

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FOURTH QUARTER: STUDIES IN EARLY CHURCH HISTORY. A. D. 62-65. LESSON XI. PAUL AT ROME...

EXPLANATORY.

WE. That Luke and Timothy were of the number is certain from Col. 1, 1; 4, 14; Phil. 1, 1; Philemon 1, 24. This probably includes also the brethren who came to meet Paul. Rome. Imperial Rome, at this time under Nero, held two million inhabitants, one half of whom were slaves.

After three days. No long rest after such a journey. Chief of the Jews. As always, Paul seeks first to interest the Jews. Here he must place himself in a correct light before them first, and so he gives a brief statement of why he is there a prisoner, and asserts his innocence.

NEITHER...LETTERS...NEITHER ANY...SPOKE...HARM OF THEM. They doubtless spoke truly. Accusers would not have preceded Paul, as his appeal was unexpected, and if they followed they would not yet have arrived.

HIS LODGING. Not his own hired house, as in verse 30, but where he was stopping as a guest. Some have thought that Aquila and Priscilla were his hosts, as they were in Rome not long before. Rom. 16, 3. Expounded and testified. "Set forth, bearing witness."

AGREED NOT. It was probably some scoffing remark of the unbelievers which called out the closing one word which Paul solemnly and sorrowfully gave as his parting testimony. Spoke the Holy Ghost. Evidence of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures. See 2 Pet. 1, 21. Esaias. The Greek form of Isaiah.

BE IT KNOWN. This is a prophetic addition of Paul, which has been abundantly fulfilled. The salvation, or better, this salvation—this Gospel of the kingdom of God. Unto the Gentiles. This final declaration of this truth is the last recorded word to the Jews. They have rejected the Messiah, and henceforward there is to be no more Jew and Gentile, but all are to be equal and one in Christ.

TWO WHOLE YEAR. It is probable that at the end of this time he was released. During it he is believed to have written the epistles to the Philippians, to the Colossians, and to Philemon. Hired house. As he could not work at his trade the rent of his house and his support was doubtless paid for by the churches. We know that the Philippians contributed. Phil. 4, 10, 18. That he was a prisoner is shown by Eph. 6, 20; Col. 4, 3; Philemon 9, 10. Receiving all that came. It is said of some ministers, that they are hard to approach; and many teachers never receive their scholars at their houses. Paul did not so. He could not go to the church or synagogue, but to all that came in to him he preached the Gospel. Notice what was his constant teaching. Only those things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. With all confidence. Whence came this confidence? He tells us in Phil. 4, 13. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

GOLDEN TEXT: I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are in Rome also; for I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Rom. 1, 15, 16.

DOCTRINE: Ministry of the word. 2 Cor. 4, 1, 2; Rom. 12, 7. The next lesson is 2 Tim. 4, 1-8.

The Rev. Mr. Lathern's lecture on "Cromwell and his Ironsides" was a rare intellectual treat. It was listened to with profound attention by a large and, to all appearance, an appreciative audience. Henry Beer, Esq., Speaker of the House of Assembly, presided. We will not attempt to give the reader an outline report of this excellent and most instructive lecture. Some reports generally bear the same relation to the warm utterances of the living orator that a rough caricature does to a finished portrait by a gifted artist.

I understand that the Rev. William Arthur left London on Monday for Italy as a guest of a deputation from the Evangelical Alliance. I see, too, that his two volumes on "The Pope, the Kings, and the people" have just been published by Messrs. Mullan.

I hear of a city church, the congregations of which on Sunday week, consisted of one solitary person—viz: the vestry, has proved a very willing one.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1877.

THE TEMPERANCE REFORM.

A WORD OF COUNSEL.

It is fair to assume that nearly 10,000 persons have taken the Temperance Pledge, during the past three months, in the Maritime Provinces. The movement has been of Providence, if ever movement was.

But here are fine results. Ten thousand names on paper ought, at least, to suggest much change in the homes and workshops of our land.

DANGER.

The reaction. Human nature is weak material at the best; but consider the form of humanity here involved. In most instances they are subjects of a disease more relentless in its grasp, more cruel in its despotism, than any in the fever hospitals of the tropics.

If this be so within, what are the dangers without? In the streets of our cities, towns and villages, with very solitary exceptions, powerful temptations meet the convert.

CONFIDENCE.

Is there, absolutely, a possibility of reforming a confirmed drunkard? There is a popular opinion that this volcano once opened must burn safely out—cannot be effectually quenched.

the stone is in the dust. He is God's true artist who proceeds with faith in the divine and the human to fashion this rough material.

SYMPATHY.

All efforts at self-reform begin here, by looking about for kind, helpful words and encouragement. Many a youth has taken his first step heavenward by going to a church, or into the counting-house of some reputed friend of the degraded and sinful; and, we grieve to add, too many have retraced that step, frozen by disappointment.

BROTHERHOOD.

which means more than sympathy, should assert itself now. Every Lodge and Division Room ought to be chiefly concerned in respect to this new material. How to bring them in, comfort them, establish them, save them—that is their question at this critical juncture.

RELIGION.

