

SCHOLARS' NOTES

(From International Question Book)

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles.

LESSON IX.—MAY 18. PAUL'S CHARGE TO TIMOTHY.—2 TIM. 3: 14-17, AND 4: 1-8.

COMMENT VERSES 15-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation.—2 Tim. 3: 15.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

The Bible is God's word, man's light and guide.

DAILY READINGS.

M. 2 Tim. 1: 1-5. T. 2 Tim. 2: 1-8. W. 2 Tim. 3: 1-7. Th. 2 Tim. 1: 1-2. F. 1 Pet. 1: 1-6. Sa. Deut. 11: 18-28. Su. Rev. 2: 1-11, 20-29.

Interpretation.—The Second Epistle is Paul's dying charge to Timothy. The words come to us with the power which belongs to the crowning experience of a long life, from one who stands like Moses on Pisgah looking back over all the past and onward on the promised land, and brings us the combined wisdom of both.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

1. IN WHICH THOU HAST LEARNED THESE PAUL, AND HIS ROMAN EMPLOYERS AND TEACHERS. 25. HOLY SCRIPTURES.—Timothy in his childhood had only the Old Testament. 17. PERFECT—complete, having all his faculties and powers. 26. THOROUGHLY FURNISHED—completely equipped, having all he needed for doing good works. 3. THE QUICK—the living, those living at the coming of Christ. AT HIS APPEARING—charge by his appearing, because he is certainly to come. AND HIS KINGDOM—for the time is coming when Christ will rule the whole world, and all nations be subject to him. 2. ISTRY—strongly intent, 3. AFTER THEIR OWN LISTS—see Revised Version. The people would refuse to hear the truth, but seek teachers who would preach to please them, and not interfere with their sins. TOUCHING EARS—ears desiring to hear pleasant things. 5. DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST—do not merely care for one church, but go out after the lost. MAKE FULL PROOF—fulfill, do the whole work of. 6. OFFER UP—sacrifice to the Gospel, as a martyr. 8. CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—the prize given to those who have won righteousness, and gained a victory in the cause of righteousness. THE LORD—Jesus, AT THAT DAY—the day of judgment.

QUESTIONS.

I. INTERPRETATIONS.—What account can you give of Paul's life after writing the first letter to Timothy? When was Second Timothy written and where? What value attaches to it as the last words of Paul?

SUBJECT: THE WORD OF GOD.

I. EARLY TRAINING IN THE SCRIPTURES (vs. 1, 13).—In what things should Timothy continue? From whom had he learned the truth? How was this a confirmation of their truth? How early had he begun to study the Bible? What reasons can you give for his early beginning his study very young? What can the Bible do for us? In what way? Why is it wise to seek salvation?

II. THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD (vs. 16).—What is said here of the Bible? How does the new version read? What is meant by the Bible's being given by inspiration? What reasons can you give for believing the Bible to be the word of God?

III.—THE WORK OF THE BIBLE (vs. 16, 17).—For what things is the Bible profitable? Meaning of "doctrine" here? What does it improve? What does it correct? In what does it instruct? What kind of men does it make? For what does it do in them? Do these effects of the Bible appear in the history of the world?

IV. THE BIBLE TEACHERS (vs. 14).—What did Paul charge Timothy to do? By what solemn motives? How would these influence him to faithfulness? What is it to preach? Meaning of "pastor"? What is meant by "out of season" here? What three things must he do in his preaching? Why with long suffering? Why with doctrine of patience? What should people would be sometimes find in the congregation? Is there any such danger now? What should be done about it?

V. THE TRIUMPH OF FAITHFULNESS TO THE SCRIPTURES (vs. 6-8).—What did Paul say of himself? What good fight had he fought? (Eph. 6: 12) What race had he run? (Phil. 3: 14) What faith had he kept? What was to be his reward? Why is it to be bestowed? Who may have a like reward?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. The Bible makes us wise unto salvation: (1) by showing our sin, our need, our danger; (2) by showing us what we can be—holy, happy children of God, heirs of heaven; (3) by teaching us the way to these things; (4) by giving us motives for seeking them; (5) by the Holy Spirit it reveals.

II. Proofs that the Bible is inspired: (1) The good men who wrote it; (2) how they were inspired; (3) Christ's promise (John 16: 13); (4) Christ's testimony to the Old Testament; (5) the purity of its morals; (6) its wise plan of salvation; (7) miracles; (8) prophecy fulfilled; (9) its harmony with science; (10) its unity although written in three languages by thirty-six persons during fifteen hundred years; (11) its adaptation to our needs; (12) its effects; (13) experience of its truth.

