

unknown oceans and continents. Each discovery will be a fresh starting-point for others still more glorious.

Ran the ship aground, v. 41. We have sometimes to give up smaller benefits, in order to gain a larger one. The ship sometimes must be sacrificed to save life. If we are not willing to make the lower sacrifice, we cannot attain the higher blessing. He that would buy the pearl of great price, must sell the less valuable jewels in order to buy it. Well for us if we know what we may surrender with profit in view of our eternal future.

The centurion, willing to save Paul, v. 43. In his "Paradise Lost," Milton relates that Satan, who, on entering Eden, had assumed the appearance of a toad, was compelled to

stand forth in his real form when touched by the spear of Ithuriel, the angel sent from heaven to search for him. The true character of men is revealed when they come into contact with some person of surpassing excellence. The estimate we form of men like Paul, and especially of the perfect Man, Christ Jesus, is in reality a judgment passed on ourselves.

Escaped all safe to land, v. 44. So Paul had said (vs. 22, 34), and so the Almighty God, who rules the wind and waves, made good. It is gross unbelief to fear that we shall fall short of final safety and glory if we have placed ourselves in His hand. No storm is as strong as His word, and no tempest will outlast His love and care. There is no danger from which He cannot save us.

POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS

By The Associate Editor

The darkest midnight carries in its bosom the promise of a new dawn. v. 33.

Divine decrees are executed by means of human diligence. v. 34.

A thankful spirit makes every meal a sacrament. v. 35.

Courage is contagious. v. 36.

We cannot lay hold of heaven without letting go our hold of the world. v. 37.

Each day brings fresh discoveries of God's goodness. v. 39.

When we see what to do, we should do it with our might. v. 40.

True kindness is not checked by ingratitude. v. 42.

To recognize nobility in others is a mark of a noble soul. v. 43.

The promises of God are always fulfilled to the letter. v. 44.

The journal of this voyage is acknowledged to be the most valuable document in existence concerning the seamanship of ancient times.—Stalker.

What a leader of men Paul appears! A captive going to judgment, he naturally becomes the heart and soul of the company, when they have abandoned themselves to listless despair.—Lindsay.

Weak and trembling Christians, that give way to doubts and fears about their spiritual state, continue fasting from the Lord's Supper, and fasting from divine consolations, and then complain they cannot go on in their spiritual work and warfare. If they would feed and feast, as they ought, upon the provision Christ has made for them, they would be strengthened, and it would be for their soul's health and salvation.—Matthew Henry.

"On the north coast of Malta there is a promontory called Koura Point, which a vessel drifting, as the one in which Paul was, did, would just clear. The shore is too low to be seen at night, but the spot is well known for its breakers. Immediately after passing it, the depth is actually 20 fathoms, and a little further 15 fathoms, v. 28. A pebbly beach lies just where Paul's companions saw it (v. 39); and the narrow channel between the little island of Salomonetta and the mainland has exactly the appearance of 'a place where two seas met,' v. 41. The identification is complete at every point. The bay between Koura Point and Salomonetta is still called St. Paul's Bay.

"The foresail being hoisted showed good judgment, though the distance was so small, as it would not only enable them to steer