A principal element in the reform thus far, has been the godly dispositions of its leaders. This element must permeate the mass if it is to be saved. Will, Purpose, may mean much with some men, but in the majority of instances it is fickle, unreliable support.

THE TAP ROOT.

Every skillful woodman knows how most directly to fell a monarch tree. Digging about it alone does but increase the fertility of the soil, and so promote growth. Lopping off the branches may rob it of immediate vigour, but only sets in operation a law of Nature by which new strength is quickly brought to the injured parts.

ACADIA COLLEGE building, including the president's residence, college library and museum, were destroyed by fire on Sunday evening last at six o'clock.

A friend writes from Fredricton, N. B., Nov. 29th:—Our river is open from shore to shore, and as free from ice or snow as in July. Our steamers got alarmed at a cold night on the 22nd, and went into winter quarters.

POPE PIUS THE NINTH has frequent remarkable recoveries from death, if the despatches are to be credited. Once or twice a week, on an average, we are told the Pope is dying. He has not yet lived to the great maturity of years reached by some of his ancestors, though his constitution is not to be compared for vigour to those so remarkable for longevity.

THE French language is becoming more and more an essential part of education in these Provinces. Mons. Tremblay, a finished French Scholar, is forming classes in Halifax. The Professor, we are told, has already several classes under way.

THE "ADVOCATES."—Dr. Curry was deposed from the editorial chair of the New York Advocate through his disposition to criticize too freely the defects and weaknesses of the great Methodist body. Bishops and Presiding Elders came in for a full share in his scathing articles.

Mrs. Snowball, widow of our deceased Minister of that name, was attacked by a vicious cow some days ago at Truro, and injured rather severely.

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We read in an exchange this note from Charlottetown:—

The frescoing of the Methodist Church here appears to have been an example very properly followed, the love of the beautiful being always beneficial.

In a recent issue of the New York "Advocate" there are several pages given to the proceedings of the Missionary Central Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Chapman, the pastor, whose term of service at St. Paul's closed with the last confessional year, was the next speaker. He said: "I came into this room under the positive pledge that I should not be called upon to speak."

"Why, it was only a few months ago that I was telling one of these men how well satisfied I was with my situation in this very church. He gave a sort of malicious wink with his eye, and the very next week he tore me from my home and friends, and sent me away off over on the other side of the river."

It seems cruel, but truth compels the record that these hard-hearted Bishops only laughed at this pitiful appeal. There is scarcely any depth of misery to which even good men do not become indifferent by constant familiarity therewith.

Among the speakers were Bishop Ames and Dr. Curry. The Bishop, after one of the speeches of the doctor, remarked with that matchless mingling of majesty and mirth in which he sometimes indulges.

"I wish I could say the same of Dr. Curry," was the instant response, at which there was a general merriment.

At the anniversary public meeting there were glowing speeches. We give a specimen:—

Rev. Dr. Fowler, being called, spoke as follows from his place in the altar:—"Mr. Chairman, I submit that this is double duty. You have brought us up here to be looked at, and now we are called on to speak."

"One other thing: It took Christendom four hundred years to produce as good a church as this; but I look into the faces of a company of men the like of which it has not been possible to bring together for six thousand years. It is only within the last few decades that such a Missionary Committee has been possible to us, because we have a general itinerant superintendency that watches, and works, and travels round the world.

A SECOND "Grace Darling" act is reported as having occurred recently at Cape Sable. The Halifax "Reporter" of last Monday evening, assures us that "Mrs. Osborne Smith, in a small boat, hastened to the rescue of Mr. Otis Cunningham, whose skiff capsized while out gunning. The attempt was a hazardous one, as a heavy sea was breaking in on the land."

A SPECIAL to the Halifax "Chronicle," from Yarmouth, last Tuesday, says:—

The chief religious attraction here at the moment is the Rev. E. R. Young, the Methodist Missionary, who is drawing crowded houses, and increasing subscriptions for missions about thirty per cent. as compared with other years.

CIRCUIT INTELLIGENCE.

ARCADIA, Nov. 27th.—On the 14th inst., we had a very enjoyable Tea meeting at Brooklyn—proceeds eighty dollars—to liquidate debt on church. The "elect ladies" are deserving of all praise—God bless them.

JERUSALEM, N. B.—The work of the Lord on this circuit is very encouraging, signs of good being done, a few being added as our members of late; our missionary meetings have been well attended, and I trust we shall be in advance of last year's subscription, we are looking forward for a very successful time.

STELLARTON!—A concert and refreshment held at Westville last week, to raise money, towards liquidating the debt on our church, met with good success. The nett receipts being upwards of \$100. The Lord is also granting us on this circuit, to some extent spiritual blessings.

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Yours truly, ELIAS BRETTE.

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sidency. Mr. Randles has just issued a treatise on the Atonement, entitled "Substitution," which is highly spoken of by the reviewers...

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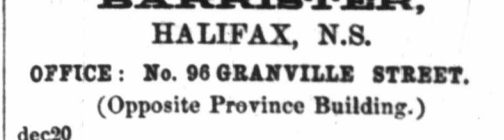
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