

COURSE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR 1853.

FIRST SERIES.

- Sep. 11.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luko xxii. 54-71. *To be committed*—Eph. vi. 10, 11. *Subject*—Christ is brought before the High Priest. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Jesus brought to the High Priest—Peter's sin—its circumstances (verse 33)—aggravations (Matt. xxvi. 74)—cock crowing, circumstance in providence employed to bring his sin to remembrance—also the look of the Lord—how the weak may be strong. (Eph. vi. 10.)
- Sep. 18.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luko xxiii. 33-46. *To be committed*—Heb. x. 12-14. *Subject*—Christ is Crucified. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Examine facts of preceding verses—numbered with transgressors—forgive enemies—save himself! could not break his own covenant, and let sinners perish—king—of the Jews—sinner saved at eleventh hour—to day with me—no purgatory—darkness—it is finished.
- Sep. 25.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luko xxiv. 1-15. *To be committed*—Rom. i. 3, 4. *Subject*—Christ rises from the dead. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—End of chapter 23—first day—Lord's day—work of redemption finished—not here—the vision—women messengers to the apostles—"his words" now understood, John ii. 21—the twelve not believing till they saw—the two talking together by the way—Jesus drew near, Mal. iii. 16—resurrection, evidence of his divinity, Rom. i.
- Oct. 2.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luko xxiv. 36-53. *To be committed*—Acts vii. 55, 56. *Subject*—Christ ascends into Heaven. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Evidences of resurrection, 36-43—Scripture fulfilled in Christ—law and prophets looked unto Jesus—pardon through him—preached to all—first at Jerusalem (love to his enemies—no provocation can quench that love)—following the Lord, we should pity that people too—promise of the Spirit repeated, (John xiv.) Ascension—worshipped—person of Christ—Deity—seen by Stephen.
- Oct. 9.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts ii. 1-13. *To be committed*—1 Thes. i. 4, 5. *Subject*—Christ sends the Holy Spirit. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Had waited for the promise—the time, fifty days after Passover—disciples not only in one place, but of one heart—this a right state of preparation for receiving the Spirit—immediate effect, spoke with tongues—Jews from all these places up at Passover—would spread the tidings—effects of preaching, v. 41—no power in the preacher, until Holy Ghost given. Ezek. xxxvii.

SECOND SERIES.

- Sep. 11.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts xxvi. 12-29. *To be committed*—Ps. lxxii. 7, 9. *Subject*—Paul before Festus and Agrippa. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Briefly revise the history of Paul's conversion—v. 17, delivered and sent—v. 18—his errand—to open, &c.,—for these causes persecuted—help of God—appeal to prophets—the Roman's opinion of Christian zeal—the almost Christian—the prayer.
- Sep. 18.**—*Scripture to be read*—Rom. x. 1-11. *To be committed*—Verses 3, 4. *Subject*—The righteousness by faith. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—The desire of his heart, and hence prayer without ceasing—a zeal, but do not know the way—God's righteousness by faith—expound fully v. 4,—a believing heart within, and a bold confession without.
- Sep. 25.**—*Scripture to be read*—Rom. x. 12-21; xi. 1-4. *To be committed*—Gal. iii. 28, 29. *Subject*—All one in Christ. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—In the gospel no difference between Jew and Greek—from verses 14, 15, appeal in behalf of missions.—The quotations from Isaiah and Moses,—Baal, 1 Kings xix.—God's hidden ones.
- Oct. 2.**—*Scripture to be read*—Rom. xi. 13-27. *To be committed*—John xv. 4, 6. *Subject*—The olive tree—its cast-off, and its engrafted branches. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Apostle of gentiles—a missionary—great office—Jews cast off, and Gentiles brought in.—The grafting—not high-minded—not right to despise the Jews—it is all of grace—(Deut. xxvi. 5.) "Abide in me"—pray for the bringing of the Jews. The Deliverer.
- Oct. 9.**—*Scripture to be read*—Rom. xiii. *To be committed*—Verses 9, 10. *Subject*—The law a rule of life. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Briefly the first six verses—though justifying righteousness comes not by the law (see preceding lessons)—it is the rule of life—the second table summed up in love your neighbor—time short, works of darkness—light is a defence—honesty—temperance—peace—put on, &c.