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Lesson IV. PAUL'S DEFENSE BEFORE AGRIPPA.

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And as he thus spake for himself, Fes- his traducers, but in Paul, unflinching and druggists everywhere. tus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou fidelity went hand in hand with unfailart beside thyself; much learning doth ing courtesy. Let us learn a lesson. make thee mad. (25) But he said, I am | Many through the centuries have taknot mad, most noble Festus; but speak en up Festus' accusation that Paul (Berkeley Correspondence to The San forth the words of truth and soberness. was mad. They say his supposed sight . (26) For the king knoweth of these of the Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus the prophets? I know that thou believ- true. Some put it that Paul suffered a fornia. also all that hear me this day, were or illusion theory. Paul was not de graduates of the university beat that both almost, and altogether such as I claring the illusions of a mad man, or average by six-tenths of 1 per cent. am, except these bonds. (30) And the deliriums of sunstroke, but "speakwhen he had thus spoken, the king ing forth words of truth and soberness rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, (rather sound sense)." He was declar- sity. Three times as many women and they that sat with them: (31) And ing indisputable facts. Happy the man graduates have married men who do when they were gone aside, they talk- who accepts his testimony. Paul now not hold degrees as have married ed between themselves, saying, This turns directly to Agrippa with a tre- university graduates. man doeth nothing worthy of death or mendous, startling and soul-awakening unto Caesar.

TIME. - A. Caesarea.

EXPOSITION-1. X "Thou art per- wonderfully the prophecies have been mitted to speak for thyself," 1. This fulfilled. The argument from prophecy was one of the great ocacsions of one is unanswerable. Many of the "higher of the greatest lives ever lived upon critics' 'are trying to break its force, this earth. It was not merly that Paul but they have failed utterly. They have was preaching to a king and to a succeeded in turning the eyes of some woman of great influence. His sermon foolish people from the contents of the accomplished little in them. They were prophesies to uestions of authorship wedded to their infamy and put from but if any one will study the prophethem the offer of eternal life on this, cies themselves, instead of wasting as far we know, only occasion upon time in the endless jangle of words which they ever heard it. But Paul about their authorship and sources, was preaching a sermon that would go he will soon find that God is the real on echoing through the world for more author, that the position of the dethan eighteen centuries, and that structive critics can not be true, and would result in the conversion of count that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of less thousands in centuries to come. God." Agrippa's answer is full of sug-Paul thought only of the audience be- gestion: "Almost thou persuadest me fore him, but God had in mind an au- to be a Christian." While the Authordience in comparison with which that ized Version is not a literal translation which Paul saw faded into utter signi- of the original, it comes far nearer to ficance. tI was not to Agrippa or Ber- being a literal translation "than the nice that the Holy Ghost was speak- Revised Version. The literal translaing through Paul that day, but to you tion is: "In a little thou persuadest and to me. Agrippa said to Paul: me to make a Christian." It is said that "Thou art permitted to speak." Agrip- Agrippa said this in sarcasm. Perhaps pa will regret that permisison before so; but, like many another, the atthe hour is over, for Paul, permitted tempted jest reveals the real state of to speak, will shoot an arrow right his heart. Agrippa was deeply moved. into the royal heart. It is not easy to He saw the cost of further consideratell what may happen when a man of tion of the claims of Christ. He was un-God is permitted to speak. Agrippa willing to pay the cost. He tries to put told Paul that he was permitted to his convictions aside, first by jest, then speak for himself, but he seized upon by a turning to other things with forcthe opportunity to speak not for him- ed composure (vs. 30-32), Thus, Agripself, but for his Master. How many of pa's soul was lost. And Agrippa was us, when we have an opportunity of within one step of eternal life. speaking for ourselves, speak for the Master instead of for ourselves? Note both in little and in great end as I how graphic the account is, we are told the very gesture Paul made, "he stretched forth the hand." He was pleading not really for his own life, as he appeared to be, but for the lives of his hearers, that they might repent, believe, be saved and obtain eternal life through that risen Lord Jesus whom he now declares unto them and whose resurrection he proves (vs. 8-20). Paul's wonderful address (vs. 2-23)) is omitted from the lesson but in and utterly surrendered servants should be very carefully studied and fleeply pondered. tI is one of the most masterly arguments in all history. II. "In a little thou persuadest me to make a Christian," 24-28. "Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art mad." Festus was getting excited. The Spirit of God was gripping his heart. Festus was unwilling to yield, so he called the preacher a crank. The devil has cheated many a man out of eternal life in that way. He has also cheated many a Christian out of a larger life in the same way. We must expect to be called crazy, if we get our message from God. That is what they

