

pany called Christians, everybody speaks against them."

Then Paul fixed a day when the Jews might again come to his house to hear him explain the gospel more fully.

At the appointed time Paul's rooms were again crowded. And from morning until evening he taught the people, proving from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ whose coming had been promised.

Some believed the words that were spoken, and some believed not. And for two whole years Paul lived in his own house and preached the gospel to the people of Rome, no man preventing him. During this time, also, he wrote some of the letters which we have in the New Testament.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How was Paul treated in Rome? 2. What freedom was he allowed? 3. Why did he send for the Jews? 4. What did he say to them? 5. How did he speak about his own people? 6. What did the Jews ask him about Christ? 7. How did Paul arrange that they should hear the gospel? 8. How did he prove that Jesus was the Christ? 9. How long did he preach to the people of Rome? 10. How did they receive his message? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A missionary from South America tells the following true story:

A lad of fifteen, a convert of the mission in Brazil, had been exceedingly kind to an old heathen woman whom the missionaries hoped to win over to the love of the Saviour.

Amongst other things, the young lad planned to take her to an entertainment at the mission. He gave her his arm and escorted her—it was in the daytime—through the city streets to the hall. What a hard trial for a boy! When he came to take her back, the ladies thought he was too early.

"Oh!" he said, "if you knew how long it took us to get here, you would not think it too early! We had to just crawl." So you see it was no short trial.

But the effort of this poor boy was crowned with success. In time the old woman became a real Christian; and his self-denial received a rich reward.

Lesson Hymn

I love to tell the story:
'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word.

Amen.

—Hymn 557, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—32. **What evil did Adam's sin bring upon us all?** We have all been born with a sinful heart.

SHORTER CATECHISM—82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word and deed.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

There is no other place just like home.
Though the house across the street looks al-



most the same, there is something very different about it, to you. Home is the only place where every one knows you, and every one loves you. It is the place where you spend your happiest hours and, however long you live, you will never forget it. Was Paul's home in Rome such a comfortable one as yours?

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD BE EARNEST