## THE SABBATH SCHOOL

International Lesson Comments For February 1.

Subject; Paul at Athens, Acts xvii., 22-34-Golden Text, Acts xvii., 18-Memory Verses, 28, 29 Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. Paul at Athens (vs. 13-21). As usual, persecution arose against the new religion at Berea, and Paul, leaving Silas and Timothy (v. 14) to follow him later, hastened secretly on till he came to the famous city of Athens, the capital of the intellectual world, as Rome was of the political and Jerusalem of the religious. While Paul waited for the coming of Silas and Timothy he employed his time in speaking in the synagogues to the Jews, and in the market places to those whom he met. The leaders in philosophy and religion were attracted by Paul, and held conversations with him about his religion. After discussing with these philosophers for a time they requested Paul to leave the curious and thronging crowds of the market and address them from the platform on the summit of the hill, called Areopagus, or Mar's Hill, where were assembled the noblest of Athens, the first politicians, the first orators, the first philosophers.

II. Paul's address on Mar's Hill (vs. 22-31). 22. "Paul stood." Paul spoke in the open air. "Mar's Hill—the Areopagus." This hill was to the west of the Acropolis and was the meeting place of the Athenian Council. To this hill of Mars the philosophers led St. Paul, that he might more conveniently address a larger audience. "Ye men of Athens." He was addressing men of high intellectual powers. Their city was the most renowned in the world for literature, art and philosophy. "I perceive." Paul had observed the important features of the city. "Too superstitious." Ye are greatly addicted to religious practice. The expression used by the apostle was complimentary. Ye are "very religious." I. Paul at Athens (vs. 13-21). As usual,

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23. "Your devotions." See R. V. The apostle had beheld their altars and works of art consecrated to religion. "To an unknown god." That no deity might punish them for neglecting his worship. "Ignorantly worship." See R. V. The apostle does not intend to say that their worship was of an ignorant character, but that they offered it in ignorance. "Him declare I." It was death for any private person to disturb the religion of the state by the introduction of any foreign god that had not been publicly recognized. But how admirably does Paul avail himself of the inscription on the altar! Who could accuse him of introducing anything new when he only expounded to the Athenians the attributes of the God whom they had ignorantly worshiped?

antly worshiped?
24. "God that made." 1. He opposes, 24. "God that made." 1. He opposes, indirectly, their opinions that there were many gods. 2. He opposes the opinion that matter is eternal. 3. That all things are controlled by fate. 4. That the world was formed by an accidental throng of atoms. And these were the doctrines of his hearers. While Paul respected the rank and position which his hearers held he was faithful in preaching unto them the truth. "Dwelleth not." A strong, decisive stroke against the whole system of Grecian idolatry.

25. "With men's hands." The apostle illustrates the character of the true God still further by another contrast between

illustrates the character of the true God still further by another contrast between Him and the deities of the heathen. God is independent of His creatures, He needs nothing from them. The heathen considered it meritorious to bring costly gifts to their idols, and even offerings of food and drink. "He giveth." He is the source of life and all things necessary to sustain life, therefore He cannot be dependent on that life which He has created.

26. "One blood." God has made of one ancestor, or one source, or one family all

ancestor, or one source, or one family, all nations. This lays upon us the duty to help all men, and to treat all men justly and lovingly, even the lowest races of men. Greeks held that the "first men had sprung up in Attica, like radishes;" that, like flowup in Attica, like radishes;" that, like flow-ers and trees, every nation was the pro-duct of its own soil, and that they were the aristocracy, all others being barbar-ians. The whole human family, however different in complexion, customs and lan-guage, are brethren. "Hath determined." God's almighty hand is revealed in the gov-ernment of the world, as well as in its cre-ation.

ation.

27. "Should seek the Lord." The whole object of the divine Providence, in His dealings with nations and individuals, is to bring them to a knowledge of the one true God. "Not far." He is hard to find; not because He withdraws from us, but be-cause we withdraw from Him. Our iniquities separate us from Him (Isa. 59: 2;

Rom. 10: 6-10).

29. "Offspring of God." By creation after the image of God; by regeneration through the incarnate Son of God. "Ought not." If we, intelligent, moral, rational beings, are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine One is like a dumb, dead, senseless idol.

30. "This ignorance." See R. V. Sins committed in ignorance are different from those committed against light and conscience. Men cannot plead ignorance who are living in the presence of an open Bible. "Overlooked." In the word "overlooked" lie treasures of mercy for those who lived

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31. "He will judge." Their character and deeds were to be examined, and the reward or punishment due was to be awarded by the Judge. Paul's reference awarded by the Judge. Paul's reference was apt, since he was standing in the place where judicial sentences were wont to be announced. "In righteousness." Every decision will be absolutely right and correct. There will be no bribery, no covering up. The righteousness of the judgment is what makes it terrible to the conscience.

