

Primary Quarterly for Little Folks.

Dear Children :

Our little book this Quarter is all about Paul. Paul was a brave man. A brave man is sometimes called a hero. Paul was a hero. The Bible tells us about Paul and this Quarter we are going to learn about him from our Bibles. A hero is one who is not afraid to do right. When God wants a brave boy or girl he knows where to find one. He wanted a man to do a great work for him and so he chose Paul. If we would please God, we will try to be like Paul. Let us then learn about him.

First Lesson.	Is about Paul the	WILLING	Hero.
Second "	" "	SUFFERING	"
Third "	" "	FEARLESS	"
Fourth "	" "	PREACHING	"
Fifth "	" "	CHEERFUL	"
Sixth "	" "	TRUSTING	"
Seventh "	" "	FAITHFUL	"
Eighth "	" "	PREPARED	"
Ninth "	" "	WATCHFUL	"
Tenth "	" "	HUMBLE	"
Eleventh "	" "	VICTORIOUS	"
Twelfth "	" "	REWARDED	"

Let us learn to be a brave christian like Paul was, and let us pray this Quarter that God may make us true heroes, not afraid of anything, but—doing wrong.

Your loving friends,

MR. & MRS. G. H. ARCHIBALD.

SESSION PROGRAMME

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Primary Department.



I. SILENCE.

II. PRAYER.

III. LESSON HYMN FOR THE QUARTER

Stand up ! stand up for Jesus !
Ye soldiers of the cross ;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss ;
From victory unto victory
His army will He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up ! stand up for Jesus !
Stand in His strength alone
The arm of flesh will fail you
Ye dare not trust your own ;
Put on the gospel armour,
And, watching unto prayer,
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

IV. RECITATION.

Superintendent—I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

Teachers and children—For it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

Superintendent—Be strong in the Lord.

Teachers and children—And in the power of his might.

Superintendent—Fear thou not for I am with thee.

Teachers and children—Be not dismayed for I am thy God.

Superintendent—I will strengthen thee.

Teachers and children—Yea, I will help thee.

All together—Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON.

VI. BIRTHDAY OFFERING.—(With birthday prayer).

VII. REPEAT GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER—(In concert).

VIII. MOTION SONG.

IX. INTIMATIONS.

X. COLLECTION.

XI. TEACHER'S FIFTEEN MINUTES.—(Roll taken, Golden Text and Lesson Story taught).

XII. WARNING BELL.—(3 minutes for teachers to close lesson, re-adjust seats, and get in order for superintendent's lesson from the desk).

XIII. HYMN.

XIV. LESSON REVIEW AND APPLICATION BY SUPERINTENDENT OR ONE OF THE TEACHERS.

XV. PRAYER.

XVI. PARTING HYMN.

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS, ETC., AND PREPARATION FOR DISMISSION.

XVIII. DISMISSION.



LESSON I—October 3rd, 1897.

Paul's Last Journey to Jerusalem. Acts 21: 1-15.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." Acts 21: 13.



1 And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Co'os, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Pat'a-ra:

2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phe-ni'ci-a, we went aboard, and set forth.

3 Now when we had discovered Cy'prus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syr'i-a, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Je-ru'sa-lem.

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptol'e-ma'is, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Cæs'a-re'a:

and we entered into the house of Phil-ip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Ju-de'a a certain prophet named Ag'a-bus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Je-ru'sa-lem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Je-ru'sa-lem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Je-ru'sa-lem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, the will of the Lord be done.

15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Je-ru'sa-lem.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

MASTER speak ! and make me ready,
When thy voice is truly heard
With obedience glad and steady
Still to follow every word,
I am listening, Lord, for Thee,
Master, speak, O speak to me.

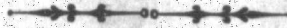
MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—2 Tim. 4: 6.
TUESDAY—2 Tim. 4: 7.
WEDNESDAY—Phil. 2: 17.
THURSDAY—Rom. 8: 35.
FRIDAY—2 Pet. 1: 14.
SATURDAY.—Acts 20: 24.
SABBATH—Acts 21: 13.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.



IN the middle of a beautiful square in the city of St. John, N. B., stands a monument erected to the memory of a noble boy. His name was Fred. Young. A few years ago during an awful storm, Fred, whilst standing beside the sea-shore, saw a boy much smaller than himself fall off a wharf, into the water. He knew the boy would be drowned if some one did not go to his assistance. There was no one near who was willing to help the boy. Fred. knew this and knew there was great danger, for the storm was raging, and the winds were high, but he was willing to risk his life to save that boy. He put a life preserver around him, and gave the life-lines to some one who was standing on the shore. Then he made his way out in the water, until he reached the drowning boy. He seized him, and had only strength to lift himself up in the water, and call to the man who had hold of the life-lines—"Now haul us in." But the man had let the life-line slip through his hands, and Fred. Young, and the boy he had tried to save, were both drowned. Fred. was a hero, he was willing to risk his life for the sake of another. If ever you go to St. John, N. B., you can see the monument that stands in the middle of King's Square.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—After Paul said farewell to the churches at Ephesus where did he go?
- 2.—At whose house did he and his companions stay at Caesarea?
- 3.—What did the prophet foretell about Paul?
- 4.—What kind of a man was Paul?

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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Make me always ready to hear and willing
to obey Thy voice.

LESSON II—October 10th, 1897.

Paul a Prisoner at Jerusalem. Acts 22 : 17-30.

GOLDEN TEXT : "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." I Pet. 4: 16.



