

ELECTRICAL BUILDING, WORLD'S FAIR, CHICAGO.

## LESSON NOTES.

## THIRD QUARTER.

## LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF PAUL.

A.D. 52.] LESSON III. [July 16.

## PAUL AT ATHENS.

Acts 17. 22-31.] [Memory verses, 30, 31.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. —John 4. 24.

## OUTLINE.

1. An Unknown God, v. 22, 23.
2. God made known, v. 24-31.

PLACE.—Athens, in Greece.

## CONNECTING LINKS.

After their release from prison, and a brief sojourn at the house of Lydia, the apostles went to Thessalonica, where they had at first great success, but were afterward mobbed. Thence they went to Berea, and Paul—being compelled to leave that city also—went to Athens. While waiting there for Silas and Timothy to join him the events of this lesson took place.

## EXPLANATIONS.

"Mars' Hill"—A public place to which the Athenians had invited Paul that he might tell them about the Gospel. "Too superstitious"—This means here, "devoted to worship." "Year devotions"—The people of Athens worshipped many idols. "To the Unknown God"—The existence of such altars in Athens

is mentioned by other writers. "Ignorantly worship"—They yearned for and worshipped an indefinite Goodness which they never dared to hope to reach. "Dwelleth not in temples"—Athens was full of costly and beautiful temples. "Of one blood"—A statement not generally believed by Greeks. "Determined the times"—God has a purpose for every nation. "Haply"—Perhaps. "Offspring"—His children. "Winked at"—Better, "overlooked;" God allowed it while men were ignorant. "To repent"—To turn from their sins. "By that man"—Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

## PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

How does this lesson teach—

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

## THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. At what place in Athens did Paul preach the Gospel? "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 everywhere to do? "To repent." 5. What did our Lord say concerning true worship? Golden Text: "God is a Spirit," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The knowledge of God.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What do you mean by the almightiness or omnipotence of God?  
That God can do whatever he will.

What do you mean by the omniscience of God?

That God knows all things, past and present and future.

How does the Scripture describe this knowledge?

It teaches that God knows every thought in man's heart, every word, and every action.

## A SUGGESTIVE INCIDENT.

A LITTLE while ago the mother of a family of children was taken sick and died. The eldest daughter, a girl of thirteen years, took her mother's place, so far as she could, comforting her father in his sore bereavement, and caring for her younger brothers and sisters; but the care and labour overmatched her strength, and she, too, was laid on her deathbed. When her Sabbath-school teacher visited her shortly before her relief from pain and weariness, he talked with the child about her hope for the next life. Her emaciated hands lay on the counterpane, hands misshaped before their time by hard work, scarred with rubbing and cooking, and by trying to perform tasks too heavy for her. "I am afraid to meet Jesus," said the child: "I have done so little good in the world."

"Don't be afraid," replied the teacher; "when you meet Jesus, show him your hands. His hands were scarred for others. He will look at your hands and embrace you."

The girl had not thought that work for

her own was work for Jesus, who "came unto his own," and she was comforted. She had not thought that her disfigured hands would be her highest recommendation to the society of ministering spirits, to the fellowship of him who gave himself for others.

## REAL KINDNESS.

A BLIND and crippled old man sat at the edge of the icy stone pavement grinding out his few tunes on a wheezy hand-organ, and holding in one hand a tin cup for pennies. The cold wind blew through his rags, and he was indeed a pitiful object. Yet few of the passers-by seemed to pity him. They were all in a hurry, and it was too cold to stop and hunt for pennies in pockets and purses.

A sudden gust of wind blew the old man's cap off. It fell by the side of the pavement, a few feet distant. He felt around for it with his bare, red hands, and then with his cane; but he could not find it, and finally began playing again, bareheaded, with his scanty gray locks tossed about in the wind.

People came and went, happy, well-dressed men and women, in silks and velvets and seal-skins, in warm overcoats and gloves and mufflers. But none of them paid any attention to the old man.

By-and-bye a woman came out of an alley, an old woman in rags and tatters, with a great bundle of boards and sticks on her bent back. Some of the boards were so long that they dragged on the ground behind her; and it had evidently taken her a long time to tie all the boards and bits of lumber together and get them on her back.

She came along, bending low under her burden, until she was within a few feet of the old organ-grinder. She saw his cap lying by the pavement; she saw him sitting bareheaded.

She stopped and untied the rope that bound the bundle to her back, and in a moment the boards were lying on the ground. Then she picked up the cap, put it on the old man's head, and tied it down with a ragged string of a handkerchief taken from her own neck.

"Cold, haint it?" she said.

He nodded.  
"Aint gettin' much to-day?"  
He shook his head again.

She fumbled in her ragged skirts for a moment, and finally brought forth a copper. She dropped it into his little cup, hoisted the great bundle on her back and went on her way.

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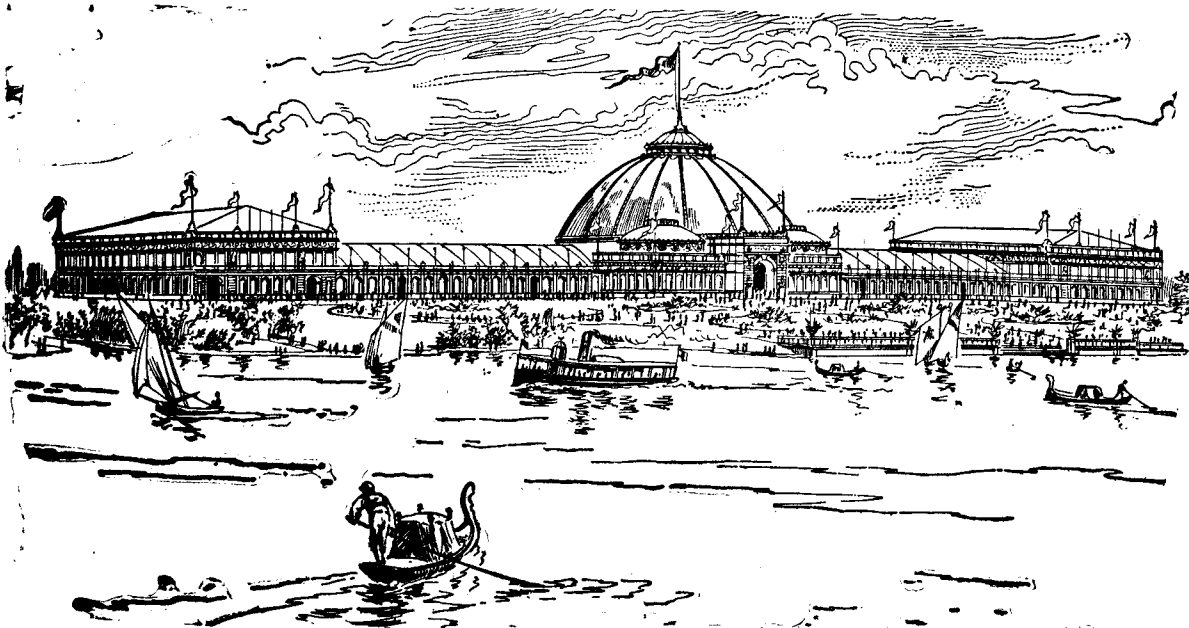
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