

selves, standing at a point about three miles from Rome and facing away from the city. It is a rather narrow country highway that leads away before us, past the dingy white-washed walls of a little wine shop. A few rods farther along the ground rises. The road climbs a long hill, where a great drum-

shaped stone building makes a conspicuous landmark. The highway continues up over the highest ridge of the hill and disappears when it begins to descend the other side.

Use a stereograph called, *Along the Appian Way (Southeast)*, Constructed in the Fourth Century B.C.

THE LESSON APPLIED

What a difference in this world's history the great man makes. Under Castor and Pollux, as the seaman's sign, the good ship sailed. Nowadays the sign of the cross is emblazoned on almost every flag. Few of us have ever undertaken a voyage without seeing that symbol floating over us. What an index to a changed world,—a world that is bad enough at the best, but incomparably better than that hard pagan world which was known to the apostles. More than any other, St. Paul helped to bring about that change. Only a man, but what a man, and what a force for moral and spiritual progress.

In adversity wait patiently for the favoring breeze. They tarried when, if their wishes were consulted, they would have been going on. Doubtless, St. Paul employed the time of waiting profitably. O, that we all knew in the day when things go against us how to sit still and wait. Man is a passive as well as an active being. Through his passive nature come those intimations of God and of immortality which help a man to erect himself above himself. God can make use of those times when to human appearing we mark time.

Avoid extremes. On the way from Rhegium to Puteoli they passed between Scylla and Charybdis—between the rock and the whirlpool. Too much to the right and they were upon the rock. Too much to the left and they were into the pool. The only safe thing to do was to steer a straight course between. So should we at all times avoid the falsehood of extremes.

"For some cry 'Quick,' and some cry 'Slow,'
But while the hills remain
Up hill 'Too-slow' will need the whip,
Down hill 'Too-quick' the chain."

The beam that shines from Zion's hill shall lighten every land. Zealous as Paul was, and anxious to preach the gospel to them that

were at Rome also, the good news of the kingdom preceded him. At several points in the journey through Italy he met those who were already Christians. What a convincing indication of the rapid spread of the Christian church. All round that tideless Mediterranean Sea there were already those who had left the beaten track of heathenism to walk in that new and living way opened up to God through Jesus Christ. Whenever Christianity has been fully tried, it has spread rapidly and laid a firm hand upon the deepest straw of thought and feeling in the world.

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run ;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. During those months of bondage spent in the midst of a folk unsympathetic to the gospel, St. Paul was lonely and tempted to be down-hearted, but when he saw the faces of those who, like himself, loved the Lord Jesus, he took courage. Sometimes what we need most is the stimulating touch of Christian fellowship. We all desire a certain measure of self-revelation and if when we speak of the things that most concern us there is produced nothing but blank silence or hostility, we are apt to retreat into ourselves and to be depressed ; but, if we may change one word in Longfellow :

"The tidal wave of *kindred* souls
Into our inmost being rolls
And lifts us unawares
Above all meaner cares."

Disarm prejudice with the charm of faith and love. It was the avowed practice of St. Paul to be all things unto all men, if by any means he might win some or save his own life from violence. One of the biographers of the great Beecher says that one secret of his success was the practice of avoiding wounding