17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Je-ru'sa-lem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste and get thee quickly out of Je-ru'sa-lem : for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee :

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Ste-phen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart : for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and *then* lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a *fellow* from the earth : for it is not fit that he should live.

23 And as they cried out, and cast off *their* clothes, and threw dust into the air.

24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by

scourging ; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Ro'man, and uncondemned ?

26 When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest : for this man is a Ro'man.

27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Ro'man ? He said, Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, but I was *free* born.

29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him : and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Ro'man, and because he had bound him.

30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from *his* bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

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WHAT sorrows may my steps
 attend
 I cannot now foretell:
 But if the Lord will be my Friend,
 I know that all is well.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK

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 MONDAY—2 Pet. 4: 13.
 TUESDAY—2 Pet. 4: 14.
 WEDNESDAY—Acts 5: 41.
 THURSDAY—Matt. 5: 10.
 FRIDAY—Matt. 5: 11.
 SATURDAY—Matt. 5: 12.
 SABBATH—2 Pet. 4: 16.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

AN apple woman sat where Joe passed every day. The school boys and telegraph boys from an office building bought the good things she had to sell. She was growing very old, so that her basket was too heavy for her. She had to get up early, so that her son might carry it before he went to work, and she sat all day till he could take it back. One morning her son's wife said, "Mother, I don't like you going out in this cold. If I were well, I would not let you." "No, daughter," said the old woman. "While I have strength I must earn my share." But she was very tired. That is the reason she went sound asleep. If the office boys had known this they would not have robbed her. But as they waited for messages to deliver, they saw only an apple woman asleep in her shawl, with a basket of goodies beside her. One suggested hiding it; another, emptying it; and quicker than it takes to tell, their fingers had taken everything. If the woman had awakened then, she would have been broken-hearted. But she slept on. Joe came up as the boys were stealing. He was smaller than they and could not fight them. But he had the courage God gives all who try to "do the right," so he said, "Put these back or I'll tell a policeman!" "Tell," said a boy with a mouth full of cooky. Just then the manager came out, the boys' employer. They tried to scurry back, but it was too late. Joe told what the man could not see. The boys were glad then to put back all they could, and the manager made them pay well for what was destroyed. Joe was trembling when it was over, for the boys cast black looks at him, but he was glad he had been brave and willing to suffer for the sake of others, for he knew it was right.

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 MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—What did the Jews try to do to Paul when he went to Jerusalem?
- 2.—Who rescued Paul from the Jews?
- 3.—Where was he then taken?
- 4.—Why was he not beaten by the Roman soldiers?

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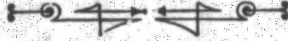


MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

©R God! Make me strong to do the right, even though
 I may have to suffer for it.

LESSON III—October 17th, 1897.

Paul before the Roman Governor. Acts 24: 10-25.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee." Isa. 41: 10.



10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered. Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years ^{resident} unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Je-ru'sa-lem for to worship.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14. But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 Whereupon certain Jews from A'si-a

found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had aught against me.

20 Or else let these same *here* say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22 And when Fe'lix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of *that* way, he deferred them, and said, When Ly'si-as the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let *him* have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

24 And after certain days, when Fe'lix came with his wife Dru-sil'la, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgement to come, Fe'lix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season I will call for thee.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

I AM trusting thee for power,
 Thine can never fail;
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt
 give me
 Must prevail.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Isa. 41: 13.
 TUESDAY—Isa. 41: 14.
 WEDNESDAY—Isa. 43: 5.
 THURSDAY—Isa. 44: 2.
 FRIDAY—Isa. 44: 8.
 SATURDAY—Isa. 50: 7.
 SABBATH—Isa. 41: 10.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

I know a little hero,
 Whose years are only ten;
 A brave and manly fellow
 Is this boy, whose name is Ben.
 I will tell you of his bravery,
 And how he won the fight,
 As you may, when you're tempted
 To do what is'n't right.

"Such a jolly lark," his comrades
 Said yesterday to Ben,
 "No fun like this all winter
 If things work well," and then—
 They told him of some mischief
 They were planning out to do.
 "Rare sport," the name they gave it.
 "Of course you'll help us through?"

Ben stood and thought a moment,
 And then he shook his head.
 "No boys, you're quite mistaken,"
 The little fellow said,

"I cannot help you in it"—
 And then his face grew bright,
 With the courage of a hero—
 "Because it isn't right."
 His comrades were indignant.
 "That's a good excuse," they cried,
 "You're afraid! that's all the reason!"
 Then my little man replied,
 "You may say that I'm a coward,
 If you like, but I won't do
 What's not right because you dare me
 To take part in't with you."

Nobly spoken, little hero!
 He's a coward, who would do
 Wrong, for fear of being laughed at;
 To your manliness be true.
 He is brave who in temptation
 For the right takes sturdy stand,
 Give us many more such comrades
 For their cowardice is grand.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—To what city was Paul sent by the chief captain?
- 2.—Before whom was he there tried?
- 3.—What kind of a man was Felix?
- 4.—Why was Paul not afraid?

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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

O God! Give us faith to trust in Thee, and not be afraid
 in any time of danger.

LESSON IV—October 24th, 1897.

Paul before King Agrippa. Acts 26: 19-32.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven." Matt. 10: 32.



