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NOTE.—The Scripture verses to be committed to memory are indicated by an index [§§] at the side.

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LESSON IX.—PAUL AT ATHENS.

[March 2.

Acts 17. 22-34.

UNDER HIS
WINGS

SHALT
THOU TRUST.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of a Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are a too superstitious.

a Or, the court of the Areopagites.—a Jer. 10. 38.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your b devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, b TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare i unto you.

b Or, gods that ye worship; 2 Thess. 2. 4.—b Eph. 2. 12.

24 God c that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is d Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

c Chap. 14. 15.—d Matt. 11. 25.—e Chap. 7. 48.

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, e as though he needed any thing, seeing f he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.

e P. a. 50. 8.—f Num. 16. 22; Isa. 42. 5; Dan. 4. 35; Rom. 11. 36.

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and g hath determined the times before appointed, and h the bounds of their habitation; g Deut. 30. 20; Job 11. 5.—h Deut. 32. 8.

27 That i they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, j though he be not far from every one of us:

i Rom. 1. 20.—j 1 Kings 8. 27; J. r. 13. 24.

28 For k in him we live, and move, and have our being; l as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

k Col. 1. 17; Heb. 1. 3.—Titus 1. 12.

§§ 29 Forasmuch then as we are offspring of God, m we ought not to think that the God-head is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

m Isa. 49. 18.

§§ 30 And n the times of this ignorance God winked at; but o now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

n Rom. 3. 25.—o Luke 24. 47.

§§ 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which p he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath c given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

p Rom. 2. 16.—c Or, offered faith; 1 Cor. 15.

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 Howbeit q certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

q Rom. 11. 5.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

We look now upon the scene when the Gospel of Christ appeared for the first time confronting the wisdom of the world. Paul, the foremost leader of the Christian cause, stood upon the marble summit of the Areopagus, and before him were ranged upon the circling seats the leaders of Grecian thought. To their eyes it was the Gospel standing upon trial, and dismissed with silent contempt; to the enlarged view of heaven it was the learning of man