

LESSON I—July 4th, 1897.

First Converts in Europe. ACTS 16: 6-15.



GOLDEN TEXT: "The entrance of thy words giveth light." Ps. 119: 130.



6 Now when they had gone throughout Phryg'i-a and the region of Ga-la'ti-a, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in A'si-a,

7 After they were come to My'si-a, they assayed to go into Bi-thyn'i-a: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by My'si-a, came down to Tro'as.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Mac'e-do'ni-a, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Mac'e-do'ni-a, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Mac'e-do'ni-a, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Sam'o-thra'cia, and the next day to Ne-ap'o-lis;

12 And from thence to Phi-lip'pi, which is the chief city of that part of Mac'e-do'ni-a, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14. And a certain woman named, Lyd'i-a, a seller of purple, of the city of Thy'a-ti-ra, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and abide there. And she constrained us.