

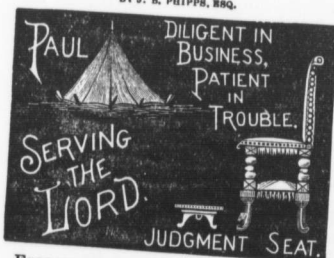
lose what he had gained. Why? Because he had worked, not for himself, but for the Lord. The souls in Corinth whom he had sought and won were for Christ. "I," said the Lord, "have much people in the city." And though they might have slipped back out of the grasp of the apostle, they could not slip out of the hands of the Good Shepherd, who has said of his sheep that none shall pluck them out of his hand. John 10.

So that Paul got what he had laboured for, got more than he expected, and got what could never be lost.

as not this a most profitable business?

Blackboard.

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EXPLANATION. The tent illustrates the trade that Paul worked at in Corinth. He was diligent in business, and was not ashamed of the labour of his hands. (Call on a scholar to tell about the different kinds of tents used in those days.) The elevated chair or seat, shows the judgment-seat and footstool used by magistrates and others in authority. (See verses 12 and 16.) The teaching of the illustration, that Paul was diligent in business, patient in trouble, serving the Lord, needs no explanation here. In conclusion, speak of the heavenly vision, and the promises and assurances of God's care for each one of us.

BEREAN METHODS.

Hints for the Teachers' Meeting and the Class.

Draw the map, showing position of Corinth, and Paul's journey from Athens. . . . Corinth, its history, population, character. Paul in various aspects at Corinth: 1. In the home—Priscilla and Aquila; 2. In the workshop; 3. On the Sabbath; 4. Bearing testimony; 5. Organizing the Church; 6. In communion with Christ; 7. At the tribunal. . . . Show Paul's example as a disciple and a worker in these several aspects. (See Analytical and Biblical Outline.). See how Christ helps his workers. (See Additional Practical Lessons.) . . . The duties here presented: 1. Industry—

Paul a tent-maker; 2. Public worship—synagogue; 3. Testimony for Christ; 4. Talking with Christ; 5. Trust in God. **ILLUSTRATIONS.** God honours work by choosing workers to receive the privileges of his kingdom: David, a shepherd; Elisha, a farmer; Amos, a herdman; Matthew and Zaccheus, tax-gatherers; Peter and John, fishermen; Christ, a carpenter, etc. Burns' grand poem, "A man's a man for a' that." Legend of King Solomon, that when his throne was built an iron-worker walked up and seated himself upon it, saying, "I, the worker, am the king!" Others were offended at his presumption, but Solomon said, "Let him sit upon the throne, for the man who works is truly a king!"

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Primary and Intermediate.

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LESSON THOUGHT. *The Lord with his children.*

Review, showing that the Athenians were people who thought themselves very wise, and who laughed at those who did not think as they did. Teach that the really wise people are those who are ready to learn. Point out Corinth, and tell what kind of people lived there, people who loved to dance and feast and play games. But they, too, needed to hear about Jesus, and so God told Paul to go to Corinth, about fifty miles from Athens, and preach the Gospel there. To be taught: 1. That Paul worked for God. 2. That God took care of Paul.

1. Ask if the children have seen a tent. Men make tents in these days; in Paul's time many people lived in tents, and so a great many had to be made. When Paul was a boy, his father had him taught the trade of a tent-maker, and now when Paul came to Corinth he thought it would be right to earn his own living, so that no one could say he preached the Gospel for money. Tell how he found Aquila and Priscilla, Jews who were tent-makers, and how he worked and talked with them about Jesus. Then, on the Sabbath, they all went to the synagogue, and Paul preached to all who would listen about Jesus and the resurrection. Show that Paul worked for God when he was making tents, as well as when he was preaching, and that we can do all our work for him if we remember him in it all. Tell story of little girl who always swept and dusted and washed the dishes so nicely that some one asked her