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t the cause did not the circuit; so much est friends were beouraged. But the st spring under the Bro. Johnson, bas e. The pleasing rework are apparent the large attendance, the services of the in the class and in the general tone valence of brotherly traction.

gular weekly prayer attended, the recent ave also a prayerung peoples' meeteen continued five having had a new

BEREAN NOTES. A. D. 33. LESSON V. PHILIP AND THE ETHOPIAN. Oct. 29. death. HOME READINGS. MONDAY-The Lesson. Acts 8, 26-40. TUESDAY-The Gospel, its Authority. Mark 16, 1-20. WEDNESDAY-The Gospel, its Success. killed him. Acts 2 37-47. THURSDAY-The Gospel to the Gentiles. Acts 10. 34-48. FRIDAY-The Gospel at Philipp:. Acts 16 1-15. SATURDAY-The Gospel at Philippi. Acts 16, 16-34. SUNDAY-The Gospel in Prophecy, Isa. 53, 1-12. TOPIC :-- Immediate Salvation through

Faith in Christ. GOLDEN TEXT :--He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Mark 16, 16. DOCTRINE :- Christian baptism. Matt. 28, 19; Mark 16, 16; Acts 2, 41; 16, 14, 15

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Philip left at Samaria by the apostles. is sent to do other missionary work on the road between Jerusalem and Gaza. The delightful story of his meeting the Ethiopian eunuch, their conversation, and the eunuch's conversion and baptism, our lesson narrates, taking for its TILE, Phil-ip and the Ethiopian. It furnishes a beau tiful illustration of the TOPIC, namely, Immediate Salvation through Faith in entire lesson be earnest in urging a presaved. It may be your last chance. Come to the class with a full soul and with prayer. The GOLDEN TEXT recites the condition of salvation contained in our Lord's commission to his disciples : " He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." The eunuch filled this condition, and was saved. The OUTLINE makes three parts of the account : 1. "Salvation sought;" 2. " Salvation found;" 3. " Salvation professed." The DOCTRINE to which we are directed is Christian Baptism.

BEREAN NOTES. After the departure of the apostles,

Philip, who had brought the Gospel to Samaria, is divinely made the instrument of its going into Africa.

water with the candidate. INTO, however, 26. THE ANGEL-Rather, an angel, audis not under; nor is OUT OF, ver. 39, up ibly speaking, and probably visibly appearing. For other ministeries of angels from under. Philip went as far INTO the in the early church, see chap. 5, 19; 10, water as did the eunuch, whether into its 3; 12, 7; 27, 23. GAZA-A city on the edge. to the ankles, or to the knees. BAP-TIZED-After getting into the water.

Alexander, B. C. 285. The passage is a prediction of the Messiah. LAMB DUMB-So our Lord quietly submitted to his

33. HUMILIATION-How low down he

went ! JUDGMENT-A far trial was denied him. GENERATION-That is, the men of his time. LIFE TAKEN-They

24. OF WHOM-Did the prophet predict his own or another's death ? 35. PREACHEDJESUS-Because the pas-

sage speaks of Jesus. Philip took up the prophecy, explained it, and showed the facts agreeing with it in the case of Jesus. He told him of Jesus' death to save sinners, the way of salvation by believing in him, and of baptism in his name.

35. A CERTAIN WATER-What or where is not stated; whether a stream or a fountain; but there was enough for baptizing. BAPTIZED - The question shows that Peter had explained the nature and ne-

cessity of the rite. The eunuch accepts the truth on its first hearing, believes in Jesus, and is immediately saved, and will

at once bind himself to Christ's services. 37. AND PHILIP-This verse is wanting in the oldest manuscripts, and the best Greek texts omit it. It may have been taken from early baptismal formularies. It cannot be quoted to prove that faith must precede baptism. Yet that there Christ. Let the teacher throughout the was some conversation, and that the eunuch avowed a faith in Jesus as Messiah. sent salvation upon those who are un- the Son of God, cannot be doubted. Faith in Christ is an essential prerequisite to baptism in the case of an adult, for he has sinned personally, and faith only can bring him into a state of salvation. But this rule does not apply to the infant for the good reason that the infant is already in that state of salvation, through the atonement and without the condition of faith, and was therefore entitled to baptism as truly as was the believing eunuch. 38. WENT DOWN-Philip and the eunuch BOTH stepped from the chariot, and BOTH

> went into the WATER. In the hot, dry desert, it was natural enough. In no other case is the administrator said to enter the

> > How? In preaching Jesus he could not

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southern frontier of Palestine, sixty miles from Jerusalem, older than Abraham. have omitted the mighty work of the Pen-Gen. 10, 19. Sampson's exploits here are uarrated in Judges, chapter 16. There by pouring out his Spirit upon them. Waare three routes from Jerusalem to Gaza. ter baptism must have the same form with the southernmost of which may well be Spirit baptism. The element used affects called DESERT. The angel directs Philip not the mode. Besides, in the very prophto go southward from Samarta until he strikes the desert road. For what purpose it is said of Christ, "So shall he sprinkle he does not say, and Philip does not ask. but obeys. 27. AROSE AND WENT-Such prompt,

many nations," (Isa. 52, 15,) that is, by sending down the Holy Spirit. And Jesus had just baptized his soul, by the unquestioning obedience is beautiful. The Spirit falling upon him. Philip baptized why and wherefore he found when the him as his Saviour had, by the water shed time came. So shall we. ETHIOPIA-A down and falling upon him, thus beauticountry in Africa, south of Egypt. The fully picturing (as only thus it can) the kingdom of Meroë is here meant, which heavenly baptism. was governed by a succession of queens

