

Paul at Corinth.

AFTER Paul had told the Athenians about the one living and true God, he went to Corinth. Acts 18: 1. And there, every Sabbath day, he told all who would listen to him, of Jesus and His love.

How earnest he was, too! Everything that was said against Jesus he answered from the Bible; and showed the people that Jesus was sent from God, and begged of them to give up their sinful ways and believe in Him. While at Corinth, Paul gathered together many persons who loved Jesus, and formed them into a church there. The Jews, however, were angry with him, and took him before the Roman governor, and spoke against Paul's teaching. But the governor found that they could not say that Paul was wicked; so he drove them away. Paul was encouraged to go on in his work in a wonderful manner.

As he lay asleep, tired with his day's work, God spoke to him in a dream, "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace." Have courage, be bold in spite of all who oppose: tell to all men the good news of salvation by Jesus. "I am with thee;" and no man, neither Jew nor Greek, neither judge nor ruler, shall set on thee to hurt thee. How safe are all those who trust in God and do His will!



Only a Pin.

ONLY two or three days ago an overseer in the mills found a pin which cost the company about three hundred dollars."

"Was it stolen?" asked Susie. "I suppose it must have been very handsome. Was it a diamond pin?"

"Oh, no, my dear, not by any means. It was just such a pin as people buy every day, and use without stint. Here is one upon your dress."

"Such a pin as that cost three hundred dollars?" exclaimed John. "I don't believe it."

"But mamma says it's a true story," interposed Susie.

Yes, I know it to be true; and this is the way the pin happened to cost so much. You know that calicos, after they are washed and printed, are dried and smoothed by being passed over heated rollers. Well, by some mischance, a pin dropped so as to lie upon the principal roller, and, indeed, became wedged

into it, the head standing out a little way from the surface.

Over and over went the roller, and round and round went the cloth, winding at length upon still another roller until the piece was measured off. Then another piece began to be dried and wound; and so on until a hundred pieces had been counted off. These were not examined immediately, but removed from the machinery and laid aside. When at length they came to be inspected, it was found that there were holes in every piece throughout the web.

Of course the goods could not be classed as perfect goods, so they were sold as remnants, at less than half the price they would have brought had it not been for that hidden pin.

Now, it seems to me, when a boy takes for his companion a profane swearer, a Sabbath-breaker, or a lad

who is untruthful; and a little girl has for her playmate one who is unkind or disobedient, or in any way a wicked child, they are like the roller which took to its bosom the pin. That pin damaged irreparably four thousand yards of new print; but bad company has ruined thousands of souls for whom Christ died. Remember, "one sinner destroyeth much good;" therefore avoid evil companions. See what the Bible says about avoiding evil company:—"Enter

not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." Prov. 4: 14, 15.

Duty.

DO everything you have set you to do as if there were no one but you to do it, and as the Bible says, "do it with thy might."

Three Hard Words.

THE three words hardest to pronounce in the English language are, says a learned man, "I was mistaken."

Fredrick the Great once wrote to the Senate, "I have just lost a battle, and it was entirely my own fault."

Never be too proud to own yourself in the wrong, when it is the case with you.