

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From International Question Book.)

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles.

LESSON XL—APRIL 19.

PAUL GOING TO ROME—ACTS 28: 1-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He thanked God, and took courage—Acts 28: 14.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

God encourages in many ways those who put their trust in him.

DAILY READINGS.

- M. Acts 28: 1-5. Matt. 10: 32-42. W. Ps. 91: 1-16. Th. Luke 10: 17-20. F. James 5: 14-20. Sa. Rom. 1: 10-18. Su. Josh. 1: 1-9.

THREE—Winter of A. D. 69-70. Paul was wrecked about Nov. 1, A. D. 69, and left Malta for Rome about Feb. 5, A. D. 69, and arrived at Rome about March 1.

PLACE.—Malta an island near the centre of the Mediterranean Sea, 90 miles south of Sicily and 200 miles north of Africa.

CIRCUMSTANCES.—In our last lesson, Paul and his 27 companions were wrecked off the shore of Malta. They had reached the land to them unknown, the storm had not entirely ceased for it was raining, but the wind had become less violent.

HEALTHS OVER HARD PLACES. 1. MELTHER the brother of Paul. 2. BARBARUS the brother of Paul.

QUESTIONS. Introductory.—Where did we leave Paul and his companions at our last lesson? How many escaped? Was the storm over? SUBJECTS ENCOURAGEMENT.

I. PAUL ENCOURAGED BY THE KINDNESS OF THE PEOPLE (vs. 7, 8).—In what country were the shipwrecked? In what state of mind were they? What did Paul do for them?

II. ENCOURAGED BY GOD'S CARE OVER HIM (vs. 9-12).—What did Paul do to keep the company? Was this worthy work or an apostle?

III. BY GOD'S WONDERS WORKED THROUGH HIM (vs. 13-16).—What did Paul do to keep the company? Was this worthy work or an apostle?

IV. BY BRINGING HIM SAFELY TO HIS JOURNEY'S END (vs. 17-19).—When did Paul leave Malta? How long did he remain there? Give a brief account of the journey.

V. BY THE LOVE AND FATHERLINESS OF THE CHURCH AT ROME (vs. 30-31).—What was the occasion of Paul's coming to Rome? How long was he in Rome? How long was he in Rome?

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PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. I. God often bestows his mercy by letting trouble come upon us, and then saving us from it, but he would by preventing it altogether.

II. God rewarded the unselfish kindness of the people, both in their bodies and in their souls.

III. The commonest service for love's sake is worthy of the greatest man.

IV. As Paul shook off the viper, so should we.

V. The danger of misjudgments of men, by looking only at outward circumstances.

VI. God uses worldly wealth, commerce, inventions, as this heathen ship, for spreading the Gospel.

VII. Sympathy and expressions of love bring great encouragement.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTRÉAL, April 7, 1885.

The English grain markets are very dull and values are not so firm. Red winter wheat is quoted at 7s 2d; and Canadian peas, 6s 10d.

The local grain market continues extremely dull and prices are nominal. We quote: Canada Red Winter, 92c to 93c; White, Winter, 90c to 91c; Canada Spring, No. 2, 90c to 91c. Peas, 72c to 73c; Oats 32c; Rye, 60c to 62c; Barley, 50c to 60c. Corn 53c to 56c per bushel.

FLOUR.—This market is very quiet. We quote:—Superior Extra, \$4.10 to \$4.15; Extra Superior, \$3.97 to \$4.00; Fancy \$3.75 to \$3.80; Spring Extra \$3.75 to \$3.80, Superior, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Strong Bakers, (Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.00; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.50 to \$5.00; Fine, \$3.25; Middlings, \$3.00 to \$3.10; Ontario bags, (bags included) \$1.90 to \$2.00; do., Spring Extra, \$1.80 to \$1.85; Superior, \$1.60 to \$1.70; Patent, \$4.10 to \$4.15; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.30 to \$2.35.

MEALS unchanged.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Neither the butter nor the cheese markets show any change. We quote:—Butter new butter 21c to 22c; Creamery, 18c to 21c; Eastern Townships, 12c to 17c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 11c to 15c; Western, 8c to 14c, as to quality. Cheese, Fine to fancy full makes, 10c to 11½c, as to quality and size of lots. The public cable advanced to 50s during the week, but is now at 58s again.

