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THE BIBLE CLASS MAGAZINE

The readers of the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY will be interested in the announcement, that, beginning with the New Year, we are to add a BIBLE CLASS MAGAZINE to our series of Teachers' and Scholars' periodicals. The new magazine is to be what its name implies, a magazine for Bible Classes, and will be issued monthly. THE BIBLE CLASS MAGAZINE will be given exclusively to Bible Class work. Each monthly issue will consist of 32 pages, of which twelve or fourteen will be given to Bible Class plans, methods, activities and successes, the remaining pages being occupied with a discussion of the S. S. Lessons of the month. The sale price, 25c. per year, when 5 or more go to one address, 40c. a year single copies, will make it at once popular. Specimen copies will be ready by 1st October: sent free on application.



Bible Strong Men IV. PAUL.

By Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D.

Paul was a strong man before he became a Christian. He needed strength to stand out against the temptations of the two great cities in which he was brought up,—Tarsus and Jerusalem. The voices of pleasure called him, as they still call young men in large cities, to turn this way and that, but he stuck to the path of duty. What conscience commanded he did. Even when he took part in the stoning of Stephen, he did it because he thought he was doing right.

Paul was a man of action. He could not be content with merely believing a thing; he must put his belief into practice, and

that without delay: "Immediately", is a word often used in the story of his life. He believed that the Jews were right, and that Jesus was wrong, and that inner belief sent him like a thunderbolt to destroy the followers of Jesus.

The time came when Paul was remade; he became a new man. After the vision of Jesus, as he journeyed Damascus-wards, to drag Christians, men and women, to prison and death, he ceased to be a persecutor and became a preacher of the gospel. And never before or since has the world seen such a preacher. He became a veritable flame of fire, as he traveled from end to end of the great Roman Empire, and he kindled the flame of a new life in multitudes who heard him.

There were enemies to be met wherever he went, Jews and heathen, who would have daunted and defeated a weaker man. But who ever heard of Paul's flinching? He was bold as a lion. Fearing God, he feared no man. Dangers thronged his way, by land and sea, but howsoever they threatened, he faced them unafraid.

From the day of his vision of Jesus near Damascus, till that day when he was beheaded by order of the cruel Nero, Paul used his strength, every last shred of it, in the service of his Lord. Because he did this, his life stands amongst the foremost of all noble human lives. No more splendid example than his does all history show us.

Paul would have been the last to claim as his own the strength in which he lived and labored. "I can do all things", he said, "through Christ which strengtheneth me." That was the unfailing source of his power. And that source is as open to us as it was to him.