our missionary, Mr. Goforth. Sins long hidden were freely confessed—the very hardest thing, so it is said, for a Chinese to do. Note that these Ephesian exorcists and black-art men went further still. The voluntary destruction of \$50,000 worth of their own

property and this, too, their means of further money-getting, shows the genuineness of their repentance.

Note, in closing, that the success of v. 20 but makes Paul eager for further and more wide-flung labors, v. 21.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

At close of his vear and a half's ministry in Corinth, Paul set out for Jerusale m, to keep the Passover in that city. With Aquila and Priscilla as his com-

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panions, he sailed from Cenchreæ, the eastern port of Corinth, to Ephesus, the largest and busiest city in the Roman province of Asia, situated on the river Cayster, not far from where that stream enters the Mediterranean. After the Passover he went from Jerusalem to Antioch, the starting point of all his

After a brief rest at Antioch, the apostle started on his Third Missionary Journey. Journeying north and east overland, Paul crossed the Taurus mountains. These rise in some places two milesabove the sea level. A pass going through them, called the Cilician Gates, leads into

the high plateau of the Roman province of Galatia. "The Crusaders were so struck by the perils of this pass that they gave it the sinister name of 'The Gates of Judas'. connects Asia Minor (and therefore all Europe) with Syria, and consequently it has been a noted route at all periods of the world's history." After preaching for a time in Phrygia, a part of Galatia, Paul went on to Ephesus, where he spent three years in a busy and most fruitful ministry.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Some Test Questions

- 1. To what great city did Paul come on his Third Missionary Journey? Who was Apollos? Who instructed him? What did he become? How did Paul begin his work in Ephesus?
- 2. Where did he at first preach? For how long? How did he support himself? What was the burden of his preaching?
- 3. What led to his giving up his synagogue preaching? From what new centre did he carry on his work? How long did this continue?

- 4. How widely did the gospel spread? What churches were now formed?
- 5. What confirmations of Paul's message did God give? In what way did the people show their faith?
- 6. Who were the "exorcists"? What name had they been accustomed to use as a charm? What name did they now use?
- 7. Who amongst the exorcists are specially mentioned? What did they attempt to do? With what result?
- 8. Describe the effect of this happening upon the onlookers.
- 9. What confession did some of the disciples make? What did they do with their books of magic?