

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.—

CONTINUED.

A. D. 57 or 58.] LESSON X. GENTILES GIVING FOR JEWISH CHRISTIANS.

[Sept. 5.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 Cor. 8. 9.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

2 Cor. 9. 1-11. [*Commit to memory verses 6-8.*]
[Read chapters 8 and 9.]

1 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Mac-e-do-ni-a, that A-cha'ia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

4 Lest haply if they of Mac-e-do-ni-a come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

9 As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever.

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both ministereth bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness:

11 Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

REVISED VERSION.

1 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: for I know your readiness, of which I glory on your behalf to them of Mac-e-do-ni-a, that A-cha'ia hath been prepared for a year past; and your zeal hath stirred up very many of them. But I have sent the brethren, that our glorying on your behalf may not be made void in this respect; 4 that, even as I said, ye may be prepared: lest by any means, if there come with me any of Mac-e-do-ni-a, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be put to shame in this confidence. I thought it necessary therefore to intreat the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your afore-promised bounty, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not of extortion.

6 But this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto 9 every good work: as it is written, He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the poor; His righteousness abideth forever.

10 And he that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your 11 righteousness: ye being enriched in everything unto all liberality, which worketh through us thanksgiving to God.

Lesson Hymns.

No. 13, New Canadian Hymnal.

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now.

No. 115, Canadian Hymnal.

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Time.—Autumn of A. D. 57, or early in 58.
Place.—Philippi.

Home Readings.

M. Gentiles Giving for Jewish Christians. 2 Cor. 9. 1-15.

Tu. Example of Macedonia. 2 Cor. 8. 1-12.

W. Proof of love. 2 Cor. 8. 13-24.

Th. Collection for the saints. 1 Cor. 16. 1-9.

F. Willing offerings. Exod. 35. 20-29.

S. Acceptable giving. Isa. 58. 6-11.

S. Pleasure in giving. Rom. 15. 20-29.