BEREAN NOTES.

A. D. 33.] LESSON III.—Acts 2. 12-28
[April 16. PETER'S DEFENCE.

TOPIC: Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled.

GOLDEN TEXT: Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophecied of the grace that should come unto you. 1 Pet. 1. 10.

HOME READINGS.

MONDAY—Acts 2. 12-28.
TUESDAY—Acts 2. 29-36.
WEDNESDAY—Joel 5. 21-32.
THURSDAY—Psa. 16. 1-11.
FRIDAY—Isa. 44. 1-8.
SATURDAY—John 5. 36 47.
SUNDAY—Luke 24. 25-32.

12. 13. Two principal classes of spectators were gathered in the open court and galleries of the house where the disciples had received the wonderful effusion of the Holy Spirit. The DEVOUT foreign Jews were all entirely at a loss how to explain the phenomenon before them. WHAT MEANETH THIS? was their anxious and sincere inquiry. The other class were *mockers*, probably native Jews, worldly and careless. Perhaps they were mere idlers about town. They treat the scene with profane and ribald wit, asserting that THESE MEN are *drunk*. As though strong drink would teach men languages! NEW WINE. *Sweet wine*, fermented and intoxicating.

14. PETER STANDING UP. A great change has been wrought by the baptism of the Spirit in this man. Seven weeks previous he had denied acquaintance with Jesus, and now, leader of this glorious band of confessors, he proclaims him to thousands as risen and glorified, and charges them with the crime of his crucifixion. This is as marvelous as the visible and audible miracle. He has no primacy, but is spokesmen with the concurrence of his brethren. The TONGUES ceased and PETER stepped forth where he could be seen and heard, THE ELEVEN standing near, and answered the question, WHAT MEANETH THIS?

15-21. *The propheeies of Joel predice it.*

15. NOT DRUNKEN. In a manly way Peter first replies to the charge of the mockers. It was but nine o'clock in the morning, the hour of morning sacrifice, before which hour pious Jews did not eat or drink. This was enough. Night was the time for drunkenness, even among the heathen.

16. THE PROPHET JOEL. In the reign of Uzziah, B. C. 800, and contemporary with Isaiah and Amos. The Jews of Peter's time understood this passage to point to the times of the Messiah.

17, 18. THE LAST DAYS. The days for which all preceeding ones were a preparation; the days of the last great revelation from God; the days of the last dispensation in his great plan of salvation, the days of Messiah. POUR OUT. The gift of the SPIRIT is abundant, free and full. ALL FLESH. Of which the fulfillment began on the Pentecost. In its full import it has not yet been realized, as it is surely to come upon the whole earth. Showers of blessings wait for the prayers of the church. The Spirit's supernatural influences are for all classes, and not for a few persons, so that YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS generally, and also SERVANTS AND HANDMAIDENS, shall receive them. The Jews held that the Spirit was never given to a poor man. PROPHESY. Speak under special divine influence for any purpose, and not merely in predictions of future events. It embraced the speaking with tongues. VISIONS and DREAMS, in which God had revealed himself to the few, should now be for the many. His revealed truth is now, however, complete in the written Scriptures.

19, 20. The great event was to be preceded by supernatural wonders. BLOOD in ver. 19 is explained by BLOOD in verse 20, and SMOKE by DARKNESS. The FIRE was seen on the Pentecost. NOTABLE DAY. ILLUSTRIOUS, or MEMORABLE day, namely, that of the Spirit's outpouring, blessed to believers, but terrible to all rejecters of his grace.

21. SAVED. The great end of this effusion is the salvation of men. This, too, is not for the few, but for all who will CALL on Christ's name. WHOSOEVER is one of the far-reaching words.

22. Peter next applies the prophecy JESUS OF NAZARETH. *Jesus of Nazarene*, the exact superscription on the cross. APPROVED OF GOD. The Sanhedrim, by solemn vote, pronounced him a blasphemer, and Pilate crucified him as a traitor. YE . . . KNOW. His ministry was full of MIRACLES. John 11. 47.

