

rushed to his lodgings, and not finding him there, they dragged his two companions, Gaius and Aristarchus, with them into the theatre with great shouting and noise.

When Paul heard of the danger his two friends were in, he wanted to go at once and try what he could do to quiet the mob, but the believers and some of the city officers who were his friends held him back, knowing he would be torn to pieces.

In the theatre some were crying one thing and some another, for no one seemed exactly sure what the trouble was about. Then Alexander, motioning with his hand for all to be quiet, began to speak. But when the angry and excited crowd saw by his Jewish dress and face that he was a countryman of Paul's, they would not listen to him, but began shouting louder than ever, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians! Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

After the people had worn themselves out in shouting for two hours or more, the town-clerk came and put an end to the noise, saying, "Men of Ephesus, is there a man living who has not heard of the glorious temple of the Ephesians, and of your devotion to the great image that fell down from heaven?"

"Seeing, then, that these are things that cannot be spoken against, you ought to be quiet and to do nothing foolishly. If Demetrius and his workmen have a charge to bring against anyone, let them settle it before the rulers, but as for these whom you have arrested, take care what you do, for we are already in danger of getting into trouble with the governor."

When the mob heard this they were ashamed, and soon the meeting was broken up so that Paul and his companions were saved.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the believers in Ephesus offend their heathen neighbors? 2. Who stirred up trouble against the Christians? 3. Who was Demetrius? 4. Why was he afraid of the teaching of Paul? 5. What other reason did he give against it? 6. How did the crowd answer his speech? 7. What did they try to do to Paul? 8. Whom did they arrest? 9. Who prevented Paul from

entering the theatre? 10. Who first tried to quiet the angry mob? 11. How long did they continue shouting? 12. How were they at last quieted? 13. What did the town-clerk say? 14. The Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

God is my strong salvation,
 What foe have I to fear?
 In darkness and temptation,
 My light, my help, is near. Amen.
 —Hymn 273, Book of Praise.

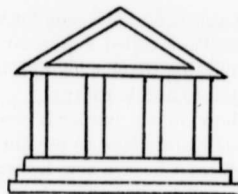
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—19. **Who takes care of the world?** God watches over all His works, and provides for the wants of every living thing.

SHORTER CATECHISM—67. *Which is the sixth commandment?* A. The six commandment is, Thou shalt not kill. 68. *What is required in the sixth commandment?* A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

This church is not very like your own, but it was in places like this that Paul often



spoke. They were called temples then, not churches. We need not go to a grand church to meet God. He is everywhere.

I Have Learned To-day
 THAT JESUS CAN OVERCOME MY SINS