

SAUL BEGAINS GREAT CAREER AS PREACHER

When he Became a Christian he Worked at it Fully as Hard as he Had Previously Worked as Persecutor

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for May 24: Saul Begins His Great Career. Courage in Witnessing for Christ—Acts 9:20-31.

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WHATEVER Saul believed he believed intensely. He was no mere sympathizer with a cause or half-hearted disciple. So, when he became a Christian, he began to work at it just as earnestly as he had worked at the business of persecution.

In this he sets a fine example that is not often followed. Indeed in the modern world there are certain people who seem to think that there is something commendable in that type of moderation that never becomes very deeply interested in any cause. No matter how important the issue in religion, social life, or politics, they are content to be spectators upon the sidelines or, at best, mere well-wishers.

One should note the significance of the very first statement in our lesson. Saul was destined to become a great apostle to the Gentiles. Through him Christianity was to make its first entry into Europe, so that the Gospel has come down to us and has influenced our lives and our particular civilization through Saul's missionary activity.

Jews Hated Saul
But note that Saul did not begin with the Gentiles. Our lesson says that straightway in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus.

That is, he went right among those with whom he had been associated into what might be regarded as the most hostile and dangerous environment, preaching to those who had been associated with him in persecuting the Gospel of the Christians, whose followers he had been harrasing before the chief priests. It was no wonder that the Jews were stirred up by this change of front.

They hated Saul with all the intensity that men wreak upon a seeming turncoat, and they plotted to kill him, but Saul's disciples took him by night and let him down by the wall in a basket.

What is the meaning of this reference to Saul's disciples? The Christians as yet hardly trusted him, so that it may mean that when Saul became a Christian he influenced immediately some of those who had deep faith in him personally.

As a matter of fact, when he came in Jerusalem the Christian disciples were still exceedingly afraid of him. Apparently they regarded him as a spy and were hardly prepared to believe that a man who had been so violent in persecution could have changed front so suddenly and become a sincere believer in Jesus.

Note, however, that it was Barnabas who dared to have faith in him. It was this Barnabas, we may remember, who had showed such courage and consecration in selling his property and devoting the proceeds entirely to the work of the church and the spread of the Gospel.

A man who will take great financial risks for the Kingdom of Heaven will take other risks as well, and the faith that Barnabas had in Saul was soon to be justified.

New Peace Found
Saul had found a new peace in Christian experience, henceforth his life was to be one of supreme joy and blessedness, but it was not the joy and blessedness of ease and safety. The very intensity of his convictions roused intense hostility in his foes.

Everywhere apparently his foes wished to kill him, and it was found advisable to get him out of Jerusalem and to send him to Tarsus, his old home. Saul apparently was in a certain degree of retirement for a number of years.



And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

But all that heard him were amazed, and said: Is not this he that destroyed them which called on his name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

But their laying wait was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he essayed to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

He refers to certain years during which we have no record of his activity, but we may be sure that during these years he was not inactive. He was building up a sound faith and was preparing himself in many ways for his great apostolate. His course was to be one of danger and adventure. He has himself enumerated the privations and perils that met him at almost every turn of the way.

but nowhere in history is there the record of a man so profoundly satisfied in his inner life than that of Saul as it appears in the New Testament.

He was a marvelous man and a great Christian, and the message that he would have for us if he were here today is that every man may share the experience that he himself had if he will only be a medium in the hands of God and allow divine strength to

ings, and to make this your church home if not already identified with some other.

St. Mary's Episcopal
Corner of Seventh avenue and Olive street. Rev. Frederick G. Jennings, rector. The Sunday after Ascension day. Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Church school at 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11 a. m. The Right Reverend Walter Taylor Sumner, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Oregon, will make his annual visitation to St. Mary's parish at 11 a. m. There will be no evening services. The Young People's society will meet in the parish house at 6:30 p. m. Bishop Sumner will be present and address the meeting.

Springfield Methodist
(Ebbett Memorial)
At the 11 o'clock hour the pastor will give a scripture exposition touching "Life's Enrichment." The church school meets at 9:45 with Mrs. Ida Gantz as superintendent. The Men's Bible class is growing and meets in the study, with the round table plan of teaching. The older young people have also the round table plan and meet during the school hour in the parsonage parlors. The young married people are growing in numbers and will welcome new recruits. Both the young people have such a monthly social gathering. Epworth League meets at 7 p. m. At 8 p. m. at the Presbytery Hall, the special feature will be Miss Elizabeth Lemley of Tacoma, who will display something of the whistling art. The evening message of the pastor will be a review of Dean Brown of Yale, on "Why I Believe." All at "the church" of a cordial welcome." E. L. Moore, pastor.

