

He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light.—Ps. xxxvi. 6.

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### OUR COLUMN FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

NUGGETS OF GOLD FROM THE S. S. LESSONS.

BY REV. JOHN McEWEN, Secretary S.S. Association of Canada.

[March 22.] Paul Vindicated. [Acts 26: 19-22.]

A picture of the scene is the same as last Sabbath,—Festus the Governor—Agrippa the king, Bernice his sister, with Courtiers and Guards and doubtless on-lookers but Paul, the prisoner, is the centre of interest and spiritual power.

He had seen Jesus. He had heard Jesus. He had been obedient to Jesus. Paul was absorbed with the invisible things of the spiritual world, —and gets above all the pomp and brilliancy that appeared to the eye. Read 1 Pet. i 8; 2 Cor. iv. 17, 18. There is a world whose things cannot be weighed in the Grocer's scales, or measured with a yard stick, or valued by the mint.

PAUL WRESTLING WITH THE CONSCIENCE OF THE GOVERNOR AND KING.

By announcing that through Divine help he had come to understand the Prophets in the light of the then modern events; and he had fully preached the truth and the experience this light had given him,—all showing in the new history, v. 26, that Christ had come—Christ had suffered for sin—Christ had died—and that He had risen from the dead, vs. 22, 23. Christ had appeared to me, v. 19.

PAUL APPEALING TO THE KING.

By a question to the king v. 27. By his own state as a Christian, "Except these bonds."

PAUL'S REPLY TO FESTUS. v. 23.

Enlarged and interpreted in 2 Cor. v. 13, 14. The madness toward God, who alone can estimate it. The soberness is toward men, and for their sake.

THE KING'S ENDEAVOUR TO ESCAPE FROM THE APPEAL.

By leaving the Court, and thus rejecting the truth. By a private conference, and a verdict of "NOT GUILTY." Paul's appeal to Caesar, God's leading line to Rome.

### REVIEW.

1. A Review that has been begun and kept clearly in view as the twelve Sabbaths have opened up, has now

ripened and become enriched with the fruit of the Spirit.


2. Gather together all the prominent persons and parties that have come before us, of whom Paul is chief.

3. Select the more impressive and instructive mental groups and parties that have passed before us.


4. Make prominent and clear the doings of these persons.

5. Select at least three of the more important lessons manifest in the Quarter's lessons.

## Canadian Evangelization Society.

 HE work of the Canadian Evangelization Society is being carried on very successfully in eastern Ontario by Mr. Marsh, who has held meetings at Apsley, and more recently at Warsaw. This was his second visit to Apsley, and it is always a good sign when people welcome back one who has laboured amongst them before. A letter was received from one of the ministers in the neighbourhood, and speaking of the meetings, he says, "Brother Marsh's visit has been, I believe, as much blessed as the previous one. Perhaps not quite so much enthusiasm, but of real practical good to souls. Several persons have professed to have been spiritually awakened. Please accept the thanks of the people, as well as my own, for the aid thus given in this needy portion of God's vineyard. Without your aid, such services could not have been enjoyed by us, and our prayer is, God bless the Evangelization Society, and make it a power for good in the land." Such letters as this are very encouraging, and are a further testimony to the good which has been done by this agency. This Society is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. It is, we understand at present in need of funds to meet necessary expenses. Money may be sent to the Treasurer, W. B. McMurrich, Esq, or to Henry O'Brien, Esq, Toronto.

## An Evangelistic Item.

 E have just read a letter dated St. Johnsbury, Vt., in which the writer says:—"Thanks to the good Giver of spiritual blessings for the recent outpouring of His Spirit among this people. We hope that 300 souls have found the open door through the faithful presentation of the Word by the lips of S. M. Sayford, an evangelist beloved of the Lord."

THE reason why we find so many dark spots in the Bible is, for the most part, because there are so many dark places in our hearts