

OUR TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Would you have me tell to you
What the little people do?
Listen then, till I am through.

We together come each week,
Sit and learn, recite and speak:
And the truths of temperance seek.

Little soldiers in the fight;
We are working with our might,
For the pure, the good, and right.

Little temperance boys, you know,
Into temperance voters grow:
They, their colours always show.

Won't you join us heart and hand?
Help our little temperance band
By its pledge to firmly stand.

We no duty would neglect,
We do all you can expect;
And our officers elect.

With our service we go through
Just as older people do;
And new members take in, too.

We delight to pave the way
For a brighter, better day,
By our acts and what we say.

Perhaps you do not understand
How our work is done and plann'd;
How our forces we command.

If you don't, why, then you should;
Call on us, we'll do you good,
Come next week, we wish you would.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A.D. 30.] LESSON IX. [Aug. 28.

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR.

Acts 7. 54-60, 8. 1-4. Mem. verses, 57-60.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"He kneeled down and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."—Acts 7. 60.

What good man became one of Jesus' disciples? Stephen.

What made some of the Jews angry with him? He did wonderful works, and preached about Jesus.

What did his enemies hire some men to do? To say that he had spoken wicked words about God and about Moses.

Was this true? No; Stephen loved

God, and believed that Moses was sent by him, but he loved Jesus too.

What did Stephen do? He made a wonderful speech to his enemies.

Did this stop their anger? No, it only made them more angry.

What did Stephen see as he looked toward heaven? "The glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God."

What did the people do when Stephen told them what he saw? They stopped their ears and would not listen any more.

What more did they do? They cast him out of the city and stoned him to death.

What did Stephen do while they stoned him? He prayed.

As he was dying what did he say? "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."

Who was "consenting unto his death"? A young man named Saul.

What did Saul do after Stephen was buried? He tried to make people stop believing on Jesus, by putting them into prison or driving them from their homes.

Did he succeed? No; the people who left their homes went everywhere preaching and talking about Jesus.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was *Apollo*? An eloquent teacher, whom Priscilla and Aquila instructed in the Christian faith.

Who was *Timothy*? A young companion and helper of St. Paul.

A.D. 30.] LESSON X. [Sept. 4.

PHILIP PREACHING IN SAMARIA.

Acts 8. 5-25. Memory verses, 5-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"And there was great joy in that city."—Acts 8. 8.

Who was Philip? One of the deacons of the Church at Jerusalem.

Where did he go? To Samaria.

What did he do there? He preached to the people about Jesus, and cured many sick people.

Did Jesus' disciples try to tell everyone about him? Yes, they preached and taught wherever they went.

Ought we to do all we can to teach everybody in the world to love Jesus? What can you do?

Were the people glad to hear Philip? Yes; "There was great joy in that city."

What was the name of one man who believed? Simon, a sorcerer or juggler.

Do you suppose he cared most about what Philip said, or what he did?

Who also came to Samaria? Peter and John.

What did Simon want to buy of them? The power to work miracles.

What gave this power? The Holy Spirit.

What did Peter say? "Thy money perish with thee. . . Thy heart is not right in the sight of God."

How did Simon feel? He was frightened, and asked Peter to pray for him.

Was he sorry for his sin? Not really; but he did not want to be punished for it.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was *Titus*? Another companion of St. Paul, who was a minister in the island of Crete.

Who made you? God.

Who is God? God is our Father in heaven.

WASH YOUR HANDS.

CASES of infection that could be accounted for in no other way have been explained by the fingers as a vehicle. In handling money, especially of paper, door knobs, banisters, car-straps, and a hundred things that every one must frequently touch, there are chances innumerable of picking up germs of typhoid, scarlatina, diphtheria, smallpox, etc. Yet some persons actually put such things in their mouths, if not too large! Before eating, or touching that which is to be eaten, the hands should be immediately and scrupulously washed. We hear much about general cleanliness as "next to godliness." It may be added that here, in particular, it is also ahead of health and safety. The Jews made no mistake in that "except they washed they ate not." It was a sanitary ordinance as well as an ordinance of decency.

LOVE TESTED.

"I DO love God," said a little girl to her papa one day when he had been talking to her about loving God.

"Perhaps you think so, Maria."

"Oh, I do, indeed I do, papa!"

"Suppose, my child, you should come to me and say, 'Dear papa, I do love you,' and then go away and disobey me; could I believe you?"

"No, papa."

"Well, my child, how can I believe you love God, when I see you every day doing those things which he forbids? You know the Bible says, 'If ye love me keep my commandments.'"