QUEEN VICTORIA will confer the order of the G. C. B., with the title of Royal Highness, on Prince Louis of Battenberg on the occasion of his marriage with Princess Beatrice. This marriage, Mr. Gladstone announced in Parliament, was the result of a genuine attachment, as had been the case in the marriage of each of the Queen's children.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, May 19, 1885.

The British grain markets are quiet but steady. Red winter wheat is quoted at 75c to 78c; Canadian Peas at 65c, old.

The local grain market is stagnant with buyers and sellers far apart. Quotations are purely nominal.—Canada Red Winter, 95c to \$1.00; Canada White, 90c to \$1.00; Canada Spring, 97c to \$1.00; Peas, 78c to 79c per 66 lbs.; Oats, 38c to 40c; Rye, 63c to 65c; Barley, 50c to 60c; Corn 60c.

FLOUR.—The market is very quiet, and prices are lower. We quote:—Superior Extra, \$4.80 to \$4.90; Extra Superior, \$4.75; Fancy, \$4.65; Spring Extra \$4.80 to \$4.90; Superior, \$4.35 to \$4.40; Strong Bakers, (Canadian), \$4.75 to \$5.00; Strong Bakers (American), \$5.25 to \$5.50; Fine, \$4.10 to \$4.25; Middlings, \$3.75; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$2.25 to \$2.30; do. Spring Extra, \$2.20 to \$2.25; Superior, \$2.15 to \$2.20; City Bags, (delivered,) \$2.55 to \$2.60.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, \$2.30 to \$2.40.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter.—There is very little business doing in this market, which continues extremely quiet. We quote:—Creamery, 20c; Eastern Townships, 17c to 18c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 15c to 17c; Western 14c to 15c; old makes, 6c to 13c, as to quality. Cheese is dull and lower at 9c to 9½c for fine to finest. The public cable is a couple of shillings lower since our last report, being now at 5½.

EGGS.—Supply and demand are pretty evenly balanced, and eggs are selling at 12½c to 13c per dozen in cases.

HOG PRODUCE shows no quotable change. Western Mess Pork \$14.75 to \$15.00; do. Short Cut, \$15.00 to \$15.50; Canada \$15.00; do. \$15.00 to \$15.50 Mess Beef, \$15.50; In Lia Mess Beef, \$25.00; Hams, city cured, 11½c to 12c; Lard, in pails, Western, 10½c; do. Canadian 9½c; Bacon, 11½c; shoulders 9c to 9½c; Tallow, common refined, 6c to 6½c.

ASHES are quoted at \$3.70 to \$3.80, as to tares, for Pots.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There has been a further advance in the prices of good beef cattle, chiefly on account of better reports from British markets. Cattle shippers are paying from 7c to 7½c for suitable cattle, and the best butchers' heves bring from 4½c to 5½c per lb. Rough and leanish stock, including milkmen's strippers, are plentiful and pretty low priced; some of the worst conditioned beef critters will not realize 3c per lb., but the general prices are from 3½c to 4c. Calves are not so plentiful as they were some time ago, and prices are again higher. Common veals sell at from \$2.50 to \$5 each and superior ones at from \$7 to \$10. There is a fair supply of sheep and lambs, some of the sheep having already been shorn of their fleeces. Sheep sell at from \$3.50 to \$5 each, and lambs at from \$2.50 to \$5.50 each. Good milk cows are scarce and higher priced, quite a number being sold lately at from \$50 to \$60 each. Common and inferior cows are plentiful and sell at from \$20 to \$35 each. Hogs are plentiful and sell at about 5½c per lb. There is little or nothing doing in the horse market.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The weather and the roads have improved greatly of late, but the farmers are too busy with their Spring's work to spare time for bringing their produce to market. Traders have ample supplies, but they have advanced the prices of grain, potatoes, hay, dressed hogs, and poultry. Butter and eggs are plentiful and pretty low priced. Green onions are very abundant and cheap, while the supplies of lettuce, radishes and rhubarb and celery are large for so early in the season. Onions are 12c to \$1.05 per bag; peas, 90c to \$1.00 per bushel; beans \$1.25 to \$1.50c; do. potatoes 40c to 50c per bag; turnips, carrots, and beets, 30c to 50c per bushel; onions 50c to \$1.00; do. butter, new, 10c to 30c per lb.; eggs 13c to 20c per dozen; apples \$3.00 to \$4.50 per barrel; dressed hogs 7½c to 7¾c per lb.; turkeys 14c to 15c per lb.; fowls 14c to 16c; ducks 14c to 15c; hay \$9.00 to \$15.00 per 100 bundles.