III. The effect of Paul's address (vs. 32-34). 32. "Some mocked." Perhaps the Epicureans, who believed that this life was all. "Others said," etc. Whether seriously, or merely a courteous refusal to

Epicureans, who believed that this life was all. "Others said," etc. Whether seriously, or merely a courteous refusal to hear anything further is uncertain.

33, 34. "Paul departed." His effort had not proved as successful as he had hoped. He soon left Athens for Corinth. "Certain men — believed." Several accepted the truth. but the names of only two are mentioned. "Dionysius." There can be no doubt that this man was one of the judges of this great court, but whether the president or otherwise we cannot tell. No person was a judge in the Areopagus who had not borne the office of chief governor of the city, and none bore the office of judge in this court who was not of the highest reputation among the people for his intelligence and exemplary conduct. "Damaris." For what she was noted is not known, but she must have been a woman of influence. she must have been a woman of influence.

Extraordinary Sense of Smell. A clerk in a North Carolina postoffice, caught in the act of rifling letters, when he saw that escape was impossible, confessed his crimes and showed how they were accomplished. He had achieved such expertness in distinguishing paper money by the smell that he selected with unerring accuracy seven letters containing bank notes, out of 400 placed before him, although blindfolded. He could thus excate old notes as well as new ones

Wonderful Electric Storm. The Liverpool, N. S., schooner Rhoda brings from the San Blas coast, Colombia, a tale of a wonderful electric storm. "The whole sea and sky was a mass of fire," said the mate. "There was no pause. It was one continuous ed between November and April. bloze for fifteen Acre!

## COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions,

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade," says: "Fuel shortage is still the one seriously disturbing element in the indus-trial situation. Transporting facilities have been diverted from other merchandise to the disadvantage of shippers, yet iron furnaces are unable to secure sufficient supplies of coke, and many other manufacturing plants are closed because

of inadequate coal deliveries.
"Retail trade was accelerated by the customary clearance sales, especially in dry goods and kindred branches. Traveling men are sending in large orders

for spring goods. "Quiet conditions in the iron and steel markets do not mean dullness or diminishing consumption, but merely the oversold condition of furnaces and mills, together with great uncertainty about keeping plants active on a dayto-day supply of fuel.

New plans constantly come forward or large office buildings, notably at the West, which means vigorous consumption of structural steel and the demands rom car builders are phenomenal Practically the entire capacity of the eading plants is already booked for six months, and at many concerns the last half of the year will bring no idleness

unless orders are canceled. Eastern manufacturers of footwear are fully employed on spring shoes. Quiet conditions in leather have been succeeded by an increased demand for nemlock sole and standard upper. Last week's slight recovery in the hide market was not sustained. Dry goods trading has increased in volume. There is little disposition to anticipate wants in he cotton goods division, but immediate needs have evidently grown more pressing. In the woolen goods division the opening of piece dyes was made at an advance. Only moderate fluctuations have occurred in the great staples with the tendency upward.

Failures for the week numbered 267 in the United States, against 334 last year, and 38 in Canada, compared with 40 a year ago.

### LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour-Spring clear, \$3 25a3.45; best Patent, \$4.65; choice Family, \$3.90. Wheat-New York No. 2. 81%c; Philadelphia No 2, 79a79%c; Baltimore Corn-New York No. 2, 59c; Phila-

delphia No. 2. 54a55c; Baltimore No. 2, Oats-New York No. 2. 41c; Phila-

delphia No. 2, 42a425c; Baltimore No 2,

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$19.50a20.00; No. 2 timothy, \$18.50a19.00; No. 3 timothy \$16.50a17.50 Fruits and Vegetables .- White Pota-

oes-With receipts less liberal and quite an improvement in the demand, the market rules steady and firm. Apples--all good to choice fruit trees of fungue are in good demand. Cabbage-with quite a falling off in the receipts, there is a much firmer feeling on all good to choice stock. Sweet potatoes are in ample supply for present needs; the market rules quiet but steady. We quote: Cabbage-Danish large, per ton \$8.50a9.50; domestic, per ton \$7.50a8.00 Potatoes-Maryland and Pennsylvania, per bu 65a68c; Eastern per bu 65a 68c; Eggplant, Florida, per orange box \$1.00 a1.25. Onions—yellow, per bu 70a75c; red, per bu 60a65c. Celery, per doz 25a40c. Apples—Eastern, good to choice, per bri \$2.00a3.00; Western, do do do do do \$1.75a2.50; No. 2 all kinds \$1.00a1.25. Sweet Potatoes-Potomac yellow, per brl \$2.75a3 00; North Carolina, yellow, \$2.25a2.50; Eastern shere yellow, \$2.00a2.25. Yams, yellow, \$1.50

Butter, Separator, 30a31c; Gathered cream, 28a 29c; prints, 1-lb 31a32c; Rolls, 2-lb, 30a31c; Dairy pts. Md., Pa., Va.,

28a29c Eggs, Fresh-laid eggs, per dozen,

281/a29c. Cheese, Large, 60-lb, 14% a14%; medium, 36-lb, 14% a14%; picnics, 23-lb, 14%a14%c.

