

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Where was Paul now?  
Which one of Paul's missionary journeys was this? **The third.**  
For what was Ephesus noted?  
How did the wizards do their strange deeds?  
What idol was worshiped in Ephesus?  
What did many people buy who worshiped Diana?  
What silversmith became angry at Paul?  
Why?  
What did he do?  
What excited the people?  
What great cry did they raise?  
Who were seized and dragged to the theater?  
What was the theater? **A place for public games.**  
Who wanted to go and speak to the people?  
**Paul.**  
Why did not his friends let him? **He might have been killed.**  
Who brought Paul's helpers safely out? **The Lord.**  
**God's Words.**  
"Love of money is the root of all evil."  
"Let your conversation be without covetousness."  
"Covet earnestly the best gifts."

### THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What led to the uproar at Ephesus? **Fear of the overthrow of Diana.**
2. Why did the Ephesians fear this? **Partly from superstition, partly from love of money.**
3. Who was the leader of the uproar? **Deme-trius, a silversmith.**
4. To what place did the people take two of Paul's companions? **To the theater.**
5. Whom did the Jews put forward to represent them? **Alexander.**
6. With what cry did the mob drown his voice? **"Great is Diana of the Ephesians."**
7. What is the warning of our GOLDEN TEXT? **"Take heed," etc.**

### OUR CHURCH CATECHISM.

58. What is the Providence of God?  
The Providence of God is His preservation of all His creatures, His care for all their wants, and His rule over all their actions.  
Acts xvii. 28. In Him we live, and move, and have our being.

### THE LESSON OUTLINE.

#### The Spirit of Persecution.

#### I. A MERGONARY SPIRIT.

*Our craft is in danger.* v. 27.  
Love of money....root of all evil. 1 Tim. 6. 10.  
Teaching....for filthy lucre's sake. Titus 1. 11.

#### II. A SUPERSTITIOUS SPIRIT.

*The great goddess Diana.* v. 27.  
He feedeth on ashes. Isa. 44. 20.  
An idol is nothing. 2 Cor. 8. 4.

#### III. A PASSIONATE SPIRIT.

*They were full of wrath.* v. 28.  
Every man be....slow of wrath. James 1. 19.  
Hasty of spirit, exalteth folly. Prov. 14. 29.

#### IV. A VIOLENT SPIRIT.

*Having caught....Paul's companions.* v. 29.  
*Suffer as a Christian.* 1 Peter 4. 16.  
Killeth you will think....service. John 16. 2.

#### V. AN IGNORANT SPIRIT.

*Knew not whereof....come.* v. 32.  
Brutish in his knowledge. Jer. 10. 14.  
They that make....like unto them. Psalm 115. 8.

#### VI. AN UNJUST SPIRIT.

*Neither robbers....nor yet blasphemers.* v. 37.  
Do well, and suffer for it. 1 Peter 2. 20.  
Persecuted for righteousness' sake. Matt. 5. 10.

### EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL NOTES.

For three years the apostle Paul had labored at Ephesus, and now his restless spirit was urging him to the lands beyond. He had planted a Church, which was perhaps the most intelligent of any resulting from his ministry; a Church which could appreciate the sublime thoughts of the Epistle to the Ephesians, called by Coleridge "the divinest composition of man;" a Church over which a Timothy was to take the apostle's place, and in which a John was to write his gospel; a Church, too, which should overshadow the Temple of Diana, and stand in triumph above its ruins. He had spread the knowledge of Christ abroad through all Proconsular Asia, and from the Euxine to the Taurus had caused the Gospel to become a recognized power. He had written to the Church at Corinth his First Epistle, and was now ready to follow it in person, when his departure was delayed, not hastened, by a sudden burst of