23. Distinguish between what God did and what men did. It was God's DETERMINATE COUNSEL. that is, his definite purpose or plan, that Christ should voluntarily die as a sacrifice for men's sins. 1 Pet. 1. 20. In accordance with this plan he freely gave his Son. John 3. 16; Rom. 8. 32. He foreordains his own acts, but not those of men. He *foreknew* just what men would do with his Son, but their acts he did not purpose, nor was it necessary that they should do them. Christ could have died in other ways without their help. YE. Jews. Perhaps some then present had cried, *Crucify him.* BY WICKED HANDS. That is, of the Romans. The Jews were the principals. CRUCIFIED. This was their own voluntary, guilty act, which God never decreed, planned, or sanctioned.

24. GOD HATH RAISED. This is the first public announcement of Christ's resurrection. How it must have startled the hearers. If it can be proved, the great question is answered. Not possible. Death had no power against Christ's will.

25-28. *The prophecies of David predict his resurrection.*

25. DAVID. Psa. 16. 8-11. The prediction was either of David or the Messiah. It was not of David, for he yet lay in his SEPULCHRE, verse 29. He therefore spoke of THE RESURRECTION of Messiah, ver. 31.

27. MY SOUL IN HELL. *Hades*, the world of departed spirits THINE HOLY ONE is in verse 31, *his flesh.* CORRUPTION means not only decay, but its chief idea is that of *utter destruction.*

28. THE WAYS OF LIFE. Through the resurrection. FULL OF JOY. After the ascension. Peter having shown the resurrection to have been predicted in the psalm, goes on to affirm it an accomplished fact, WHEREOF, he says, WE ARE WITNESSES, ver. 32, and then to declare that what they saw and heard was the work of the ascended Jesus, ver. 33.

A CHILD'S BEAUTIFUL FAITH.

Birdie was only four years old, but she had already been taught that God loved her, and always took care of her. One day there was a very heavy thunder storm, and Birdie's sisters and mamma even laid by their sewing, and drew their chairs into the middle of the room, pale and trembling with fear. But Birdie stood close to the window, watching the storm with bright eyes.

"O mamma! ain't that b'uful!" she cried, clapping her hands with delight, as a vivid flash of lightning burst from the black clouds, and the thunder pealed and rattled over their heads.

"It is God's voice, Birdie," said mamma, and her own voice trembled.

"He talk very loud, don't he, mamma? S'pose it's so as deaf Betsy can hear, and the other deaf folks."

"O Birdie! dear, come straight away from that window," said one of her sisters, whose cheeks was blanched with fear.

"What for?" asked Birdie.

"O! because the lightning is so sharp, and it thunders so loud."

But Birdie shook her head, and looking over her shoulder, with a happy smile on her face, lisped out:

"It is funder, let it funder! 'Tis God makes it funder, and he'll take care of me. I ain't a bit afraid to hear God talk, Maizy."—*Sunday-School Times.*

"THEN YOU HAVE A FATHER.'

The Rev. Dr. Jonas King once went to visit the children in an orphan asylum. The children were seated in a schoolroom, and Dr. King stood on a platform before them.

"So this is an orphan asylum," said he.

"I suppose that many of you children would tell me that you have no father or mother, were I to ask you?"

"Yes, sir; yes, sir," said some voices.

"How many of you say you have no father? Hold up your hands."

A forest of hands were put up.

"So you say you have no father?"

"Yes, sir; yes, sir."

"Now," said Dr. King, "do you ever say the Lord's Prayer? Let me hear you."

The children began: "Our Father, who art in heaven—"

"Stop, children," said Dr. King; "did you begin right?"

The children began again: "Our Father who art in heaven—"

"Stop again, children," said Dr. King. "What did you say? Our Father? Then you have a Father—a good, rich Father. I want to tell you about Him. He owns all the gold in California; He owns all the world; He can give you as much of anything as He sees is best for you. Now, children, never forget that you have a Father. Go to Him for all you want as if you could see Him. He is able and willing to do all that is for your good."

IN A TUNNEL, BUT SAFE.

At Stuttgard a man came to me in the depths of gloom, saying, "Oh, Mr. Smith I was so filled with joy in the meeting yesterday, and now it is all gone—all—ands do not know what to do; it is as dark I night!

