

International S. S. Lessons.

CHRISTIAN SELF-RESTRAINT. 21 March.

Les. 1 Cor. 9: 19-27. Gol. Text, 1 Cor. 9: 25.
Mem. vs. 25-27. Catechism Q. 94.

Time.—Written early in A.D. 57.

Place.—At Ephesus.

M. Gal. 5: 1-26. Liberty of the Gospel.
T. Rom. 8: 1-15. Christ hath made Free.
W. Rom. 15: 1-13. Not pleasing self.
Th. 1 Cor. 10: 23-33. Lawful not Expedient.
F. 1 Cor. 8: 1-13. Causing to Offend.
S. Heb. 12: 1-13. Laying aside Weights.
S. 1 Pet. 1: 1-25. End of Faith, Salvation.

Paul wrote the First Epistle to the Corinthians, from Ephesus, probably in A.D. 57. It was written to correct certain heresies, immoralities and strifes which had grown up in the church at Corinth.

Our lesson is from a section of the letter dealing mainly with the subject of Christian liberty. We learn that there is much which, while perhaps lawful, Christians must deny themselves, because they should have regard for the consciences of others.

In verses 1-18 of chapter 9 Paul explains that for the gospel's sake he had denied himself many of his rights as an apostle. He shows in verses 19-23 other ways in which he had sacrificed himself for others' sake. He entered into sympathy with all men and, so far as he consistently could, accommodated himself to their views and peculiarities. His great object was to save souls, and his reward would be to share in their salvation. He begs the Corinthians to strive earnestly for the mastery over self. He illustrates by referring to the familiar Greek games of racing and boxing. He also tells of his own experience in constantly struggling to "keep under" his appetites and passions.

Like Paul, we should make these our servants. They should never be our masters.

1. We should be willing to serve others to save them.
2. We should try to be a blessing to every one.
3. We should strive to win the prize of eternal life.
4. To save our soul we must be temperate in all things.
5. We must keep our body under or we may be cast away.

REVIEW. 28th March.

Les. Acts, Chapters, 1-9. Text, Acts, 12: 24.

M. Acts 1: 1-26. Lesson I.
T. Acts 2: 1-47. Lessons II, III.
W. Acts 3: 1-26. Lesson IV.
Th. Acts 4: 1-5: 11. Lessons V, VI.
F. Acts 5: 12-7: 60. Lessons VII, VIII.
S. Acts 8: 1-40. Lessons IX, X.
S. Acts 9: 1-31; 1 Cor. 9: 19-27. Les. XI, XII.

PETER WORKING MIRACLES. 4th April.

Les. Acts, 9: 32-43. Gol. Text. Acts, 9: 34.
Mem. vs. 32-35. Catechism Q. 95.

Time.—About A.D. 38.

Places.—Lydda, about twenty miles northwest of Jerusalem; Joppa, a noted seaport nine miles further northwest.

HOME READINGS.

M. Mark 2: 1-12. Curing the Palsy.
T. Luke 7: 11-16; 8: 41-56. Raising the Dead.
W. John 14: 1-14. Works he shall do.
Th. Luke 24: 44-53. Power from on High.
F. Acts 3: 1-16. Peter Healing.
S. Acts 9: 32-43. Peter's Miracles.
S. Acts 14: 1-10. Signs and Wonders.

1. The Healing of Eneas. vs. 32-35.
2. The Mourning for Dorcas. vs. 36-39.
3. The Restoration of Dorcas. vs. 40-43.

Saul shortly after his conversion (Lesson XI, last quarter), retired for a time to Arabia, returning to Damascus. Gal. 1: 17. The Jews in Damascus plotted to kill him. He escaped, however, and visited Jerusalem. His bold preaching there aroused the anger of his aforesaid friends, the slayers of Stephen. The disciples, however, secured his escape to Caesarea, whence he went to Tarsus, his birthplace. The persecution of Christians now temporarily ceased. About this time Peter took the journey through the provinces, described in our lesson. Lydda was anciently called Lod, and is now Ludd. "Saron" means "Sharon," a fertile plain extending along the coast from Joppa to Caesarea. Joppa was an ancient and celebrated seaport. See 2 Chron. 2: 16. "Dorcas" is Greek for the Hebrew "Tabitha." Peter's residence with the tanner is noteworthy, as the Jews regarded this trade as defiling and abominable.

1. We should seek out those who need our help.
2. All our power to do good is from Christ.
3. A true disciple is always full of good works.
4. A good life is its own best monument.
5. Christ has power over sickness and death.

CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS. 11th April.

Les. Acts, 10: 30-44. Gol. Text. Acts, 10: 43.
Mem. vs. 36-38. Catechism Q. 96.

Time.—About A.D. 40-41.

Place.—Caesarea.

M. Acts 10: 1-18. Visions of C. and P.
T. Acts 10: 19-33. Visit of P. to C.
W. Acts 10: 34-48. Conversion of C.
Th. Luke 7: 1-10. Great Faith.
F. Gen. 12: 1-17; 17: 1-8. The Promise.
S. Gal. 3: 7-29. Abraham's Children.
S. Rom. 2: 1-29. No Respect of Persons.