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If there are successive waves, like the rising ocean tide, in the life of the child, we ought to work to bring in our children on the first wave. Why should we take the risk of leaving them out in the cold, damp sea of sin? Why wait for what some scientific folk call "the storm-and-stress period"?

Human life is like a mighty river bearing men onward to the vast ocean of eternity. The source of the river is a little trickling streamlet stealing unnoticed among the distant hills. The parents and teachers of the little ones stand at the springs of influence that will work mightily for good or evil. Theirs is the high privilege to so sweeten and purify these fountains that from them may flow blessings that will enrich the world.

THE BABY SPRING

"Make way! make way!" cried the blithe young Year,

"For me and my bonny prize,
I found her under a snow-drift deep,
Rosy and dimpled and fast asleep,
With the dew of dreams in her eyes.

"I lifted the folds of her blanket white
And her silken scarf of green;
She put out her wee white hand and sighed
And drowsily opened her blue eyes wide,
With a smile of a tiny Queen.

"I caught her up from the frozen ground,
And oh! but she fretted sore,
Till I kissed her a kiss on her dewy mouth,
As sweet as the breath of the blossoming south,
And she laughed in my face once more.

"She clings so close with her baby hands,
She babbles and coos so low,
I care no more for my revels wild;
The innocent breath of the stranger child
Has melted my heart like snow.

"Make way! make way!" cried the lordly Year,

"For me and the prize I bring,
I found her under a snow-drift deep;
I caught her out of the arms of Sleep
The fair little stranger Spring."

AT NINE OR TEN

The words of Mrs. M. G. Kennedy, the veteran Sabbath School worker, which follow, should be pondered by parents as well as teachers.

All of us who have been long in the work have many times made the statement started by the Jesuits: "Give me the child till he is seven years of age, and I care not who has him the rest of his life." This has been challenged by the new educationist, who asserts that at nine or ten years of age begins a decided change, physically, mentally and spiritually. If there is such a psychological law, ought we not to take advantage of it, and begin at this age to give the pressure in our teaching which leads to Christian decision?

It is the habit-forming age. "But," says the new educationist, "the Sunday School ought not to undertake at all to influence the habits of the girls and boys, but simply to teach them facts." You remember that Rousseau, whom some secular teachers revere, said, "The only habit I would have Emile to form is the formation of no habit."

He recognized that the only safety Emile would have from evil on the one side, and the true good, from which he labored to keep him, on the other, was "no habit."

But we all know this is not possible. A large party of us went through Luray Cavern and saw those wonderful stalactites, formed drop by drop, slowly, imperceptibly, yet surely, by the water percolating through the rocks. Drop by drop, slowly, gradually, but surely, the habits of our boys and girls are forming, whether we will or no. It is ours to see whether they crystallize clear and sparkling, growing upward higher and ever higher, or muddy, tending downward day by day.

Let us see to it then that we help them at this critical period of nine or ten to form habits of daily Bible-reading, which could not be done earlier because they could not read; habits of church attendance, for which they were not previously free agents; habits of systematic benevolence, for which their increased knowledge and wider outlook have now prepared them.

HELPING SOMEBODY

A TRUE STORY

"I want to help somebody, dreadfully," said Martha.

"Well, my little girl helps her mother."

"But somebody outside the house."

"What a rock of a head, mem, she has," said Irish Katy, "always a-thinkin' so hard about others."

The afternoon was very stormy, and the snow lay thick on the ground.

"You and Jack can bundle all up warm, go to the store, and buy me a yeast-cake," said their mother.

"Perhaps our chance will come while we're out," Martha said to Jack, as they trudged along, a large umbrella over them.

They were returning from the store when through the storm Martha saw a young lady get off the train at the station.

"How tired she looks!"

"She's goin' our way," said Jack, excitedly.

"Let's let her take our 'brella," suggested Martha. That was why Miss Barnes, the City Missionary, suddenly felt a covering

over her head, and upon looking down saw two radiant children, too bashful to speak, but so happy from their act of kindness.

"Why children, what does this mean?" her face brightening. "Did you think I would like some of your umbrella? That is just lovely of you!"

"She's a Mish'nary," Jack whispered to his sister. "She's got the gray bonnet!"

"Oh," broke in Martha, "are you a really and truly Mish'nary? Then you can tell me!"

"What is it you want to know, little one?" Miss Barnes looked down into the earnest little face.

"I've been trying all the week to help somebody,—outside our home, you know. Our Sunday School teacher has formed a club. She calls it her Sunshine Club. We promise to make sunshine in the home, and do one thing every week to help the outside world."

"Dear child, you have helped some one already,"—the young lady's eyes were full of tears,—"by your little act of sharing your umbrella with one who is coming home tired, to-night, from work. You children's dear faces will long be remembered by me, and will encourage me to work harder."

