

of the ancients.

It was in no such ship that Paul sailed. The merchant ship of the Mediterranean,—the large ship of Tarshish, or "ship of Alexandria" (Acts 28 : 11), as well as the small one—was a sailing ship. It was short and broad and very heavily timbered along the sides. The sides were curved above, and rose high in the air at bow and stern. A single heavy mast

stood amidships to support a sail that hung from a yard projecting equally on both sides of the mast. The heavy sail was reinforced with ropes and often decorated with figures. Near the bow stood often a smaller mast with a smaller sail. To steer the vessel they did not use a rudder but two immense oars, one on either side, that reached out to the water behind the stern.

### THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

The exact place of the shipwreck is not known, but for hundreds of years tradition has declared that it was a spot on the north-east coast of the island of Malta, now owned by Great Britain. Certainly it was on some part of Malta's coast; the identity of the island itself is beyond any doubt. See our map, where the number 38 is connected by a zigzag line with a spot where we are to stand, overlooking a bay of the Mediterranean. When we look out through the stereoscope lenses we find the sea-waters surging and shimmering around a rocky point of land on which we are stand-



ing. It is evident that some seasons of the year must bring storms and rough seas, for the sides of the rocky point have been deeply worn by dashing waves. Two men nearby us are looking across the bay to a hill at its farther side, and one of them is pointing out to the other the place where the old ship went to pieces on a sand-bar, and where crew, passengers, pris-

oners and guards, swam for their lives towards the shore.

The stereograph for study is entitled, St. Paul's Bay, Scene of the Apostle's Shipwreck, Malta.

### THE LESSON APPLIED

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*We must do our part if God would do his.* Paul assured his fellow voyagers, that not a hair of their heads should fall; nevertheless, he charged them to eat for their health, because the strength of good health would be necessary to the accomplishment of God's purpose. God's promises are all conditioned upon our willingness to do what we can. Some people think that the salvation of the heathen nations of the world can be brought about without their aid. They so exalt the divine power as to dispense with the human factor. We must do our part for the spread of the truth, or the spread of the truth will be forever that much behind. We are "God's fellow workers."

*We have not passed this way heretofore.* They knew not the land. The aspect of the future is always solemn and mysterious. We know not what one day may bring forth. Particularly is this true of the missionary. He must walk by faith as well as by sight. By faith, Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place, which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith all our missionaries at the front when they were called, obeyed, not knowing very much about India, China, Korea and Trinidad. How different from our own Canadian land must these countries be in race and language and custom. How much these representatives of