October 22, 1916. | called Jesus (Jno. 8: 48, 52). Many & Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the preaches has been frightened by this Stomach and Intestines, Auto-Intoxitreatment and has turned away into cation, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis Golden Text .- Ac. 26. Commit vs. 28, saying the nice thing that Festus will and other fatal ailments result from applaud. Poor fools! "But he said, I am Stomach Trouble. Thousands of Stom-

(1) Then Agrippa said unto Paul, not mad, most noble Festus." Note ach Sufferers owe their complete re-Thou art permitted to speak for thy- Paul's unfailing courtesy. Many a man covery of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. self. Then Paul stretched forth the is loyal to the truth and is called Unlike any other for Stomach Allhand, and answered for himself: (24) "mad" for it, and then goes to scoring ments. For sale by Jno. S. Blake Co.,

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The Only Kind Left. The guest glanced up and down the bill of fare without enthusiasm. "Oh, well," he decided finally 'you may bring a dozen fried oys-

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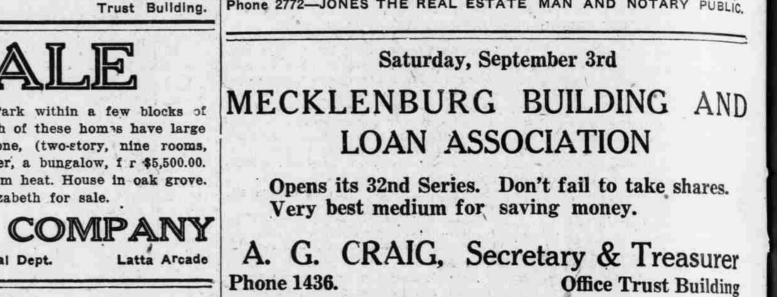
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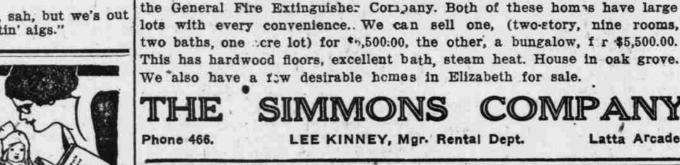
things, before whom also I speak free- on the road to Damascus was an illu- others, although they are more dethese things are hidden from him; admit that Jesus rose, ascended, and A. L. Price, a university statistician, for this thing was not done in a cor- now lives in the glory and that there- who has just finished cataloguing est. (28) Then Agrippa said unto Paul, sunstroke and in his delirium fancied According to Price's statistics, com-Almost thou persuadest me to be a he saw Jesus, which amounts to the piled from the vital statistics of 10,249 Christian. (29 And Paul said, same thing. But the recorded facts do alumni, 58 per cent of an women over I would to God, that not only thou, but not fit at all the madness, or delirium 15 years old are married. Women

