

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From International Question Book)
Studies in the Acts of the Apostles.
LESSON V.—MAY 3.
OBEDIENCE—Eph. 6:1-3.
COMMIT VERSES 1-4.
GOLDEN TEXT.
Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.—Eph. 6:1.

CENTRAL TRUTH.
Obedience to parents is the foundation of obedience to the state and to God.

DAILY READINGS.
M. Eph. 1:1-3.
W. Eph. 2:11-22.
Th. Eph. 1:1-16.
F. Eph. 1:17-32.
Sa. Eph. 2:1-10.
Sb. Eph. 6:1-21.

TIME.—The epistle to the Ephesians was written in the autumn of A.D. 62.
PLACE.—Written at Rome, from the house where Paul was a prisoner.
AUTHOR.—St. Paul, aged about 60.
PLACE IN BIBLE HISTORY.—Acts 28:30, 31.
EPHESIANS, the capital of Ionia, and chief city of Asia Minor.
EPHESIAN CHURCH was founded by Paul, during his three years' stay there, A.D. 54-57.
EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS.—Circular letter to several churches, sent by Theophilus.
INTRODUCTION.—Having completed the book of the Acts in our studies, we undertake first to read some of the letters written during the period described in its last verses.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.
1. OBEY... IN THE LORD—for his sake; because it is commanded: 2. IN HIS SIGHT, 2. THE FIRST COMMANDMENT, etc.—the first with promise of the first importance, 3. Obedience tends to these things, 4. WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING—fear of God, anxiety to do just right, 5. SINGLED OUT OF HEART—sincerely, the opposite of hypocrisy, 6. MEMBERSHIP—planning only men who see the outside and not the heart, 7. WITH GOODWILL—cheerfully, 8. DO THE SAME THINGS—act on the same principles, 9. WRESTLE—the conflict is single-fought, each has his own warfare, NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD—the combat is not in sword or guns, but is spiritual, 10. RULERS OF THE DARKNESS—the unseen powers who make this world so dark with sin and sorrow, 11. TO STAND—to hold your own, to gain the victory.

QUESTIONS.
INTRODUCTORY.—Why do you now take up the Epistle to the Ephesians? When and where was it written? By whom? Who founded the church at Ephesus? (Acts 18.) How long before this?
SUBJECT: HOME MUTUAL CHRISTIAN DUTIES.

I. DUTIES OF CHILDREN TO PARENTS (vs. 1-3).
—What is the first duty of children? What is it to obey in the Lord? Why is this obedience right? Where is it commanded? What is it to honor our parents? What promise is given to those who obey? How does obedience tend to a long and happy life? How does disobedience tend to unhappiness? How does obedience to parents tend to make a prosperous nation?
II. DUTIES OF PARENTS TO CHILDREN (v. 4).
How should parents treat their children? In what should they bring them up? What is the "nurture" of the Lord? The "admonition"? What is the effect upon the training of the example of parents? How is this a motive for their becoming Christians?

III. DUTIES OF THE EMPLOYED TO THEIR EMPLOYERS (vs. 5-6).
—What is their first duty to them? Meaning of "masters according to the Lord." Have all a higher master? (v. 8.) What is meant by "fear and trembling"? By "singleness of heart"? "Memberships"—"servants of"? How can we serve men for Christ's sake? How does this enable our daily labors? How does God reward men? Does he make any distinction on account of our outward circumstances?

IV. DUTIES OF EMPLOYERS TO THEIR EMPLOYED (v. 7).
—What are the wrong employers are most likely to commit? What are the duties of employers? Meaning of "do the same things unto them." (Matt. 7:12.) Read v. 8 in the revised Version. How would the fact that both had the same master in heaven help employers to do right? Meaning of "respect of persons"?