New York, May 18, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 1.02½ bid June; \$1.04½ bid July; \$1.06½ August; \$1.07½ Sept. Corn, 54½c May and June; 55½c bid July; 56 bid August. Oats, 38½c nonn. May; 39½c bid June; 39½c bid July.

FLOUR is steady and shows little change. We quote as follows:—Spring Wheat, Superior, \$3.45 to \$3.85; Low Extra, \$3.50 to \$4.40; Clears, \$4.10 to \$4.75; Straight, \$4.40 to \$5.25; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.25. Winter Wheat—Superior, \$3.65 to \$4.00; Low Extra, \$3.75 to \$4.40; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.50 to \$4.90; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.80 to \$5.00; Patent, \$5.00 to \$6.00; Straight White Wheat, \$4.75 to \$5.75; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.80 to \$4.00; West India, sacks, \$3.80 to \$4.00; West India, barrels, \$5.10 to \$5.15; Patent, \$6.15 to \$6.00; South America, \$5.00 to \$6.00; Patent \$5.10 to \$6.15. Southern Flour—Extra \$4.10 to \$5.40; Family, \$4.85 to \$5.75; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.25; Rye Flour—Fine to Superior, \$3.20 to \$4.70.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.40 to \$3.50 in bbls. FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, \$20 to \$21; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, \$17 to \$18; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, \$16 to \$16.50; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, \$15.50 to \$16.00; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$15.00 to \$16.00; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$15.00 to \$16.00. Rye feed, \$18.00 to \$19.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter (new)—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 16c to 25c; State half firkins, ordinary to fancy, 17c to 22c; Western Dairy, ordinary to choice imitation creamery, 8c to 18c; Western factory, ordinary to choice, 7c to 13c. (Old)—State Dairy, general run to best, 7c to 13c; Western, 6c to 8c; Grease, 4½c to 5c. Cheese (New)—State factory, inferior to choice, 4c to 9c; Ohio Flats, fair to prime, 7½c to 8½c; Skims, Pennsylvania, common to prime 1c to 2c.

EGGS.—State an d Pennsylvania, in bbls. 14c to 14½c; Canada, line, 14c; Western, poor to fancy, 13c to 13½c; Southern 12c to 12½c; Duck eggs, 18c to 19c; goose eggs, 33c to 35c.

FOR FIFTEEN YEARS a committee, formed of the greatest Bible scholars in the world, have been engaged on the revision of the sacred book. The King James' version was not at once accepted by the mass of Bible readers, and it was not fully established in popular favor until it had the test of twenty-five years' usage. The new volume will be very acceptable to the religious world. The only alterations are those which were rendered necessary by the former mistranslation of the original, and the wording has been kept as far as possible. In places where the words used in the authorized version have no longer the same meaning as they had in King James' time they have been changed. In the poetical books "Sheol" replaces "hell," which has been changed in prose passages to "the grave" and "the pit," with "Sheol" in the margin. Of these renderings, "Hell," says the preface, "if it could be taken in its original senses as used in the creeds, would be a fairly adequate equivalent for the Hebrew word, but it is so commonly understood as a place of torment that to employ it frequently would lead to inevitable misunderstanding. In Isaiah x., 14, where "hell" is used in more of its original sense, the revisors have left "hell" in the text, putting "Sheol" in the margin. "Tabernacle of the Congregation" has been everywhere changed to "Tent of Meeting." The summary of each day's work at the Creation now runs according to formula, "and there was evening and there was morning, one day;" "there was evening and there was morning, a second day." The Psalms are definitely divided into five books, the last four beginning respectively at Psalms xlii, xliv, xc, and cvii. A striking improvement is in the printing of all the poetical passages in poetical form. This has been done in Psalms, Proverbs, Job and Canticles, but the Prophets have been left in prose, however passionate their oratory. All headings of chapters have been dropped and the text has been divided into paragraphs.

THE DOCTORS in the Halifax city Hospital struck some weeks ago because they considered the board had shown unjust preference to one student, who had applied for a position as house surgeon, over another who had passed better examinations. The strike still continues. Nearly one hundred patients are in the hospital, but not a single city doctor can be induced to accept a position on the hospital staff.

DR. FERRAN of Valencia, Spain, has inoculated 4,700 persons with the cholera germ. The epidemic has greatly diminished of late and this is attributed to the success of Dr. Ferran's treatment.

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