

COURSE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR 1853.

FIRST SERIES.

- Oct. 16.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts iv. 1-13. *To be committed*—Jer. i. 6, 7. *Subject*—The Apostles at Jerusalem. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Miracle had drawn the people together—apostles preaching—priests and Sadducees, who—grieved, at what—persecution—but the word was not bound, many believed—apostles not afraid, Jer. i. 8—how they got courage, verse 8, and Eph. vi. 19—charged their judges with the greatest sin—and immediately preached Christ to them.
- Oct. 23.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts viii. 1-8. *To be committed*—Gen. i. 20. *Subject*—The Apostles driven from Jerusalem. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—The martyr Stephen—the persecutor Saul—scattered the church—the sin of Saul, and the wit of the devil who prompted him, were, in the providence of God, turned to the furtherance of the gospel—everywhere preaching the word—this has often been God's way—Philip in Samaria—what his errand, to preach Christ—this is a minister's work—with power—joy in the city.
- Oct. 30.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts ix. 1-22. *To be committed*—Rom. ix. 16, 17. *Subject*—Conversion of Saul. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Trace the history, and mark in the triumph of grace. Saul's character, education, occupation; his errand to Damascus—impersonation of enmity against God this vessel chosen—why? 2 Cor. iv. 7—he yields, and then is enlightened. (John vii. 17.)
- Nov. 6.**—*Scripture to be read*—Acts xiii. 1-12. *To be committed*—Ps. cvii. 1-3. *Subject*—Barnabas and Saul in Cyprus. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Church at Antioch—Barnabas and Saul chosen for a special service—had put themselves at the disposal of their Master, Isa. vi. 8—Cyprus Paphos, a licentious place—Roman Deputy—desiring to hear—judgment on Elymas, a means of letting the word have entrance—when he saw what was done, believed—way of the Lord in bringing him to Paphos to be saved. Ps. cvii. 3.

SECOND SERIES.

- Oct. 16.**—*Scripture to be read*—2 Cor. iii. 1-11. *To be committed*—Jn. xvi. 13, 14. *Subject*—Ministration of the Spirit. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Corinth (Acts xviii.)—Lives of believers—the apostle's certificate—what written? Christ—where? on the heart—who writes? the Spirit—whereby? by us—we have trust—to Godward—through Christ—his sufficiency—the two ministrations compared.
- Oct. 23.**—*Scripture to be read*—2 Cor. vi. 11-18—vii. 1. *To be committed*—2 Cor. vi. 17, 18—vii. 1. *Subject*—The discords. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—His concern—heart full of love—fear lest they should fall—hence so many warnings.—Enumerate these discords—and apply—the temple of God—in covenant with him (Lev. xxvi. 12.)—the invitation—the promise—and (vii. 1.) the exhortation grounded on the promise.
- Oct. 30.**—*Scripture to be read*—Eph. ii. 10-22. *To be committed*—Eph. ii. 19-21. *Subject*—Strangers brought nigh. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Ephesus, Acts xix.—By whom, in whom, and unto what, are they now created—Jews and Gentiles—aliens—in Christ—made one—refer to ordinances that separated them—He reconciled them to each other, by reconciling both unto God. V. 18, the three Persons—of the kingdom—of the house of God—the foundation.
- Nov. 6.**—*Scripture to be read*—Eph. vi. 10-24. *To be committed*—2 Cor. x. 3, 4. *Subject*—The contest and the armour. *Prominent Topics of the Lesson*—Be strong, how?—the adversary—the armour. In whom you are to stand (v. 11) against whom—vs. 11, 12—by what means, vs. 13-18.—Prayer—for him—salutations.

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