19 Whereupon, O king A-grip'pa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20 But showed first unto them of Da-mas'-cus, and at Je-ru'sa-lem, and throughout all the coasts of Ju-de'a, and then to the Gen-tiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing to both small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Mo'ses did say should come:

23. That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gen-tiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Fes'tus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble

Fes'tus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King A-grip'pa believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then A-grip'pa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Ber-ni'ce, and they that sat with them:

31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said A-grip'pa unto Fes'tus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæ'sar.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

AM trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall;
I am trusting Thee forever,
And for all.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Luke 12: 8.
TUESDAY—Mark 8: 38.
WEDNESDAY—2 Tim. 2: 12.
THURSDAY—1 John 2: 23.
FRIDAY—2 John 9.
SATURDAY—Rev. 3: 5.
SABBATH—Matt. 10: 32.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.



A little native girl was brought from New Zealand for her education. She became a true Christian. After her education was finished she earnestly desired to return to her fatherland. Her friends tried to persuade her not to go back, saying, "Why do you wish to return? You are now accustomed to England, and it suits your health; besides it is possible you may be shipwrecked. And even if you should get there safely, your people may kill you. Everybody will have forgotten you now." "How?" said the little girl, "do you think I can keep the good news all to myself? Can you think I can be content to have forgiveness and peace for myself, and everlasting life, and not return to teach my father and mother how they may get it also? I will return to my fatherland, even if I must swim there."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—How long was Paul kept in prison in Caesarea?
- 2.—Before what king was Paul taken?
- 3.—Did the king set him free?
- 4.—What did he decide to do with Paul?

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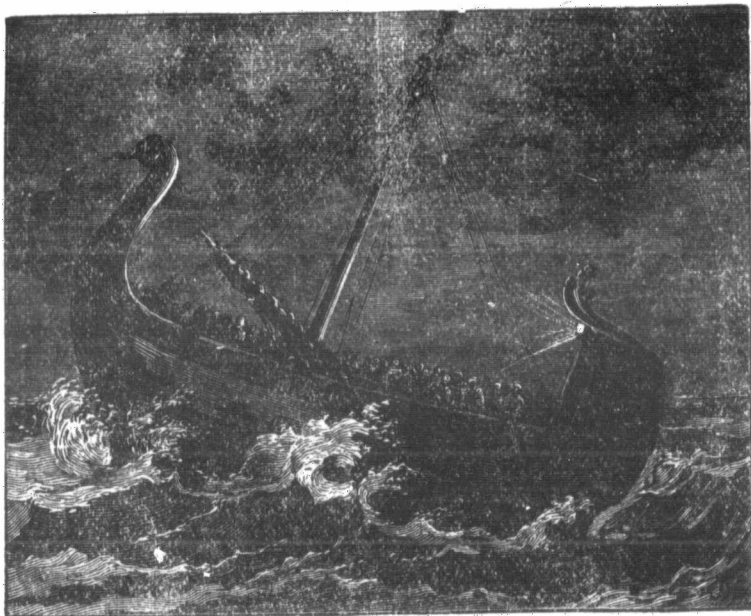
Oh God! Make me willing and glad to tell others about
Jesus, and show by my thoughts, words and actions
that He is my Saviour.

LESSON V.—October 31st, 1897.

Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck. ACTS 27 : 13-26.



GOLDEN TEXT : " Be of good cheer ; for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Acts 27 : 25.



13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Eu-roc'ly-don.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let *her* drive.

16 And running under a certain island which is called Clau'da, we had much work to come by the boat :

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship ; and fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship ;

19 And the third *day* we cast ou twith our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence, Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer : for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there s God by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, fear not. Paul ; Thou must be brought before Cæ'sar : and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer : for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told to me.

26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

SUNSHINE of God in Thee my
soul
Would find her summer day ;
O ! Sunshine of the love of God,
Thou lead'st none astray.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Luke 1 : 45.
TUESDAY—Rom. 4 : 20.
WEDNESDAY—Rom. 4 : 21.
THURSDAY—2 Tim. 1 : 12.
FRIDAY—John 16 : 33.
SATURDAY—John 14 : 1.
SABBATH—Acts 27 : 25.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.



MARY was crying partly because one of her sums would'n't come right, and partly because she was afraid Clinton had gone to school without her. Johnny was sulkily kicking the wood-box because there was a hole in his shoe that kept him from going out to play in the snow, and the baby was fretting, because fretting was the fashion. The visitor, grand-aunt Harriet, did'n't dare venture into such a commotion ; so she went on darning stockings in the dining-room, and thinking to herself that she would soon run away from such a cheerless place. All at once there was a brisk step at the door. Mother was kneading bread as fast as she could knead it, and her half-smothered sigh turned into a laugh. "Here comes the Sunshine," she said. Her hands made less nervous speed with the bread, and the fretting and crying suddenly stopped. Only Frank came in—a bright-faced boy, fourteen or fifteen years old—but, in two minutes he had shown Mary the mistake in her problem, and told her Clinton was in the shop putting a new rope to his sled to draw her to school. In two minutes more he had harnessed the table legs into horses for Johnny and the baby to drive ; smiled at his mother ; taken the dry mittens he came for, and was gone. "What a difference since Frank came in !" said Aunt Harriet, when all were bright and happy a few minutes later. "Yes," said mamma smiling over the loaves she was putting in the pans, "when the cheerful Sunshine comes in, the gloomy clouds must go."



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—Under whose charge was Paul sent to Rome ?
- 2.—Which of his friends went with him ?
- 3.—What kind of weather did they meet with on the voyage ?
- 4.—What was the result ?

