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SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON XIX.

PAUL BEFORE PELIX. (About 58 A. D.) READ Acts xxiv 10 25, RECITE vs. 23-25.

DAILY READINGS -M.-Jobu v 25 47 T-1 Cor ix. 10-27 W.-Matt. xxx. 31 40 TA-Rev. xx 0 16 F.-Prot. 1, 20-33, Sa -Luke xiii, 18 30 S.- Acts xxiv. 10 25

Zk GOLDEN TEXT - And as he reasoned of righteousness temperance, and judgment to come, Fellx trembled -- Acts xxiv 25.

CENTRAL TRUTH -Sinners put off repou

CONNECTED HISTORY.-A party of the Jews banded thomselves together to kill Paul. The chief captain was informed of the plot, and sent his prisoner away under guard to Cosarea The Jowish party came down and pre-ferred charges against Paul before Felix A pleader named Tertulius made the accusation Paul defended bimself.

To the Scholar -From the verses preceding the les-son fix in mind the three charges made against Paul by Tertulius Note how Paul meets each charge.

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NOTES,—Judge The governors of provinces exercised the chief jud. clai office personally strike, a manumitted slave and a favorite of the kimperor Claudius, made procurator of Judea A D 52: "bdued the banditi (honce the compliment in Acts xxiv 2), married three princesses in succession, of whom Drusilla ras one. He was artful, cruel and lustful and Tacitus said of him. He wielded the scopite of a monarch with the soul of a slave. Drussil' la, one of the three daughters of Herod Agrippa I, married Annus, king of Emess, entited away from her husband to become the wife of Felix, about wenty years old at this time and famous for her beauty, not labed with her son Agripps in an sruption of Vesuvius 79 A D.

EXPLANATIONS AND QUESTIONS.

LESSON TOPICS -(I.) PACE & DEFENCE. (II.) PELIE'S

- (Observe that the charges (vs. 5, 0) were:
 1. Sedifion, which Paul answers in vs. 12-13. Hereny,
- 2 Heresy, " " 14-10. 3. Sacrilege, " " 17-21]
- 1 PAUL'S DEPENCE (10.) MANT TRAES, DeTWOOD SIX and seven years, JUDOE, see Notes. (11 | MAISST CN DERSTAND, CAN CARLLY DORN TO THE TOTAL IN Which you need to investigate my conduct; WENT CP, fro _ this very place, Constant, TO MURSHIP, not to incite sedition (12.) place. Cesarea. To Murship, not to incite sedition (12.) raising trewise proper gathering a mob (14.) herrest, a sect, school, or party, as in v 5 (15.) they there exert myself, as in gymnastic exercises. Compare 1 Cor. ix 27. (17.) many several, about four years; alkey, compare itom xv 25, 26: 1 Cor xvi. 1-4. 2 Cor. vil. 1-4; offeriors, Acts xxi 28 (19.) ghert, accuse me. (20.) there eams herr, Anamias and the elders, v 1 (21.) voice, uiterance.
- I Quartions—Bofore what judge was Paul now on trial! Who were his accusers! State the three charges, vs. 5, 6. How was Paul invited to speak! State it sopening words of his defence. What qualifications had Pells for judging! How did Paul refine the charge of sedition! How the charge of hereas! What house had he! For what did he exert himself? What hope had he! For what did he exert himself? State his refutation of the third charge. For what had he come to Jerusalem! Who assaulted him! What ought they to have done! v 10. Whom was Paul w'ling to have testiff! v 2t What had he said in the council /
- II. PELIX'S INDECISION (22) THAT WAY, the Christian religion, DEPERRED THEN, dismissed them without giring a decidion, Know the Citennor, fully inquire (23.) LIBERTY, Indulgence. (24.) PELIX LLI see Notes. (26.) REASONED. discourse. RIGHTHOUSENESS, justice. TEMPERANCE, restraint of all the passions: TREMERED, became straid because of his wickedness, see Notes.
- II. Questions -- Why did Felix postpone his decision f I. Questions—Why did Fellx purpose his decision? Upon what protext? What order give concerning Paul? With whom did he next come to hear ".e apostle? What did Paul preach about? State the effect upon Pelix. His roply

What facts in this lesson teach a .-

- (1) How good men may repel faise charges !
 (2.) How faithful preaching alarms sinners !
- (3.) How stanors put off repeniance i

Procrastification Breetties. Faith in tomorrow instead of in Christ is Saran's nurse for man's perdition.—Dr. Cheever. The road of by and by leads to the town of nover.—Spusies Provers. This day is a day



of morey to morey to morrow may be a day of doom—
Rdurard Irring. tending a new life, but never to find time to sat about it -this is as if a man should put off sainblasgains ing and alterping, from our day and night to an

LX ELFTERN COURT.

starved and destroyed - Tillotson. It will not always be summer.—Hesiod.

