

*A SAFE HIDING PLACE.*

ONE morning a teacher went to the school room and found many vacant seats. Two little children lay at their homes cold in death, and others were very sick. A fatal disease had entered the village, and the few children present that morning at school, gathered round the teacher and said, "Oh, what shall we do? Do you think we shall be sick and die too?"

She gently touched the bell as a signal for silence, and observed, "Children, you are all afraid of this terrible disease and mourn the death of your dear little friends, and you fear you may be taken also. I know of only one way to escape, and that is to hide."

The children were bewildered, and the teacher went on: "I will read to you about the hiding place," and she read very softly and sweetly Psalm xci, 1-10: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

All were hushed and composed by the sweet words of the Psalmist, and morning lessons went on as usual.

At noon a dear little girl glided up to the desk, and said, "Teacher, are you not afraid of diphtheria?"

"No, my child," she answered.

"Well, wouldn't you if you thought you would be sick and die?"

"No, my dear, I trust not."

Looking at the teacher a moment with wondering eyes, her face lighted up as she said, "Oh, I know, you are hidden under God's

wings. What a nice place to hide in?"

Yes, this is the only true hiding place for old, or young, for rich, for poor—all. Do any of you know of a safer or a better.—*Selected.*

*ST. LUKE'S DAY.—OCT. 18TH.*

FROM a very early period a festival was dedicated in honor of St. Luke the Evangelist, and kept in all the churches. Very little is told us in Scripture of St. Luke's personal history. But it is thought he was born at Antioch, and was one of the seventy disciples sent out by the Saviour. St. Paul calls him "the beloved physician," Col. ii. 14, and these words evidently represent his profession. He journeyed with St. Paul while preaching the gospel and continued his work long after his aged companion's death. About twenty-two years after Christ's Ascension he wrote his gospel, and to him we owe also the Acts of the Apostles, the latter part of which relates events in his own experience. His book of the Acts was first published in Alexandria and was written under the guidance of St. Peter. He preached in Africa, and is believed to have suffered martyrdom. Tradition represents him as having been crucified on an olive tree at the age of eighty. His remains were brought by the Emperor Constantine to Constantinople and then laid in the splendid church built in honor of the Apostles. His gospel tells us much about the Priesthood of Christ and it is there fore typified by a winged bull. It is also called the Gospel of the Resurrection.