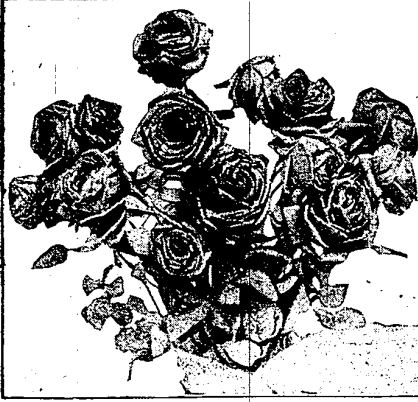


## THE HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery  
Their Care and Cultivation



To Have Beautiful Roses Like This, Care Must Be Taken of Them in Fall.

### LATE SUMMER WORK NOTES

By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.

Watch the tender greenhouse plants that are in the open and take them up before the last days of summer have passed.

Have the pots ready for the bulbs which must be taken up soon.

Insects will now begin to attack the garden runner and other flowers of that nature and they must be watched carefully.

The dahlias, gladioli and other rank-growing plants are likely to be blown down by the wind and should be staked.

Chrysanthemums are shaded during the hot month of August they will be injured by the sun.

Drench the ground around the tea roses, but do not spray the bushes.

Blossoms of all kinds should be thoroughly manured with well-rotted cow manure and mulched with lawn cuttings and leaves.

Liquid manure should be applied only when the ground is moist enough to absorb it.

It is fatal to some plants to fertilize them with rich manures when the ground is very dry.

Never allow roses to remain on the bush when the petals begin to fall.

All plants that are intended for winter bloomers should have the buds pinched off now.

Pick pansies and nasturtiums every day if you want to have plenty of blooms.

When the lilacs have finished blooming, all the seed clusters should be cut away. If the seed is allowed to develop on the lilac it generally has few flowers in every other year.

The best way to kill weeds now is to pull them up by hand.

The redbug and other enemies of the rose, if not killed off last month should be effectively removed now. An excellent spray for rose bushes is made of one-half pound of laundry soap melted in hot water to which is added one cupful of kerosene. When this comes to a boil, use about one part to fifteen parts of water.

Scrape up road dust and apply about the roots of your plants during the hot weather and keep the moisture in the soil. Lawn clippings make an excellent mulch for the larger plants and shrubs.

Save the grass clippings from the lawn to serve as a mulch for the bed of ten roses. These plants like to have the soil about their roots cool and moist. Spread the grass over the bed to a depth of two or three inches. When it withers, work it into the soil to act as a fertilizer as it decays and apply fresh clippings.

Outtings from the geranium may be kept all through August in moist climates.

In a dry season don't mow the lawn as often as in a showery one. Regulate the frequency of your mowing by the appearance of the grass. Aim to keep it looking green and velvety. Early in August is a good time to sow

any seeds.

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Add to the heap any sward from the roadside, peelings and parings from the kitchen.

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## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 10

#### THE ARREST OF PAUL

LESSON TEXT—Acts 21:1-14.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt be a witness for him unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.—Acts 22:18.

No study of the book of Acts is complete unless the teacher impresses upon his pupils the opportunities for living the Christian life in the normal environment of the home or school, at work or play. Deep interest attaches to every detail leading up to Paul's visit to Rome. Therefore let the teacher trace Paul's journey from Miletum to Jerusalem, which occupied about four weeks, and took place in the early part of the year A. D. 57.

I. The Arrival (vv. 17-20). The Spirit revealed to the disciples and to prophets that if Paul went to this city he would be in great danger, and the Spirit was not forbidding, but only warning him for he knew Paul had a great work to do in Jerusalem, and that he only could do it. Everywhere Paul went he "searched for" (v. 7) disciples, with whom he tarried and whom he instructed by the way of truth. Arriving in Jerusalem, he appears to have made his home with Mnason, outside of the crowded city, thus being less exposed to danger and finding a place of rest. At a public reception (v. 18) Paul reports of his work, and no doubt he laid his strongest emphasis on what God had wrought through him, among the churches of Asia. The leaders of the Jerusalem church received the gifts Paul brought from the Gentile churches, glorified God for what he had accomplished, but saw clearly that, to accomplish his state-of-the-art purpose, something must be done to make clear that the false reports as to Paul's teaching were discredited (vv. 21-22). They therefore resorted to diplomacy (vv. 23-24). To the many thousands of Jews gathered on this festival occasion in the city, some of whom were zealous for the law, they declared that Paul taught all the Jews which were among the Gentiles not to forsake Moses; second, that he had not taught them to walk after the customs of Moses. The facts were that Paul obeyed the Jewish ceremonial laws personally, as a matter of race, not as a condition of salvation.

II. The Arrest (vv. 27-30). Paul's attempt at conciliation resulted not in peace but in no peace. Every true servant of God is sure to be misrepresented, and it will not do always to attempt to set straight all the lies that are told about him. God will take care of the lies and of our reputations. Most of the charges that men, even Christians, bring against one another are based upon "supposition" (v. 29). It was not a new experience for Paul to be mobbed. As the madmen Jews dragged him out of the temple he must have recalled the treatment of Stephen in which he, himself, had had a hand (7:57, 58). How frequent it is that we ourselves are in due time treated in the same way in which we have treated others (Gal. 6:7). This was the intention of the Jews to kill Paul at once without a trial (26:10, 11). They fancied they were doing God's service (John 16:2). This lesson is a striking example of the utter folly and wickedness of mob law. Paul's time had not yet come and all this noise on earth could not kill him until God permitted it.

III. The Arrangement (vv. 37-40). Tidings of the riot came to the chief captain, equivalent to our colonel (Acts 23:23). Paul was bound with two chains, one from each of his arms to a soldier, secured, yet left free to walk with his guards, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Amos (v. 21). Mob law usually have great respect for soldiers, for they are invariably cowardly. No sooner was Paul on the stairs which led to the top of the fortress than the mob, afraid that they were about to be balked of their vengeance, made a mad rush at him, with cries of "Kill him; kill him!" and Paul, unable in his fettered condition to steady himself, was carried off by his feet and hurried off in the same path his Master had trod (John 19:15) and he was again to hear that cry. (Ch. 22:22). During all this tumult Paul had but one thought, how he might witness for his Master, and bring some of his blinded accusers to a saving knowledge of Christ. Thus it was that he asked for the privilege of speaking, and most courteously did he make his request. He spoke to the captain in the Greek tongue, not in Hebrew, and great was the surprise of the captain.

Practical Application. When we are attacked, no matter for what cause, if we confidently look for deliverance and exercise self-control, God will take care of us.

Such conduct is disconcerting to our enemies.

Diplomacy is often dangerous and misunderstood.

Circumstantial evidence is never of great value.

There is, however, a desirable form of diplomacy as when Paul addressed the soldiers in his native tongue.

Paul's principle was in essentials firmness; in non-essentials, liberty.



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