

12. December 17..The Holy City. Revelation 21 : 1-4, 22-27.
 13. December 24..The Promise of the King: the Coming of the King. Isa. 9: 2-7 ; Luke 9: 49-62.
 14. December 31..REVIEW—Christ's Coming and Coming to Christ. Read Rev. 22: 6-14, 16-21.

Lesson VI. SHIPWRECKED ON MELITA (MALTA) November 5, 1916

Acts 27 : 38-44. Study Acts 27 : 38 to 28 : 10. *Scripture Memory Verses.

GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants : and none of them that trust in him shall be condemned.—Psalm 34 : 22 (Rev. Ver.).

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, ¹ and cast out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land : but they ² discovered a certain ³ creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And ⁴ when they had taken up the anchors, they committed *themselves* unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 ⁵ And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ⁶ ship aground ; and the ⁷ forepart stuck fast,

Revised Version—throwing out ; ² perceived ; ³ bay with a beach, and they took counsel whether they could drive the ship upon it ; ⁴ casting off the anchors, they let them in the sea, at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders ; and hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach ; ⁵ But lighting upon a place ; ⁶ vessel ; ⁷ foreship struck ; ⁸ stern began to break up by the ; ⁹ desiring ; ¹⁰ stayed them ; ¹¹ overboard, and get first to the land ; ¹² planks ; ¹³ other things from the ship ; ¹⁴ all escaped safe to the land.

LESSON PLAN

- I. Land Reached, 38, 39.
- II. The Ship Wrecked, 40, 41.
- III. All Saved, 42-44.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Shipwrecked on Melita, Acts 27 : 38-44. T.—Shipwrecked on Melita, Acts 28 : 1-10. W.—The God of the sea, Ps. 107 : 22-31. Th.—God giveth power, Luke 10 : 8-20. F.—Winds and sea obey him, Matt. 8 : 23-27. S.—Special miracles by Paul, Acts 19 : 1-12. S.—“God is our refuge,” Ps. 46.

Primary Catechism—Ques. 121. *What becomes of our bodies when we die ?* When we die our bodies return to dust. Ques. 122. *What becomes of our souls when we die ?* The good go to heaven and the wicked go to hell.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 76. *Which is the ninth*

and remained unmoveable, but the ⁸ hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, ⁹ willing to save Paul, ¹⁰ kept them from *their* purpose ; and commanded that they which could swim should *cast themselves* ¹¹ first into the sea, and get to land :

44 And the rest, some on ¹² boards, and some on ¹³ broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they ¹⁴ escaped all safe to land.

commandment ? A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : The “Great Hymn of the Church”—Primary, 595 ; Junior and Upward, 438, 313, 493, 93 (Pa. Sel.), 494.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps 104 : 16-28 ; given also in Departmental Graded Teacher's Quarterlies. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

Hymn for Opening Worship—Hymn 12, Book of Praise ; given also in Departmental Graded Quarterlies.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 230, The Shipwreck. For Question on Missions, T. R. 1, Group of Children. (These Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto. Schools desiring Slides made may procure them on short notice by sending negatives, prints or photographs. Slides are colored to order.)

Stereographs—For Lesson, St. Paul's Bay, Scene of Paul's Shipwreck, Malta (Underwood & Underwood, 417 Fifth Ave., New York City), set of 11 stereographs for this Quarter's Lessons, \$1.84. Three for November, 50c. ; less than three in one order, 20c. each ; stereoscopes, 90c. (postage or express is prepaid on all orders for stereographs or stereoscopes). In ordering please be sure to mention THE TEACHERS MONTHLY. The stereographs for Oct. 1 and 29, and Dec. 17 and 24 are the same respectively as those for Aug. 30, 1914 ; June 12, 1910 ; Feb. 11, 1912 ; and April 11, 1915.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

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Time and Place—A.D. 59 ; on the sea and at Melita, or Malta.

Connecting Links—For two weeks the ship drifted on. At the end of that period, the practised senses of the sailors detected

that they were nearing land. Testing the depth, they found that they were rapidly drawing towards some shore, and decided to anchor. During the night the sailors let down the small boat, meaning to escape by it ;

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