

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON IX—MARCH I. PAUL SENT TO FELIX—ACTS 23: 12-21. COMMIT VERSES 20-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.—1 Pet. 4: 16.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

God makes all things to work together for good to those who love Him.

DAILY READINGS.

M. Acts 23: 12-21. T. Acts 23: 25-35. W. Ps. 7: 1-17. Th. Ps. 7: 1-17. F. 1 Pet. 4: 12-19. Sa. Dan. 3: 1-9. Su. Dan. 3: 1-23.

CHARACTERISTICS.—Paul had been rescued from the impending perils in the Sanhedrin and sent back to his prison in the Castra Antonia. There, in the night, Jesus appeared unto him in a vision, with a promise and encouragement. At the same time the Jews were plotting in private to kill Paul, and by morning had matured their plan.

HILLS OVER HARD PLACES.

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QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—What was Paul doing in our case lesson? Where did he spend the night? What vision came to him in the night? Give the time and place of this lesson.

SUBJECT: GODS' OVERRULING PROVIDENCE.

I. THE CONSPIRACY OF THE JEWS.—SOMETHING TO BE OVERRULED (vs. 12-14)—Who planned had the Jews formed a plot in the night? How many joined in this conspiracy? How many were found under a curse? What did they ask the consul to do to further their plans? From what place was Paul to be brought down to what place? What was to be done on the way? What favors naturally grant their request of what sins or crimes were a young person in this conspiracy?

II. THE CONSPIRACY OVERRULED.—BY DISCOVERY (vs. 15-22)—What relative of Paul notified the consul? What did he do about it? What did Paul do? What promise had been made to Paul? (vs. 23: 11). Why did he need to do anything else? How did he promise that he should be safe? Give another example from the life of Paul. (Acts 27: 24, 31, 43, 44). Has God given us any lessons to prevent us from doing our part, or are they a lesson for doing it? Show if in this incident what good a young person can do.

III. THE CONSPIRACY MADE TO FURTHER PAUL'S WORK (vs. 23: 29)—What measures did Felix take to prevent the Jews from carrying out their plot? Why so many soldiers? When did they start? How far did they go that night? (vs. 31). Who then returned? Who went on to Caesar? Why was Paul taken to Caesar? Who was governor there? What message did Lydas send to him? What was Paul's desire and God's plan for Paul's future work? (Acts 23: 11; Rom. 1: 11). Will God always overrule man's works for the good of his cause and people?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. We should be more earnest for good than these men were for evil. II. We should never make a promise to do wrong. III. But if we have done it, it is better broken than kept. Two wrongs do not make one right. IV. God's promises do not take on us the duty of making our part. V. The divine promises strengthen us to go on with every means for their accomplishment. VI. God overrules the plots and plans of men for the good of his people and his kingdom.

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COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17, 1885.

There is a general and wide spread lack of business, or of incident in the Produce Market. Nothing is being done even locally in this market, and shipments from all parts are very small. The English wheat market is weaker; buyers are holding back for concessions, and stocks in sight are decreasing. Cheese is weaker, again a shilling a hundred pounds lower this week, and lower grades of butter are also declining.

Chicago is about steady. We quote:—Wheat at 77c Feb. 78c March, 84c May. Corn is quoted at 37c Feb. and 40c May.

The local wheat market is steady and stagnant. We quote Canada Red Winter, 86c to 88c; White, 84c to 85c; Spring 84c to 85c; Peas, 70c to 71c; Oats, 31c. Barley, 50c to 60c. Corn 56c.

FLOUR.—There is very little doing in change. The quotations are:—Superior Extra, \$4.15 to \$4.20; Extra Superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.05; Fancy \$3.85; Spring Extra \$3.75; Superfine, \$3.50 to \$3.55; Strong Bakers' (Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.25; Strong Bakers, (American), \$4.50 to \$5.00; Fine, \$3.25 to \$3.30; Middlings, \$3.75; Follards, \$2.80 to \$2.90; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$1.90 to \$2.00; Spring Extra, \$1.90 to \$2.00; Superfine, \$1.60 to \$1.70; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.25.

