

THE REVIEW

"PAUL, THE TRAVELLER AND THE ROMAN CITIZEN."

Paul's two voyages and his contact with the Roman authorities, during which he more than once made use of his rights as a Roman citizen, suggest the title of Professor W. M. Ramsay's fine book, "Paul the Traveller and the Roman Citizen," as a suitable heading for our quarterly Review. We should have eyes to see, also, the unseen, but almighty, Friend and Companion at his side.

Follow the apostle from place to place, using a map if possible, and so locating definitely the events of each lesson.

LESSON I. MILETUS. Recall, by questioning, Paul's ministry of three years in Ephesus, Acts 19; and also how, on his way to Jerusalem, he summons the elders of the church there to meet him at Miletus, and the touching farewell scene on the sea shore, made more sad by his words that they should see his face no more.

LESSON II. EPHESUS AND CORINTH. The first Epistle to the Corinthians, from which the lesson is taken, binds Ephesus and Corinth together, it was written to the Christians at Corinth, during the three years Paul spent in the former city. Ask about the difficulties which the people of Corinth felt concerning the resurrection, among other matters, and the way in which Paul met them.

LESSONS III., IX. CORINTH AND ROME. These two lessons may be taken together because they both occur in the great Epistle to the Romans, which was written from Corinth and was addressed to the Christians at Rome. Be sure that the scholars understand the two-fold purpose of this epistle: (1) To make clear the way of salvation; and (2) To give directions for Christian living—through faith in Jesus Christ and not by our own works. The two lessons from the epistle teach that: (1) Love to our neighbor will alone enable us to act rightly by him; and (2) In order to holy living we need God's Spirit.

LESSON IV. TYRE AND CÆSAREA. Here we have in quick succession two pictures, each having its own beauty and interest. At Tyre another farewell scene between Paul and his Christian friends and at Cæsarea the weary and travel-worn apostle enjoying delightful rest and happy fellowship in the home of Philip, the Evangelist, in no way dismayed by the prophecies of bonds and imprisonment at the end of the journey.

LESSON V., VI. JERUSALEM. These two lessons are full of turmoil and excitement. First, we see Paul in the hands of an angry mob, who are raging for his life. Then we behold him in his prison cell, learning of a new plot made against him and taking prompt and prudent measures to foil it.

LESSON VII., VIII. CÆSAREA. Here Paul spent two years as a prisoner. During this time he appeared before three Roman rulers. Bring out by questioning the character of each of these men; the self-indulgence of Felix, the indifference of Festus, and the ambition of Agrippa. Contrast with them the brave, eager, unselfish apostle. Recall, too, his faithful witness for Christ before each of them.

LESSON X. MALTA. The story of the shipwreck will still be fresh in the minds of the scholars, and they will be much interested in answering the questions about the plan adopted to get the ship ashore and save those on board. Make Paul, the central figure, stand out clearly, with his calm trust in God, undaunted courage and practical wisdom.

LESSON XI. ROME. At last Paul is in Rome, where he has long desired to preach the gospel. Get the scholars to describe his life of two years in that great city, chained all the time to a Roman soldier and telling the glad message of the gospel to all who came to him.

LESSON XII. ROME AND EPHESUS. Paul is again at Rome and the close of his life is near. He writes his last letter to Timothy, who is at Ephesus carrying on the work which Paul begun. Make memorable (1) The solemn charge to Timothy, as in the sight of God, vs. 1, 2; (2) The spirit in which a Christian hero dies, vs. 6-8.

The Golden Text for the Quarter may now be called for, and every one will see how wonderfully its promise was fulfilled in the case of Paul.