

25: 31-46. V. 2. *Preach*—proclaim. *The word*—of life and salvation; Christ crucified for the sins of the world. *Be instant*—literally, stand fast by: be pressing and urgent, embracing every opportunity. *In season, out of season*—whenever and wherever it can be done. *Reprove*—convince, set right, censure. *Rebuke*—a stronger term than the preceding—reprove cuttingly; blame with expression of repugnance. Compare Jude 9. *Exhort*—comfort the feeble-minded, the diffident and the tempted. *All long-suffering and doctrine*—with a patient and persevering spirit, and every method of teaching. V. 3. *Time will come*—see ch. 4: 1. *Sound doctrine*—the truth. *Lusts*—unlawful desires. *Itching ears*—endless curiosity and insatiable desire of novelty. V. 5. *Watch!*—be vigilant against error and sin, and faithful in duty. *Endure afflictions*—let no suffering affright thee or cause thee to relax thy zeal and labour. *Of an evangelist*—preaching the glad tidings of salvation. Acts 21: 8. *Make full proof*—neglect no part of thy work. V. 6. *Ready to be offered*—to be poured out as a libation; my blood is to be shed as a drink-offering. *Time of my departure*—my death. V. 7 *I have fought a good fight*—an allusion to the Grecian contests. I have struggled hard, and overcome in a most honourable cause. *Finished my course*—reached the goal, run the race. *Kept the faith*—been faithful to my master. V. 8. *Henceforth there is laid up*—at the end of my race, as to the victors in the Grecian games. *Crown of righteousness*—a crown worn in the cause of righteousness, and and conferred as the reward of conflicts in the cause of holiness. *The Lord*—Jesus Christ. *Not to me only*—at the Grecian games only one could obtain the prize. Not so in the Christian race: no man is excluded because another is successful.

How do we here learn.—1. That we should be on our guard against false teachers? 2. That it is our privilege to do some good work for Christ? 3. To expect an everlasting crown? 4. That it is our privilege to meet death with readiness and joy?

REVIEW.

December 30th.

GOLDEN TEXT.—“*I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.*—Phil. 3: 8.

HOME STUDIES.

- M. Acts 21: 8-39—*From Cæsarea to Jerusalem.*
 T. Acts 22: 1-35—*Before the multitude.*
 W. Acts 23: 1-24—*Before the council.*
 Th. Acts 24: 1-27—*Before Felix.*
 F. Acts 26: 1-32—*Before Agrippa.*
 S. Acts 27: 1-44—*Voyage and shipwreck.*
 S. Acts 28: 1-31—*From Melita to Rome.*

RECAPITULATION.

Give an outline of Paul's first mission tour. From Antioch, in Syria, to Seleucia, Cyprus (Salamis, Paphos), Perga, Antioch in Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe; thence return to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch in Pisidia; throughout Pisidia, and to Perga and Attalia in Pamphylia; thence by sea to Antioch in Syria. whence he started (Acts 13 and 14). A. D. 45-47.

What took place between his first and second tour? Acts 15: 1-35. Give an outline of his second mission tour. From Antioch in Syria, through Syria and Cilicia; Derbe, Lystra, and adjacent cities; Phrygia, Galatia, Mysia, Troas. From Troas to Samothracia, Macedonia, Neapolis, Philippi, Amphipolis, Apollonia, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Cenchrea, Ephesus; thence to Cæsarea and Jerusalem, and back to Antioch in Syria, whence he started. Acts 15: 36-41; 16; 17: 18: 1-22. A. D. 53-56.

Give an outline of his third mission tour. From Antioch, through Galatia and Phrygia, to Ephesus; thence to Macedonia, Corinth, Philippi, Miletus, Cæsarea, Jerusalem (Acts 18: 23-28; 19; 20: 21: 1-15). A. D. 56-60. Give an account of his last visit to Jerusalem. Of his imprisonment at Cæsarea. Of his voyage to Rome. Of his life there. Of his subsequent history and death. Golden text and catechism of the Review.

Our own Church.

THE COLLEGES.

ABBATH, the third day of December, is the day appointed by the General Assembly for the Annual collection on behalf of the respective Theological Institutions of the Church.

It is of the utmost importance to the future life and prosperity of the Church that our Colleges be well supported and efficiently maintained. But it is a subject of deep regret that burdensome debts have accumulated in the colleges of the Western Section of the Church during the last two years. By authority of the General Assembly, a special effort is being made this year to wipe out these debts, an effort which, it is hoped, will prove successful.

It is of great moment that, hereafter, the revenue of each of the colleges should meet the expenditure, so as to prevent the accu-