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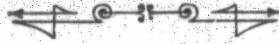
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

O God ! Let the sunshine of Thy love and peace come into my heart and stay there.

LESSON VI.—November 7th, 1897.
Paul in Melita and Rome. ACTS 28: 1-16.



GOLDEN TEXT: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."
Rom. 8: 28.



1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Mel'i-ta,

2 And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid *them* on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the Barbarians saw the *venomous* beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, no doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Pub'li-us; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Pub'li-us lay sick of a fever and of bloody flux;

to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honored us with many honors; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Al'ex-an'dri-a, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Cas'tor and Pol'lux.

12 And landing at Syr'a-cuse, we tarried *there* three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhe'gi-um: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Pu-te'o-li:

14 Where we found brethren, and were desir'd to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Ap'pi-i-Fo'rum, and the Three Taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: But Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

I AM trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall:
 I am trusting Thee for ever,
 And for all.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Ps. 34: 8.
 TUESDAY—Ps. 34: 15.
 WEDNESDAY—Ps. 37: 4.
 THURSDAY—Ps. 37: 5.
 FRIDAY—Ps. 37: 34.
 SATURDAY—Ps. 37: 39.
 SABBATH—Rom. 8: 28.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

LITTLE Willie's mother though poor, was one who loved God, and taught her little son about Him. One day Willie went to her saying, "Mother can't I have some new boots? my toes are all out of these; and the snow gets in, and I am so cold." Tearfully his mother replied, "Soon Willie I hope to give them to you." After waiting some days he sobbed "Oh! mother can't I get some boots somewhere?" He stood a moment in deep thought, and then said, "Oh! I know! God will give them to me of course. Why didn't I think of that before? I'll go right off and ask Him." He walked out of the parlour into his mother's room, knelt down, and covering his face with his hand, prayed: "Oh God! mother has no money; my feet get wet and cold. I want some boots. Please send me a pair, for Jesus sake. Amen." He often repeated this petition, and expected an answer to his prayer. "They'll come mother!" he would often say eagerly; "they'll come when God gets them ready." Within a week, a lady friend who loved the child came to take him out walking. He hesitated for a few moments, but soon determined to go, and away they started. At length the lady noticed his stockings peeping out of his boots, when she exclaimed, "Why Willie, look at your feet! They will freeze. Why didn't you put on better boots?" "These are all I have ma'am." "All you have, but why don't you have a new pair?" she enquired. "I will, just as soon as God sends them he replied." Tears filled the lady's eyes as she led him into a shoe-shop near by, saying, "There now, take any pair you like." On his return he went to his mother, and showing his boots, said, "Look, mother! God has sent my boots!"

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—On what island were Paul and his companions shipwrecked?
- 2.—How were they treated by the people of the island?
- 3.—What made the people think that Paul would die?
- 4.—What did Paul do for the people of the island?

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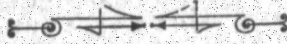
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! I thank Thee that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. May I love and trust Thee more.



GOLDEN TEXT: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1: 16.



17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men *and* brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Je-ru'sa-lem into the hands of the Ro'mans.

18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let *me* go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against *it*, I was constrained to appeal unto Cæ'sar; not that I had aught to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*: because that for the hope of Is'ra-el I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Ju-de'a concerning thee, neither any of the brethren, that came showed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that everywhere it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Je'sus, both out of the law of Mo'ses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by E-sa'ias the prophet unto our fathers,

26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; Lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gen'tiles, and *that* they will hear it.

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him.

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Je'sus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—O—
 I'M not ashamed to own my Lord,
 Or to defend His cause,
 Maintain the honor of His word,
 The glory of His cross.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

—O—
 MONDAY—Rev. 2: 10.
 TUESDAY—Matt. 24: 13.
 WEDNESDAY—Mark 8: 38.
 THURSDAY—II Tim. 1: 8.
 FRIDAY—Rom. 1: 17.
 SATURDAY—Ps. 40: 9.
 SABBATH—Rom. 1: 16.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.



A MAN named Chrysostom, when one time brought before the Roman Emperor, showed a beautiful spirit of Christian courage and faithfulness. The Emperor told him he would banish him if he still remained a christian. Chrysostom replied, "You cannot, for the world is my Father's house, you cannot banish me." "But I will kill you," said the Emperor. "No you cannot," said the man of faith again, "for my life is hid with Christ in God." "I will take away your treasures." "No, you cannot do that either," said Chrysostom, "for in the first place I have none that you know of. My treasure is in heaven, and my heart is there." "But I will drive you away from men, and you shall have no friend left." "Neither can you do that," once more said the faithful man, "for I have a Friend in heaven from whom you cannot separate me. I defy you, there is nothing you can do to hurt me."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—To whom was Paul delivered when he arrived in Rome?
- 2.—How was he treated?
- 3.—Where was he allowed to live?
- 4.—How was he occupied when in Rome?

