

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 11.]

PAUL'S LAST WORDS.

[DEC. 12.

2 Tim. 4. 1-8, 16-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.—2 Tim. 4. 7.

MEMORY VERSES, 6-8.—(Read verses 1-22.) For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith :

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day : and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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

## LESSON STORY.

To day's lesson is taken from what is believed to be Paul's last letter. He urges Timothy to work earnestly and constantly for God. It is his business to teach God's word, to tell people their sin, and to call them to repent and live better lives.

There is need of diligence, Paul says, for the time is coming when false teachers will creep into the church.

Paul believed that he would soon die, and he says he is ready to go, for he knows there is a crown waiting which the Lord will give him. When Paul was called before Nero, no man stood by to speak for him, but the Lord stood by and strengthened him to speak boldly for Christ, and he felt sure that God would save him from evil and preserve him in his heavenly kingdom.

## LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. To what does Paul urge Timothy?

*To work earnestly and constantly for God.*

2. What was Timothy's work?

*The work of a preacher.*

3. What should we be?

*Earnest in good work.*