

SCHOLAR'S NOTES.

(From International Question Book)
LESSON VII.—FEBRUARY 15.
PAUL'S DEFENCE.—ACTS 22:1-21.
COMMIT VERSES 12-16.
GOLDEN TEXT
And I said, What shall I do, Lord?—Acts 22:10.
CENTRAL TRUTH.
Conversion to Christ is the great need of all men.
DAILY READINGS.
M. Acts 22:1-21.
T. Acts 9:1-18.
W. Gal. 1:1-24.
Th. John 1:1-36.
F. Rom. 9:1-13.
Sa. Rom. 10:1-21.
Su. I Tim. 1:1-17.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.
1. BROTHERS, FATHERS—these, and many others expressions, would tend to conciliate the Jews. 2. HEAN ALREADY—most famous and strict Jewish teacher. 3. THIS WAY—the Gospel—the way of life. 4. THE HIGH PRIEST—Theophilus, still living when Paul spoke. 5. KNOW OF THE ELDERS—the Sanhedrin, of which Paul was once a member. 6. A GREAT LIGHT—In which he saw Jesus himself (ch. 9:7, 22:14). 9. HEARD NOT THE VOICE—he did not understand it as language though they heard a sound (9:7). 11. COULD NOT SEE—he was blind three days (ch. 9:18). 12. THEN JUST ONE—Jews. 16. AWAY FROM THIS—baptism was a sign of giving up the law. AND SAID—Paul here gives the reason why he wanted to remain here and preach to the Jews.

QUESTIONS.
INTRODUCTORY.—Where did we leave Paul in our last lesson? Give a brief account of the mob and its crosses? What led him to make his address in this lesson? In what language did he speak? Why? What was its effect on the mob?
SUBJECT: PAUL'S CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.

1. HIS LIFE PREVIOUS TO CONVERSION (vs. 10).—Where was Paul born? What do we know of his parents? (Acts 22:28; Phil. 3:5). Where was Paul educated? What trade did he learn? What was Paul's character before conversion? Did it seem changing? What was his great lack? (I Cor. 13:1-3). How did he show his zeal? Who could bear witness to what he said?
11. HIS CONVERSION (vs. 6-10).—Where was Paul converted? How would he be at this time? How did he see the great light? (vs. 13). How did he see Jesus as he is, convict men of sin? What did Jesus ask Paul? What was his next step in his conversion? (vs. 10). Where was he sent for help? Why? How long was he blind? (vs. 18). What struggle probably took place at that time? What did Ananias do for him? Who brought him with him? (vs. 17). What motive was presented to Paul? (vs. 19). How did he choose Christ? What did his baptism signify? What more did Paul do? Note the various steps in Paul's conversion! What stage did his conversion work in his life and character?

11. HIS LIFE WORK (vs. 17-21).—How long after his conversion did Paul go up to Jerusalem? (vs. 17). Who did he appear to? Who appeared to him? (vs. 17). What was to be Paul's work? Was it a worthy and needed work? What is your life? How did Paul plan to remain and preach to his brethren?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.
1. A Christian experience is the best argument against opposers.
11. If Paul needed conversion, we all need this thing.
11. The greatest power for convicting men of sin is seeing Jesus as he is.
IV. God has some special work for each converted person to do.

AS ANGELO ISPESANT occurred recently at a church in the west of London. One of the churchwardens was observed to cast uneasy glances toward an individual wearing a sailor jacket and cap of a seafaring and jaunty appearance, which latter surmounted a clean, shaven face and closely cut hair. After a little while the churchwarden approached the sailor and in a friendly way asked, "Can you take off your hat? Is there any reason why you can't take off your hat?" By the disconcerted look of the questioner as he returned to his seat, and the appearance of the rest of the audience as the warden of the hat walked out of church at the conclusion of the service, it was evident that the sailor's reply was, "I am a girl!"—Eng. Rev.

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COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 3, 1885.

Wheat has been steady this week, never going over \$3 May, however, and the flour market has been weaker so it is extremely quiet. English reports are favorable, the winter wheat looking well and farmers' delivery increasing in quantity steadily. Very little grain has been moved in Canada for a month past and unless the price goes up it will not move freely this winter as those who now hold are able to do so. Chicago has been steady but very quiet and lower in price. We quote:—Wheat at 77c Feb, 77c March, 83c May. Corn is quoted at 36c Feb and 37c May. The local wheat market is steady and stagnant. We quote Canada Red Winter, 86c to 88c; White, 84c to 86c; Spring 84c to 85c; Peas, 70c to 71c; Oats, 31c. Barley, 50c to 60c. Corn 56c.

