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PREFACE.

As the life of St. Paul is a subject which belongs to the older rather than the younger classes of our Sunday Schools, I have prepared this manual with such classes in view. I trust it will serve as an introduction to Allen's admirable "Outline of Christian History." The number of chapters has been determined by the natural divisions of the subject, which I have preferred to preserve; but as the material in most of them is more than enough for a single lesson, especially in the brief time allowed for our ordinary Sunday-school sessions, I have broken each into two or three lessons, and recommend that they should be so used. This will make a course of thirty-one lessons.

The text, as in my previous manual,¹ is intended for the use of the scholars; the references are to guide the teachers in their further studies of the subject. I trust that most of our Sunday-school libraries contain one or more of the English works referred to. Unfortunately, none of these books can be recommended for the present purpose without qualification; but of those here given, Farrar's "Life and Work of St. Paul" is by far the best for the use of teachers. The questions are few, and are limited pretty strictly

¹ First Lessons on the Bible.

to the historical matter contained in the text; I trust, however, that a larger range will be taken by the teachers, and should be sorry to have it supposed that no questions are to be asked but those here given.

One word as to the chronology here adopted. It should be understood by both teachers and scholars that all New Testament dates are, within certain limits, conjectural. There is no clew in Gospels, Acts, or Epistles, to the exact year of any single event or writing. The only thing to be done, in such a work as this, is to determine, on the best evidence obtainable, some one date, and arrange the entire history in accordance with that. Having adopted A.D. 33 as the year of Christ's crucifixion, and A.D. 34 as that of Paul's conversion, the other dates are determined by these; not as certainly correct, but as on the whole the most probable.

I hope each class will have a map in its hands through all its lessons. Excellent maps can be found in many of the books referred to in the lists, especially in Renan's "St. Paul," a valuable work for constant reference. There are plenty of cheap hand-maps purporting to give the travels of St. Paul, but I have been unable to find any that are accurate. The best that I have seen is one published by the American Tract Society, 150 Nassau street, New York, costing twenty-five cents, and entitled, "Map showing the Missionary Tours of the Apostle Paul."

E. H. H.

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LESSONS ON THE LIFE OF ST. PAUL.

I.

THE APOSTLES AT JERUSALEM.

A.D. 33-34. Acts i.-vii.

AFTER the death of Jesus¹ his disciples gathered together in Jerusalem, in the full expectation that he was soon to return to earth and establish his kingdom. The book of Acts, our only authority for this period, tells us far less than we would like to know of these early days, but the little that it gives is exceedingly interesting. It shows us this little band of disciples drawn into a circle by themselves, through their love for their great leader, and their belief that he was soon to return as their Messiah. The narrative tells us how they held all their property in common, the richer members selling their goods and distributing to all "as every man had need;" how they went from house to house breaking bread and eating meat together; and how, in perfect mutual confidence and sympathy, they lived together as one great family.² It is plain that they did not at first form any separate church, or observe any new forms of worship. Being all of them Jews, having received from Jesus no directions to withdraw from their fellow-worshippers, and regarding him as the Messiah of the Jews whom the whole nation had so long awaited, they kept up, for some time, all the Jewish customs. "They continued daily with one accord in the temple,"³ they observed Sabbath and feast-

¹ It is impossible to determine, within four or five years, the date of the crucifixion. I have assumed A.D. 33, as on the whole the most probable.

² Acts ii. 42-46; iv. 32-35.

³ Acts ii. 46.