Central Presbyterian
Corner 10th and Pearl; Rev. A. H. Saunders, minister. Prof. John B. Steifer, choir director. Mrs. Ruth Davis Cleaver, organist. The morning service begins with Sunday school at 9:45, with H. A. Soule and his efficient corps of assistant officers and capable teachers in charge. This is a most happy hour that we spend in song and reverent Bible study, and we will be very glad to number you among our attendants that you may share the joy and inspiration with us. Morning worship at 11 o'clock with J. J. Handsaker, regional director of Near East Bible League. He will have a most interesting message for us. The anthem by the chorus choir is "Fear Not Ye, O Israel" (Spicker), and Mr. Jones will sing, "Beyond the Dawn" (Sanderson). At 8 p. m. there will be a 45-minute service with the pastor speaking on the theme, "The Light of the World." The quartet will sing, "Rock of Ages" (Hors). Junior League will meet at 4:30 this afternoon; Westminster League will meet at 7 o'clock at the church. School Endeavor will hold an open air meeting at the home of Mr. Hill, 1829 Garden street, the weather permitting. If stormy or cold, the meeting will be held in the church at 7 o'clock. Topic of the hour is "The Stilling of the Storm. How to Meet the Storms of Life." Matt. 4:35-41. We cordially urge you to attend these meet-

First Baptist
Corner of eighth and Pearl streets, Charles E. Dunham, pastor. Arab Hort Ras, music director. Bible school meets at 9:45. W. R. Lord, superintendent. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Memorial day service will be held. The church having as its guests the members of the G. A. R., the Women's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The music for the morning is a violin solo by Mrs. Greenwood Hayden and the offertory quartet will sing "Crossing the Bar."

First Christian
Oak and Eleventh streets. E. V. Stivers, pastor. Sunday opens with the "Hans and Gans Breakfast" given by the men of the Men's Bible class for the men of the church and of Eu-

First Church of Christ, Scientist.
Corner of Twelfth and Oak streets. Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The reading room at room 312 McMorran and Washburne building, corner of Eighth and Willamette streets, is open daily, except Sunday and legal holidays, at all hours. The librarian is in attendance from 12 until 4:30. The subject of the lesson for Sunday is "Soul and Body." All are cordially invited to attend the church services and visit the reading room.

International Bible Students Ass'n.
Meets Sunday 2:30 p. m. at 1551 High street. The Kingdom of this World. God created man in his own image, mental and moral. His intelligence will always be above animals. Genesis 1:26-28. Christ's life was sacrificed for the world of mankind and not for beasts. The spirit of life from God was forfeited by disobedience.

First Unitarian.
East Eleventh avenue at Ferry street. Morning service at 10:15 o'clock with sermon by the pastor, Frank Jay Edin; Sunday service, "The Dogmatic versus the Evolutionist," a study of the deeper significance of the intellectual and spiritual forces beneath the present controversy about the teaching of evolution. The soloist at this service will be Rose McGraw, contralto. The church school meets at the close of the morning service.

TAPS SOUNDED FOR ENGLISH WAR HERO OF YPRES BATTLES

DEAL, England, May 23.—(AP)—The Earl of Ypres, better known as Field Marshal French, British hero of the Ypres battles, died here today aged 73.

Field Marshal Viscount French, formerly Lord Lieutenant and Governor General of Ireland, was born Sept. 28, 1852. He relinquished command of the British forces in France in 1915, and was succeeded by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in December, 1915, after 16 months of warfare with the Germans. Until then he had been termed "the luckiest man in the British army."

Outnumbered by the enemy and short of high explosives, he had to halt their advance. He had handled the sorely tried British army in a masterly way. In its strategic retreat from Mons, a few weeks later, with nearly 1,000,000 men, he fought the historic battle of Ypres, the winning of which barred the Channel ports from the Germans and saved England from invasion. It was at Ypres that the Germans first resorted to their deadly asphyxiating gas attacks.

The glorious troops under his command had gone valiantly to their death," Field Marshal French wrote, "when a few more guns and a few more shells would have many times saved their sacrifice. And still no sufficient supplies came." Criticized almost impossibly to entrench themselves, the field marshal became engaged in a controversy with his old South African commander, Lord Kitchener, then secretary of state for war.