"I am so glad," I quietly remarked.

He looked at me in astonishment—"What do you mean?"

"Yesterday," I remarked, "God gave you joy, and to-day He sees that you are resting on your emotions instead os on Christ, and He has taken them away in order to turn you to Christ. You have lost your joy, but *you have Christ none the less.* Did you ever," I continued, "pass through a railway tunnel?"

"Yes, often."

"Did you, because it was dark, become melancholy and alarmed?"

"Of course not," he said.

"And did you," I asked, "after a while come out agaid into the light—"

"*I am out now,*" he said, interrupting me—"It is all right, feelings or no feelings."—*R. Pearsall Smith.*

MACDONALD & CO.,
IMPORTERS OF CAST AND
MALLEABLE IRON PIPE,
With Fittings of every description.
BRASS AND COPPER TUBES, SHEETS, ETC.,
STEAM AND VACUUM GUAGES, HAND AND POWER PUMPS.
Rubber Hose and Steam Packing.
MANUFACTURERS OF ALL KINDS
ENGINEERS' BRASS FITTINGS.
Also—The heavier description of
BRASS and COPPER WORK;
FOR STEAMSHIPS, RAILWAYS, TANNERIES, ETC.
Nos. 166 to 172 Barrington Street, - - - - - Halifax.
Dec. 22.

GATES,
Life of Man Bitters,
AND
COMBINED MEDICINES,
From Roots and Plants of Nova Scotia, comprising Ten different Preparations.

HAVE been throughly tested thoroughout Nova Scotia for the last 25 years in some of the most severe and apparently hopeless cases, and we have yet to hear of a case it has not benefitted; and while on the contrary numerous certificates taken before the Justice of the Peace are shown in our pamphlets which can be obtained from our Agents or will be sent free to any address on application.

PRICE of BITTERS and SYRUP per pint bottle 50 CENTS.

For Sale by all Druggists and respectable Dealers throughout the Province.

Manufactured by
CALEB GATES & Co.,
Middleton, Annapolis County, N.S..

SEND 25 cts to G. P. ROWELL & Co., New York, for Pamphlet of 100 pages, containing lists of 3000 newspapers, and estimates showing cost of advertising. march 8, 1 yr.

A Life Study—what is it?

A remarkable, curious, wonderful, interesting, and beautiful Photograph of Fifty Babies called
"INFANTRY,"
Taken from life, and exhibiting almost every phase of character and expression of countenance.

SAMPLE NOTICES:—"We have received from Mr. C. W. Coates, of the Montreal Book Room, a handsome picture, which he has just published, entituled 'Infantry.' It is made up of a splendid array of photographs of babies. We have babies fat and babies thin; babies laughing and babies crying; babies smiling and babies frowning. This picture will be quite a domestic favorite, especially with those who have babies of their own."—*Christian Guardian.*

"The group represents five rows of infants, ten deep. They are of all kinds, large and small, fat thin, and medium; laughing, crying, staring, winking, thinking, scolding, crowing, pouting, frowning, batting, scratching their heads, and sucking their fingers; and in every case the expression of features has been caught by the photographic instrument at the very best time. This picture is recommended to the notice of the Bachelors' Society."—*Montreal Witness.*

Framing size, 14 x 18 inches. Price, $1.50 Colored, $2.00. A liberal discount allowed to Canvassers and the trade. A sample copy will be sent to any address, free of expense, on receipt of the price. Call and see it at the METHODIST BOOK ROOM, GRANVILLE STREET, Halifax.

BRITISH AMERICAN
BIBLE, BOOK, TRACT AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
DEPOSITORY,
133 GRANVILLE ST., HALIFAX, N.S.

RELIGIOUS MAGAZINES Sunday at Home, Family Treasury, Leisure Hour, &c., &c., Post paid. $1.75
PAPERS FOR FAMILIES AND SABBATH SCHOOLS—British Messenger, British Workman, Cottager and Artizan, Child's Companion &c., &c., 28 cents.
Band of Hope Review, Children's Paper, Children's Messenger, Gospel Trumpet, &c., 14 cents.
International Lesson Papers, Bliss & Sankey's Hymns, Gall & Inglis' Spiritual Songs.

