

and magicians who until this time, had got their living by deceiving the people brought the ancient books which held all their magic rules and recipes and threw them in a great pile in the middle of the street.

And when they were gathered together, they set them on fire as a sign to all their neighbors that they no longer believed in witchcraft or magic or any such thing, but were now the servants of a new master, even Christ.

Now when the price of the books that had been burned was counted up, it was found to be as much as ten thousand dollars.

From this time the Church of God spread and grew mightily among the Ephesians, and no man could hinder it.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What made Paul well known besides his preaching? 2. For what did he use this power? 3. Who thought they could do the same things? 4. Why did the magicians wish to be able to work Paul's miracles? 5. Whom did two of them try to cure? 6. What did they say to the evil spirit? 7. How did he answer? 8. How were the sons of Sceva punished? 9. How did this failure bring honor to the name of Christ? 10. Why did the magicians and sorcerers burn their holy books? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

In the island of Fiji there once lived a savage and blood-thirsty king named Thakombau. Worse than all he was a cannibal and it is said that at one time there were no children in his village for the king had eaten them. But there was a power that touched the heart of this cannibal king.

When missionaries came to Fiji, little by little as Thakombau listened to the gospel his life was changed. In time he allowed his two great war drums which had never before sounded any call except to war or to a cannibal feast, to be used to summon worshippers to God's house, and later still he himself was baptized confessing his sins. Thakombau and his people became loving and gentle. Life is as safe in Fiji now as in any part of the world. Is not the gospel

which has wrought this change the very power of God?

Lesson Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
To crown Him Lord of all. Amen.
—Hymn 90, Book of Praise.

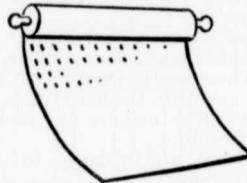
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—18. What do God's works tell us about Him? God's works tell us of His wisdom, His power, and His love.

SHORTER CATECHISM—66. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment? A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How would you like to have your picture-books in long rolls like this?
Long ago people read from "scrolls" as



they were called instead of books like ours. All the letters that Paul wrote, that we have in our Bible, were written on scrolls.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WILL GIVE ME THE
HOLY SPIRIT