EGGS.—Receipts are very light and good fresh stock is readily taken at 21c per dozen. There is no demand for hmed eggs.

HOG PRODUCTS are quiet and unchanged. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$15.75; do., Short Cut, \$16.00; Canada Short Cut, \$16.00 to \$16.50; Hams, city cured, 12½c to 13c; do., green, 9c; Lard, in pails, Western, 10c to 10½c; do., Can. 9½c; Bacon, 11½c to 12c; Tailow, common refined, 6c to 6½c.

ASHES are steady at \$4.05 to \$4.10 for Pots.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The live stock market is very depressed at present and large droves of cattle are held in stables in and around the city waiting to be sold, while the butchers have all the meat they can use for some time. Provers complain of heavy losses on their late cattle sales and there is no likelihood of much improvement for some time to come. Sheep are rather scarce and bring higher prices than for a good many months past, but spring lambs are more plentiful than usual at this season and prices are getting down rather low for any that are not choice. Live hogs are advancing in price and bring from 5¼c to 5½c per lb. The supply of milch cows has been in excess of the demand lately, and common and inferior milkers are difficult to sell. The horse market is quiet with very little doing at present.

FARMERS' MARKET.

For some time past very few farmers were able to bring their produce to the markets here owing to the disagreeable weather and very bad state of the roads. To-day (Tuesday) the weather is favorable and the sleighing tolerable, so that a large number of farmers came to market, but owing to the active demand, especially for hay and oats, prices continued rather high. Superior print butter still brings pretty high figures, but old tub butter is very cheap. Fresh eggs are very plentiful and prices are declining rapidly; hmed eggs are a drug on the market. The fruit market is quiet and without change in prices, except that oranges are dearer. Dressed hogs are advancing in price. Bran and grue have advanced considerably of late. Oats are 80c to 90c per bag; peas, 75c to 80c per bushel; beans \$1.25 to \$1.50; do.; potatoes 30c to 40c per bag; tur- tops, carrots, and beets, 50c to 75c per bushel; onions 75c to \$1.00, do.; cabbages 75c to \$1.00 per barrel; butter 14c to 40c per lb.; eggs 14c to 25c per dozen; apples \$3.00 to \$4.00 per barrel; dressed hogs 7c to 7½c per lb.; young turkeys 6c to 14c per lb.; geese 7c to 10c; do.; fowls 8c to 12c; do.; ducks 12c to 15c; hay \$7.00 to \$12.00 per 100 bundles.

NEW YORK, April 7, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 91½c April; 93½c May; 90c bid June; 96½c July; 98½c August. Corn, 50c April; 50½c May; 51½c June; 52½c July. Oats, 37½c April; 37½c May, June and July.

FLOUR.—We quote:—Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.75 to \$3.10; Low Extra, \$3.05 to \$3.35; Clears, \$3.40 to \$4.10; Straight, \$3.75 to \$4.55; Patent, \$4.65 to \$5.55. Winter Wheat Superfine, \$2.50 to \$3.10; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.40; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.00 to \$4.30; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.10 to \$5.20; Patent, \$4.40 to \$5.55; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.35 to \$5.20; Low Extra City Mills, \$3.10 to \$3.35; West India, sacks, \$3.40 to \$3.50; West India, barrels, \$4.60 to \$4.65; Patent, 4.50 to \$5.45; South America, \$4.60 to \$5.25; Patent \$4.25 to \$5.55. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.25 to \$4.75; Family, \$4.60 to \$5.35; Patent, \$4.45 to \$5.55. Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine, \$2.50 to \$3.95.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.00 to \$3.25 in bbl.; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per bl.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter (new)—Creamery, ordinary to fancy 18c to 27c; State half firkins, ordinary to fancy 18c to 25c; Western dairy, ordinary to choice imitation creamery, 10c to 20c; Western factory, ordinary to choice, 10c to 17c. Cheese—State factory, faulty to fancy, colored, 6c to 11½c; do., light skims, good to choice, 6½c to 7½c; Ohio flats, ordinary to prime, 2c to 10½c; Skims, 1c to 2½c.

EGGS.—State and Pennsylvania, in bbls, 10½c; Western, poor to fancy, 14c to 16½c; Southern, 13½c to 14½c.

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