

to know that no accident can ever disturb the sure and steady movement of that power !

For we are also his offspring, v. 28.

"For good ye are and bad, and like to coins Some true, some light, but every one of you Stamped with the image of the King."

It is true of every one of us that we bear upon us the image of God.

The Image of the King Marred and defaced that image may have become through our sin and folly, but it is never destroyed, and His grace can make it shine out again as clear and bright as the face of a coin fresh from the mint.

Judge the world, v. 31. What a brilliant scene a large modern hotel makes, when it is all alight in the evening ! What a vast amount of electricity must be

The Record daily consumed in it ! Day after day, night after night, some rooms burn a hundred lights, some ten, some one. How can an exact account be ever kept of the consumption of all that electric current ? The proprietor leads you beneath a double stairway. He lights a candle, and holds it to the face of the meter. "Look", he says, "that meter indicates precisely how much electricity has passed through this meter in the last three months. There is the record for you !" Yes, every atom of energy that passed along these hundreds of wires has been registered, and every thought, plan, imagination, word or deed in the complex life of a boy or girl is

being registered also. Not an oath, a lie, a slander, or an evil suggestion but has left its legible and indelible mark ; and God shall "judge the world" !

Some mocked, v. 32. It is a sad thing when any one is so devoid of reverence, as to make religion the subject of a joke. It is a dangerous thing as well.

Sports that Kill On one section of an express train was a young man whose mind was always running on some frivolity. friends warned him, but he said, "I want a joke on the conductor." He pulled the cord, the brakes went on immediately and the train came to a standstill in a sharp curve. The joker began to laugh, as the trainmen hurried about to find the cause of the stoppage. But the laugh was of short duration, for the second section of the train, running on a special permit, and imagining that the first section was far in advance, came bounding round the curve behind it and caused a wreckage where many valuable lives were lost. It was all meant to be a huge joke on He thought what a joke it would be on the conductor to pull the air brakes cord. His the conductor, but there are sports that kill,—none more so than those which foolishly make God the butt of their mockery. Sad tragedies are not far distant, when men delight in a joke at the expense of morality or religion. Whatever we are, let us always be reverent.

TEACHING HINTS

This section embraces teaching material for the various grades in the School.

For Teachers of the Older Scholars and Bible Classes

Get the class to describe Athens as it was when Paul reached it (see Geography Lesson), the most beautiful city in the world, beautiful for situation, and made more beautiful by art and architecture, proud of its schools of learning, to which students came from all the world, proud of its wealth and culture, proud of its past and proud of its present. What can the gospel do for a city like this ? Has it anything to offer that will make Athens a better city ?

1. Note the impression Athens made upon

Paul, v. 16. Was he incapable of appreciating beauty in nature and art and architecture ? Was he incapable of appreciating the advantages of education and culture ? Why does he not go into raptures over the city, as strangers were wont to do ? He is troubled over what he has seen, for he realizes that, in spite of all their wisdom and art and wealth and culture, the people know not God, and know nothing of life in its highest and most blessed experiences.

Impress upon the class that, if Athens could not work out her own salvation without Christ, what can the heathen world of to-day do ? Athens had not succeeded in producing a high type of character. The gossipy type (v. 21) is always of inferior make.