

† Dan. ix. 18. We do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. V. 19. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God.

† 1 Chron. xxix. 11. Thine O Lord, is the great-

ness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. V. 13. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

† Rev. xxii. 20. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

LESSONS AND GOLDEN TEXTS.

FOURTH QUARTER.

1. October 3.—PAUL'S LAST JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM. Acts 21: 1-15. (Read vs. 1-17. Commit vs. 12-14.) *Golden Text*—I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 21: 13.

2. October 10.—PAUL A PRISONER AT JERUSALEM. Acts 22: 17-30. (Read chap. 21: 18 to 23: 9.) Commit vs. 22-24. *Golden Text*—If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed. 1 Pet. 4: 16.

3. October 17.—PAUL BEFORE THE ROMAN GOVERNOR. Acts 24: 10-25. (Read chap. 23: 10-24: 27.) Commit vs. 14-16. *Golden Text*—Fear thou not; for I am with thee. Isa. 41: 10.

4. October 24.—PAUL BEFORE KING AGRIPPA. Acts 26: 19-32. (Read chaps. 25, 26.) Commit vs. 22, 23. *Golden Text*—Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10: 32.

5. October 31.—PAUL'S VOYAGE AND SHIPWRECK. Acts 27: 13-26. (Read chap. 27.) Commit vs. 21-25. *Golden Text*—Be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. Acts 27: 25.

6. November 7.—PAUL IN MELITA AND ROME. Acts 28: 1-16. Commit vs. 3-5. *Golden Text*—We know that all things work together for good to them that love God. Rom. 8: 28.

7. November 14.—PAUL'S MINISTRY IN

ROME. Acts 28: 17-31. Commit vs. 30, 31. *Golden Text*—I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1: 16.

8. November 21.—THE CHRISTIAN ARMOR. Eph. 6: 10-20. (Read the whole chapter.) Commit vs. 13-17. *Golden Text*—Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Eph. 6: 10.

9. November 28.—SALUTARY WARNINGS. 1 Pet. 4: 1-8. (May be used as a Temperance Lesson. November 28 will be observed as "Temperance Day" in England.) Commit vs. 7, 8. *Golden Text*—Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 1 Pet. 4: 7.

10. December 5.—CHRIST'S HUMILITY AN EXALTATION. Phil. 2: 1-11. Commit vs. 5-8. *Golden Text*—Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Phil. 2: 5.

11. December 12.—PAUL'S LAST WORDS. 2 Tim. 4: 1-8, 16-18. (Read vs. 1-22. Commit vs. 6-8.) *Golden Text*—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Tim. 4: 7.

12. December 19.—JOHN'S MESSAGE ABOUT SIN AND SALVATION. 1 John 1: 5 to 2: 6. Commit vs. 8-10. *Golden Text*—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. 1 John 1: 9.

13. December 26.—REVIEW. *Golden Text*—God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3: 16.

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