Luck Is Told
To revert to French's "luck." He was 41 years old and a half-pay colonel on the retired list in 1893. He had been shelved to give younger officers a chance. In 1895 the British military authorities decided to revise their cavalry drill book. Sir George Luck, then inspector of cavalry, under whom French had served in India, chose him to write the new regulations. It was a success. French was made assistant adjutant general of cavalry and thereupon headed direct for the command of the "first hundred thousand" British soldiers who met the first terrific German onslaughts. Meanwhile he had won distinction as a cavalry leader in the Boer war for which he was knighted and given a lieutenant's generalcy. For two years before the outbreak of the World war he was chief of the British Imperial staff.

In March, 1914, there had been trouble in Ulster over the organization of Sir Edward Carson's "volunteer army" opposed to home rule. Troops at the Curragh camp had been ordered to Belfast and a number of officers resigned. The Irish political situation, however, underwent a change and many of the officers, including General French, withdrew their resignations.

Created Viscount
Upon his retirement as Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in France and Flanders, Field Marshal French was created a Viscount and designated as Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the United Kingdom. He served in this capacity until May 11, 1918, when he was made Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, much to the surprise of the Irish Nationalists who expressed their belief that Lord French's administration would be characterized by repressive measures. On December 19, 1919, when the Lieutenant General was motoring in Ireland, an attempt was made to assassinate him. His party was ambushed and fired upon but he escaped injury.

Field Marshal French was a great student of Napoleon, the soldier, and believed him the greatest strategist the world ever knew. In following out Napoleon's campaigns in detail he personally covered and studied much of the ground in Belgium over which, years later, he was to combat as formidable a foe as the Little Corporal faced at Waterloo. His favorite authors were Dickens and Thackeray and his favorite books "Bleak House" and "The Book of Snobs."

BANKER WILL HEAD NATIONAL CHAMBER

WASHINGTON, May 23.—John W. O'Leary, vice-president of the Chicago Trust company, was elected president of chamber of commerce of the United States at its annual convention today.

Vice-presidents elected were: eastern division—Lewis E. Pierson of New York; northern central division, William Butterworth of St. Louis; southern central division, Robert R. Ellis, Memphis, Tenn.; western division, Paul Shoupe, San Francisco. John Joy Edson of Washington re-elected treasurer.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The chamber of commerce of the United States today unanimously adopted a resolution approving the recent action of the federal trade commission in adopting new rules governing its publicity procedure.

Efforts of the department of agriculture to curb skyrocketing on grain exchanges was endorsed. In short order resolutions were passed re-iterating the chamber's stand in favor of American adherence to the world court; for a referendum among its members on the American commercial treaty policy and for increase in federal judges' salaries.

CANADA'S WOOL CLIP
Western Canada realized \$631,700 from its wool clip last year. This from 2,000,000 pounds of wool.

PREVENT THE PESTS
Poultry owners should practice prevention, rather than cure, to keep their flocks free from lice and mites. Cleaning and spraying are essential. Infested birds should be treated and isolated for a while.

Church of God
Monroe street and Third. Manie Bincoyer, pastor. Bible school 10 a. m. E. A. Eagles, superintendent. A. C. Head, assistant superintendent. Classes for all ages. Preaching services 11 a. m. Subject, "Soul and Reflex." Song, "Reflect the Christ." Young People's meeting 7:15 p. m. Mary Jarvis will speak to the young people. Evening services 8 p. m. A. C. Head will preach. All are welcome.

Emmaus Lutheran
Second avenue west near Blair Blvd. Henry Iversen, pastor. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Miss Cassilla Anderson, superintendent. Preaching service in the English language at 11 a. m. and in the Danish language at 8 p. m. The Ladies Aid society will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. N. Miller. Prayer meeting Thursday evening in the English language.

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Department of Agriculture, on study of labor conditions in southern cotton fields. For an acre of corn, it takes 363 hours of man labor and 32.6 hours of mule labor.

Cotton and corn acreage in Brazil has decreased considerably this year. For cotton, 400,000 acres less. For corn, 2,254,000 acres.

Indian wheat acreage this year is reported at a 5 per cent increase above that of last. The estimate is given as 31,646,000 acres. The average yield of wheat in India is about 11.5 bushels an acre.

