

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From International Question Book)

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles.

LESSON V.—FEBRUARY 1.

PAUL AT JERUSALEM.—ACTS 21: 15-26.

COMMIT VERSES 17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord.—Acts 21: 20.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

We should rejoice in the progress of Christ's kingdom, though it be by other means and in other ways than our own.

DAILY READINGS.

M. Acts 21: 15-26; Rom. 15: 14-24; W. Acts 14: 19-28; Th. 1 Cor. 9: 1-27; F. Acts 15: 1-29; S. Acts 15: 1-29; S. Num. 6: 1-12; Sa. Psalms 46: 1-11.

CHRISTMAS.—After a brief visit of four or five days at the home of Pollio, the evangelist in Caesarea, Paul continues his journey to Jerusalem, and completes the third great missionary journey.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

15. CARRIAGES.—baggage, including the money contributed for the poor at Jerusalem. 16. MISONAS.—an early disciple, one of the first, having his home in Jerusalem. 17. JAMES.—the brother of our Lord, pastor of the church at Jerusalem, and author of the Epistle of James. 18. ZEALOTS OF THE LAW.—the Jewish Jews of circumcision, sacrifices, meats festival, etc. 21. INFORMED THAT THOU TEACHEST THE JEWS.—the charge, as they had accused, to teach those things to the Gentiles; and that they were not essential to salvation even to the Jews (Gal. 2: 14; 1 Cor. 7: 19; Rom. 2: 8, 29). 22. WHAT IS IT.—What shall we do about it? 23. WE HAVE FOUR MEN.—Christians of Jerusalem, which have a vow—the Nazarenes (vs. 21); NUBI. 6: 1-21; PURIFY THEMSELVES WITH THEM.—did with them in the closing days and offerings. BE AT CHARGES WITH THEM.—either for their bad and their expenses, temple fees, and cost of sacrifices. For each of the five the apostle would be too busy, a man, uneducated, bread, cakes of flour and oil, and wine, it would be no small expense. 25. AS TOUCHING THE GENTILES.—vs. 15-19. He need not retract any of his teachings.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—To what city was Paul on a journey? How long since he had been in Jerusalem? (Acts 18: 21, 22). The feast was probably Tabernacles, Leviticus 23: 34, 35. The events of each day from the time Paul came to Caesarea till the end of this lesson. Where did Paul say at Caesarea? Describe the parting scene.

SUBJECT: THE RETURNED MISSIONARY.

I. HIS RETURN (vs. 15-17).—How long had Paul been absent on his third missionary journey? How far had he come on his way home? How far is Caesarea from Jerusalem? What time is meant by "those days" in vs. 17? What were the "carriages" mentioned? Of what doubtless did a part of this baggage consist? (vs. 21, 25). What accompanied Paul from Caesarea? When did they arrive at Jerusalem? With whom did they lodge there?

II. HIS GREETING (vs. 17-19).—How was Paul received on his first evening? By whom? Whom did he meet the next day? When James was told? How was he greeted here? (Rom. 16: 4).

III. HIS REPORT (vs. 20, 21).—What did Paul report to this assembly? How many great missionary journeys had he made since he met the Jerusalem Council in the great conference? (Acts 15). Name some of the leading events in his second missionary journey. (Acts 16: 1; 18: 23). Did he visit Jerusalem at the close of his journey? (Acts 18: 22). What had God done through him on this third journey? (Acts 18: 21, 22, 23). To whom did Paul ascribe these works? Why? How did the assembly receive the report? What is it to orify God?

IV. STANDERS AGAINST HIM (vs. 22).—What is said of the number of Jewish converts? Of what law were they zealous? What had been told them against Paul? Was it true? What foundation was there for this kind of? (Gal. 2: 14; 1 Cor. 7: 19; Rom. 2: 25, 26). Are the worst lies those that have a mixture of truth?

V. THE STANDERS REPORTED (vs. 23-26).—What did the assembly advise Paul to do? What vow is referred to? (Num. 6: 1-4). Would the charges be heavy? (Num. 6: 13-17). How would this course relieve the student? Was it consistent with Paul's teachings? How did this show this? (vs. 23). Had he done anything like it before? (Acts 18: 18). Was this plan successful?

PHILOSOPHICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. There will arise differences of opinion among the best of people. II. Each one should try and understand the others. III. Each one should do all he can for the general peace, and the correction of misunderstandings. IV. But we should never yield a great principle for the sake of peace.

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COMMERCIAL.

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Things are very quiet, indeed prices have changed but little and the volume of business has been small. The snow has come at last and the winter roads promise to be good for a period and this should help the country trade. Butter and cheese are flat, stale and unprofitable just now, stocks are small, and this is, in fact, the reaction after the actual trade of the summer.

Chicago has been fluctuating slightly, but prices are now about what they were last week. We quote:—Wheat at 79½¢ Feb. 80½¢ March, 88½¢ May. Corn is quoted at 38½¢ Feb. and 41½¢ May.

The local wheat market is steady but there is not much business doing. We quote Canada Red Winter, 86¢ to 88¢; White, 84¢ to 85¢; Spring 84¢ to 85¢; Peas, 70¢ to 71¢; Oats, 31¢. Barley, 50¢ to 60¢. Corn 66¢.

