

be filled. St. Matt. vii. 6. What else is needed? We must love God. How must we love Him? Above all things. St. Matt. xxii. 37. What do we learn from the Collect? First, That God's promises are infinitely great. Second, That our affections must be set on God Himself.

THE CATECHISM.

What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you? (Learn answer in Catechism.)

VICTORIES AT EPHEBUS.

Read Acts xix. 11-41.

Learn St. John iii. 19.

Of what province was Ephesus the capital? The province of Asia.

What was the great glory of the city? The Temple of Diana.

And what was enshrined in this temple? An image of the Goddess.

What now marks the city's site? Only ruin and desolation.

What miracles did St. Paul accomplish here? Ver. 11, 12.

Who strove to imitate him? 13. And what was the result?

Of what was the city full? Magicians, fortune-tellers, &c.

Were any of these people converted?

What shows their sincerity? They burned their magical books.

What was the value of these books?

How did they do this,—secretly? No, "before all men."

What charms did many of the Ephesians wear? Silver medals of Diana, or models of the temple.

By whom were these made? Workmen in the city.

What did this fashion produce? Great gain to the craftsmen.

What maker's name is specially mentioned? Ver. 25.

Why did their gains grow less? Through St. Paul's preaching many gave up wearing such superstitious charms.

What did the chief makers do? Called the workmen together.

On what course did they decide? To make out they were defending the Goddess.

Did they really care for Diana themselves? No, their losses prompted the action.

Whom did the people seize? Ver. 29.

Where did they assemble?

How were they appeased? By the tact and prudence of the town clerk, the chief functionary.

What testimony did he give in S. Paul's favour? Ver. 37.

What did he advise? An appeal to the assizes then being held.

Of what was all this another mark? God's interposition to protect His servants, and another victory for the truth.

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THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.