

Lesson XIII. REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS September 26, 1909

BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 34-47. SHORTER CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 21-29. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN 562, BOOK OF PRAISE. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

TEMPERANCE LESSON

1 Corinthians 10 : 23 33—Memory Verse, 24.

Golden Text—Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification.—Romans 15 : 2.



23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient : all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's *wealth*.

25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, *that* eat, asking no questions for conscience sake :

26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

27 If any of them that believe not bid you *to a feast*, and ye be disposed to go ; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake : for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof :

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other : for why is my liberty judged of another *man's* conscience ?

30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks ?

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or

whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gen'tiles, nor to the church of God :

33 Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Although Paul had remained in Corinth for more than a year and a half, preaching to the people and teaching them every day, many questions arose after he left, as to what was right for them as Christians to do, and what was wrong.

Now, it was the custom amongst the heathen people in the city, before meat was offered for sale in the market, to present it before their idols. After this was done, the meat was sold and used as food. So the question arose, among the Christians, as to whether it would be wrong for them to buy and eat this meat which had been offered to idols. Also, if any of their heathen friends asked them to dinner, should they refuse to eat the meat on the table, if they thought it

had come from an idol's temple ?

As they could not decide these questions themselves, they wrote to Paul, asking his advice. Paul wrote back, saying that there was nothing wrong about the meat itself ; it had been given to them by the Lord for food and they had a right to use it. Yet in some cases, if they ate the meat, they might lead others to say that they did not think idol worship a sin. So it would be better to do without meat altogether than give people a chance to speak against Christians and their religion.

If they went to take dinner at the house of a friend who was not a Christian, they should eat what was set before them, not asking any questions. But if one of the other