MEALS unchanged.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Both butter and cheese are quiet and unchanged. We quote as follows:—Creamery, 20c to 23c; Eastern Townships, 10c to 13c; Western, 11c to 15c. Cheese is unchanged at 11c to 14c for September and October, and 8c to 14c for other makes.

Eggs, held stock are selling at 19c to 20c, and 16c to 17c for timed.

HOG PRODUCTS are very quiet. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$15.50 to \$15.75; Hams, city cured, 12c to 13c; Bacon, 12c to 13c; Lard, western, in pails, 10c to 10c; do., Canadian, 10c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 8c.

ASHES are very weak, Pots selling at \$3.55 to \$3.60 as to tares.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The farmers' market has been plentifully supplied for several days past, but the storm and drifts of Monday night and Tuesday morning have again blocked the roads and cut off most of the supplies from the country. Prices, which have been declining of late, are again looking up. Oats are 75c to 85c per bag; peas, 75c to 85c per bushel; beans \$1.50 to \$1.80 do.; potatoes 35c to 45c per bag; turnips, carrots, beets and onions 40c to 70c per bushel; cabbages 60c to \$1.00 per barrel; butter 14c to 50c per lb; eggs 12c to 40c per dozen; apples \$2.50 to \$3.25 per barrel; dressed hogs 6c to 7c per lb.; mutton carcasses 6c to 7c do.; young turkeys 9c to 14c per lb.; geese 7c to 10c do.; fowls 8c to 12c do.; ducks 12c to 15c do.; hay \$6.00 to \$9.00 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The prices of live stock continue to advance owing to light supplies and an improved though temporary demand for shipment to Britain. Good butchers' cattle brought 5c per lb this week, or nearly half a cent more than the prices paid a short time ago. Rough and leanish animals have also advanced in price, and the milkmen have been able to sell their strippers to better advantage than they anticipated a short time ago. Rough steers and fat cows sold at 4c to 4c and leanish stock at 3c to 4c per lb; good sheep are in better demand, at higher rates, and live hogs are also sold at better prices, or from 5c to 5c per lb. Calves are much more plentiful and prices are declining. Common and inferior milk cows are more plentiful, and are dull of sale, but good milkers are still in demand at pretty high rates.

New York, Feb. 16, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 89c Feb.; 90c Mar.; 91c April; 93c May; 94c June. Corn, 51c Feb.; 49c March; 49c April; 48c May; 48c June. Rye, quiet, 63c. Oats, dull 36c Feb. 36c March, 36c May. Peas nominal.

FLOUR.—We quote:—Spring Wheat—Superfine, \$2.70 to \$2.75; Low Extra, \$2.95 to \$3.20; Clears, \$3.80 to \$4.75; Straight \$4.00 to \$5.00; Pa-

lent, \$4.65 to \$5.75. Winter Wheat—Superfine, \$2.75 to \$2.90; Low Extra, \$3.00 to \$3.15; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.25 to \$4.50; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.25 to \$5.30; Patent, \$4.65 to \$5.70; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.35 to \$5.25; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.10 to \$3.25; West India, sacks, \$3.50 to \$3.70; barrels, West India, \$4.75; Patent, \$4.70 to \$5.75; South America, \$4.85 to \$5.00; Patent \$4.75 to \$5.40. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.50 to \$4.60; Family, \$4.75 to \$5.40; Patent, \$4.75 to \$5.65. Rye Flour—Fine to superfine, \$2.40 to \$3.60.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.10 to \$3.25 in bags; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per brl.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter unchanged. Creamery, ordinary to select 15c to 36c. Half firkins, ordinary to best 16c to 26c; Welsh tubs 19c to 25c; Western ordinary factory, to choice imitation creamery, 9c to 26c. Cheese, state factory, ordinary to full cream, 3c to 12c. Ohio flats, fair to choice 6c to 11c; Skims 1c to 3c.

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