

sword and cut off the ear of a servant of the high priest when His enemies laid hands on Jesus, Matt. 26 : 51. But a little while after that we are told Peter followed Jesus "afar off," for fear of the soldiers. Not very brave now ! Peter had told Jesus he would never deny Him, Matt. 26 : 35. Brave words ! but we shall see how weak after all Peter was, and let us beware of boasting.

Peter Denies Jesus—Here we see Peter in the court of the palace of the high priest (see Lesson Explained). He is beside the fire warming himself. Around him are the officers waiting to see what is to be done with Jesus. Tell of the maid servant's words to Peter and his denial of Jesus. He went out into the porch and the cock crew. What had Jesus told Peter about the cock crowing ? (Matt. 26 : 33, 34.) The maid followed him and pointing to him said to those around, "This is one of them ;" and Peter said, "I am not." After a while those standing around said to Peter, "You surely are one of His friends." Then something else bad in Peter came out. He began to use bad words, to swear as well as lie. "I do not know Him," and the cock crew a second time ! You see Peter thought he would never again be tempted to use the rough, swearing words he had often used when he was a fisherman. Poor, weak

Peter ! All his bravery gone ! His bad habits showing themselves again !

Golden Text—That is just what our Golden Text tells us (repeat). Peter thought he was standing upright and see how he is fallen now ! Jesus just looked at him and Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Another Chance—A young soldier got frightened when he saw the enemies' guns before his face. He turned and ran away. The military law says that soldier must be shot in punishment, but his general said, "We'll give him another chance," and he was again put in the front rank. This time he fought bravely and ever after was a brave soldier. Jesus gave Peter "another chance" (explain). Jesus always gives us another chance when we have done wrong and are sorry. He will help us to be brave.

"The Land of Beginning Again"—Tell of some beautiful verses called "The Land of Beginning Again" in which the writer pictures a wonderful place in which we might begin our lives all over again. Speak of some things which we would not do in such a land,—unkind, evil things. Now Jesus took Peter, and He will take us into this wonderful land.

Something to Remember—I SHOULD BE BRAVE.

FROM THE PLATFORM

PETER'S SELF-CONFIDENCE IN SORROW

Our Lesson to-day is about PETER (Print). Call upon one of the scholars to read Mark 14 : 29-31. This tells the story of Peter's SELF-CONFIDENCE (Print). Did Peter mean what he said when he professed such loyal attachment to Jesus ? We may be sure that he did. Ask what mistake he made, then. He was a little too sure of himself. He forgot the principle laid down in the Golden Text. Have the School repeat it. Our Lesson tells us how Peter fell into SIN (Fill in). Remind the School that it was a sudden temptation which came to Peter. He did not have time to think about it. Bring out the point that we must be prepared at all times for just such unexpected temptations. Evil watches for our unguarded moments. The close of the Lesson tells us of Peter's SORROW (Fill in) for his fall. But it was more than sorrow. It was sorrow which brought repentance.