V. DANGERS AND HELPS TO DUTY (vs. 10-13).
—Wherein does the strength lie for performing these duties? To what dangers and temptations are we exposed? What are the wiles of the devil? Against whom and what must we contend? How great are the powers of evil represented? Why? Why is this conflict called wrestling? What defence have we? What are the parts of his armor? Can we gain the victory in any other way?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.
1. All duties to others are mutual.
2. We must do our duty to others whether they do theirs to us or not.
3. Obedience to parents leads to obedience to the state and to God.
4. Parents may be the cause of wrong-doing in children.
5. The commonest service may be made noble and glorious by noble motives.
6. The enemies opposed to us are many and powerful.
7. But our helpers are stronger and wiser than they.
8. The greatest battles are fought on the battlefield of the heart.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, April 21, 1885.

The English grain markets are dull, but firm, prospects of war being more probable. Red winter wheat is quoted at 7s 10d to 8s 1d; Canadian Peas at 6s. 3d.

The local grain market is very dull, and without change. Holders are still firm. We quote:—Canada Red Winter at 98c to \$1.00; White, 98c to \$1.00; Canada Spring 97c to \$1.00; Peas 78c to 79c; Oats, 35c to 40c; Rye, 63c to 65c; Barley, 50c to 60c; Corn 60c per bushel.

FLOUR.—The market is very dull. Holders are firm, but buyers will not operate unless concessions are made, and subsequently business is at a standstill. We quote:—Superior Extra, \$4.85 to \$4.90; Extra Superior, \$4.70 to \$4.75; Family, \$4.50 to \$4.60; Spring Extra, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Superior, \$4.30 to \$4.35; Strong Bakers, (Canadian), \$4.50 to \$4.70; Strong Bakers' (American), \$5.00 to \$5.25; Fine, \$3.75 to \$3.90; Middlings, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$2.25 to \$2.30; do., Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; Superior, \$2.00 to \$2.10; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.50.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, \$2.30 to \$2.40.
DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter shows but little change. Receipts of new are increasing, and prices are rather lower. We quote:—New butter, 18c to 21c; Creamery, 18c to 21c; Eastern Townships, 10c to 16c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 9c to 14c; Western, 7c to 12c, as to quality. Cheese is quiet at 10c to 11c, as to quality and size of lots. The public cable is steady at 60c.

Eggs are now selling at 15c, in cases, for fresh stock, 3c lower than at our last report.
HOG PRODUCTS are steady and unchanged. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$15.75 do., Short Cut, \$16.00; Canada Short Cut, \$16.00 to \$16.50; Ham, city cured, 12c to 13c; do., green, 9c; Lard, in pails, Western, 10c to 10 1/2c; do., Can. 9c; Bacon, 11c to 12c; Tallow, common refined, 6c to 6 1/2c.
ASHES are again lower at \$4.00 for Pot.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Farmers are unable to bring their produce to the markets owing to the bad condition of the roads, and trailers have the business nearly all to themselves. The prices of hay and oats have gone up pretty high, but are not likely to continue so very long. Maple sugar and syrup are very plentiful and though the demand is active, prices are declining. The prices of eggs and butter have a downward tendency. There has been an advance in the price of flour and Indian meal. Oats are 90c to \$1.00 per bag; peas, 80c to 90c per bushel; beans \$1.25 to \$1.50 do.; potatoes 40c to 45c per bag; turnips, carrots, and beets, 50c to 75c per bushel; onions 75c to \$1.00 do.; cabbages 75c to \$1.00 per barrel; butter 10c to 30c per lb.; eggs 14c to 25c per dozen; apples \$3.00 to \$4.00 per barrel; dressed hogs 6 1/2c to 7 1/2c per lb.; young turkeys 10c to 15c per lb.; geese 9c to 10c do.; fowls 8c to 12c do.; ducks 12c to 15c do.; hay \$9.00 to \$10.00 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of butchers' cattle continues in excess of the demand and prices have gone down lower than they have been on this market for many years, but they seem to have touched bottom and are rather firmer, owing to an improved demand for shipment to Great Britain. The best butchers' cattle sell at from 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c per lb., and a few choice large steers have been bought by shippers at 5c do. Rough and leanish animals sell at from 3c to 4c per lb., and in some cases for even less. Sheep are getting scarce and prices are advancing; good ones bring about 5c per lb. Spring lambs are also scarce and higher priced, as the roads are too bad to bring them to market. They bring from \$4.00 to \$5.50 each. Good milk cows are still in demand at from \$45 to \$50 each, but all other kinds are not wanted and bring very low prices. Fat hogs are getting more plentiful, but prices continue at from 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c per lb.

