

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

Let the love of God.
Wondrous words.
Lord, I hear of showers of blessing.
Love divine.
O for a heart to praise my God.

O sing the power of love divine.
O my Saviour, how I love thee.
God loved the world of sinners lost.
We come thy praise to sing.
Happy the souls to Jesus joined.

References.

FREEMAN. Ver. 1: Cymbals, 456. Ver. 12:
"Glass," 867.

Blackboards.



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LESSON IX. PAUL OPPOSED AT EPHEBUS.

Aug. 29.

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

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

REVISED VERSION.

Acts 19. 21-34. [Commit to memory verses 24-26.]

[Read chapter 19. 1, to 20. 3.]

21 After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Mac-e-do-ni-a and A-cha'i-a, to go to Je-ru-salem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. And having sent into Mac-e-do-ni-a two of them that ministered unto him, Ti-mo'thy an-i E-ras'tus, he himself stayed in A-si-a for a while.

22 So he sent into Mac-e-do-ni-a two of them that ministered unto him, Ti-mo'the-us and E-ras'tus; but he himself stayed in A-si-a for a season.

23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

24 For a certain man named De-me'tri-us, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Di-an-a, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

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

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Eph'e-sus, but almost throughout all A-si-a, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at naught; but also that the temple of the great goddess Di-an-a should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all A-si-a and the world worshipeth.

28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Di-an-a of the E-phi'e-si-ans.

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Ga'ius and Ar-is-tar-chus, men of Mac-e-do-ni-a, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theater.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 And certain of the chiefs of A-si-a, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theater.

21 Now after these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Mac-e-do-ni-a and A-cha'i-a, to go to Je-ru-salem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. And having sent into Mac-e-do-ni-a two of them that ministered unto him, Ti-mo'thy an-i E-ras'tus, he himself stayed in A-si-a for a while.

23 And about that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way. For a certain man named De-me'tri-us, a silversmith, which made silver shrines of Di-an-a, brought no little business unto the craftsmen; whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this business we have our wealth. And ye see and hear, that not alone at Eph'e-sus, but almost throughout all A-si-a, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods,

27 which are made with hands: and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Di-an-a be made of no account, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence, whom all A-si-a and the world worshipeth. And when they heard this, they were filled with wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Di-an-a of the E-phi'e-si-ans. And the city was filled with the confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theater, having seized Ga'ius and Ar-is-tar-chus, men of Mac-e-do-ni-a,

30 Paul's companions in travel. And when Paul was minded to enter in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. And certain also of the chief officers of A-si-a, being his friends, sent unto him and besought him not to adven-