

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 9.] PAUL OPPOSED AT EPHESUS. [AUGUST 29.

Acts 19. 21-34.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Take heed and beware of covetousness.—Luke 12. 15.

MEMORY VERSES, 24-26. (Read chap. 19. 1, to 20, 3.)—For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Paul now came to the great and wicked city of Ephesus. Here nearly all the people worshipped idols. There was one very beautiful temple built in honour of Diana. The idol-worshippers used to buy little silver temples with idols inside, which they took to their homes.

In Ephesus there was a man named Demetrius who had grown rich making these shrines. After Paul came to the city and preached the Gospel, he did not sell so many as he had before. So he called a meeting of the silversmiths and told them that if Paul stayed there they would soon have no more work to do, and they grew very angry and shouted, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." Then the crowd seized two of Paul's helpers, but God did not let these good men be harmed, and soon the uproar ceased.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. For what was Ephesus noted?

For idol-worship.

2. What idol was worshipped?

The goddess Diana.

3. What did people buy who worshipped Diana?

Little silver shrines.

4. Why were the silversmiths angry with Paul?

Because he hurt their trade by teaching people to believe in the true God.