

EXPLANATION.—*Mars' hill*—A place where the people had brought him that he might tell them about the Gospel. *Too superstitions*—This means here, "devoted to worship." *Your devotions*—The people of Athens worshipped many idols. *To the unknown God*—There were such altars in Athens, as other writers mention them. *Ignorantly worship*—In their ignorance they yet worshipped God. *Dwelleth not in temples*—Athens was full of rich temples to idols. *Of one blood*—All races of men came from one family. *Determined the times*—God has a purpose for every people. *Haply*—Perhaps. *Offspring*—His children. *Winked at*—God allowed it while men were ignorant. *To repent*—To return from their sins. *By that man*—Jesus Christ, the Son of God. *Some mocked*—Ridiculed the teaching as foolish. *Deparied*—He did not establish a Church at Athens.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Paul at Athens Acts 17. 22-34.
 Tu. The only God. Isa. 44. 8-20.
 W. The unseen God. Job 23. 1-12.
 Th. The almighty God. Isa. 40. 12-26.
 F. God the Creator. Gen. 2. 1-10.
 S. God the Ruler. Psa. 24. 1-10.
 S. God the Judge. Rev. 20. 1-15.

LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 144, S. S. Hymnal.
 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 No. 149, S. S. Hymnal.
 I sing the almighty power of God.
 No. 145, S. S. Hymnal.
 Glory to the Father give.
 No. 138, S. S. Hymnal.
 O worship the King all glorious above!

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. God the Creator, v. 22-25. Where did Paul preach? To whom? What had the Athenians done to furnish him a text? Whom did Paul preach as the "unknown God"? What act did he ascribe to him? (See Isa. 42 5.) Where is God's dwelling-place. Psa. 123. 1. How should he be worshipped? John 4. 24.
2. God the Ruler, v. 26-28. What duty is laid upon men? What promise is given to the seeker? Jer. 29. 13. What reason is urged for seeking him? What proof of God's rule over men is given?
3. God the Father, v. 29, 30. How is God our Father? What, then, cannot be true of him? What is the divine command against idolatry? Exodus 20. 4. What is required of all men? What is repentance?
4. God the Judge, v. 31-34. Why is repentance required? Who will call all men to judgment. Rom. 2. 6. What assurance of this has been given? What effect had this sermon upon the Athenians? Who are named as believers?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. That our worship of God should be intelligent worship!
2. That God has a claim to the worship of all men?
3. The neglect of right worship will be punished?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.—(For the entire school). 1. At what place in Athens did Paul preach the Gospel? At Mars' hill. 2. Whom did Paul declare unto the Athenians? The unknown God whom they worshipped. 3. What relation do we bear to God? "We are his offspring." 4. What does the Lord command all men to do? To repent. 5. How was Paul's preaching received? Some mocked and some believed.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The unity and spirituality of God.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. God the Creator, v. 22-25. For what was the place famous where Paul was preaching? What was the character of the Athenian people? What had Paul found in the city? What did he tell the people about God? What did he say of the origin of man?
2. God the Ruler, v. 26-28. What has God determined concerning men? What is God's relation to men? How may we find God? Can we know God by our own reason?
3. God the Father, v. 29, 30. To what have men likened God? Which of the ten commandments forbids this? How did God regard this in the past? What does he now require and why?
4. God the Judge, v. 31-34. Through whom will God judge the world? What is said of the judgment in Rom. 14. 10? Who shall then be our judge? How should we now act toward him? What was the effect of Paul's preaching at Athens?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

What does this lesson teach—

1. That we are children of God?
2. That we should repent of sin?
3. That we should prepare for the judgment.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Where did Paul go when persecuted by the Jews in Berea? To Athens, in Greece. What were the people in this city? Idolaters. What did Paul preach to them? Jesus and the resurrection. Of whom did Paul speak? Of the one true God. What did he call him? Lord of heaven and earth. What does he give to all men? Life and health and all things. What did Paul say they must do? Repent and serve God. Of what did he then speak? Of the resurrection. Who was the Man who would judge them and the world? Christ Jesus. How did some of the Greeks receive Paul's preaching? They mocked at it. What did others say? "We will hear thee again." Did they really