New York, April 20, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 99 1/2c bid May; \$1.00 1/2c June; \$1.03 1/2c July; \$1.05 1/2c August. Corn, 55c May; 55 1/2c June; 56 1/2c July. Oats, 39 1/2c April; 40c May; 40 1/2c June and nom. July.

FLOUR has made a further advance during the week. We quote:—Spring Wheat, Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.85; Low Extra, \$3.30 to \$4.30; Clears, \$4.20 to \$4.50; Straight, \$4.20 to \$4.95; Patent, \$5.15 to \$6.35. Winter Wheat—Superfine, \$3.75 to \$3.90; Low Extra, \$3.90 to \$4.25; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.45 to \$4.75; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.65 to \$5.60; Patent, \$4.90 to \$6.10; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.75 to \$5.60; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.75 to \$4.00; West India, sacks, \$3.75 to \$4.00; West India, barrels, \$5.10 to \$5.00; \$4.85 Patent, \$5.10 to \$6.00; South America, \$5.00 to \$6.00; Patent \$5.00 to \$6.00. Southern Flour—Extra \$4.00 to \$5.50; Family, \$4.85 to \$5.65; Patent, \$5.00 to \$6.10; Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine, \$3.15 to \$4.60.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.45 to \$3.50 in bbls. FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, \$22 to \$23; 100 lbs. or No 1 middlings, \$20 to \$22; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, \$19 to \$20; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, \$19.50 to \$20.50; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$19.50 to \$20.50; 40 lbs. or No. 3 feed, \$20.00. Rye feed, \$20.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter (new)—Creamery, ordinary to fancy 17c to 27c; State half firkins, ordinary to fancy 17c to 23c; Western dairy, ordinary to choice imitation creamery, 10c to 19c; Western factory, ordinary to choice, 9c to 16c. Cheese—State factory, faulty to fancy, colored, 6c to 11 1/2c; do. light skims, good to choice, 6 1/2c to 7c; Ohio flats, ordinary to prime, 2c to 10c; Skims, (new) 1c to 3c.

Eggs.—State and Pennsylvania, in bbls, 10c; Western, poor to fancy, 14c to 16c; Southern, 12c to 14 1/2c.

FRANCE has demanded of the Egyptian Government the unconditional reopening of the printing office of the Bosphore Egyptien, which paper published the declaration of the Mahdi and was seized on that account. France also asks for the punishment of the police and other officials who took part in the act of suppression.

THE SCOTT ACT PETITIONS in Ontario are being re-advertised and will be again deposited with the registrars so that there may be no mistake about them and so that what might turn out to be a legal flaw in them may be corrected.

AS SOON as the sub-committees in the county of Hastings have been organized the campaign in that county will commence in deep earnest.

AN ENERGETIC association of temperance workers has been formed in the county of Oxford whose principal aims will be to see that the provisions of the Scott Act are faithfully carried out.

THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT proposes to create a volunteer corps in India of 50,000 natives.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Our subscribers throughout the United States who cannot procure the international Post Office orders at their Post Office, can get instead a Post office order, payable at Rouse's Point, N. Y., which will prevent much inconvenience both to ourselves and subscribers.

MONTREAL DAILY WITNESS, \$3.00 a year, post-paid. MONTREAL WEEKLY MESSENGER, \$1.00 a year, post-paid. WEEKLY MESSENGER, 50 cents; 5 copies to one address, \$2.00. JOHN DOUGALL & SON, Publishers, Montreal, Que.

SILK POCKET-HANDKERCHIEFS and dark blue cotton will not fade if dipped in salt and water while new.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

EPPE'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—Civil Service Gazette.—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets labelled—"James Epps & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London, Eng."

CAMPAIGN TRACTS.

PUBLISHED BY DIRECTION OF THE DOMINION ALLIANCE.

