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When Mother Prays.

BY H. S. W.

THE ear of heaven bendeth low
When mother prays,
And I am better then, I know,
When mother prays.
The disappointments of the day,
The worry of the toilsome way,
The fretfulness and longing cease,
Heaven breathes my troubled soul to peace,
And love and trust in God increase
When mother prays.

A Sabbath-day it seems to me
When mother prays,
A day of rest and purity
When mother prays.
Faith whispers from the trembling lip,
And angels in glad fellowship,
With loving ministrations bear
The myrrh and frankincense of prayer
To him who doth all burdens share,
When mother prays.

Gennesaret's storm-tossed waves grow calm
When mother prays,
And Gilead yields a healing balm,
When mother prays.
Upon the slopes of Olivet
I see His form through eyelids wet,
Who toiled in dark Gethsemane,
And bore the cross to make me free,
And I am near to Calvary
When mother prays.

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LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF PAUL.

A. D. 52.] LESSON I. [July 2.

PAUL CALLED TO EUROPE.

Acts 16. 6-15.] [Memory verses, 14, 15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.—Matt. 28. 19.

OUTLINE.

1. The Vision, v. 6-10.
2. The Visit, v. 11-15.

PLACE.—Troas, in Mysia (Asia Minor), and Philippi, in Macedonia (Europe).

CONNECTING LINKS.

The last lesson from the Acts (studied December, 1892), presented (1) the report of Paul and Barnabas to the apostles in Jerusalem concerning the dissensions which had arisen in the church at Antioch; (2) the ad-

dress of James; and (3) the letter to the churches which was sent by the apostolic council. The links between that lesson and this are (1) the return to Antioch of Paul and Barnabas, together with the messengers of the apostolic Church (Acts 15. 30-34; (2) Peter's visit to Antioch, and his rebuke by Paul (Gal. 2. 11-14); (3) the determination of Paul and Barnabas to visit the churches together, and the strife which arose between them because of Mark; (4) the starting of Paul and Silas on their journey through Syria and Cilicia.

EXPLANATIONS.

"Forbidden by the Holy Ghost"—The Spirit kept them at that time from preaching in Asia, in order to send them to Europe. "A vision"—This was a dream sent by the Lord to direct Paul. "To go into Macedonia"—This lay across the Aegean Sea, in Europe. "Loosing"—Setting sail. "Colony"—A Roman city having the right to govern itself. "River side"—The Jews worshipped by rivers when they had no synagogue. "Spake unto the woman"—The first gospel sermon in Europe was preached to a little company of women. "Seller of purple"—Of purple dyes, or of dry goods dyed purple. "She attended"—Heard with willingness to believe. "Faithful to the Lord"—A disciple of Christ. "Constrained"—Urged earnestly.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where does this lesson show—

1. The guidance of the Holy Spirit?
2. The characteristics of a Christian evangelist?
3. The characteristics of a sincere convert?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What appeared to Paul in the night? "A vision." 2. Where did this vision lead Paul to go? "Into Macedonia." 3. What command of our Lord was Paul now obeying? Golden Text: "Go ye therefore," etc. 4. Where did the apostles go on the Sabbath? "Where prayer was wont to be made." 5. What is said of Lydia? "The Lord opened her heart."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Universal redemption. Verse 9.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

1. What do you mean by the attributes of God?

All the perfections of his nature.

2. What do the Scriptures teach concerning God's attributes?

That he is omnipresent and almighty; that he is omniscient and all-wise.

Jer. 23. 24; Psalm 139. 7-12.

It is a great mercy to have the Gospel of peace, but it is far greater to have the peace of the Gospel.

RELIGIOUS CONGRESSES.

AN inspiring idea has caught the managers of the World's Fair. The display of products showing the progress and present achievements of civilization, in science, art and industry, is not to occupy the exclusive attention of sight-seers. It is a matter of gratifying importance that the religious condition and progress of the race are to be indicated by a great congress which is to include representatives of the religions of the civilized peoples of the world. This is the most significant note of universal brotherhood which has yet been heard. It will be an occasion of the greatest moment when men who profess the different religions of the world, stand side by side giving reasons for the faith that is in them. We may expect, therefore, to see such an assembly of religious representatives as was never before brought together—truly a great cosmopolitan gathering. Christians of all denominations, Buddhists, Shintoists, Mohammedans, Brahmans—in short, every kind of faith which has influenced the spiritual life of nations will be there represented. The apologists for heathen faiths can hardly fail to be touched by the kindness which will greet them and provide for their entertainment. They will see, at least, that the Christian religion is as wide as the world in its desire for good-will.

THE TOBACCO BILL.

"WHY do you consider the use of tobacco so hurtful, physically?"

"Experiments have proved that nicotine, the active principle of tobacco, is a rank poison. Nicotine obtained by distillation from the plant is exceedingly powerful. A drop of the concentrated solution is sufficient to kill a dog, and its vapour will kill caged birds."

"Is it possible?"

"Yes; and it is, of course, detrimental to the health of man, though a slow poison. An acquaintance of mine under a physician's care for acute disease was told by him that his medicine was counteracted, in his case, by the nicotine pervading the whole system."

We are told to put aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us. Now if a man's mouth and pockets are lined with tobacco—these are weights—for habit is very powerful, and anything that becomes a habit with us, becomes the master whom we serve. Habits are chains far stronger than those forged from iron.

If a man smokes only one ten-cent cigar daily, it amounts in the course of a year to

\$36.50. If he indulges in three daily, it amounts to \$109.50. Now think of a person throwing away—worse than throwing away—one hundred and nine dollars and a half! Carry your computation still further, and see what it will be in ten years. Remember how many loaves of bread, at ten cents a loaf, \$109.50 would give poor hungry children whose mothers may have given them the last crust.

CATCHING MONKEYS.

BY EVANGELIST CHARLES W. M'CROSSAN.

I ONCE saw a monkey in great distress. He gazed very curiously for some time at a spring lock, then put his finger into it. The lock snapped, and Mr. Monkey was a prisoner. He looked very foolish when caught and very thankful when liberated. Monkeys, like girls and boys, are great imitators. In Africa, where thousands of monkeys live in the trees, men catch them in the following ways:

1. They sit on the ground and pull their boots off and on until the monkeys get quite excited, watching them. Then the men scatter boots, with some very sticky substance inside, under the trees. As soon as the men leave, the monkeys drop down and pull on the boots. But they can't get them off again. Monkeys can't climb trees with boots on, so get caught.

2. Another plan is to set pans of water on the ground and wash in them. Then the water is poured out and the pans are filled with sticky stuff, like mucilage. The monkeys try to wash in it and get stuck.

3. About the meanest trick is when the men drink water out of some bottles and then leave intoxicating liquor for the monkeys. They drink it and when drunk are easily caught.

The most natural thing for boys and girls to do, is to imitate bad men and women. This is the plan Satan adopts to catch thousands of boys and girls. Boys, don't smoke, drink, swear or listen to bad stories. Avoid the saloons as you would rattle-snakes. Girls, don't listen to bad girls or women talk. Be pure, be noble, be holy. A boy or girl is known by the company shunned as well as the company kept.

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