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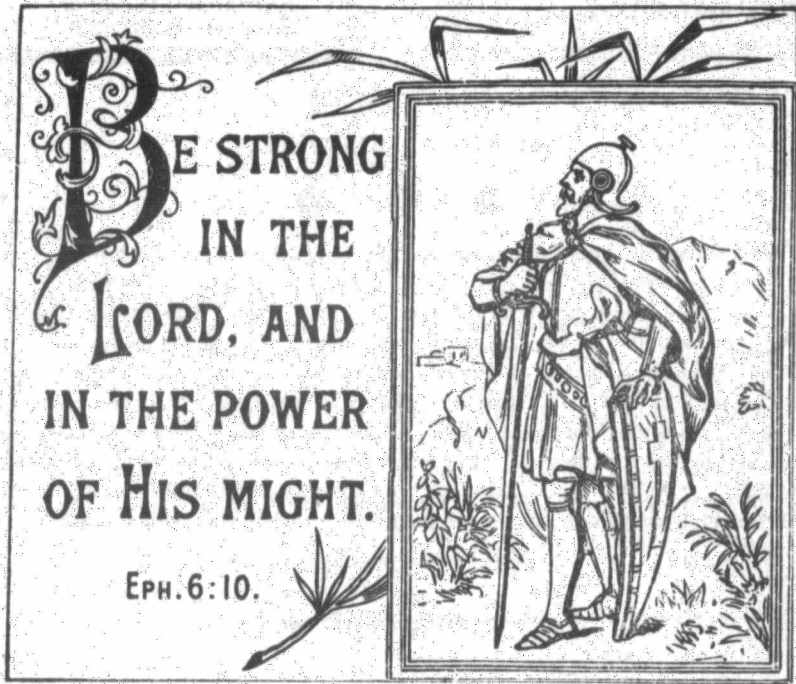
Oh God! Make me faithful and always ready to tell the story "of Jesus and His love."

LESSON VIII.—November 21st, 1897.

The Christian Armour. Eph. 6: 10-20.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Eph. 6: 10.



10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—O—
GIRT with heavenly armour,
 Dare the powers of sin;
 He who fought and triumphed
 Leads you on to win.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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 MONDAY—Eph. 6: 11.
 TUESDAY—Eph. 6: 13.
 WEDNESDAY—Eph. 6: 14.
 THURSDAY—Eph. 6: 15.
 FRIDAY—Eph. 6: 16.
 SATURDAY—Eph. 6: 17.
 SABBATH—Eph. 6: 10.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

“SOMETIME ago,” says a lady, “I made the acquaintance of an old peasant in a little German village, where I for some time was staying. He was called—Gottlieb,—a name which has a very beautiful meaning—‘the love of God.’ The old man was well worthy of it, for if ever heart was filled with love to God, and to all God’s creatures, it was his. Once, when walking I came upon him as he was stooping to pick up a fallen apple. ‘Don’t you weary Gottlieb,’ I asked, ‘Stooping so often, and then lying all alone by the roadside?’ ‘No, no, Miss,’ he answered, smiling, and offering me a handful of ripe pears, I don’t weary; I’m just waiting—waiting—I think I’m about ripe now, and I must soon fall to the ground; and then, just think, the Lord will pick me up!” Oh Miss, you are young yet, and perhaps just in blossom; turn well ’round to the Sun of Righteousness that you may ripen sweet for his service.”

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—Did Paul forget the churches in Ephesus and other places?
- 2.—What did he do to help them while in Rome?
- 3.—To whom does he compare a christian?
- 4.—What does he say faith is like?

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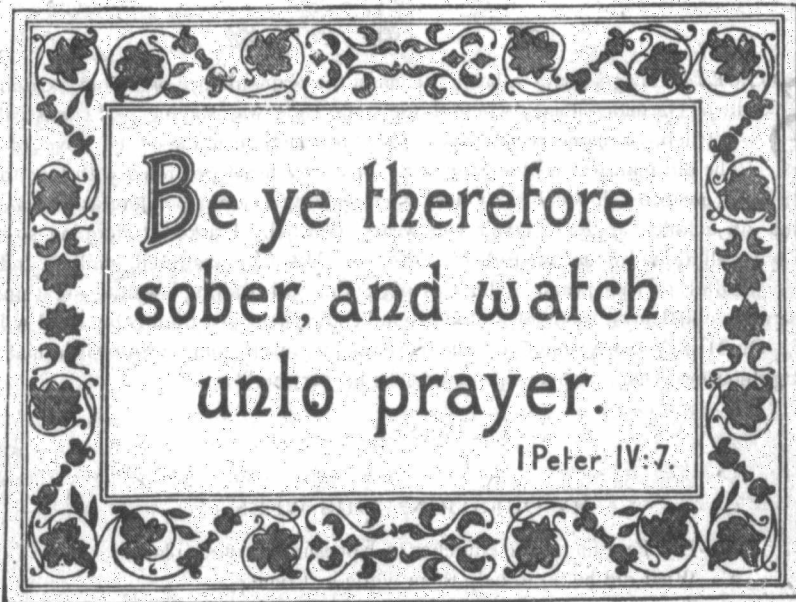


MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Give me the sword of Thy Holy Spirit and the shield of faith, so that when the giants of sin come I may be ready to fight against them.



GOLDEN TEXT : " Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." I Pet. 4: 7.



