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UARY. N.S., June 22nd, 1877

HEATHER John B. Canfield. Sis- in Sussex, England, ne to Wallace, N.S., ears after while under Rev. J. G. Hennigar, heart to God. She at Methodist Church fast in the Faith of hour of her departure ad twelve children, all er and ten of these to God before they ath year, one only re- fold of Christ, his sal- of his mothers dai- did not yield to the at until he stood by praying mother. A r spirit reached the ul was set at liberty nce of God "she be- th." She rests from orks follow her. As a blameless before the professor of religion and during all those her life that religion orth living for.

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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN EARLY CHURCH HISTORY.

A. D. 58. LESSON VIII. THESSALONIANS AND BEREANS; or, The Gospel Earnestly Studied. Acts 17, 1-14. August 19.

EXPLANATORY.

WHEN THEY. From chap. 16, 12, it appears that Luke came with them to Philippi, where he seems to have remained, for there is where next we hear of him. (Chap. 20, 5.) Amphipolis. A city of Macedonia, about thirty-three miles from Philippi, on a bend of the river Strymon, now called Neokhoris. Apollonia. Supposed to be about half way between Amphipolis and Thessalonica, which is situated at the north-east corner of the bay Therma. It received its name in honor of the sister of Alexander the Great. It was to the church founded here, that Paul wrote his two epistles to the Thessalonians, the first written by him. A synagogue. Greek, the synagogue, probably the only one in that section. Three Sabbath days. As Jesus' custom was (Luke 4, 16, 31,) so did his disciples. They "remembered the Sabbath day to keep it holy," "according to the commandment." (Luk 23, 56.) Reasoned with them out of the Scriptures. If an inspired apostle must go to the Scriptures for the proof of his belief, how much more should we who are not inspired. Opening, explaining the true meaning, and their relation to Christ. A true Sabbath-school. This Jesus... is Christ. The Jews were looking for a Christ, or Messiah, but they denied that this Jesus was he. To prove it Paul needed to show them that the Christ of their tradition was not the Christ of God; that the Christ of prophecy was to suffer death, and be raised again, and that all things which Moses and the prophets had written concerning him had been fulfilled in this Jesus.

SOME OF THEM. The church thus begun became one of the most important in the early Christian times. Concerted. Greek, cast in their lot, accepted the faith and all that it implied to be a Christian. Devout Greeks. Those who worshipped God, proselytes to the Jewish faith. [See 1 Thess. 1, 9.] Chief women, first in rank and social position, also called "honorable" in verse 12.

LEWD FELLOWS. These were "market men," who were notorious for their roughness and vile language, as are those of Billingsgate in London. Notice the class of men the Jews excite against the apostles, and how they demean themselves by the act. Gathered a company. "Raised a mob," the resort of the consciously wrong. Jason. Not otherwise known, unless he be the same mentioned by Paul as one of his kinsmen in Rom. 16, 21. Probably Paul's host at this time. To the people. Greek, demos, the mob as distinguished from the people, oklas, of the city. (Verse 8.) Rulers. The very rare term politarchs here used is found on an ancient arch in Thessalonica as the title of its rulers. This is one of many items showing Luke's perfect historical accuracy. Turned the world upside down. The world is not perverted but converted by the Gospel of Christ. Would that it were turned right side up to the Lord. Contrary to the decree of Caesar. They knew this to be false, but it answered their purpose; the rulers knew that treason in their "free city" would forfeit its freedom. Another king. See the same malicious deception used by the Jews before Pilate. To what baseness will not a man stoop to accomplish wicked ends.

TROUBLED. So always, the spirit of evil is a source of trouble, both to the people and the rulers. There is no community so free from trouble as the godly community. Security. The rulers made the common mistake that suppressing the denunciation of wrong would bring peace. So they put the righteous under bonds, and let the real disturbers of the peace alone. Paul and Silas, for the sake of peace to the brethren, went to Berea; Timothy went with them, (verse 14,) but he soon returned, (ver. 15, and 1 Thess 3, 2,) so that the young church was not left uncared for. Berea. A walled city of Macedonia, on the eastern slope of the Olympian Mountains. Abundantly watered by the river Haliacmon, well shaded and secluded, it seems to have been a favorite dwelling place for the "more noble" Greeks and Romans. It is now called Veria, and has from 15,000 to 20,000 inhabitants. It is about fifty miles from Saloniki, the ancient Thessalonica.

MORE NOBLE. "Of better character," or of "better birth." The sense is not that the nobleness consisted in receiving the word, but that it was the reason why they received it with "all readiness." A noble mind will investigate a doctrine before condemning it, and the only true way to investigate spiritual questions is to search the Scriptures for light. By search-

ing daily they showed earnestness, and we are not surprised to read that therefore many believed.

THITHER ALSO. Thus Satan sends his emissaries to thwart the work of Christ's servants. The minister or teacher who meets with no such opposition has need to fear that he is unfaithful to his duty. To go as it were to the sea. Not a feint to deceive his enemies, but the direction which he took. Lange translates, "that he might proceed to the sea." He doubtless went to Athens by sea, as there is nothing to indicate the contrary.

GOLDEN TEXT.—These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, etc. Acts 17, 11.

DOCTRINE.—The authority of Scripture. 2 Pet. 1, 21; 2 Tim. 3, 15.

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