

LESSON VI.—November 7th, 1897.
Paul in Melita and Rome. ACTS 28: 1-16.



GOLDEN TEXT: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."
Rom. 8: 28.



1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Mel'i-ta,

2 And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid *them* on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the Barbarians saw the *venomous* beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, no doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Pub'li-us; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Pub'li-us lay sick of a fever and of bloody flux;

to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honored us with many honors; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Al'ex-an'dri-a, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Cas'tor and Pol'lux.

12 And landing at Syr'a-cuse, we tarried *there* three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhe'gi-um: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Pu-te'o-li:

14 Where we found brethren, and were desirous to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Ap'pi-i-Fo'rum, and the Three Taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: But Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.