

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From International Question Book)

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles.

LESSON XII.—MARCH 22. PAUL VINDICATED.—ACTS 25: 19-32. COMMIT VERSES 22, 24.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Having, therefore, obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.—Acts 25: 22.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

God can and will let us obey.

DAILY READINGS.

M. Acts 25: 1-18. T. Acts 25: 19-32. W. Acts 25: 1-12. Th. Acts 25: 1-12. F. Isa. 60: 1-22. Sa. Luke 10: 1-12. Su. Luke 18: 18-30.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

DR. WOODRUP—after seeing Christ and hearing him by the disciples. THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE—Paul's preaching was practical. This, and the following, was the aim of his labors. 21. CAUGHT ME IN THE TEMPLE.—(See Acts 21: 26-31) Two years before he came from the East—his stay in Rome was a living sermon, and he knew that if he were to believe—his belief would be a living sermon. "What a little time thou wouldst have made me a Christian!" Do you expect to change me with a little argument as you can hear in this brief speech? "A little time thou wouldst have made me a Christian!" Do you expect to change me with a little argument as you can hear in this brief speech? "A little time thou wouldst have made me a Christian!" Do you expect to change me with a little argument as you can hear in this brief speech?

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Where was Paul? How long since his imprisonment? Before what audience was he speaking? What point in the history of his conversion had he reached in his address?

SUBJECT.—DIFFERENT WAYS OF TREATING GOSSIP INVITATIONS.

I. PAUL'S WAY (vs. 19-25). 11. OBEDIENCE.—To what heavenly vision does Paul refer? To what had God in this case called him? How did Paul treat the man who had similar invitations? (vs. 25-29) Matt. 4: 17; 11: 28-30; Rev. 22: 17. How does our salvation depend on God, and how far on ourselves?

12. WORKS FOR CHRIST.—What did Paul do as soon as converted? In what places did he preach? Mention the "coasts." Do all who really love Christ want to tell others of him? If we were to let Paul continue in the Christian life, what would he do?

13. TEACHINGS.—What was the practical teaching of Paul? (vs. 2-3) What is reputation? What is to be feared? Does the Christian life consist in reputation? What was his doctrinal teaching? Where were these things taught in the Acts? Testament? Is Christ the centre of all true teaching, doctrine?

14. FEELINGS.—What did Paul seem to feel in his address? Why did Paul seem to be so bold and fearless? Who are the ones who are "bold themselves"? What was Paul's reply to Festus?

15. AGRIPPA'S WAY (vs. 26-29).—What was King Agrippa's knowledge of the gospel? What was his belief? Did his faith and knowledge make him a Christian? What was his belief? Did his faith and knowledge make him a Christian? What was his belief? Did his faith and knowledge make him a Christian?

16. THE VINDICATION (vs. 30-32).—What was the result of this hearing? Why was it better for Paul that he was not set at liberty?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. God gives us all a call to the Christian life. II. We must each for himself decide whether we will obey the call. III. As soon as we know Christ we should seek to lead others to him. IV. Our teachings should be both practical and doctrinal. V. True repentance will be proved by its fruits. VI. An earnest, devoted, self-denying Christian seems to be beside himself in the eyes of the world. VII. There is no madness so great as the neglect of eternal life for the sake of worldly possessions. VIII. One may know the truth, and believe and yet not be a Christian.

A GREAT LIBEL SUIT has just come to an end in Montreal. La Minerva, a Conservative newspaper, owned by the Hon. Mr. Mercier, the Liberal leader, of accepting \$5,000 to stop a law-suit for the disqualification of the Hon. Mr. Mousseau, the leader of the other party, who had got into the Legislature by bribery. Mr. Tasse, the Editor, has been found "guilty of libel by mis-statement" and has been fined \$50 and costs.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, March, 10, 1885.

The English grain markets are firm for "future" wheat, but somewhat weaker for "spot." Corn is steady. Red winter wheat is quoted at 6s 8d to 7s 0d; Canadian pea, 5s 11d.

The local grain market is very dull and prices are more or less nominal. 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, 32c; Rye, 60c to 62c; Barley, 50c to 60c. Corn 53c to 55c per bushel.

FLOUR.—This market continues extremely quiet. The quotations are: Superior Extra, \$4.05; Extra Superior, \$3.90; Fancy, \$3.75; Spring Extra, \$3.65 to \$3.70; Superior, \$3.40 to \$3.45; Strong Bakers, (Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.90; 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; Superior, \$1.60 to \$1.70; Patent, \$4.10 to \$4.15; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.30 to 2.35.

MEALS unchanged. DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Butter continues exceedingly dull, and prices are lower again this week. We quote:—Creamery, 18c 2/4; Eastern Townships, 14c to 18c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 11c to 15c; Western, 9c to 14c, as to quality. Cheese, is very quiet and prices are nominal at 10c to 10 1/2 for full makes, in shipping lots, and 11 1/2 to 11 3/4 for the jobbing trade. The public cable is at 57s.

Eggs are steady at 20c to 22c for fresh stock, and 16c to 16 1/2 for lined.

