

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

LESSON IV. THE YOKE BROKEN; The Gospel of Liberty. Acts 15, 22-31. July 29.

EXPLANATORY.

THE APOSTLES AND ELDERS, WITH THE WHOLE CHURCH. Though the apostles posed an inspired authority, yet they sought the counsel and judgment of the general membership.

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THE SAME THINGS. The two messengers from Jerusalem bearing testimony to the same truths. By mouth. The parchment with the signatures of the apostles carried with it authority.

TO THE HOLY GHOST AND TO US. They claimed no authority co-ordinate with the Holy Ghost, but were conscious of his divine direction. Necessary things, partly from the nature of the things, partly from circumstances.

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GOLDEN TEXT:—Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Gal. 5, 1.

DOCTRINE:—The unity of the Church. Gal. 2, 28; John 10, 16.

NOTE.—Electric—Selected and Edited. The next lesson is Acts 16, 1-15.

GROWING OLD.—It is the solemn thought connected with middle life that life's last business is begun in earnest; and it is then, midway between the cradle and the grave, that a man begins to marvel that he let the days of youth go by so half-enjoyed.

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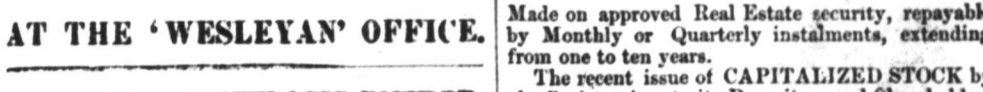
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