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FLLOUR.—There is very little doing on change. The quotations are:—Superior Extra, \$4.15 to \$4.25; Extra Superior, \$4.00 to \$4.10; Fancy \$3.90; Spring \$4.25; Superior, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Strong Bakers' (Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.25; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.50 to \$5.00; Fine, \$3.25 to \$3.30; Middlings, \$3.10; Pollards, \$2.80 to \$2.90; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$1.90 to \$2.00; Spring Extra, \$1.90 to \$2.00; Superior, \$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, 21c to 23c; Eastern Townships, 19c to 20c; Western, 18c to 16c. Cheese is unchanged at 12c to 12c for September and October, and 8c to 11c for other makes. Eggs, fresh are selling at 20c to 21c, as to quality.

HOG PRODUCTS are very quiet. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$15 to \$15.25; Hams, city cured, 12c to 13c; Bacon, 12c to 13c; Lard, western, in pigs, 10c to 10 1/2c; do., Canadian, 10c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 8c.

ASHES are very weak. Pots selling at \$3 45 to \$3 50 as to tares.
LIVE STOCK MARKET.
The supply of butchers' cattle continues in excess of the demand and prices continue unusually low for this season of the year. Cattle reports of a considerable decline in the prices of cattle in Britain have put a damper on the operations of shippers for the present and this helps to depress prices of good butchers' cattle, which now sell at from 4c to 4 1/2c per lb.; rough steers, good bulls and large fat cows bringing from 3c to 3 1/2c do. Common dry cows, milkmen's strippers and leanish steers sell at from 2c to 2 1/2c per lb. The number of sheep offered continues much larger than usual and prices are very low. Very few live hogs are being offered, yet prices are drooping or from 4c to 4 1/2c per lb. Good mitch cows are scarce and bring higher prices, or from \$50 to \$60 each, but common and inferior cows are plentiful and difficult of sale. The horse market was very brisk during the past week and many of the Americans who visited the Carnival took a team with them upon returning to their homes.

FARMERS' MARKET.
There was a very large attendance of farmers at the markets during Carnival week and liberal supplies of produce were offered, oats, beef quarters and hay being much more plentiful than usual, and lower prices prevailed. This week the cold and blustering weather has had a depressing influence on the attendance at the markets and prices have about recovered their former level. The demand for fruit has been active of late and prices are higher all round; the same remarks apply to dead poultry. Oats are 7c to 8c per bag; peas, 8c to 9c per bushel; beans \$1.50 to \$1.80 do; potatoes 35c to 50c per bag; turnips, carrots, beets and onions 30c to 50c per bushel; cabbages 40c to 60c per barrel; butter 14c to 50c per lb; eggs 22c to 50c per dozen; apples \$2.50 to \$3.25 per barrel; dressed hogs 6c to 7c per lb; mutton carcasses 5c to 6c do; young turkeys 9c to 14c per lb; geese 7c to 9c do; fowls 6c to 12c do; ducks 12c to 10c do; hay \$6.00 to \$9.00 per 100 bundles.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 89c Feb; 91c Mar.; 91c April; 94c May; 94c June. Corn, 49c Feb; 49c March; 49c April; 48c May. Rye, quiet, 63c. Oats, dull; 36c Feb. 36c March, 35c May. Peas nominal.

FLOUR.—We quote:—Spring Wheat—Superfine, \$2.75 to \$2.90; Low Extra, \$3.05 to \$3.25; Clears, \$3.85 to \$4.75; Straight \$4.00 to \$5.00; Patent, \$4.75 to \$6.00. Winter Wheat—Superfine, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Low Extra, \$3.05 to \$3.25; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.25 to \$4.50; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.25 to \$5.30; Patent, \$4.70 to \$5.70; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.35 to \$5.25; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.25 to \$3.35; West India, sacks, \$3.60 to \$3.85; barrels, West India, \$4.75; Patent, \$4.70 to \$5.70; South America, \$4.85 to \$5.00; Patent \$4.75 to \$5.50. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.50 to \$4.75; Family, \$4.90 to \$5.50; Patent, \$4.85 to \$5.60. Rye Flour—Fine to superfine, \$2.40 to \$3.50.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.10 to \$3.30 in bins; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per brl.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter unchanged. Creamery, ordinary to select 18c to 25c. Half firkins, ordinary to best 16c to 27c. Welsh tubs 19c to 25c; Western ordinary factory, to choice imitation ordinary, 9c to 25c. Cheese, state factory, ordinary to full cream, 3c to 13c. Ohio flats, fair to choice 6c to 11c; Skims 1c to 3c.

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