

The Jews of the city, fearing that the mob would turn against them, since Paul was of their race, put forward one of themselves, a man named Alexander, to explain that they had nothing to do with Paul. The multitude would not listen to him, but kept shouting for two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

Then the town clerk, one of the chief officers of the city, came, and as soon as the people were somewhat quieted, he said, "Ye men of Ephesus, who is there among you who does not know that the people of our city are worshipers of the great goddess Diana, and of her image that fell down from heaven? Now, as no one denies this, you ought to be careful and do nothing rashly. For you have brought here these men called Christians, who have neither robbed your temple, nor spoken evil of your goddess. Therefore, if Demetrius and the other silversmiths have any complaints to make, they should bring the men before the law courts, and prove what evil they have done. For we are in danger of being blamed by our rulers for this day's disturbance, because we can give no reason for it." And when the town clerk had finished speaking, he sent the people away.

After the riot was over, Paul bade farewell to the Christians at Ephesus, and went away to Macedonia.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was the chief goddess of Ephesus?
2. How did many silversmiths make their living?
3. Who was the chief of the shrine-makers?
4. Whom did he call together?
5. What did he say to them?
6. What did the other silversmiths cry when they heard this?
7. Whom did they take prisoners?
8. Whither did they take them?
9. Who wished to follow?
10. Why did he not do so?
11. What did the people keep shouting?
12. For how long did they do this?
13. Who then came and spoke to the assembly?
14. What did he say they all knew?
15. What did he say they must be careful about?
16. What should the silversmiths have done?
17. Why would they be blamed for this disturbance?
18. What did the town clerk then do?
19. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

For all the gods are idols dumb,  
Which blinded nations fear;  
But our God is the Lord, by whom  
The heavens created were. Amen.  
—Ps. Sel. 69, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—42. What did Jesus do to save us from our sins?** Jesus obeyed God's law perfectly, and died for us.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?** A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

### The Question on Missions

8. Where do we get our teachers? Bright boys, who become Christians, are given pupil teachers' work, and are taught after school hours by the head teacher. Later they attend the Teachers' Training School in San Fernando, where they obtain Government diplomas according to their success in examinations. Besides the instruction by the missionary, Dr. Coffin conducts classes in the various mission centres.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color this image of Diana, the goddess whom the people of Ephesus used to worship.



How thankful we should be we know the true God who is our loving Father.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS CAN KEEP ME SAFE