1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2 That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3 For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein they think it strange that ye

run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*:

5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover a multitude of sins.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

FIRM, faithful, watching unto prayer,
 May we Thy blessed will obey;
 Toil in Thy vineyard here, and bear
 The heat and burden of the day.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Matt. 26: 41.
 TUESDAY—Mark 13: 33.
 WEDNESDAY—Luke 21: 34.
 THURSDAY—Luke 21: 36.
 FRIDAY—Matt. 24: 42.
 SATURDAY—Matt. 25: 13.
 SABBATH—I Pet. 4: 7.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

ONCE there was a little girl whose home was on the bank of a river. She used to go to Sunday school, and one day the lesson was about—Watching. Amongst other things she remembered that the teacher told her to watch for opportunities of doing good. So Anna kept watching. Her father owned a large row-boat, and when anybody wished to cross to the opposite side they would get him to row them over. For this reason Anna became known as the Ferryman's Daughter. One day Anna's father rowed her across the river, and when she came along the little foot-bridge at which the boat landed, she saw a little lamb lying across the foliage on the bank, and its mother standing by, and bleating in a pitiful way. Reaching down, Anna took the innocent little creature in her arms, and on examining it she found that it had injured one of its limbs, probably through falling off the foot-bridge. It belonged to a farmer whom she knew, and so, after bathing the sore limb she decided to carry it to the farm-house. The little lamb laid its pretty head against Anna's breast, and the affectionate mother followed on behind, with a look of quiet confidence that seemed to say, "My little lamb-kin is safe now." When they arrived at the farm-house the good farmer bathed the lamb's leg in some nice warm water and then wrapped a bandage around it, and thanked Anna for being so kind to it. Next Sunday, Anna told her teacher about it, and the teacher was so glad that Anna had not forgotten the lesson, but—watched.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—Who wrote letters to christians besides Paul?
- 2.—Who was Peter?
- 3.—How did Peter deny Jesus?
- 4.—What did Jesus once say about watching?

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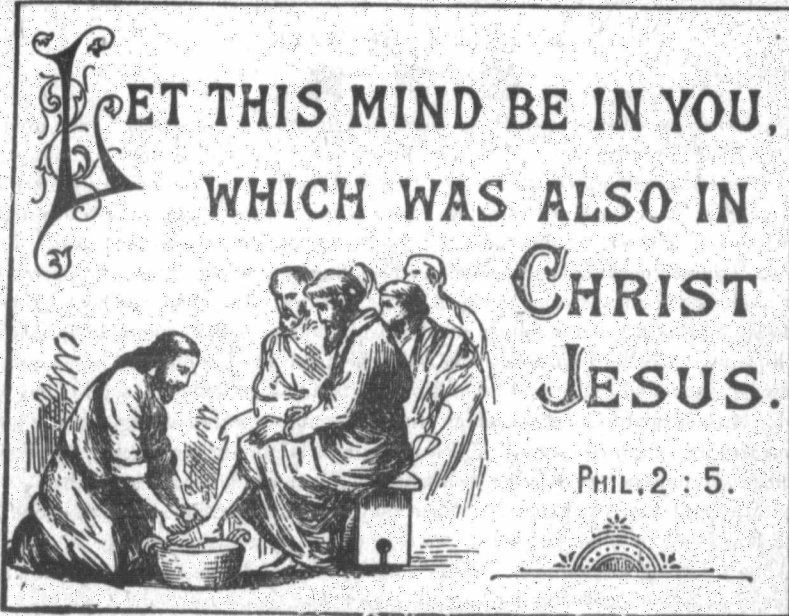
Oh God! Show me how needful it is to watch and pray and
 make me faithful in watching my thoughts,
 words and habits.

LESSON X—December 5th, 1897.

Christ's Humility an Exaltation. PHILIPPIANS 2 : I-II.



GOLDEN TEXT : " Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2 : 5.



1 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

3 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory ; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Je'sus :

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God :

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men :

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name :

10 That at the name of Je'sus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth ;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Je'sus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

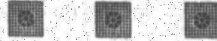
MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

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AT the feet of Jesus
 Is the place for me,
 There, in sweet service,
 Would I ever be.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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 MONDAY—Matt. 11: 29.
 TUESDAY—Matt. 26: 39.
 WEDNESDAY—Phil. 2: 7.
 THURSDAY—Phil. 2: 8.
 FRIDAY—Matt. 26: 42.
 SATURDAY—Matt. 27: 31.
 SABBATH—Phil. 2: 5.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.



IN a flower garden, growing quite close to one another, were a tulip and a sweet briar-bush. The tulip was out in full bloom, and looked very pretty in its red and golden colouring, as it stood upon its stalk. That was all very nice, but I am sorry to say that something had made it proud. Perhaps it had heard somebody saying, "how pretty it looked." At any rate something made it very proud, for it looked down upon the briar-bush, and said, "I really wonder whoever thought of putting such a dowdy looking thing as you beside me!" The briar-bush felt very much hurt by these unkind words, and modestly said, "I know I have only a plain green dress, and do not look so pretty as you, but I try to give a little pleasure by my sweet perfume." Not long after the sky began to look dark, and drops of rain began to fall, and the wind blew, and soon the tulip was stripped of all its gay leaves, which fell and lay strewn upon the ground. By and bye the storm was over, and the sun came out again, and the sweetbriar-bush was sweeter than ever, and shed its fragrance all around.

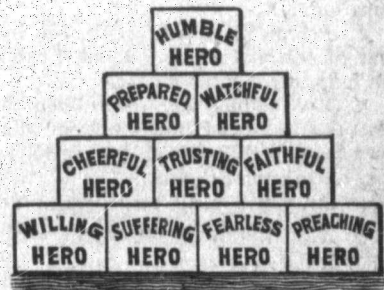
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—Which of Paul's letters do we study about to-day?
- 2.—Were the Philippians Paul's friends.
- 3.—What sin did he specially warn them about?
- 4.—Whom did he hold up to them as an example?