> Price sees a tendency for college women to wed men out of the univer-

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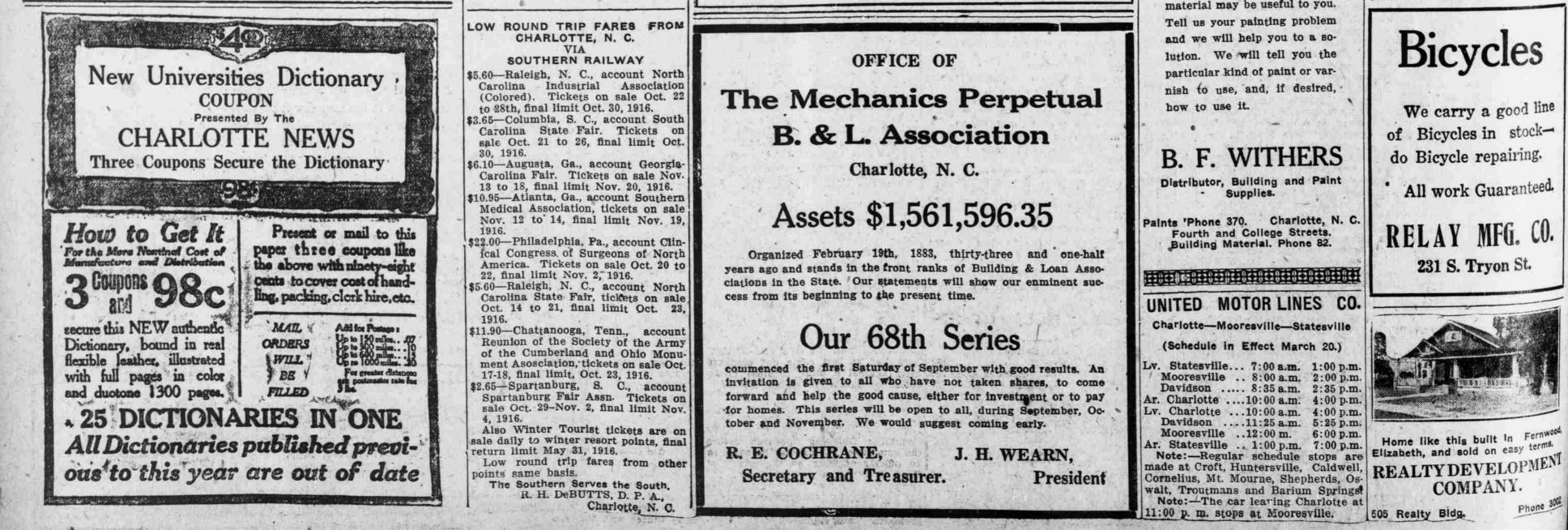
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III. "I would to God, that thou wert am." 29-32. Paul took Agrippa's word seriously. He was wise in doing so. He said "I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost and altogether (rather, might become both in little and in great) such as I am." How Paul's heart longed that Agrippa and every one in the company might become in everything, in little things and great things, thorough believers

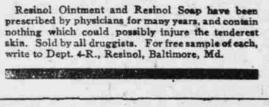
to his Lord Jesus. There was one thing in which he had no desire that they should be like him, he would have them escape the chains and bondage though they were responsible for his. What a glimpse we get here into his loving heart. He was willing and glad to suffer anything for Christ Jesus his Lord (2 Cor. 12, 10), but he would spare every one else. Paul felt in spite of his bonds that his position was higher and better than that of the king to whom he spoke. And it was. This final, pathetic, noble plea of Paul failed. The king would listen no longer. Pulling himself together he tried to appear judicial and magnanimous. He spoke a feeble word for Paul, but put aside Paul's Lord and perished. It is not patronizing a preacher, but accepting the Saviour, Jesus, whom the preacher presents that says, "This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar." Yes, but he would never have reached Rome, and the Pretorian guard.

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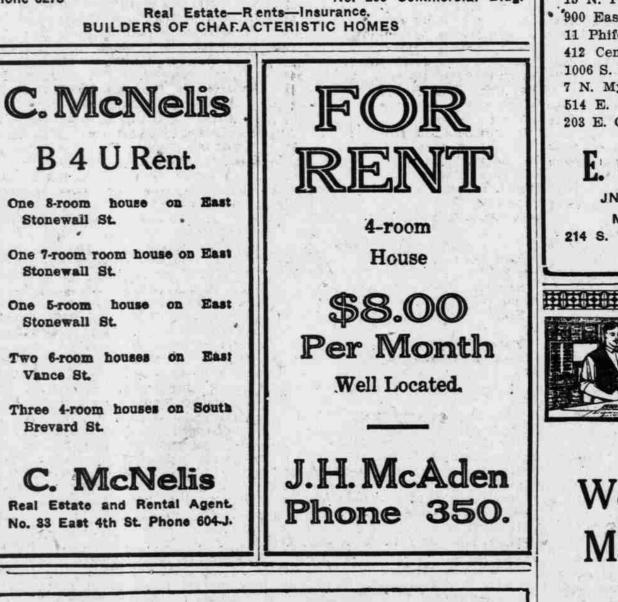


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