

vout Greeks; Gentiles who had become proselytes to the Jewish faith. **Chief women**; women of influence.

**5-9. Jews . . . moved with jealousy** (Rev. Ver.); because they were losing, while the Christians were gaining, ground. **Vile fellows of the rabble** (Rev. Ver.); good-for-nothing marketplace loafers. **House of Jason**; the stopping-place of Paul and Silas. **To the people**; to the public assembly, which, in Thessalonica, shared authority with the rulers of the city; that is, the magistrates who were called politarchs. **World upside down**; so great had been the success of the new religion. **Contrary to the decrees** (laws) of Cæsar; the Roman emperor. a charge of treason. **Another king, one Jesus**. Compare John 19 : 12, 15. **They**; the mob. **Security of Jason**, etc. These were bound over to pay a sum of money if the missionaries should bring about another riot.

**II. AT BEREÄ.—10-12.** By night; for safety's sake. **Unto Berea**; about 40 miles to the southwest of Thessalonica. **More noble**; free from hatred and envy. **Readiness of mind**; willingness to receive the truth. **Searched the scriptures daily**; to see if Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament teachings and promises. **Many . . . believed**; of the Jews. **Honourable women . . . Greeks; Gentiles. Men; also Gentiles.**

**13-15. Jews of Thessalonica . . . stirred up the people**; probably bringing forward once more the charge of treason. **To the sea**; probably to Dium, the nearest seaport. **Conducted Paul**; accompanied him for protection and guidance. **Athens**; a voyage of 250 miles.

#### THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



THESSALONICA, now known as Saloniki, a place of special interest at the present time because of its having been occupied by the forces of the Allies, is situated on the gulf of the same name, about 100 miles southwest of Philippi, and in Paul's time there was a well built and much traveled highway between the two places, known as the Egnatian Way. BEREÄ is on the same road, about 40 miles still further to the southwest.

#### LESSON QUESTIONS

1 Through what cities did Paul and his companions pass? To what city did they at last come?

2-4 What custom did Paul follow at Thessalonica? Where did he find his proofs that the Messiah was to suffer? In what words of Jesus do we find similar teaching? (Luke 21 : 26, 27.) From what three classes were converts won?

5-9 Who became jealous of the missionaries? What was it said that the missionaries had done? What charge was brought against them now? What charge laid against Jesus does v. 7 recall? (John 19 : 12.)

10-12 Whither were Paul and Silas sent? How did the Bereans receive their message? What did Jesus say about searching the scriptures? (John 5 : 39.)

13-15 Who stirred up opposition against the missionaries? Whither was Paul taken?

#### FOR DISCUSSION

1. Should ministers nowadays support themselves as Paul did?

2. Is it ever right for Christians to go to law?

#### A PRAYER

We praise thee, O God, for the message of life and truth thou dost give to us in thy Word. We thank thee for thy Holy Spirit, who helps us to understand the message. Make us more hungry for the Word, more ready to see in it the provision thou hast made for our need and the necessity for keeping close to Christ if we are to have our need supplied. Create in our hearts such eagerness for the coming of blessing to others in need. For Christ's sake. Amen.

**Prove from Scripture—That we should be Bible searchers.**

**Shorter Catechism—Ques. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?** A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works about worldly employments, or recreations.

**The Question on Missions—(Third Quarter, THE POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOOLS).—1. What are the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools?** They are mission schools of our church, situated 8 miles northeast of Montreal. They were founded 75 years ago. The scholars, numbering about 270, are boys and girls from 12 to 25 years old. Some are the children of the French Protestants scattered throughout Canada, while most are children of Roman Catholic parents. There are 12 teachers.

**Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise:** The "Great Hymn of the Church"—Primary, 583, Junior and Upward, Ps. Sel. 97, 51, 59, 6 (Ps. Sel.), 566, 61.

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What were the main points in Paul's preaching in the synagogue at Thessalonica? .....

2. Why were the Berean Jews more noble than those of Thessalonica? .....

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