We desire to obtain a largely increased circulation for the above and other excellent Periodicals. To further this object we will give
PRIZES
for Clubs of New Subscribers, as follows:—

Club of 10	Papers	to one address	1	paper at	14 cents.
" 20	"	" "	2	"	"
" 30	"	" "	3	"	"
" 66	"	" "	1	Chatterbox.	
" 120	"	" "	1	Sunday at Home	

We invite the boys and girls all over the Provinces to unite with our Society in earnest efforts to supply families with good, cheap, beautifully illustrated papers. Let your motive be "Love to our Lord and Saviour," and your desire, to do good to all around you.

A. McBEAN,
Secretary.
March 25, 1876.

GOSPEL SONGS by P. P. Bliss
For Sunday-schools, Prayer Meetings and Devotional Exercises.

This unrivaled collection, contains "Hold the Fort" "Hallelujah" "Tis Done," "Almost Persuaded," "Ninety and Nine," "More to Follow," "Only an Armour Bearer," together with all of Mr. Bliss's late and popular melodies. Price $30 per 100 copies: by mail, 35 cents. For sale at all Bookstores, or can be procured of the Publishers,
JOHN CHURCH & Co., CINCINNATI, O

THE
"MOODY & SANKEY SONG BOOK"
Is now used everywhere. Every family should have it. Price, in Boards. $30 per 100 copies; by mail, 35 cents.
Either Books sent by mail on receipt of price.
JOHN CHURCH & Co., CINCINNATI, O

The CHOICE.
For Singing Schools and CONCERTS.
By McGranahan and Case.
☞A Wide-Awake Book for Wide-Awake Teachers. Contains a novel elementary course, and a Grand Collection of Music. The Choice is the work of experienced men, and is the most successfull Convention Book in the field. Price $7.50 a dozen; by mail 75 cents. Published by
JOHN CHURCH & Co., Cincinnati, O.

JOB PRINTING
REPORTS, PAMPHLETS
Posters, Handbills,
Cards, Billheads, Circulars, Custom an Mercantile Blanks,
We are now prepared to execute all Orders for the above work
AT MODERATE RATES.
WITH NEATNESS AND DISPATCH.
AT THE 'WESLEYAN' OFFICE.

TEMPERANCE HOTEL
St. Georges St, Annapolis Royal!
M. PORTER - - - PROPRIETOR,

THE above Hotel is pleasantly situated, one door East of St. Luke's Church and five minutes walk from Steamboat Wharf, Railway Station and Post Office. Good accommodation for permanent and Transient Boarders. Terms—30 cents per meal or $1.00 per day. Permanent Board from $3 to $5 per week.
☞ GOOD STABLING
Aug. 28, 1877.

$5 to $20 per day at home. Samples worth $1 free. STINSON & Co., Portland, Maine. march 8, 1 yr.

SEEDS.
BROWN, BROTHERS & CO,
ILLUSTRATED DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE of Kitchen Garden, Field, and Flower Seeds, Gladiolus, Bulbs, &c.—containing a full description of the various sorts and a large amount of useful information on their sowing and culture, FREE ON APPLICATION.
BROWN, BROTHERS & Co.,
Ordnance Square.
Halifax, N.S
☞ *We send Flower Seeds and Bulbs also Small Vegitable Seeds, at retail prices to all parts of the Dominion and Newfoundland free of Postage.*
March 16th, 1876.—10 ins.

Mahogany and Walnut.
25 M Walnut, 1 to 4 inch. 10 M Mahogany 1 to 4 inches.
2 Cases Mahogany Veneers.
2 Cases Walnut do.
For by Subscriber,
an 27. R. I. HART.

$5 to $20 PER DAY.—Agents Wanted! All classes of working people, of either sex, young or old, make more money at work for us in their spare moments, or all the time, than at anything else. Particulars free. Post card to States costs but one cent. Address,
G. STINTON & CO.,
feb. 17—7ins Portland, Maine.

