

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From International Question Book)

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles.

LESSON II.—APRIL 12.

PAUL'S SHIPWRECK—ACTS 27: 27-44.

COMMIT VERSES 33-36.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Then they are with the Lord in their troubles, and he will bring them out of their distresses.—Ps. 137: 28.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

God able to deliver out of trouble.

DAILY READINGS.

- M. Acts 27: 27-44. Ps. 137: 1-3. W. Ps. 137: 2-4. Th. Matt. 14: 22-33. F. John 21: 1-14. Sa. Isa. 41: 1-14. Su. Ps. 93: 1-5.

INTRODUCTION.—After Paul's resounding address in the last lesson, it is with astonishment that his fellow voyagers the tidings announced to him by the angel, some little time elapsed, when, on the second day of the storm, about midnight, the sailors perceived that they were nearing land. It is this point that the lesson opens.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

27. ADELIA.—The Adriatic Sea, it is generally held the central basin of the Mediterranean Sea, between Italy and Greece on the north, and extended as far south as Africa. DEMERED, etc.—probably from the sound of breakers heard through the darkness. 30. UNDER COLOR, etc.—they pretended that they wished to row out well forward of the ship and drop anchors there also, so that the ship might be the more securely held. PAUL, etc.—Paul discovered their plot, and instantly made it known to the centurion and soldiers, because they had the force to suppress it. EXCEPT THESE ABIDE, etc.—though food had promised to save all, proper means must be used. THE SOLDIERS WERE ORDERED TO BRING THE SHIP ASHORE. 33. FOURTEENTH DAY.—show they left Fair Haven, the duration of the storm. CONTINUED EASTWARD—i.e., without regular meals. 35. FOR YOUR HEALTH—of safety. Food would give them strength for the exertions of getting ashore. 36. MEAT—food. 38. CAST OUT THE WHEAT.—the other merchandise was cast overboard some time before iv. 39. 42. TO KILL THE PRISONERS—because they were responsible for the prisoners, and might have to suffer death themselves if the prisoners escaped.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Where was Paul in our last lesson? What promise had God made to him? (Today we see how this promise was fulfilled).

SUBJECT: GODS PROMISE FULFILLED.

I. THE NIGHT OF SUSPENSE (vs. 27-30).—How long did the storm continue? How did they know they were nearing land? What land was it? What did they do during the rest of the night? What selfish act did the sailors undertake? What was the result? What was their pretence? Why was this a mean act? What selfish act did the soldiers afterward propose? (vs. 42).

II. SONS IN THE NIGHT (vs. 31-38).—How did Paul defeat the sailors' plan? Why could not the others be saved? How did the soldiers remain on board? What other help did Paul render the ship's company? Had they been entirely without food for fourteen days? What two things gave them strength and courage? How did Paul show his religious principle? Should we always follow his plan of giving thanks before eating? Why? What other help still later on was the result of Paul's character? How many persons were on the ship?

III. THE MORNING OF DELIVERANCE (vs. 39-44).—In what place did they find themselves in the morning? What plans for safety did they propose? How did they all escape? How do you know by this that Gods promises and human free-will are harmonious?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. The selfishness of heathen sailors and soldiers here contrasted with Paul's helpfulness.

II. Christianity cares for the bodies as well as the souls of men.

III. Paul confessing his religion before men by prayer as well as by acts.

IV. The beauty and appropriateness of giving thanks before meals.

V. Gods promises are certain to be fulfilled.

VI. But this does not exclude the use of all the means in our power.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, March, 31, 1885.

The English grain markets are very dull and values are not so firm. Red winter wheat is quoted at 7s 2d; Canadian peas, 5s 10d.

The local grain market continues very dull and prices are without change. 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, 52c; Rye, 60c to 62c; Barley, 50c to 60c. Corn 53c to 56c per bushel.

FOUR.—This market is very quiet, and values are unchanged. We quote: Superior Extra, \$4.05 Extra Superfine, \$3.90; Fancy \$3.75; Spring Extra \$3.65 to \$3.70; Superfine, \$3.40 to \$3.45; Strong Bakers,

(Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.50; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.50 to \$5.00; Fine, \$3.25; Middlings, \$3.00 to \$3.05; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$1.90 to \$2.00; do., Spring Extra, \$1.80 to \$1.85; Superfine, \$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—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 fall makes, 10c to 11c, as to quality and size of lots. The public cable is steady at 5s.

Eggs are in fair demand at 19c for fresh, stock, in cases. Lined are dull at 12c to 13c.