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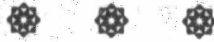
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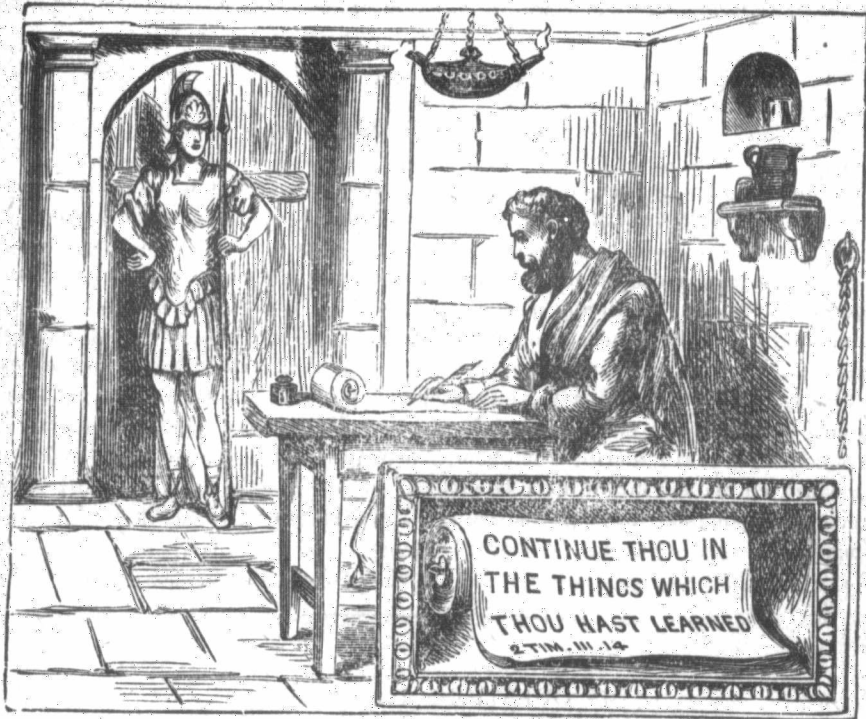
MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Make and keep my heart humble like that of Jesus.

LESSON XI—December 12th, 1897.
Paul's Last Words. 2 Tim. 4: 1-8; 16-18.



GOLDEN TEXT: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the
2 Tim. 4: 7.



1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have

finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:


8 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.

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.


 O him who overcomes
 Does the bright crown belong;
 His is the lasting recompense,
 The victor's palm and crown.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—1 Cor. 9: 24.
 TUESDAY—1 Cor. 9: 25.
 WEDNESDAY—1 Cor. 9: 26.
 THURSDAY—Phil. 3: 14.
 FRIDAY—Heb. 12: 1.
 SATURDAY—Heb. 12: 2.
 SABBATH—2 Tim. 4: 7.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

STELLA Vinton had been down town all alone for the first time in her life to make some purchases for her mother. She had walked down and was riding home. Mrs. Vinton had told her that she might have a penny for herself if there was any change left; but she had been obliged to spend all but a penny, and was naturally just a little dissatisfied. She sat in the tram-car with the fare in her hand, waiting for the conductor to come along for it. He came along presently, and she held it out towards him, but he did not see it, and went to the front of the car, then stepped off the front platform and waited a moment on the rear again. He's forgotten me. He is not coming for my fare. "I shall have to give it to him when I get out," she thought. "No I would not; it is his place to come for it," the tempter suggested. "That would be cheating. You have had your ride, and ought to pay for it," whispered conscience. "Of course it is not my business to make the conductor take it." "It is everybody's business to be honest." "Mamma promised me a penny too." "But she would not like you to get it this way." "She need not know. I will not tell her." "But you would know, and Jesus would know, and you profess to be a little Christian." "So I do, and I will be, and won't cheat." Just then the conductor called out the name of the street, and Stella rose to leave the car. As she did so, she put the penny into the conductor's hand. Stella went home and told her mother of her temptation. Mrs. Vinton opened her purse, and taking out a sixpence put it in Stella's hand. "This is for my honest little girl," she said kissing her. So Stella had double reason to be glad that she had gained the victory.

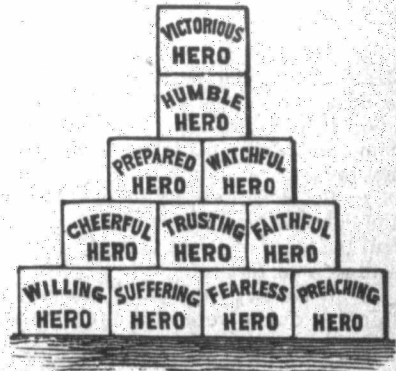
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—What friend of Paul do we study about to-day?
- 2.—How many letters did he write to him?
- 3.—What kind of a fight did Paul fight?
- 4.—What does that mean?