Live Poultry, Hens, 12a121c; old roosters, each 25a30c; Turkeys, 15a16c; Ducks, 12a13e

Hides, Heavy steers, association and salters, late kill, 60-lbs and up, close selection, 11a12c; cows and light steers 8%a9c.

Provisions and Hog Products .- Bulk clear rib sides, 9%c; bulk shoulders, 9%c; bulk bellies, 10%c; bulk ham butts. 10c; bacon clear rib sides, 101/c; bacon shoulders, 10%c; sugar-cured breasts, 12%c; sugar-cured shoulders, 10%c; sugar cured California hams, 10c; nams canvased or uncanvased, 12 lbs. and under, 14%c; refined lard tierces, bris and 50 lb caus, gross, 10%c; refined lard, half-barrels and new tubs, 11c.

## Live Stock.

Chicago, Cattle, Mostly 15a20clower, good to prime steers \$5 00a6 85; medium \$3 00a4 75; stockers and feeders \$2 25 a4 50; cows, \$1 40a4 40; heifers \$2 25a 4 75; Texas-fed steers \$3 50a4 .75 Hogs, Mixed and butchers \$6 30a6 65; good to choice, heavy \$6 70a6 90; Sheep, sheep and lambs slow to lower; good to choice whethers \$4 25a4 60; Western sheep \$4 25n6 10.

East Liberty, Cattle steady; choice \$5 75a5 90; prime \$5 40a5 60. Hogs, prime heavy \$6 70a6 80, mediums \$6 65; neavy Yorkers \$6 60a6 65. Sheep steady, Best wethers \$4 10a4 35 culls and common \$2 60a3 90; choice lambs \$5 75a6 10.

## SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Steamfitters are Duluth, Minn., have organized a union. About 5000 workmen are employed in he meerschaum mines of Turkey. Street passenger traffic of London, England, gives employment to 50,000

persons, Syracuse (N. Y.) bakers will de-mand day work after May 3, 1903. The standard rate of wages for hand ompositors in England is \$0.48 a week Miners in the Russian iron miner work to hours a day. Night work is

Des Moines (Iowa) horseshoers have nade a successful demand for a ninetour day.

Carpenters, painters and masons of Canandaigua, N. Y., will ask for increased wages after April 1.

Under the rule of the Carpenters and Joiners' Union no strike can be order-

News Happenings of Interest Gathered

Patents granted:-James H. Baker, Allegheny, apparatus for making chains, manufacture of chains, brake beams; Silas W. Bennett, McDonald invalid bedstead; Peter Bertges, Allegheny, window; Oliver W. Bubb, Ellvood City, stove pipe; Otto W. Cook, Wilkinsburg, try square for die makers ise; Albert G. Cummings, Millersburg nydraulic packing device; James D. Daugherty, Kittanning, typewriter ribon actuating mechanism; Burton L Gale, Warren, box or case; Enos L Moore, Pittsburg, combined gas valve and burner; John H. Nicholson, Pittsurg, piercing and expanding mill; John Park, Park Quarries, brick kiln; Charles E. Shaffer, Hallton, toy figure Ralph C. Stifel and R. T. Brown, Ellood City, tube drawing device; Michel F. Wenrich, Ravine, nut lock. \*

These pensions were granted:-Al pert Roessing, Butler, \$8; Sanford M. Hyde, Bradford, \$8; William Grance, Pittsburg, \$6; William Wise, Kossuth, ; William Lenhart, Lewisburg, \$10; ickson Stewart, Pittsburg, \$12; John Wilson, Thurber, \$10; Albert Thorn, rove City, \$8; Robert W. McClurg, lanlin Station, \$10; John C. Forbes, North Rome, \$17; minor of William Mincer, Millhall, \$10; Margaret M. McPherson, Lewisburg, \$8; Loretta Gauffiel, Vintondale, \$8; Susan Dove, Warren, \$8; Lewis Potters, Frugality, \$17; John B. Mochoder, Shanksville, \$30; Norman B. Critchfield, Somerset, 15: Lemuel H. Auman, Johnstown, \$8 Sarah J. Graham, Burgettstown, \$8 Kate Brown, Pittsburg, \$9; Mary B. Bennett, Stevensville, \$12; minors of James McHoney. Towanda, \$16; Adam Adler, Coraopolis, \$8; Michael Bar-barich, Allegheny, \$12; Levi B. Mauges, Buckstown, \$14; Amos Williard, Lines-ville, \$10; John Mausser, Hawthorn, Ville, \$10; John Mausser, Hawthorn, \$17; Josephine Fierst, Pittsburg, \$8; Mary R. Ray, Atlantic, \$8; Annie Pur-cell, Braddock, \$8; Elizabeth A. Grist, Waynesburg, \$12; Margaret Gallough, Hillesgrove, \$12; Mary B. Snowden, Woodbury, \$12.

