

in Jesus. On the large number of the grave and of Job's rapture that my Redeemer A. D. MORTON. 1877.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

QUARTER: STUDIES IN EARLY CHURCH HISTORY. A. D. 53. LESSON X. PAUL AT CORINTH; or, The Gospel of Ferrent Service. Acts 18, 1-11. September 2.

EXPLANATORY.

AFTER THESE THINGS. The things recorded in the last lesson. Corinth. The capital city of Achaia, (verse 12), about forty-five miles from Athens, at the southern end of the Isthmus joining Peloponnesus with Greece.

FOUND. Notice that Paul found him. It was just such men he was looking for. Aquila, with his wife Priscilla. The friendship of this couple was very precious to Paul.

BECAUSE. It was because Paul was seeking work that he found Aquila. So in the pursuit of present duty we often find our greatest comforts.

REASONED. Reason is not opposed to religion—religion is reason. Every Sabbath. He let no opportunity slip. It was not enough for him to worship on God's holy day, he must do God's work.

WERE COME. Timothy had been sent back to the church at Thessalonica, (1 Thess. 3, 1, 2.) Silas had remained at Berea. (chap. 17, 14), and Paul had left word for them to join him speedily (17, 15).

SHOOK HIS RAIMENT. Symbolic of casting off responsibility. (Matt. 10, 14.) Your blood. Referring to Ezekiel 3, 18, 19. Prompted by a conscientious regard for duty, Paul had faithfully warned them, and therefore he was clean, and could now go to the Gentiles.

JUSTUS. Nothing more is known of him than is here recorded. He was one that worshipped God, or, a proselyte from the heathen. His house was open to the apostle, and being commodious and near by, was used as a "meeting house" for those who would hear Paul.

THEN. Just when Paul needed consolation. His maltreatment at Thessalonica and Berea, and his ill-success at Athens, probably made him anxious as to the results here. But the comforting Lord came to him as to Elijah in the wilderness, to strengthen him for the work.

A YEAR AND SIX MONTHS. This may either be understood as the whole of his ministry in Corinth, or only the time before the incident related in vers. 12-17, after which "he tarried there yet a good

while." His ministry resulted in a large church in Corinth, one in Cenecea, and probably others in Achai. (Rom. 16, 1; 2 Cor. 1, 1, etc. Here he wrote the Epistles to Thessalonica.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord. DOCTRINE.—The consolation of God's presence. Matt. 28, 20; Exod. 33, 14; Isa. 43, 2.

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