

STUDY IN ADVANCE.

Ask the pupils to learn all they can about the temple, so as to be able to understand the references to it in next week's lesson.

Each week have something to say about the review at the end of the quarter. Now is the time to begin to prepare for it. Do so, by telling the pupils that the review will be a recalling of the persons of the various lessons with the truths learned in connection with each one. Ask them to make and keep a list of the persons studied about, and to add to it one name each Sunday. Our list to date is:

JESUS.
THE HOLY SPIRIT.
3000.

By Way of Illustration.

"*They were pricked in their heart.*" If a man is able to produce beautiful roses and delight his congregation with them Sunday after Sunday, by all means let him produce them; only let him take care to make his roses as God makes his—with thorns to prick the conscience of the hearer. The most cultivated roses often lose their power to bear seeds, and have very little fragrance because the aim of the cultivation has been mere beauty.—Dr. A. T. Pierson.

"*What shall we do?*" These were good listeners who asked at the close of the sermon, "What shall we do?" They were doers as well as hearers. This is surely a better question than, "How do you like our preacher's manner?" or "Don't you think Mrs. Blank should take this sermon home to herself?" "Pentecostal preaching" is a favorite theme with Church members," says Dr. Trumbull; "but there is not so much said as might be about pentecostal hearing. Pentecostal hearing prompts the hearers to say with great earnestness, 'What shall we do?'"

Verse 41. Carlyle, speaking of the Reformation, says: "Once risen into this divine white heat of temper, were it only for a season and not again, it is henceforth considerable through all its remaining history. Nations are benefited for ages by being thrown once into divine white heat in this manner. And no nation that has not had such divine paroxysms at any time is apt to come to much." Revival blessings do not cease with the special meetings; they bring us to a higher level of life and conduct.

"*They continued steadfastly.*" All the new vehicles are having what is called the "endur-

ance test." "Will it wear?" "Will it last?" are the questions we are constantly asking. Upon the endurance test of Christians depends the success of Christianity. A pastor was securing an assistant. Two young men applied. Of one it was said, "He is brilliant and efficient, but subject to variations in his zeal. You are never quite sure whether he will meet any given obligation." Of the other it was said, "He is noted not for great gifts, but for great faithfulness." The pastor knew at once which man he wanted.

Verse 47. One great source of the strength of the Salvation Army in these days is that they make every convert a worker; and though some of them make mistakes, it is a far better way than that of many Churches, which shut up the mouth of the convert for so long, lest he should make a mistake, that he presently forgets how to open it at all in things that are religious. Let the teacher teach that as soon as we believe that we have given our hearts to the Master we ought at once to begin to do something for him.—A. F. Schauffer.

Heart Talks on the Lesson.

While it is true that the Holy Spirit has been in the world actively engaged in the affairs of men, and that there was a day when he came in a new sense to abide and to do a special work in human hearts; so it is true that he is always present with every human soul to restrain and guide and teach, and there is a definite day in the soul's experience when he comes in a new sense to abide and to transform the life. This is what Jesus spoke of when he said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again; except a man be born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Never forget that the "must" of the Lord Jesus has vital significance. The new birth through the power of the Spirit is not a matter of opinion or of choice; it is a spiritual necessity which the Creator of the human soul understands and affirms. We inherit the kingdom only by birthright.

These persons who heard Peter's great sermon entered into a new experience suddenly. Their mental attitude was changed, and their hearts were filled with new emotions. They believed what had before seemed incredible; they were glad in the new belief; they lost their old selfishness and shared whatever they had with their less fortunate neighbors; they forgot to complain and worry about temporal things, being full of praise and thanksgiving; and the