For several days officers have been searching for Edward Evans, of Steelville, Chester County, who is charged with having stolen a horse belonging to Martin Wiltman of Kirkwood, Coleran Township, this county. It was learned that Evans was at the residence of William Hazen, at White Rock, Coleran Township and Constable Frank James, of Quarryville, set out on horseback to arrest Evans. When within 200 yards of the house the constable saw Evans running away. James called on the fugi-tive to halt, but he refused to do so. James rode on to the house, when, he says a woman appeared armed with a revolver. She pointed the weapon at the constable and forced him to remain until Evans was out of sight. James says he will have the woman arrested.

In the matter of the opposition of the Post Office Department to the maintenance of rural free delivery routes for which turnpike tolls are charged Congressman Cassel has received definite information from the Postmaster General. Congressman Cassel stated that he found that there is no intention on the part of the Post Office Department to interfere with the routes already established, whether they pass over turnpikes or not, nor is there any intention of changing any contracts which the department has with turnpike companies. What action may be taken with reference to routes asked for in the future, which will pass over turnpikes, has not been fully de-

The new line of the Pennsylvania Railroad across Lancaster County, from At-glen to the Columbia and Port Deposit line, will be the longest straight line that the Pennsylvania system has in the State. On the east of the line for eight miles the road will be perfectly straight and on the west end the conditions are almost the same. On the whole line there will be one mile of over fifteen feet grade, which will be in striking contrast with the heavy grades of Mountville and Gap. An engine on the new road will be able to move trains of immense size. The line was projected to avoid the Gap and Mountville grades and to permit large train movement.

One of the guests at the wedding of John J. McCarthy and Miss Alice Mc-Gugart, at Schuylkill Haven, in throwing a bag of rice at the newly wedded couple as they were stepping into their cab, missed them and struck the horses, causing a runaway. The horse ran from St. Ambrose's Catholic Church, where the wedding was celebrated, through the greater part of the town, colliding with several teams. Adam Moyer finally jumped at the horses' heads and brought them to a standstill. The bride

and bridegroom were unhurt. The Washington and Jefferson College faculty announced these members of the junior class who will appear in the annual junior oratorical contest at commencement next spring for a prize of \$50: James Roy Dickie, Pittsburg; James Ferris, Houston; John Fielding r., Allegheny: Elder Watson Marshall Wilkinsburg: Homer Persell Prowitt, Washington, and Charles Andrew Tuit, Uniontown. These six were chosen out of a class of 55.

One hundred Italians employed at the Lake Eric Company's quarries at Hillsville quit work because they objected to a new system of paying adopted. Failing to induce 70 men in the Union quarry of the same company to quit, they armed themselves with revolvers. knives and sledges and marched upon the lesser body. After a brief battle in which several shots were fired the Union men quit.

The Greenville school board has ordered plans drawn for a new \$35,000 school building.

A. L. Leech, of Pittsburg, fell under a train at Big Run, Jefferson county, and was probably fatally injured. While David Richael was attending

prayer meeting at East Brooke, his horse and sleigh, valued at \$175. were Extensive preparations are being made by the Knights of the Golden Eagle lodges at Johnstown, for the entertainment of the 2,000 or more Golden

Eagles to assemble in that city on May The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad has purchased 26 acres of land from J. B. Brown and Thomas March in Shenango township, Lawrence county, for the right of way for the new line

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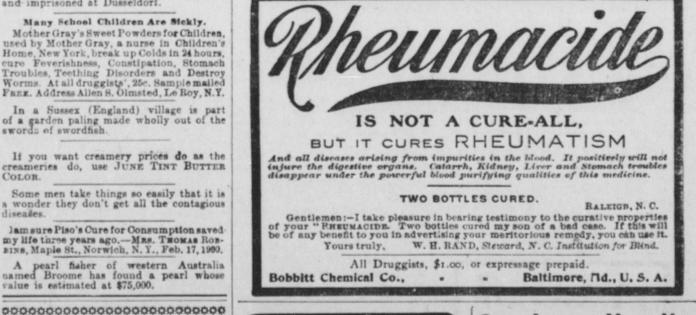
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