact that a sanatorium is located in each of these counties.

HEALTH CAN BE BOUGHT

Health is not an accident. Science has shown us that certain diseases are unnecessary. Among these is tuberculosis, taking a toll twenty years ago of two hundred lives out of each 100,000, since reduced to less than 80.

An organized army is devoted to exterminating this disease entirely from society. The attack is centered on tuberculosis because of its insidious character as well as the extent of its onslaughts, for those who die because of it usually waste away slowly, and the community is permeated with the by-products of the disease in depleted energy of workers, and poverty.

How may this be done or rather how has it been half-done already? The care of the disease is by rest, fresh air, wholesome food and sunshine.

It is so simple most people don't believe it. They would be inclined more to see value in the sudden and mysterious "discovery" of a sure panacea.

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Great Novelist's Home

On the banks of the Tweed, not far from Melrose and Galashiels is Abbotsford, the old home of Sir Walter Scott. The novelist was an enthusiastic collector of oddities, and his home is like a museum of strange objects and relics from all parts of the world.

Site of Troy Located

The traditional site of Troy, at the Hellenistic Ilum, is the mound of Hisarlik, on a spur between the main Scamander valley and its last tributary from the east (ancient Simois), about three and one-half miles from the Hellespont and from the Aegean shore, north of Peiska bay.

Sports on City Roofs

The roofs of New York's tall buildings are often used for occupations more strenuous than feeding pigeons. At noon hours a man clad in a track suit appears and spends an active half hour in shadow boxing.

"Indestructible" Union

The phrase describing the United States as an "indestructible union of indestructible states" was used by Chief Justice Chase in an opinion dealing with the secession of Texas.

Historic Sainte Chapelle

Saint Louis of France wanted to build a shrine worthy of containing sacred relics of the crown of thorns and the true cross which he had brought from the Holy Land in one of his crusades.

Red Indian Domiciles

The Indians did not build log houses before the coming of the white man, says an article in Pathfinder Magazine. That is, they did not build log houses in the sense that the settlers did later.

Money spent here for printing buys Quality Work

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This is to give notice that the subscriber, has obtained from the Orphans Court of Carroll County, in Md., letters of administration upon the estate of HARRY G. LAMBERT, SR., late of Carroll County, deceased.

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