

I wish to ask you Sharp to our young in the street; I where hell is. The biographies, histories, and I can't find out

placing his hand on the ark earnestly into the ark. I wish to be discouraged; I want after awhile. As I know where hell is, I thought, and I read deal. I wish to deal by the grace of about heaven, and I where hell is, and out."

Greek New Testament. J. A. Spencer, in upon those diminutive students and minister's good eyes. Many into neglect of the lack of a fair type. I get any excuse of text is good, his all young ministers of critical study of of "beating the air" by such habits, valuable aid of the New Testament. We to get good Greek them until this re.

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Queen's County, 30 years. Just man was called after about three as was trained and was always habits, but he had God until sickness for this world. Mr. Irons was od, but he lamented his heart to Christ almost close up to his young comparative God at once, and in putting it off his dying request was could be dedicated in, which was com- r's grave in the pre- bly. The occasion ed for good.

HATCH. the flowers were winds of approaching their incense to the beautiful ceme- ngor, one of God's life, whose charac- life's relations, de- ing notice. out a brief one. But Mary F. Hatch will niful recollections any, by whom she hoped.

in Horton, Nova was married to Col. moved to Bangor in Methodist Church she had been a at from childhood. had been Metho- father, and great- the very days of noted Christian, Mrs. ady. In her young- sessed of a personal ss of temper, and a hich would have fit- onable society into introduced her. All indeed, went largely But none of these rified to pleasure. might have had or and fully given to rewarded her single- merous blessings, of interesting and su- always reckoned as

are still living, good here be silent. But Christian mother will getfulness of her ma- least that can be said his regard, with pe- children all stand monuments of her or. Not one of them Not one has given or pain or sorrow. join her second some- steb, late State Treas- saying that "all was ed." Yes true to the children rise up and

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THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN EARLY CHURCH HISTORY.

X. D. O. LESSON XIII. PAUL AT MILETUS; OR, THE GOSPEL OF SELF-SACRIFICE. Acts 20, 17-32. September 23.

EXPLANATORY.

MILETUS. About thirty miles south of Ephesus, and once its sea-port. Its site is now left ten miles inland by the recession of the sea. Sent to Ephesus. To reach Jerusalem by Pentecost would require all his time, and he would not risk the detentions which might occur by visiting the city to which so many ties bound him. Elders. In Greek, "presbyters," the officers of the church. When they were come. A little company of men, weary from a day's walking, is gathered at some solitary place along the shore, listening with deepest interest to the words of one who is about to leave them forever. Ye know. Not every teacher could thus point to his past as the evidence of his integrity and fidelity, assured of an approving voice in the memory of each hearer. Asia. The province along the coast of the Aegean Sea, of which Ephesus was the capital. At all seasons. Literally, "the whole time." Ephesus, as the metropolis, was the centre of his ministry, but his labors extended through the district.

SERVING THE LORD. An apostle of the highest order in the church, he is still the obedient servant of the Lord. Humility. True greatness is ever humble and free from self-seeking. Tears. He was no stern stoic, but a tender-hearted Christian, with tears over his trials; though his weeping did not prevent his working. Temptations. More precisely trials. Lying in wait. Plots, conspiracies. Of the Jews. Everywhere the apostle found his bitterest enemies among his own countrymen. Nothing that was profitable. Not the pleasure, but the profit of his hearers, had been his aim, and in the light of his own conscience he is acquitted of any unfaithfulness in the manifestation of the truth. Publicly and from house to house. Preaching deals with men in the mass; personal labor deals with them singly and individually. One reaches out more widely; the other more mightily; and both are needed in the church.

TESTIFYING TO THE JEWS AND ALSO TO THE GREEKS. Thus including all people, alike in the same disease, and requiring the same remedy. Paul always began among his own people, but never stopped there. Repentance... faith. The two great steps in the way of salvation; one leading out of sin, the other up to Christ. Bound in the Spirit. Yielding obedience to an inward impulse which he recognized as proceeding from on high. Not knowing. The prophetic voices forewarned him of coming perils, but left unrevealed their precise nature and their final result. The Holy Ghost witnesseth. By direct revelation and through the lips of prophets. Bonds and afflictions abide me. "Are awaiting me." It is in mercy that God hides coming clouds of sorrow from most men, but Paul's was one of those rare souls that only grew stronger in the face of approaching afflictions.

NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME. I make no account of these things." Dangers are not to be reckoned when duty lies in the way. Finish my course. An illustration from the foot-race, which Paul frequently employed. Elsewhere he refers to the prize, here he dwells upon the endeavor. With joy. Joy in tears, peace amid warring elements, contentment under tribulation. So can Christ lift a soul above circumstances. The ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus. Summoned to so noble a work, by such divine authority, one might well persevere through opposition. The gospel of the grace of God. The work of the preacher "is to bear witness to the good news of God's mercy." See my face no more. This was not prophecy, but expectation. He knew not what might result from the coming persecutions; and if preserved through them, he proposed to turn his face toward new fields, far in the west. Whether or not his words were verified is uncertain. Some think that about ten years after, in the period between his first and final imprisonments, he revisited the churches of that section.

TAKE YOU TO RECORD. Call you to bear witness. Pure from the blood of all men. His conscience, attested by the consenting voices of his people, acquits him of neglect. No soul had been lost that his efforts might have saved. Have not shunned. It is easy to suit the gospel to the desires of the hearers, and to dwell lightly on unwelcome truths; but such preaching will not satisfy God's call, nor save the people's souls. Take heed therefore. Let those to whom the apostle leaves the work realize its responsibility. To yourselves. Those who are charged with the care of other souls must first watch over their own. He is the best leader in war who

says not "Go," but "Come." Overseers In Greek, episcopoi, "bishops." The same persons called presbyters, or elders, in ver. 17, are here termed bishops. In the New Testament there is no distinction between the two words, except that one relates to the person, the other to the office. Purchased with his own blood. The more costly the flock, the closer should be its care. How, then, should they watch over souls, for each one of whom Christ has died!

GRIEVOUS WOLVES. False teachers from abroad, bringing in false doctrine and corrupting influence. Of your own selves. Ambitious members, claiming pre-eminence, and forming parties within the fold. The most dangerous foes of the church are those who have drawn their sustenance from its bosom. Three years. In fact, a few months less, but more nearly three years than two. I ceased not. An honest ministry, "to warn;" a faithful ministry, "every one;" a laborious ministry, "night and day;" an earnest ministry, "with tears." The word of his grace, which is able. No dead Gospel, but living and endowed with quickening power. Among all them which are sanctified. The word brings purity, peace, and power here, and eternal glory hereafter.

GOLDEN TEXT: For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Cor. 4, 5.

DOCTRINE: Consecration to Christ. Phil. 1, 21; Gal. 3, 27; 2 Cor. 4, 10. The next lesson is Third Quarterly Review.

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