

What shows their wickedness? S. Paul says many of them had been thieves, quarrelsome, &c. Ephes. iv., 28—32.

What proves their misery? They were without hope. Ephes. ii., 12.

Who among them worshipped the true God? The Jews.

But what shows their light was dim? They knew nothing of Christ the Light of the world. St. John viii., 12.

Why did S. Paul not remain with them? Ver. 21.

What feast did he wish to observe? Pentecost, i. e., Whitsun.

What other Jew visited Ephesus? Ver. 24.

How is he spoken of? Of what great Christian truth was he ignorant? He knew nothing of the Holy Spirit.

Who further instructed him?

But who next arrived? S. Paul.

How did he address the disciples of Apollos? xix., 2.

What baptism had they received?

What rite followed their baptism in Christ's name? The laying on of hands, i. e., Confirmation.

And what blessing did they receive?

For how long did S. Paul teach in the synagogue? Ver. 8.

Where did the disciples afterwards meet? In the school of one Tyrannus.

What was the result? The Gospel light shone upon all (text for repetition).

Have we received the light? 1 S. John ii., 8.

What then is our duty? To walk as children of light. To send the glad news to others.

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TEXTS TO BE LEARNED.—Ps. xxxi. 19; S. John xiv. 2.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

O GOD, who has prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I.—THE GOOD THINGS TO COME.

Of what does this day's Collect speak? Good things. What good things in particular? Those which GOD has prepared, &c. When shall we really enjoy them? In the life to come. Do we know what they are? No, they pass man's understanding. How does the Bible speak of them? It compares them with earthly things. What are thus used as comparisons? Kingdoms. 2 Tim. ii. 12; Crowns. 1 Cor. ix. 25; Happiness. Rev. vii. 16, 17. What is the best thing we can say of them? They will satisfy our deepest desires.

II.—THE CERTAINTY OF THEM.

Are all promises fulfilled? What is the certainty of these? GOD has promised them. What is said of GOD's promises? They are yea and amen, i. e., sure and steadfast. 2 Cor. i. 20. What other assurance have we? GOD has prepared these blessings for His people. (Second text for repetition.)

III.—HOW THEY MAY BE OBTAINED.

May we fall short of these blessings? Yes indeed; many do. What then is required? We must *desire* them. Only those who thirst after righteousness shall