CITY BEATS FARMS IN DIVORCE TOTALS

(By NEA Service.)
STILLWATER, Okla., May 23.—Men's chances to keep the girls they wed are three times as great in country districts as in cities.

Census figures, compiled by J. T. Sanders, head of the department of agricultural economics at the Oklahoma A. and M. college here, show there is one divorce for every three marriages in cities of 5,000 or more persons. In the state.

"Difference in social conditions in cities and on the farm is instrumental in the destruction of family life," Sanders believes. "Although farm boys and girls possibly marry younger, city boys and girls doubt less go to the altar more hastily, and with far less intimate acquaintance than do the farm boys and girls."

"Again, the after-marriage social life on the farm is not so dazzling as that of the newweds in the cities. Social life in the country is more somber, more intimately associated with religious worship and more closely associated with local folks."

BANDITS ARE CAPTURED
SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 23.—(AP)—Forty-five minutes after two armed men robbed the bank at Goodwin, Neb., of about \$1000 in cash and \$4,000 worth of travelers' checks today Sioux City officers captured them as they crossed the bridge over the Missouri river into Sioux City.

WEANING THE PIGS
A carefully balanced and concentrated ration is necessary for pigs at weaning time. The best weaning age is about eight weeks.

BACK TO STORM
If you happen to be caught in a driving rain storm and are forced to stop, turn the car so that the back of it is to the wind. This will avoid wetting of the coil and other electric equipment.

TOLEDO AS AIRPORT
Leading automobile manufacturers of Toledo, O., are trying to make Toledo an important airplane port of the country. It may be a stopping station for the newly proposed \$3,000,000 air line between New York and Chicago.

AUTO REVENUE OFF
Returns from automobile taxes in February dropped more than \$2,500,000 below the revenue for the preceding February, according to government reports. Collections from this source this year were \$7,279,300.04.

FRENCH ENTER SPAIN
French auto manufacturers have been starting factories in Spain with the desire partly to avoid the heavy taxes in their own country, and also to get a better entry for their products in the Latin-American countries.

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Federal Farm Data
SECRETARY of Agriculture William M. Jardine, is going to inspect the department's field stations in the west. Later he will go to the southwest, and then through the south and east.

Four-fifths of the 20,000 workers in the Department of Agriculture are at field stations scattered through the country.

Belief that all foreign bulls will be excluded from entry hereafter, is false, says the Department of Agriculture. Tulips, hyacinths, crocuses, lilies, lilacs of the valley have unrestricted entry. All others, though restricted, will be permitted entry to meet essential needs.

It takes 132.5 hours of man labor and 20.6 hours of mule labor to produce an acre of cotton, concludes the

OREGON DAIRY COW WINNER OF TROPHY

Ida H. St. Mawes 472605, a senior three-year-old Jersey cow that was bred and tested by F. E. Lyon of Perrydale, Oreg., has completed a 365-day test in which she produced 11,385 lbs. of milk and 671.07 lbs. of fat. Her milk averaged 5.89 per cent fat and she carried her calf for over seven months of the year. She has met all requirements for the American Jersey Cattle club silver medal which has been awarded.

This is the second silver medal that Ida has won. As a junior three-year-old she won her first one by producing 567.76 lbs. of fat in 305 days.

Ida is by the silver medal sire St. Mawes Golden Poppo, that is by the gold and silver medal bull, consistent producer and out of that sire St. Mawes Poppo. Ida's dam is the register of merit cow Nashville Poppo, which has also registered. Foys of her daughters are in the register of merit and they have already won three silver medals.

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At The Churches Sunday

First Methodist Episcopal
J. Franklin Haas, minister. Sabbath school at 9:45. Dr. Hunt, general superintendent. Classes and teachers for all ages. High school chapter of the Epworth League will meet for their devotional program at 7. The Wesley club meets at the same hour in the university department. Morning sermon at 11 by Bishop William O. Shepard, D. D., of Portland, Oregon. His theme, "The Mission of the Church." Mr. Shepard will deliver the annual thank offering address for the Women's Missionary societies. Pastor will preach at 8 o'clock on the subject, "The Three Voices of the Age." A stirring congregational song service will precede the sermon. Special music for the day as follows: Morning at 11—Amen, "I'm a Pilgrim," Lorena. Mine, McGraw and choir. Solo, "The Mission," Vandie Water. Mrs. McGraw, Evening at 8—Amen, "Delight and Dawn," Speaks. Mine, McGraw, Mrs. Oberhauser and choir.

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