



HAPPY DAYS.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**SECOND QUARTER.**

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF THE ACTS.

**LESSON VII. [May 18.]**

THE EARLY CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES.

Acts 13. 1-12. Memorize verses 2, 3.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.—Matt. 28. 19.

THE LESSON STORY.

In that church an Antioch which we heard about two weeks ago there were men besides Saul and Barnabas who could preach and care for the church. They were told by the Holy Spirit to let these two men go to do a work to which he called them. So they fasted and prayed, and then sent Saul and Barnabas out to be missionaries. They took a young man with them named John Mark, a nephew of Barnabas.

They first went to a large, beautiful island called Cyprus. It was the place where Barnabas was born. They sailed into the port called Salamis, and began to preach the Gospel there. The governor, Sergius Paulus, who lived on the other end of the island, which was about a hundred miles long, sent for the apostles to hear them preach, and they went gladly. There was a magician there named Elymas, who tried to keep the governor from believing the Gospel, but the Lord sent blindness upon Elymas for a time. A strange darkness fell over him, and he had to be led about by the hand. Here Saul began to be called Paul, and they sailed to Perga, and John Mark went back to Jerusalem.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What are missionaries? People sent to tell about Jesus.

What Church first sent out missionaries? The one at Antioch.

Who were they? Saul and Barnabas. Where were they sent? To the island of Cyprus.

Who wanted to hear them preach? The governor.

What was his name? Sergius Paulus. Who did not want to hear about Jesus? Elymas.

Who was Elymas? A bad man whose spirit eyes were blind.

What came upon Elymas? Blindness of the natural eyes.

When is the heart blind? When it turns away from Jesus.

To what was Saul's name now changed? To Paul.

Where did the missionaries go next? To Perga.

**LESSON VIII. [May 25.]**

PAUL AT ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA.

Acts 13. 43-52. Memorize verses 46, 47.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.—Acts 23. 38.

THE LESSON STORY.

When Paul and Barnabas left Cyprus they stopped at Perga, and then went on to Antioch in Pisidia. This was very different from the Antioch near the sea, for it was among the mountains. The apostles went into the synagogue, for it was the Sabbath day, and when Paul was asked to preach he rose and began telling the people there—and there were both Jews and Gentiles—the story of Jesus

and the salvation he came to bring. He told how he died and rose again, and was the Saviour of all who would believe on him.

Many of the Gentiles believed, but the Jews were angry with Paul and Barnabas. The apostles told them that the Gospel came first to them, but if they would not receive it they would turn to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were glad when they heard this, and thanked God, and helped to tell the Gospel story through all that region, but the Jews persecuted them, and sent them away. They went joyfully, for the Lord Jesus was with them, and came to Iconium. But the men who sent them away were not happy, for they had done a great wrong.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where were the missionaries now? At Antioch in Pisidia.

Where was this Antioch? Among the mountains.

Where were they on the Sabbath? In the synagogue.

Whom did they see there? Both Jews and Gentiles.

What were they asked to do? To preach.

Which one preached? Paul.

What did he say? That the Saviour had come.

Who believed him? Many Gentiles.

Who were very angry? The Jews.

What did they do? Drove the apostles away.

What is an awful sin? To refuse to hear about Jesus.

Where did the missionaries go next? To Iconium.

**HAPPY DAYS.**

BY CLAUDIA THARIN.

O the frost-king's reign is over!  
See the pink and plummy clover,  
And the daisies in the grasses  
Nodding to each breeze that passes;  
Watch the bee and butterfly  
Hum and buzz and flutter by,  
Stopping now and then to sip  
From a blossom's dewy lip.

Apple boughs are all a-blowing,  
Silver streams are all a-flowing;  
Violets ope wide their eyes  
In a rapturous surprise;  
Lilies dream beside the brooks,  
Hidden in the meadow nooks;  
And the birds, gone wild with glee,  
Fill the woods with melody.

Winds are soft, and fields are fair;  
Blue the sky, and sweet the air;  
And the happy blushing earth  
Laughs at every rose's birth.  
Golden days and silver nights,  
Hours a-brim with calm delights;  
Lilies chime, and bluebells ring:  
"Welcome, welcome to the spring!"