

Notes on the Lessons.

LESSON VI—November 7th, 1897.

Paul in Melita and Rome. Acts 28 : 1-16.

(Commit to memory verses 3-5)

GOLDEN TEXT : " We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8 : 28.

PROVE THAT—Christian fellowship is helpful. Acts 28 : 15.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 101. *What do we pray for in the first petition?* A. In the first petition (which is *Hallowed be Thy name*) we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify Him in all that whereby He maketh Himself known; and that He would dispose all things to His own glory.

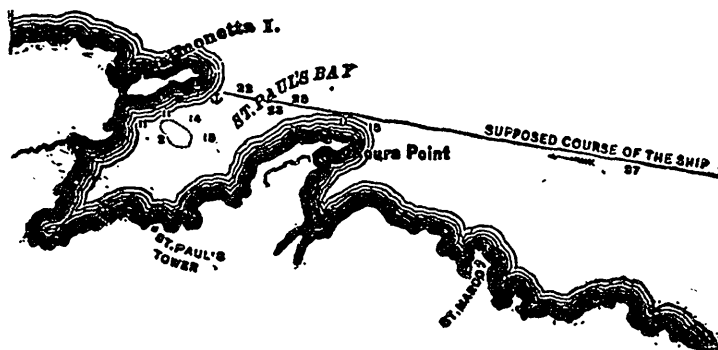
LESSON HYMNS. Nos. 23 (Psalm 32), 498, 500, 491. (Old Hymnal Nos. 4, 97, 45, 146).

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Paul in Melita and Rome. Acts 28 : 1-6. *Tuesday.* Paul in Melita and Rome. Acts 28 : 7-16. *Wednesday.* Desire to visit Rome. Rom. 1 : 7-16. *Thursday.* Power over serpents. Luke 10 : 17-22. *Friday.* The Lord a deliverer. Psalm 34 : 15-22. *Saturday.* Trust in the Lord. Psalm 37 : 5-18. *Sabbath.* Miraculous deliverance. Psalm 124. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

EXPOSITORY NOTES.

INTRODUCTORY. After being fourteen days tossed in the storm the ship drew near to some land, and was successfully beached. All reached the shore in safety, but the vessel was a total wreck. Read the thrilling story in chapter 27. Time, November 1st, A. D. 60.

LESSON PLAN. I. Saved from death. vs. 1-6. II. Honored by the people. vs. 7-10. III. Welcomed by friends. vs. 11-16.



(The vessel was run ashore on the beach south of the strait between Salmonetta and the mainland.)

1. And when they (R. V., we) were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Mel'ita. This is the modern Malta, 60 miles south of Sicily. They were not "savages," as the term "barbarian" would imply to our ears, but only "natives," who did not understand the cultured Greek or Latin. "Kindness" is literally "philanthropy." "Received" means "took under their care," or "into their houses." Such treatment of shipwrecked people was very uncommon in those days.
2. And the barbarous people (R. V., barbarians) showed us no little (R. V., common) kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. This island had been originally colon- ized by Phoenicians from Tyre, or Carthage.
3. And when Paul had gathered a