39. CAUGHT AWAY-Miraculously. REdesignated by the common name of CAN. JOICING-Happy in the love of Jesus, to DACE, as kings of Egypt called Pharaoh. whom he had consecrated his life. Tradi-EUNUCH-This class of persons, employtion gives him the name of Indich, and ed in kings' palaces, often attained great Irenæus makes him the apostle of Arabia influence and high office in the State. Felix and Ethiopia. This was true in the present case; he was

40. Azorus-Ashbod, eighteen miles a man of distinction and GREAT power. north of Gaza. Thence he went northward and had charge of the finances of the along the coast, preaching to Cesarea. kingdom. He had COME to JERUSALEM, Acts 21, 8, 9. more than a thousand miles, TO WORSHIP

Lessons. 1. A salvation from sin now is at one of the great feasts. He was not a the only one that avails. Christ always Jew, but a believer in Jehovah, most likely saves from sin as soon as we are prepared a proselyte from paganism to Judaism, for it. Repentence precedes it, and that and a devout seeker of salvation in the is required now. . So does faith, and faith surrenders all to Jesus now. The truly 28. RETURNING-Philip seems to have earnest soul has a short road to salvation struck the DESERT road just as the eunuch -believe and be saved. Mark 1, 41; Acts came along in HIS CHARIOT, on his jounr-9, 18: 16, 34; Rom. 4, 3; 10, 9; 1 John ney homeward, reading the prophecies of 5, 14, 15. 2. Baptism is the outward visi-Isaiah. It was not enough for him to ble sign or symbol of the Holy Spirit's worship ; he would know God's word and work in the soul, in the inward spiritual God himself. He must at Jerusalem have baptism. It is the seal of our covenant heard of Jesus and the Christians, and with God. (See Bap. Cov.) It binds us whether studying the Scriptures with reto Christ's service and a holy life. It ference to the Messiah or not, he was in means our deadness to sin, our living to God, our union with Christ. It is a duty 29. THE SPIRIT SAID-By an inward for all. Acts 2, 38; 8, 36; 22, 16; Rom. prompting. Philip now learns why he 6. 3, 4; Gal, 3, 27; Col. 2, 12, 20; 3, 1.

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has made this long journey on foot and alone, and he is ready. It does not follow that only that is our Christian duty to which we feel prompted. 30. PHILIPEAN-Quick to obey. HEARD

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best way he knew.

The steamer Arbitrator left New Orleans, August 9 last, for Liverpool. -Orientals reading to themselves read On August 23, when about 100 miles east of Halifax, N.S., she struck a ledge aloud : so philip at once recognized the passage. At the right moment he broke of floating ice, and ran right upon it as in with Yea, but, (so the Greek,) UNDEEfar as the foremast. She then made STANDEST THOU ? The most unlearned water rapidly, and went down stern finds food to his soul in God's word, yet foremost, the ice holding her up forhe could find more and richer could he ward. After being in the boat several better fathom his depths. So with the hours, the crew were picked up by the brigantine Baltic, and landed at Dubeunuch; and Philip is sent to help him. 31. SOME MAN GUIDE-Take courage, lin

O teacher, for to guide in learning God's A train was carrying a elergyman, word is your blessed work, as well as the and five or six youths, who kept scoffpreacher's. Use all the helps you caning at religion, and telling disagreecommentaries, histories, maps, dictionarable stories. The good man endured ies-forgetting not prayer and the illumiit all, simply remarking as he got out : "We shall meet again, my children." 32. THE PLACE-Isa. 53, 7, 8, almost "Why shall we meet again?" said the

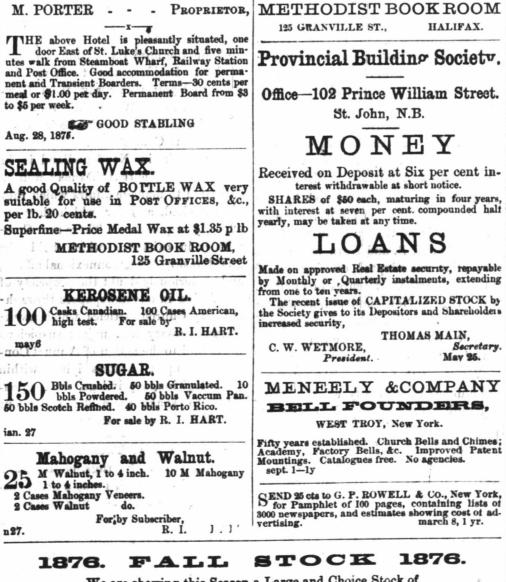
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rbatim from the Septuagint, the Greek leader of the band. "Because I am "brow made at the prison chaplain," was the reply.

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