

A STRANGE MISTAKE.

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Said the old speckled hen
To her little ones ten—
And there wasn't a happier mother in
town—
"Pray, be careful and look
Should you go near the brook,
For if you fall in you will certainly
drown."
Now, the very next day,
As they trooped out to play,
They caught in the distance a silvery
gleam;
And away they all went,
As by common consent.
Till the whole half-a-score had been
plunged in the stream.
Oh! the cackling and cries:
Oh! the mother's surprise;
Don't you think 'tis a pity she couldn't
have known
That the farmer's lad Jake
Had made a mistake,
And given her duck's eggs in place of her
own?

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON V. [Aug. 1.]

PAUL'S MINISTRY IN CORINTH.

Acts 18. 1-11. Memory verses, 8-11

GOLDEN TEXT.

Other foundation can no man lay than
than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—
1 Cor. 3. 11.

OUTLINE.

1. Not Slothful in Business, v. 1-3.
2. Fervent in Spirit, v. 4-6.
3. Serving the Lord, v. 7-11.

THE LESSON STORY.

Paul did not stay long among the mock-
ing people of Athens. The Holy Spirit
showed him that he could help people
more in other places, and so he left Athens
and went to Corinth. This was the capi-
tal of Greece, and was a very gay city.
The Athenians liked to talk and to hear
of new things, but the Corinthians liked
to feast and to dance, and to play games.

Paul found lodging with Aquila, a Jew,
and his wife Priscilla, who were of the
same trade as himself—tentmakers. As
they sat and worked together Paul told
the story of Jesus, his Saviour, and they
soon learned to believe in him, too. Every
Sabbath Paul went to the synagogue and
preached, and soon he had the happiness
to see his loving helpers, Silas and Timothy,
who came from Macedonia. But, although
Paul preached so earnestly, only a few
Jews believed on Jesus, and the others
were so angry that he stopped going to

the synagogue and began to preach in the
house of a man named Justus. Many
Gentiles became Christians, and the chief
ruler of the synagogue, Crispus, and all
his family believed and were baptized.
Paul stayed in Corinth a year and a half,
and the Lord kept him from all harm, as
he had promised.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read about Paul in Corinth. Acts
18. 1-11.
Tues. Learn how he worked for his daily
bread. 2 Thess. 3. 7-10.
Wed. Find how Paul treated his opposers.
2 Tim. 2. 25.
Thur. Learn the foundation of Paul's
faith. Golden Text.
Fri. Learn the danger of refusing to
hear truth. Ezek. 33. 4.
Sat. Find why we need not fear to speak
for God. Jer. 1. 6-9.
Sun. Read the eleventh Psalm.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

Why did not Paul stay long in Athens?
Where did he go from there? What kind
of a city was Corinth? How was it un-
like Athens? With whom did Paul stay?
What was their trade? How did Paul
know this trade? He was taught it when
young. What was the Jewish custom?
To teach trades to their children? What
did Aquila and his wife learn from Paul?
Where did Paul preach every Sabbath?
Why did he stop preaching in the syna-
gogue? In whose house did he preach?
What helpers came from Macedonia?
What noble family believed? How long
did Paul stay in Corinth? What comfort-
ing promise did God give him?

PAUL WAS AN EXAMPLE—

In loving, faithful service.
In patient zeal and industry.
In willingness to obey God.

LESSON VI. [Aug. 8.]

WORKING AND WAITING FOR CHRIST.

1 Thess. 4. 9 to 5. 2. Memory verses, 16-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If I go and prepare a place for you, I
will come again, and receive you unto
myself; that where I am, there ye may
be also.—John 14. 3.

OUTLINE.

1. The Present Life, v. 9-12.
2. The Future Life, v. 13-2.

THE LESSON STORY.

It was a great joy to Paul to hear that
the believers in Macedonia were faithful.
Silas and Timothy went to Athens to be
with Paul, but he sent them back to Mace-
donia to teach the young Christians, for
fear they might be tempted to go back to
Satan.

One evening in Corinth Paul sat down
and wrote a letter on parchment to the
Church at Thessalonica. He had to send

this letter by a messenger, for there were
no post-offices and postmen in those days.
In the letter he urges the Christians to
love one another more and more, and to be
diligent and faithful in their work. And
then he comforts the Thessalonians whose
believing friends and relatives had died.
Paul know that we cannot help being
grieved when our dear friends leave us,
but we must not grieve like those who
have no hope. Jesus died, and rose from
the dead, and so we believe that we shall
be raised from the dead if we love and
follow him. The Lord Jesus said before
he went away that he should come back
again, and although we do not know when
he will come, we may be sure of it. Our
part is to believe him, work for him, and
wait for him.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read the lesson verses. 1 Thess.
4. 9 to 5. 2.
Tues. Find what Jesus said about loving
one another. John 15. 12-17.
Wed. Learn why we should be willing to
work. John 5. 17.
Thur. Learn Christ's comforting promise.
Golden Text.
Fri. Learn what the angels said. Acts
1. 11.
Sat. Find to whom Jesus will come
again. Heb. 9. 28.
Sun. Read some of the sweetest verses
in the Bible. John 14. 1-6.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

What good news did Silas and Timothy
bring to Paul? Why did they stay in
Macedonia? To whom did Paul write a
letter one evening? How were letters
written in those days? How were they
carried? What is this letter called in the
Bible? Where was Paul when he wrote
it? What did he urge the Thessalonians
to do? To whom did he speak words of
comfort? Why should not Christians
mourn for the dead like others? Why do
we believe in the resurrection? Can we
know when Jesus will come again? What
is our part to do?

LESSONS FOR ME.

To grow in the grace of loving.
To be faithful and diligent.
To work for Jesus and wait for him.

THE WEST WIND.

"See, mamma, I'm the wind!" said
Charlie, as he puffed out his cheeks and
blew his little boat across the great Sea of
Dishpan.

"Well," said busy mamma, "if you are
going to be a wind, I hope you will be the
clear, bright west wind, blowing away the
clouds and fogs. Never be a chilly, rainy
east wind."

Charlie liked the fancy; and now when
the east wind is blowing out of doors, and
people are dull and a little cross, he tries to
make sunshine indoors. He likes to hear
mamma say, "What bright weather my dear
West Wind is making here in the house!"