

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Di-o-nys-i-us the A-re-op-a-gite, and a woman named Dan'a-ris, and others with them.

Time.—Close of A. D. 52, soon after the events of the last lesson. **Place.**—Mars' Hill (or the Areopagus), the meeting place of the Council of Athens.

Home Readings.

M. The new doctrine. Acts 17. 16-21.

Th. Paul Preaching in Athens. Acts 17. 22-34.

W. The mighty God. Isa. 40. 9-17.

Th. Incomparable. Isa. 40. 18-26.

F. The true God. Jer. 10. 1-12.

S. God is a Spirit. John 4. 19-26.

S. Judgment by Christ. 2 Cor. 5. 1-10.

Lesson Hymns.

No. 19, New Canadian Hymnal.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers.

No. 20, New Canadian Hymnal.

Holy Spirit, faithful Guide,
Ever near the Christian's side.

No. 21, New Canadian Hymnal.

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
Let us thine influence prove.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The Theme, v. 22, 23.

Who was the preacher?

Where was the pulpit?

Who were the people addressed?

What was the theme?

Did Paul utter a rebuke or a compliment?

What is God, and what is the only acceptable worship? **GOLDEN TEXT.**

2. The Sermon, v. 24-31.

Whom did Paul preach to the Athenians?

How does he describe God?

29 also his offspring. Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art

30 and device of man. The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere

31 repent: inasmuch as he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, We

33 will hear thee concerning this yet again. Thus

34 Paul went out from among them. But certain men clave unto him, and believed: among whom also was Di-o-nys-i-us the A-re-op-a-gite, and a woman named Dan'a-ris, and others with them.

What does he say of the origin of man?

What of man's duty to God?

What of God's relation to man?

How can a man know God?

To what have men likened God?

What commandment is thus broken?

How did God regard this in the past?

What is his demand now?

What supreme motive enforces this duty?

Who is to be the final judge of the world?

Who must stand the test of the judgment. See

Rom. 14. 10, 12.

3. The Hearers, v. 32-34.

How did the people receive Paul's words?

Who are named among the believers?

What is an Areopagite?

Teachings of the Lesson.

1. We are all the children of God. How? Why? Do we esteem our privilege? Do we act as becomes our station?

2. We have all sinned. God demands repentance. He demands it now. Delay is folly. There is no promise of to-morrow. "Now" is God's time; "now" is our only time.

3. We must all meet the judgment. Are we prepared? Is the Judge our friend? How will we fare when the King comes in?

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. The Theme, v. 22, 23.

To whom did Paul preach this sermon?

In what place did he preach?

What did he say to the Athenians?

Why did he thus conclude?

Whom did he preach to them?

What was the great theme of Paul's preaching?

1 Cor. 1. 23.