AGENTS ATTENTION

WE want Agents in EVERY COUNTY and Township to sell FAMILY BIBLES HARDING'S. We are prepared to give the most liberal discount offered.

Harding's Editions of the Bible have been widely known for more than forty years as the CHEAPEST FAMILY AND PULPIT BIBLE EVER PUBLISHED. They have lately added to several editions a Bible Dictionary with nearly 300 illustrations. Also, a History of the Bible, beautifully illustrated with fifteen full page illustrations after Dore.

THE CHEAPEST QUARTO BIBLE
WITH REFERENCES.

No. 7—Roan Embossed, Marbled Edges, Family Record, eight full pages Illustrations, and two Illustrated Titled Pages, Psalms in Metre.

No. 8—Same as No. 7 with addition of Concordanee.

No. 9—Roan Enameled Gilt sidesand back, contents the same as No. 8. Address
WESLEYAN BOOK ROOM,
125 Granville Steet.
jan. 23.

1875 **FALL STOCK COMPLETE,** 1875
In every department comprising
DRESS GOODS in all the newest styles,
BLACK STUFF GOODS,
MANTLE CLOTHS & TRIMMINGS,
VELVETEENS AND SILK VELVETS,
GLOVES, HOSIERY, &c.,
SKIRTS, SHAWLS and MANTLES,
And a rich display of
HATS, FLOWERS, AND FEATHERS.
JOST BROTHERS,
141 Granville Street.
P. S.—All orders will receive prompt attention.

Job Printing neatly and promptly executed at this Office.

FITS!
FITS! FITS! FITS!

CURE OF EPILEPSY, OR, FALLING FITS, BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS.

Persons labouring under this distressing malady, will find Hance's Epileptic Pills to be the only remedy ever discovered for curing Epilepsy or Falling Fits.

The following certificates should be read by all the afflicted; they are in every respect true, and should they be read by any one who is not afflicted himself, if he has a friend who is a sufferer, he will do a humane act by cutting this out and sending it to him.

A MOST REMARKABLE CURE.

PHILADELPHIA, June 28th, 1867.

SETH HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir: Seeing your advertisement, I was induced to try your Epileptic Pills. I was attacked with Epilepsy in July, 1863. Immediately my physician was summoned, but he could give me no relief. I then consulted another physician, but I seemed to grow worse. I then tried the treatment of another, but without any good effect. I again returned to my family physician; was cupped and bled several different times. I was generally attacked without any premonitory symptoms. I had from two to five fits a day, at intervals of two weeks. I was often attacked in my sleep, and would fall wherever I would be, or whatever be occupied with, and was severely injured several times from the falls. I was affected so much that I lost all confidence in myself. I also was affected in my business, and I consider that your Epileptic Pills cured me. In February, 1865, I commenced to use your Pills, and only had two attacks afterwards. The last one was April 15th, 1865, and they were of a less serious character. With the blessing of Providence your medicine was made the instrument by which I was cured of that distressing affliction. I think that the Pills and their good effects should be made known everywhere, that persons who are similarly affected may have the benefit of them. Any person wishing further information can obtain it by calling at my residence, No. 839 North Third St., Philadelphia, Pa.
WILLIAM ELDER.

IS THERE A CURE FOR EPILEPSY?

The subjoined will answer.

GRENADA, Miss., June 30.—SETH S. HANCE.—Dear Sir: You will find enclosed five dollars, which I send you for two boxes of your Epileptic Pills. I was the first person who tried your Pills in this part of the country. My son was badly afflicted with fits for two years. I wrote for and received two boxes of your Pills, which he took according to directions. He has never had a fit since. It was by my persuasion that Mr. Lyon tried your Pills. His case was a very bad one; he had fits nearly all his life. Persons have written to me from Alabama and Tennessee on the subject, for the purpose of ascertaining my opinion in regard to your Pills. I have always recommended them, and in no instance where I have had a chance of hearing from their effect have they failed to cure. Yours, etc., C. H. GRY,
Grenada, Talabusha County, Miss.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE CURE OF EPILEPSY; OR, FALLING FITS, BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS.

MONTGOMERY, Texas, June 29th, 1867.

