

## LESSONS.

1. The Scriptures prove Jesus to be the Christ.
2. Believers should identify themselves with Christ's people.
3. The gospel's conquests excite the world's envy and hatred.
4. The world's opposition often helps to spread the gospel.
5. Earnest searching of the Scriptures leads to faith in Christ.

**PAUL PREACHING IN ATHENS**

25th July.

Les. Acts. 17: 22-34. Gol. Text. John 4: 24.  
Mem. vs. 24-27. Catechism Q. 85.

*Time.*—Several months after last lesson.

*Place.*—Athens, capital of Greece and its principal seat of learning.

1. Declaring the true God. vs. 22-26.
2. Declaring men's duty to God. vs. 27-30.
3. Declaring a Day of Judgment. vs. 31-34.

## QUESTIONS.

- From where did Paul go to Athens ?  
Why did he go ?  
What aroused his indignation in Athens ?  
What did he do ?  
What was done with him ?  
Whom did he make known unto the Athenians ? Vs. 22-27.  
What is his argument in vs. 28, 29 ?  
What does God now command all men to do ?  
Who is meant by "that man whom he hath ordained" ? V. 31.  
What great doctrine did Paul plainly teach ?  
How were his hearers affected ?  
What were the results of his preaching ?

## LESSONS.

1. All men need to know and worship God.
2. The true God made all things, and rules the world.
3. We should all find God and serve Him.
4. There will be a resurrection and a judgment day.
5. Christ our Saviour will also be our Judge.—*Westminster Q. Book.*

## SURE SIGNS.

When a boy is patient and persevering and conquers difficulties, it is a sign he will make his mark in the world. If he worries and frets and stewes, it is a sign he is likely to die prematurely or live to little purpose. If he is in a hurry to spend each cent as he gets it, he will never be rich, but a spend-thrift. If he hoards up his pennies and will not part with one for any good cause, he is likely to be a miser. If he is careful and economical and generous, he may or may not be rich, but he will have the blessing of God, and if he is a Christian he will never want. If he is obedient to his parents he has the promise that his "days shall be long in the land." If he is lazy and indifferent and neglects his studies, he will grow up a dunce, and men cannot respect him. If he reads dime novels or low, trashy, vile, five-cent papers, instead of bright, helpful literature, he will likely end his days in a prison or upon the gallows. If he loves his Bible and his Church and his Sabbath-school, he will be good and useful and occupy an honorable position among men. Are you patient, persevering, prayerful, contented, careful, generous and good ? Are you trying to be ?  
—*Exchange.*

"When I am a big man I'm going to be a preacher," said Carl, one day. "Oh, ho ! You'll never know enough to preach," laughed his brother. "Well, if I can't preach, then I'll be a good man, and show what God likes us to be," Carl answered. "And you need not wait to be a man for that," added his mother. "Even little girls and boys can do that ; and it is after all the best kind of preaching."—*ScL.*

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