

International S.S. Lessons.

PAUL'S LAST JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM.

3rd October.

Les., Acts 21: 1-15. Gol. Text., Acts 21: 13.
Mem. vs., 12-14. Catechism Q., 95.

1. Kindness on the way.—vs. 1-7.
2. Danger ahead foretold.—vs. 8-11.
3. Paul's Heroic Answer.—vs. 12-15.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 20: 17-38. . . *Paul's Farewell at Miletus.*
T. Acts 21: 1-17. . . *Last Journey to Jerusalem.*
W. Matt. 16: 21-28. . . *Jesus going to meet death.*
Th. John 15: 13-27. . . *"They will also persecute you."*
F. 2 Tim. 2: 1-16. . . *"If we suffer, we shall reign."*
S. 2 Cor. 4: 1-18. . . *"Delivered for Jesus' sake."*
S. Rom. 8: 28-39. . . *Persecution cannot separate.*

Time.—A.D. 58. *Places.*—The coast of Asia Minor from Miletus to Patara; thence to Tyre, Ptolemais, and Caesarea.

From Miletus Paul and his party sailed to Patara. Thence they went to Tyre. Here they found Christians. These tried to dissuade Paul from going to Jerusalem. At the end of seven days he went to Ptolemais, and thence to Caesarea. Here he spent some days with Philip. Agabus, a prophet from Jerusalem, foretold Paul's persecutions in that city. The latter's friends, alarmed, again besought him not to go there. But Paul, announcing his readiness to die for the name of Jesus, departed.

LESSONS.

1. We get much help and cheer from good people we meet.
2. We should always try to encourage others on their way.
3. We must often endure trouble in being true to Christ.
4. Friends sometimes try to keep us back from hard tasks.
5. We should let nothing keep us from doing God's will.

PAUL A PRISONER AT JERUSALEM.

10th October.

Les., Acts 22: 17-30. Gol. Text., 1 Peter 4: 16.
Mem. vs., 22-24. Catechism Q., 96.

- 1 Paul's Words to the People.—vs. 17-21.
- 2 Paul's Arrest and Binding.—vs. 22-26.
- 3 Paul brought before the Council.—vs. 27-30.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 21: 18-26. . . *Observing Jewish Ceremonies.*
T. 1 Cor. 9: 15-27. . . *"That I might gain the Jews."*
W. Acts 21: 27-40. . . *Paul seized in the Temple.*
Th. Acts 22: 1-30. . . *A Prisoner at Jerusalem.*
F. Acts 23: 1-10. . . *Paul before the Council.*
S. 1 Pet. 4: 1-19. . . *"Partakers of Christ's sufferings."*
S. Phil. 3: 1-21. . . *"Conformable unto his death."*

Time.—About A.D. 58. *Places.*—Jerusalem.

When Paul reported to the church at Jerusalem, on his great work among the Gentiles, they praised God. But by their advice, in order to disarm the prejudice of certain Jewish converts against him because of this work, he publicly took part in the ceremonies of a Nazarite vow. While thus engaged, certain Jews from Asia seized him in the temple and incited against him a mob who dragged him out to kill him. The captain of the Roman guard, learning of the riot, rescued Paul and took him into a fortified tower at one corner of the temple grounds. From the tower steps Paul spoke to the mob. When he mentioned his mission to the Gentiles, they were enraged and demanded his death. The captain ordered Paul to be scourged, to make him confess his supposed crime. Learning that Paul was a Roman citizen, he quickly recalled his order. The next day he summoned the Sanhedrin to examine Paul.

LESSONS.

1. When we pray Christ comes close to us.
2. We should be ready to go wherever Christ sends us.
3. Those who are true to Christ must sometimes suffer persecution.
4. It is right sometimes to protest against unjust treatment.
5. God has many ways of delivering his people.

PAUL BEFORE THE ROMAN GOVERNOR.

17th October.

Les., Acts 24: 10-25. Gol. Text., Isa. 41: 10.
Mem. vs., 14-16. Catechism Q., 97.

1. The Charges Denied.—vs. 10-13.
2. The Faith Confessed.—vs. 14-21.
3. The Matter Deferred.—vs. 22-25.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 23: 11-35. . . *Paul sent to Felix.*
T. Acts 24: 1-27. . . *Paul before the Governor.*
W. 2 Tim. 1: 1-18. . . *"Serving with pure conscience."*
Th. 1 Cor. 15: 1-22. . . *Gospel of the Resurrection.*
F. John 5: 24-39. . . *Promise of the Resurrection.*
S. Rom. 10: 1-21. . . *"Righteousness of Faith."*
S. Heb. 3: 1-19. . . *"To-day, if ye will, hear."*

Time.—A few days after last lesson. *Place.*—Caesarea.

Paul's address before the council (Lesson II.) caused a rupture between the Pharisees and Sadducees. The Roman captain again took him into custody. The next night the Lord appeared to Paul in a vision and encouraged him. Certain Jews bound themselves under an oath to kill Paul. Their conspiracy was discovered by Paul's nephew and reported to the Roman captain, who promptly sent Paul under a strong guard to the Roman governor, Felix, at Caesarea. After five days' confinement at Caesarea, Paul was brought before the governor to meet his accusers from Jerusalem.