To SETH S. HANCE:—A person in my employ had been afflicted with Fits, or Epilepsy, for thirteen years; he had the sickness at intervals of two to four weeks, and oftentimes several in quick succession, sometimes continuing for one or three days. On several occasions they lasted until his mind appeared totally deranged, in which state he would continue for a day or two after the fits ceased. I tried several remedies prescribed by our resident physicians, but without success. Having seen your advertisement I concluded to try your remedy. I obtained two boxes of your Pills, gave them according to directions, and they effected a permanent cure. The person is now a stout, healthy man, about 30 years of age, and has not had a fit since he commenced taking your medicine, ten years since. He was my principal waggoner, and has, since that time, been exposed to the severest of weather. I have great confidence in your remedy, and would like every one who has fits to give it a trial.
B. L. DEFRESE.

STILL ANOTHER CURE.

Read the following testimonial from a respectable citizen of Grenada, Mississippi.

SETH S. HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir: I take great pleasure in relating a case of spasms, or Fits, cured by your invaluable Pills. My brother, J. J. Ligon, has long been afflicted with this awful disease. He was first attacked while quite young. He would have one or two spasms at one attack at first, but as he grew older they seemed to increase. Up to the time he commenced taking your Pills he had them very often and quite severe, prostrating him, body and mind. His mind had suffered seriously, but now, I am happy to say, he is cured of those fits. He has enjoyed fine health for the last five months. His mind has also returned to its original brightness. All this I take great pleasure in communicating, as it may be the means of directing others to the remedy that will cure them. Yours, respectfully, etc., W. P. LIGON.

Sent to any part of the country, by mail, free of postage, on receipt of a remittance. Address, SETH S. HANCE, 168 Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md. Price, one box, $2; two, $3; twelve, $7.
☞ Please mention where you saw this advertisement.

SUI GENERIS.
PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT
VIENNA 1873 PARIS 1867
MASON & HAMLIN CABINET ORGANS.
UNEQUALED if judged critically, UNAPPROACHED in capacity and excellence by any others. Awarded
THREE HIGHEST MEDALS
AND **DIPLOMA OF HONOR** AT
VIENNA, 1873; PARIS, 1867.
ONLY American Organs ever awarded any medal in Europe, or which present such extraordinary excellence as to command a wide sale there.
ALWAYS awarded highest premiums at Industrial Expositions, in America as well as Europe. Out of hundreds there have not been six in all where any other organs have been preferred.
BEST Declared by Eminent Musicians, in both hemispheres, to be unrivaled. See TESTIMONIAL CIRCULAR, with opinions of more than One Thousand (sent free).
INSIST on having a Mason & Hamlin. Do not take any other. *Dealers get* LARGER COMMISSIONS *for selling inferior organs, and for this reason often try very hard to sell something else.*
NEW STYLES with most important improvements ever made. New Solo and Combination Stops. Superb Etagere and other Cases of new designs.
PIANO-HARP CABINET ORGAN. Exquisite combination of these instruments.
EASY PAYMENTS. Organs sold for cash; or by monthly or quarterly payments; or rented until rent pays for the organ.
CATALOGUES and Circulars, with full particulars, free. Address MASON & HAMLIN ORGAN CO., 154 Tremont Street, BOSTON; 25 Union Square, NEW YORK; or 80 & 82 Adams St. CHICAGO.
Oct20th.—1y

DEVOES' BRILLIANT
OIL
THE finest illuminator in the world, burning without smell or smoke, or crusted wick, will give a larger flame and much more light than other OILS. Is safe—used for the last five years' no accident or explosion has ever occurred.
Put up in 5 Gallon Cans with patent faucet for family use, for Sale in Barrels by
WM. J. FRASER,
Agent,
April 17—1y Tobin's South Wharf

BUCKEYE BELL FOUNDRY.
Established in 1837.
Superior Bells of Copper and Tin, mounted with the best Rotary Hangings, for Churches, Schools, Farms, Factories, Court Houses, Fire Alarms, Tower Clocks, Chimes, etc. Fully Warranted.
Illustrated Catalogue sent Free.
VANDUZEN & TIFT,
Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.