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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

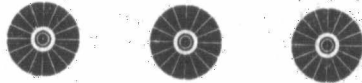
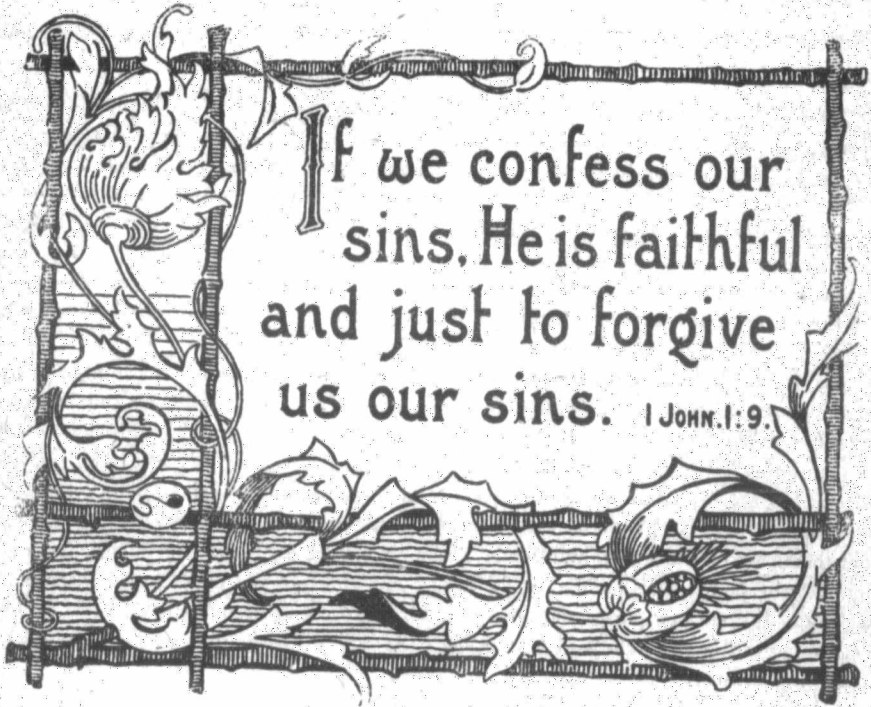
O God! I thank Thee that I can be on Jesus' side, and
 if I trust Him He will fight for me and give me the
 crown of victory bye and bye.

LESSON XII—December 19th, 1897.

John's Message about Sin and Salvation. 1 John 1: 5-2: 6.



GOLDEN TEXT: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."
1 John 1: 9.



5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Je'sus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not, and if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Je'sus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandment, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

CROWN of rejoicing that's wait-
ing for me,
When finished my course and
when Jesus I see,
And when from my Lord comes the
sweet-sounding word:
"Receive, faithful servant, the joy of
thy Lord."

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Ps. 32: 5.
TUESDAY—Prov. 28: 13.
WEDNESDAY—Isa. 65: 24.
THURSDAY—Luke 15: 21.
FRIDAY—Luke 15: 22, 23.
SATURDAY—Luke 15: 24.
SABBATH—I John 1: 9.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

NOT far from Apple Creek is the little village of Sterling, and near there, lived the Stevens family. Mr. Stevens was away from home when a prairie fire approached his house, and it so happened that his wife was sick in bed. Their children were a girl of eight years and a boy of eleven. The boy had heard that it was a good thing to plough a furrow across the path of the advancing flames, and about noon he tried to protect the property in that way. With the two-horse plough he cut a trench around the house and sheds, and then another around the stacks of unthreshed wheat. He was not strong enough to plough the trench to a great depth; but the wide line of damp earth thrown up, would be hard for the flames to leap across, especially since his little sister followed him around carrying away all trash that would add to the fury of the flames. That night the fire was so near that the poor woman thought of getting out of bed with the purpose of attempting to escape, but she was too ill to try such a thing, and watched and prayed as the light came into her room from the crimson sky without. When the flames, running before the wind, came down upon the Stevens' place, they licked up the fences in a jiffy, swept away the stacks of grain, and stacks of hay in the fields, and then rolled suddenly up to the furrows ploughed by the boy. The wheat stacks fell a prey, and numberless sparks were scattered around the house, but the brave boy and his sister ran all about tramping out the fire wherever it caught. The little workers were desperate, for they knew that should the house burn, their poor mother would surely perish in her bed. They fought with brooms, shovels and water. Once the house caught, and the wood began to add its crackling to the rush and roar of the vast prairie fire, but the children dashed bucket after bucket of water upon the burning spot, and so put it out. The great fire swept past. The children gained the day, and were rewarded for all their trouble.

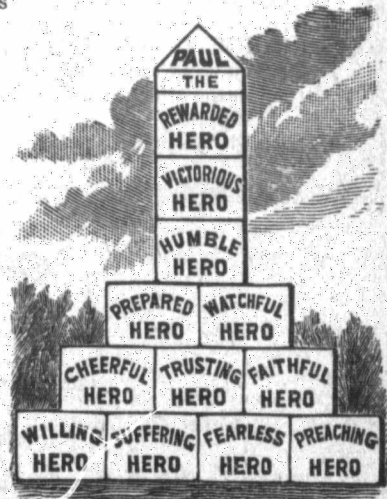
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—Whose writings do we study to-day?
- 2.—Who was John?
- 3.—What does he tell us about light and darkness?
- 4.—If we confess our sins what does he tell us God will do?

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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

OR God! I thank Thee that Thou hast promised to forgive my sins if I confess them and that I can live with Thee forever. Amen.

LESSON XIII—December 26th, 1897.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT : " God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God
supplies
Through His eternal Son.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Isa. 41: 10.
TUESDAY—Rom. 8: 28.
WEDNESDAY—Rom. 1: 6.
THURSDAY—Ephe. 6: 10.
FRIDAY—Phil. 2: 5.
SATURDAY—II. Tim. 4: 7.
SABBATH—John 3: 16.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

(Please read again letter on page 85).

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Day by day make me grow more like the great
hero Paul, and the greater hero, Thy dear
Son Jesus, my Saviour.