- No. 2.—St. Alexander Galt's great speech at Sherbrooke, on Prohibition viewed from the standpoint of a political economist.
No. 3.—A Synopsis of the Scott Act, showing the steps necessary in inaugurating a contest.
No. 4.—The Rev. Mr. Brooker's striking speech at Ottawa, on the remarkable success of the Scott Law in the county of Halton.
No. 5.—A Sermon, by the Rev. Mr. McFarland, of St. John, N. B., on the duty of Christian citizens.
No. 6.—The Barley Question: Facts and Figures for the Farmer, by a Toronto Grain Merchant.

Price, 25 cents a Hundred.

50¢ No parcel will be sent of less than a Hundred Copies, and 5 Cents extra for Postage on Single Parcels, and 5 Cents for each additional hundred, must accompany orders.

- The National Temperance Society's Tracts are on hand at the Witness Office, and will be forwarded at cost to all who remit for them. They are as follows:
1.—A miscellaneous series of 211 tracts, from two to twelve pages, by some of the best writers of the country, suitable for all classes of people, and adapted to every phase of the work—\$1.10.
2.—Seventeen four-page illustrated tracts—10c.
3.—Teachers series prepared by a committee from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; especially adapted for teachers—5c.
4.—One-page handbill tracts, 79 kinds—25c.
5.—Children's Illustrated Tracts, 4 pages, 122 kinds—30c.
6.—Twenty-nine Temperance Leaflets or Envelope Tracts, neatly printed on tinted paper—30c.
7.—Union Leaflets, especially adapted to woman's work. Prepared by a committee from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, 77 numbers—30c.
8.—Young People's Leaflets—by the same, especially adapted for young people—10c.
9.—Praying Papers—a series of 12 page Tracts, prepared by the same—10c.
10.—Union Handbills—Older series, 40 numbers—10c.
11.—Eber Series, 75 numbers—15c.
If any money is forwarded for assorted supplies, we shall send the best assortment we can to the extent that it pays for.

Money sent invariably in our hands in advance, as there is not even a margin to pay for answering letters.

SCOTT ACT PETITION HEADINGS.

prepared in accordance with the schedule to the Act, with ruled columns and headings, faintlined, on full sheet foolscap. Price per dozen sets (12 for Governor-General and 12 for Secretary of State), 30c. Single set, 5c. For sale by

JOHN DOUGALL & SON, "Witness" Office, Montreal.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS.

Printed in plain black on white ground; 25 assorted suitable for Sunday-schools, Meeting Halls, &c., 5 x 18 inches, sent on receipt of 15 cents.

JOHN DOUGALL & SON, "Witness" Office, Montreal.

SEND 10c for 30 rich (1885) Chromos with your name on. Newest and Prettiest Card issued; liberal cash commissions allowed for selling our cards. Catalogue and full particulars with first order. Address EUREKA CARD CO., Boston, Que.

\$5.00 FOR 35c. A VOLUME OF UNIVERSAL REFERENCE. THE R. M. & CO. STANDARD CYCLOPEDIA. This Cyclopaedia is a new and valuable book for popular use, compiled by competent editors, after consultation of the best authorities, printed from new, large, clear type, and handsomely bound in leatherette in imitation of cow-calfskin. It contains information on every conceivable subject, and its reliability has been assured by the most careful preparation. It is of the greatest use in answering the 10,000 questions that constantly arise in regard to dates, places, persons, incidents, statistics, etc., etc. Complete in one volume. Finely illustrated. We want agents and canvassers, and in order that you may have a copy to exhibit and canvass with, we make this

SPECIAL OFFER. To anyone who will agree to show this book to their friends and assist in its making sales, we will, upon receipt of 35 one-cent stamps to repay postage expense, packing, etc. forward one copy by return of mail.

CALL PUBLISHING CO., Chicago, Ill.

THE WEEKLY MESSENGER is printed and published at No. 221 and 223 St. James street, Montreal, by JOHN DOUGALL & SON, composed of John Dougall, and J. D. Dougall, of New York, and John Rothpach Dougall, of Montreal.