

Sabbath School Lessons.

THE APOSTOLIC COUNCIL.

Dec. 11. A. D. 50.
Lesson, Acts 15 : 12-29. Golden Text, Acts 15 : 11.
Memory vs. 8-11. Catechism Q. 107.

QUESTIONS.

Introductory.—What caused dissension in the church at Antioch? Who were sent to Jerusalem to get counsel on this matter? How were these commissioners received at Jerusalem? Who met to consider the question? What took place at the meeting? Whose speech is first recorded? What did Peter say? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. Work Among the Gentiles, v. 12.—To whom did the council then give audience? What did Barnabas and Paul declare? What have you learned about these signs and wonders among the Gentiles?

II. Advice About the Gentiles, vs. 13-21.—Who then addressed the council? What do you know about James? What did he say? What had been foretold concerning the Gentiles? How did these predictions agree with what Peter had said? What advice did James give? What gave great weight to his opinion?

III. Letters to the Gentiles, vs. 22-29.—What did the council determine? Who were sent to Antioch? What were sent by these men? To whom were the letters addressed? From what place had the troublers of peace at Antioch gone out? What had these troublers declared? What did the council say of this declaration? What were Judas and Silas to do besides carrying the letters to Antioch? To whom did the directions of these letters seem good? What was not to be laid upon the Gentile converts? From what must they abstain? How were these letters received at Antioch?

PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. We are saved not by observing forms and ceremonies, but by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. We observe the ordinances of the Church because we are Christians, not in order to become Christians.
3. It may be our duty, from regard to others, to abstain from that which is in itself lawful.
4. We must be careful to put no stumbling block in the way of others.

QUARTERLY REVIEW.

Dec. 18. Golden Text, Rom. 10 : 4.

The lessons of the quarter are from A. D. 37 to A. D. 50, 14 years of the history of the early church, or from the time it was seven years to 21 years old.

What did Paul do in his hatred of the disciples of Jesus?

What happened to Saul as he was going to Damascus?

What did Saul do after his baptism?

How was Dorcas restored to life at Lydda?

What took place when Peter was preaching in the house of Cornelius?

What followed the preaching of the gospel at Antioch?

What new name did the disciples receive?

What did Peter say of his deliverance from prison?

What direction was given to the prophets and teachers at Antioch?

Where did the missionaries go?

Who opposed the missionaries at Antioch in Pisidia?

What did Paul say to them?

What effect had the preaching at Iconium?

What took place at Lystra after Paul cured a lame man?

What happened soon after?

What then took place?

What did they do in all these places?

What did the missionaries do when they had finished their work in these cities?

What caused dissension in the church at Antioch?

What did the church at Antioch do?

What did the council at Jerusalem decide?

Review-drill on titles, Golden Texts, Lesson Plans, Questions for Review and Catechism.

What do you know of the following places and people mentioned in the lessons of the quarter, and what took place in connection with them.

Places—Antioch in Syria, Antioch in Pisidia, Caesarea, Cilicia, Cyprus, Cyrene, Damascus, Derbe, Iconium, Jerusalem, Joppa, Lyconia, Lydda, Lystra, Pamphylia, Ephos, Perga, Phenice, Pisidia, Seleucia, Tarsus.

Persons—Agabus, Ananias, Barnabas, Cornelius, Dorcas, Elymas, Eneas, Herod, James the Apostle, James the brother of our Lord, John Mark, Judas Barsabas, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, Paul, Peter, Rhoda, Sergius Paulus, Silas, Simeon Niger, Simon the Tanner, Stephen, Tabitha, Timothy, Titus.