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, 12c to 13c; do., green, 9c; Lard, in pails, Western, 10c to 10 1/2c; do., Can. 9c; Bacon, 11c to 12c; Tallow, common refined, 6c to 6 1/2c.

ASHES are again firmer at \$4.05 to \$4.07 1/2 for Pots.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of choice beefs for Easter market is fully as large as usual, but the prices are much lower than for several years past, only a few head of extra beasts bringing 6c per lb. while choice butchers' stock sell at from 4c to 4 1/2c per lb. Large fat bulls sell at from 4c to 4 1/2c do. Calves are numerous and pretty high figures were paid for extra veals, but small and leanish animals have to be sold at moderate rates. Good sheep are in demand at higher rates or from \$5 to \$7 each; spring lambs are fairly numerous, and bring from \$3 to \$5.50 each. Live hogs sell at from 5c to 5 1/2c per lb. Milch cows are plentiful and rather lower in price, more especially for the more inferior milkers. The horse market is fairly active owing to the presence of several American buyers, but there is not much doing in local account.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Although there is plenty and more than plenty of snow in the country, yet the sleighing is unfavorable for bringing heavy loads to the city and there has been a considerable decline in the amount of farm produce brought to the markets here of late. Oats and hay are in demand at firm rates. The season for frozen meat is about over and the little that is being offered brings pretty low rates. Prices of butter and eggs are declining all round. Potatoes are plentiful and cheap, but other roots are advancing in price. 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; turnips, 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 16c to 25c per dozen; apples \$3.00 to \$4.00 per barrel; dressed hogs 6 1/2c to 7c per lb; mutton carcasses 4c to 5 1/2c do; young turkeys 9c to 14c per lb.; geese 7c to 10c do; fowls 8c to 12c do; ducks 12c to 15c do; hay \$6.00 to \$10.00 per 100 bundles.

NEW YORK, March 30, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 89c bid April; 90c bid May; 91c bid June; 93c bid July. Corn, 49c bid April; 49 1/2c bid May; 50c bid June; 51c bid July.

FLOUR.—We quote:—Spring Wheat, Superfine, \$2.75 to \$3.10; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.25; Clears, \$3.40 to \$4.10; Straight \$3.75 to \$4.60; Patent, \$4.65 to \$5.55. Winter Wheat—Superfine, \$2.85 to \$3.15; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.40; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.10 to \$4.35; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.10 to \$5.25; 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, \$3.45 to \$3.55; West India, barrels, \$4.55 to \$4.60; 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 \$5.25; Patent, \$4.45 to \$5.55. Rye Flour—Fine to superfine, \$2.40 to \$3.85.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.00 to \$3.25 in bins; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per hl.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter (new)—Creamery, ordinary to fancy 18c to 25c; (State) half

firkins, ordinary to fancy 18c to 25c; Western dairy, ordinary to choice imitation creamery, 11c to 20c; Western factory, ordinary to choice, 10c to 18c. Cheese—State factory, family to fancy, colored, 7c to 12c; do. light skims, good to choice, 7c to 8 1/2c; Ohio flats, ordinary to prime, 2c to 10 1/2c; Skims, 1c to 2 1/2c.

Eggs—State and Pennsylvania, in brl., 15c; Western, poor to fancy, 14c to 15c; Southern, 14c to 15c.

RATHER PREVIOUS!

"Do you take will cases?" asked a tall young man, with a country air, as he entered the office of a prominent lawyer. "Yes, sir," replied the attorney. "What can I do for you?" "If a man dies and leaves a million dollars to his widow, can his step-children come in?" "Why, certainly they can. Have you a step-father?" "Could you be engaged in such a case?" "Certainly I can, my friend. When do you want me to begin the suit?" "Well, not just yet. You see it's this way. Mother is engaged to an old man who has a pointer on Western Union stock, and if she marries him, and the market comes out all right, and if he should die, and he made a will—hold on; quit your kicking. I'll go out." "Seems to me," he soliloquized as he limped up the street, "these lawyers offer mighty little encouragement for a man to be cautious."—New York Graphic.

LOVE, like a creeper, withers and dies if it has nothing to embrace.—Bangs Proverb.

IF THOU CANST BE SILENT and suffer, without doubt thou shalt see that the Lord will help thee.—Thomas a Kempis.

A KIND REPORTER.—"Are you going to take the speech verbatim?" said a guest at a recent banquet to a reporter, as a gentleman rose to respond to a toast. "No," was the reply; "I am a friend of the gentleman." All reporters are not so considerate.

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ONE OF THE BRIGHEST Irish "bulls" ever written was telegraphed by Lord Wellesley. Said he, "All the sick and wounded are well."—Fanny Folio.

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