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THE GOSPEL FOR THE TIMES.

A SERMON BY REV. R. JOHNSTON, B.A., R.D., LINDSAY, ONT.

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel; for it is God's power to salvation, for everyone who believes, alike for Jew and for Greek.—Rom. i. 16.

This is not the utterance of a fledgeling in the Christian service, nor the enthusiastic exclamation of a newly-enlisted soldier under the banner of the Cross looking proudly on his untried weapons and dreaming of battles yet unfought; it is the cry of the worn warrior who, with scarred hand, raises the sword that shows the sign of many a fierce conflict, and as he remembers how well it served him when fierce foes pressed him hard, and as he looks forward now to the fight that he knows will be the fiercest of his life, he grasps again the weapon fondly and cries his confidence in its fitness for the fray. Twenty years have passed since that ever-memorable afternoon when Paul

on his way to Damascus was unhorsed and surrendered without condition to his heavenly Conqueror. Since that day he has rejoiced in signing himself 'the bond-servant of Jesus Christ,' and his life has not been false to the title he has taken. Many a care, many an anxiety, many a sorrow has driven its ploughshare deep across his brow; his features still show scars the result of his stoning at the gate of Lystra, and his form, now somewhat bent, and his whitening hair tell of age that is the result of ceaseless labors and anxiety for all the churches, rather than of many years. But his eye has still its piercing clearness, and his countenance that combination of strength and sweetness that tells alike of ability to command and of power to win. Such is the man who in the year of our Lord fifty-eight, in a house in Corinth, as