Procrustination, Childish - A girl of nine years was asked by her paster if she was not ready to join the church. 'I ave put it offlong enough," was her reply - Poster's Cyclopedia.

LESSON XX. NOVEMBER 11.1

PAUL BREORE AGRIPPA. (About 60 A D

READ Acts xxvi 6 20. RECITE VS 16-18

Actaxxvi 6-20.

GOLDEN TEXT-Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision —Acts xxvi 19

CENTRAL TRUTH .- God's call must be obered

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CONVECTED HISTORY -Paul was kept a prisoner at Tesarca for two years Acts xxiv 27, when Feltx was monopoled by Porcius Festus, in A. D. 60. The Jows accused Paul before Festus. Paul asserted his innocence refuse! to be judged at Jerusalem, and appeared to Cosar Agrippa and Bernice paid Pestus a visit, and Paul was

NOTES.—A-grip'.pa. This was Herod Acrippa II, brother of Drusilia and Bernice, a man of extrachinary accomplishments, according to Josephus; made king Chaleis with the right of appointing the Jewish high priests; promoted to the 'otrarchy of Trachonitis, etc., which yielded him an income of \$125,000 per year; had a palace at Jerusalem, but was residing at his capi-tal, Corsaroa Philippi, with Bernice, when Featus arrived in the other Corsares, on the sea-coast. Nax-a rris, in Lower Gautee, sixty-six miles north of Jerusatem. Now LOWER VALUES. SIXTY-RIX MIOS NORTH Of JORUSAISM. Now a Turkish town of rom. 5,000 to 10,000 inhabitants, called Kn Nanna. Da-mas cus, said to be "the oldest city in the world," situated 133 miles north-east of Jerusaism. Hebrew tongue, perhaps the ancient Hobrew. still the sacred language. more probably the corrupted Hebrew spoken after the captivity, called the syro-Chaidais or Armanan. Pricks, the ox-goods used by the Oriental farmers, eight or ten feet long, and terminating in a sharp point. Coasts of Ju-dr-a, the borders or bounds of Judea the southern division of the Holy Land, and including the whole region thus bounded.

EXPLANATIONS AND QUESTIONS. LESSON TOPICS .- (I) PAUL THE JEW. (IL.) PAUL THE

I. PAUL THE JEW (6.) AN JUDGED, put on trial PROMISE, of the Messian, Gen. in. 15, 22d, 18, 21x, 10; Dent. avin. 15, 2 Sam. vii. 12, 1ss. vii. 14, iz. 6, 7 Jor. axiil. 6; Mai. iii. 1, and in many other pessages. (7.) TWELVE TRIBES, the whole Jewish Church, Con James i. 1, instanti, intonit, agring God, in the temple ordinances a d worship, comp. Luke ii. 37; Agrippa, see Notea. (8.) with you, a plural form, you who hear me, should haise the drad, when your own Scriptures teach it. (9.) occur, that it was my duty; many things, as much as possible. (10.) I also did, in the great person tion. Acts with 1.3; saints, holy ones, voice vote, peruaps as a member of the Sanbedrim, although this is doubted. (11.) IN ETERT STYAGOGUE, though this is doubted. (11.) IN EVERY SYMMODUR, according was indicted in the symmogues, Mail. z. 17; zxiii. 34. Mark ziii 9, lots zzii. 19; competled, tried to make them blaspheme. strange, foreign clies, outside the Holy Land. (12.) Wheretrox. or, "in which things' (being engaged.)

I. Opertions.- Refore whom was Paul now pleading Questions—record which was real new presung !
State how he becau his address. For what was he
now on trial! v. 5-6 State some of the Old Testament
promises of a Messiah! How were the twelve tribes
waiting for the fulfilment! What seemed incredible s hearers ? What did Paul think it was his duty to do ! How did he persecute the saints? For what nurnose was he going to Damasons when he we

ii. PALL THE CHRISTIAN. (14.) HEBREW TONGUE, see Notes; prices, goads, see Notes. (16.) This purpose, what follows in vr. 16-18, in the which I will appear, see Aois xviii. 9, xxii. 13, xxiii. 11, 2Cof. xii. 14, 7 Gal. 1. 12. (17.) Delivering, resching theo. Proxime proper, the Jowa, see Aois xiv. 19, xxi. 32, xxiii. 10. zzili. 10.

II Questions.—What other accounts have we of Paul's conversion? Acts in 118, xxii. 6-16. How does be describe his vision? 13. The words he heard? By whom spoken? For what purpose was this appearance? Paul's commission? His obedience ! Places of his preaching ! Substance of his

How does this lesson trach m

(1 , That Jeans Christ was the Messiah promised in the Old Testament?

(2) That persecuting Christians is persecuting

(S.) That the truly converted will obey Christ's com-

Bassasissess pear before the judg- nent seat of Christ. We must all apTHE FALL CAMPAIGN.

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