FLOUR.—Is very dull and higher. Sales have not been frequent for the past few days. The quotations are:—Superior Extra, \$4.10 to \$4.15; Extra Superior, \$3.95 to \$4.00; Fancy \$3.80; Spring Extra \$3.75; Superior, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Strong Bakers' (Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.25; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.25 to \$4.50; Fine, \$3.10 to \$3.25; Middlings, \$2.90; Pollards, \$2.60 to \$2.75; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Spring Extra, \$1.45 to \$1.55; Superior, \$1.45 to \$1.55; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.25.

MEALS unchanged.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Both butter and cheese are quiet and unchanged. We quote as follows:—Creamery, 21¢ to 23¢; Eastern Townships, 19¢ to 20¢; Western, 13¢ to 16¢. Cheese 1¢ unchanged at 12¢ to 12½¢ for September and October, and 8¢ to 11½¢ for other makes.

Eggs, fresh are selling at 21¢ to 22¢, as to quality.

HOG PRODUCTS are very quiet. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$15 to \$15.25; Hams, city cured, 12½¢ to 13½¢; Bacon, 12¢ to 13¢; Lard, western, in pails, 10½¢ to 10¾¢; do., Canadian, 10½¢; Tallow, common refined, 7¢ to 8¢.

ASHES are very weak, Pots selling at \$3.40 to \$3.45 as to rates.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of butchers' cattle is not so large this week as was the case last week, but as the butchers then bought freely at pretty low rates, they are not eager to pay higher prices now, and are waiting for larger supplies from the country. There is still a brisk demand for all the fatted and largest steers for shipment to Britain where the markets are reported to be better than they have been for some time. Pretty good shipping cattle sell readily at about 50¢ per 40 lb. and superior butchers' stock at about 43¢ do. while rough steers and fat cows bring from 4¢ to 4½¢ do. There is an active demand for good veal critters and fancy prices are being paid for some of the best. The quality of the sheep offered lately is not very good and prices are low, sheep selling at from 3½¢ to 3¾¢ per lb. and lambs at 3½¢ to 4½¢ do. There is not much doing in the hog trade, dead or alive, and prices are lower, live hogs sell at from 5¢ to 5½¢ and dressed hogs at 6½¢ per lb. There is a better demand for good milk cows and higher prices are being paid for them.

FARMERS' MARKET.

With the return of pretty good sleighing and a substantial ice-bridge for the farmers to drive over from the south side of the St. Lawrence, there has been a more liberal supply of farm produce offered on the markets here of late, which meets with a good demand at somewhat lower rates. The fruit market is very quiet and prices, especially of lemons and oranges, pretty low. Superior print butter and fresh laid eggs continue to realize fancy prices, but old or stale goods are not wanted. The very unsettled state of the weather has caused the supply of hay to fluctuate a good deal with more or less corresponding variations in prices. Oats are 75¢ to 85¢ per bag; peas, 85¢ to \$1.00 per bushel; beans \$1.50 to \$1.80 do; potatoes 40¢ to 50¢ per bag; turnips, carrots, beets and onions 30¢ to 50¢ per bushel; cabbages 40¢ to 60¢ per barrel; butter 14¢ to 50¢ per lb; eggs 22¢ to 60¢ per dozen; apples \$2.00 to \$3.00 per barrel; dressed hogs 6½¢ to

7½¢ per lb.; mutton carcasses 5¢ to 6½¢ do; young turkeys 9¢ to 12¢ per lb.; geese 6¢ to 9¢ do; fowls 6¢ to 12¢ do; ducks 12¢ to 15¢ do; hay \$6.50 to \$9.50 per 100 bundles.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 92½¢ Jan.; 94½¢ Feb.; 94½¢ Mar.; 96¢ April; 97½¢ May; 98¢ June. Corn, 52½¢ Jan.; 50½¢ April; 50½¢ May. Rye, quiet, 63½¢. Oats, dull; 34½¢ Dec.; 34½¢ Jan.; 35½¢ May. Barley, Canada No. 2, 70½¢. Peas nominal.

FLOUR.—We quote:—Spring Wheat—Superfine, \$2.85 to \$3.10; Low Extra, \$3.15 to \$3.30; Clears, \$3.90 to \$4.75; Straight \$4.75 to \$5.00; Patent, \$4.75 to \$6.00. Winter Wheat—Superfine, \$2.90 to \$3.30; Low Extra, \$3.15 to \$3.35; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.30 to \$5.35; Patent, \$4.75 to \$5.75; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.40 to \$5.25; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.25 to \$3.40; West India, sacks, \$3.00 to \$3.90; barrels, West India, \$4.90; Patent, \$4.75 to \$5.85; South America, \$4.85 to \$5.00; Patent \$4.75 to \$5.85. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.50 to \$4.75; Family, \$4.90 to \$5.50; Patent, \$4.55 to \$5.60. Rye Flour—Fine to superfine, \$2.40 to \$3.50.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.30 to \$3.40 in bris; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per br.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter unchanged. Creamery, ordinary to select 15¢ to 35¢. Half firkins, ordinary to best, 16¢ to 27¢; Welsh tubs 19¢ to 25¢; Western ordinary factory, to choice imitation creamery, 9¢ to 25¢. Cheese, state factory, ordinary, to fall cream, 3½¢ to 13½¢. Ohio flats, fair to choice 6¢ to 11½¢; Skins 1¢ to 3¢.

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