HOG PRODUCTS show no change. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$16.75; do., Short Cut, \$16 00; Canada Short Cut, \$16.25 to \$16.50; Hams, city cured, 12 1/2c to 13 1/2c; do. green, 9c; Lard, in pails, Western, 10c; do., Canadian, 9c; Bacon, 12c; Tallow, common refined, 5 1/2c to 7c; Dressed Hogs, \$5 95 to \$6.00 per 100 lbs.

ASHES are lower, \$3.85 being the top price for first Pots.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The farmers' market has been abundantly supplied of late with nearly all kinds of seasonal produce, and the prices of most kinds of grain are lower; so also, are the prices of frozen meat and poultry. Potatoes continue plentiful and are still declining in price. There are no changes in the butter market, but eggs are more plentiful and cheaper. Large quantities of hay are being brought to the market, but owing to a very brisk demand, the price of really good hay continues firm. Oats are 70c to 80c per bag; peas, 75c to 80c per bushel; beans \$1.25 to \$1.70 do.; potatoes 30c to 40c per bushel; turkeys, carrots, and beets, 40c to 70c per bushel; onions 75c to \$1.00; do.; cabbages 75c to \$1.20 per barrel; butter 14c to 50c per lb.; eggs 16c to 35c per dozen; apples \$2.50 to \$3.75 per barrel; dressed hogs 6c to 7c per lb.; mutton carcasses 5c to 7c do.; young turkeys 9c to 14c per lb.; geese 7c to 10c do.; fowls 8c to 12c do.; ducks 12c to 15c do.; hay \$5.00 to \$9.00 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There is considerable dullness in the Live Stock Market at present, and prices of cattle, sheep and hogs, are unusually low for this time of the year. The demand for shipment to Britain is not large, and pretty good large steers bring from 4 1/2c to 5c per lb.; the best butchers' cattle sell at about 4 1/2c; fat cows and rough steers at 3 1/2c to 4c, and leanish animals at 3c to 3 1/2c do. Good calves have been rather scarce and bring higher prices, but all other kinds are dull of sale at from \$2 to \$6 each. The offerings of sheep are not large, but frozen mutton is unusually plentiful and cheap. Both live and dead hogs are declining in value; the former sell at about 5c and the latter at about 6c per lb. Common and inferior milch cows are plentiful and cheap, but really good cows are scarce and pretty high priced, ranging from \$50 to \$65 each.

NEW YORK, March 9, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 88c March; 89c April; 90c bid May; 91c bid June; 92c July. Corn, 51 1/2c bid March; 50c bid May and June. Oats, 38c March; 37c April; 36c bid May; 36 1/2c June.

FLOUR.—We quote:—Spring Wheat, Superior, \$2.70 to \$2.75; Low Ex-

tra, \$3.10 to \$3.35; Clear, \$3.60 to \$4.05; Straight \$4.00 to \$5.00; Patent, \$4.60 to \$5.65. Winter Wheat—Superfine, \$2.85 to \$3.00; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.30; Clear (R. and A.), \$4.20 to \$4.45; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.15 to \$5.25; Patent, \$4.65 to \$5.65; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.35 to \$5.25; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.05 to \$3.20; West India, sacks, \$3.35 to \$3.60; West India, barrels, \$4.55 to \$4.60; Patent, \$4.60 to \$5.40; South America, \$4.75 to \$5.20; Patent \$4.55 to \$5.65. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.50 to \$4.60; Family, \$4.75 to \$5.40; Patent, \$4.75 to \$5.65. Rye Flour—Fine to superfine, \$2.40 to \$3.85.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.00 to \$3.25 in bbl.; ordinary, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per bbl.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Butter—Creamery, ordinary to fancy 20c to 34c; State half firkins, ordinary to fancy 23c to 30c; Western dairy, ordinary to choice imitation creamery, 11c to 25c. Cheese.—State factory, family to fancy, 8c to 12 1/2c; do. light skins, good to choice, 7c to 9c; Ohio flats, ordinary to prime, 5c to 10 1/2c; Skims, 1c to 2c.

EGGS.—State and Pennsylvania, in bbls, 28c to 29c; Western, poor to fancy 25c to 28c; Lined, Canada and State, 17c to 18c; do., Western 17c; do., foreign 16 1/2c to 18c.

PURE PHYSIOLOGY.—Dr. W. B. Carpenter, whose reputation as a physiologist is world wide and deeply founded, when in this country in the fall of '82 gave a lecture in which the following sentences occurred: "The introduction of alcohol into healthy blood can do nothing but mischief;" and "no one who is familiar with the action of poisons upon the living animal body, and has made the nature of that action a subject of special study, has the smallest hesitation in saying that alcohol is a poison." A writer in the American Literary Churchman recently stated that Dr. Carpenter had now "found it necessary to abandon total abstinence." To which the great physiologist himself replies, in the following letter to the New York Voice: "The statement that I have changed my opinions on the use of alcoholics is entirely without foundation. When in Boston, Mass., in 1882, I gave an address on the subject [just referred to], which was reported and printed from my revised proof, and it expresses my most matured convictions. I am the more surprised at being misrepresented as regards this subject in the Literary Churchman, since I gave a similar address in 1883 at the Oxford Diocesan Conference, Wm. B. Carpenter, 55 Regent's Park Road, London, Feb. 6, 1885." Let our friends keep this in mind; they can quote no better authority for the soundness of their teetotal principles and practice.

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