She paused at the gate of her home, and looking into the eager faces, said:

"If you want to make sunshine out in the world, do not look for great things, but do the little things like this; you will gladden many hearts and become great blessings to the world."

"Wasn't she lovely?" said Martha as they went home. "How her face did shine! and how lovely her smile was!"

But the little girl did not dream that the smile was the result of her act of kindness.

Oh, children! let us bring sunshine by smiles and little deeds of kindness.—The Mayflower.

BERRIES, NOT BRIERS

A man met a little fellow on the road carrying a basket of blackberries, and said to him, "Sammy, where did you get such nice berries?"

"Over there, sir, in the briers."

"Won't your mother be glad to see you

come home with a basketful of such nice, ripe fruit?"

"Yes, sir," said Sammy; "she always seems glad when I hold up the berries, and I don't tell anything about the briars in my feet."

The man rode on. Sammy's remarks had given him a lesson, and he resolved that henceforth he would try to hold up the berries and say nothing about the briars.

THE FIRST OFFERING

"It was a beautiful sight to me a few weeks since, upon the first anniversary of the birth of a Cradle Roll member, to see the grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, and two aunts, in my class-room, to witness the mother guide the hand of the baby as he put into the box the first offering of the child, and to listen to the prayer that followed, that the child might do the work he was sent to do."

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ?

(An exercise for five children)

First Child

If you were a bird, instead of a girl,
Pray what would you do all the day ?

Second Child (a girl)

I'd sweetly sing,
And pleasure bring
To all who should hear my beautiful lay.

First Child

If you were a bee, instead of a boy,
Pray what would you do all the day ?

Third Child (a boy)

I'd pass the hours
Among the flowers,
And gather sweet honey and store it away.

First Child

If you were a flower, instead of a girl,
Pray what would you do all the day ?

Fourth Child (a girl)

I'd gaze on high
At the clear, blue sky,
And give sweet scent to all coming my way.

First Child

If you were a tree, instead of a boy,
Pray what would you do all the day ?

Fifth Child (a boy)

I'd softly sigh
When the wind swept by
And give cooling shade to the children at play.

First Child

But as you can be only boys and girls,
Pray what will you do all the day ?

All Together

We'll bravely work,
And will not shirk,
And be kind and gentle when we are at play.

THE BOYS' RAINY DAY

The rain came down with a steady pour, and it was Saturday. Mrs. Carey stood by the window watching the retreating form of her husband under his dripping umbrella, and wondering which were the easier, to go out and battle with the elements or be shut in all day with two lively little boys having sore throats.

Overhead there was the sound of scuffling. The chandelier rattled. Something came heavily to the floor with a jarring thud. It was a foretaste of what the day held, and Mrs. Carey sighed.

She had not reached the top of the stairs when the door bell rang. Then Mary, the housemaid, called, "It's five boys to see you, Master Raymond."

Mrs. Carey gasped. "O, Raymond!" she began in protest, but two small figures had already slipped past her with a tumultuous greeting for the group below.

"We knew Raymond could think of something to do," explained one of them, as they all tramped upstairs together.

It was not long before the seven fertile brains had hit on a congenial occupation, and Raymond came with a request: "May we get that pile of old pasteboard boxes in the attic, mother, and make battleships?"

Mrs. Carey had already discovered that broken and coverless boxes were of great potential value to small boys, and those which would no longer serve her purposes were reserved for them. She was not sur-

prised that to-day these boxes, with a cupful of paste and strips of white muslin, could equip a navy yard.

As she sat with her sewing in the adjoining room, she watched with curiosity and interest the fashioning of the fleet. Strips of cardboard, curving outward at the center, made the keels, which were pasted on shaped bottoms. Decks of varying widths were fastened on the upper edges. Turrets and smoke stacks were added as desired. A trip to the cellar resulted in a supply of masts and cannon from the pile of kindling wood. And thus transports and torpedo boats, cruisers and battleships of generous proportions grew in fascinating numbers. Her boys were the happy possessors of a great box of pine blocks, as large as bricks, and these came into use for building docks and fortified harbors, while long forgotten paper soldiers and sailors were dragged from retirement and revived from their unnatural slumbers, to man the fleet.

Five lads stole away at noon for luncheon and returned as quietly for the afternoon, and all day the play held them spellbound. Such a happy turning of boyish energy from destructive into constructive channels amused the mother.

Meanwhile, it was a day of opportunity for her. She could so seldom watch her boys with their friends. Marbles, or hockey, or football took them where she could not follow, and in their games with her at home they were in a different atmosphere. But here they practically forgot her and were their every day boyish selves. She noticed which boy visitor was well-bred and which one was selfish. She made note of expressions to be commented on later. She observed too, and with delight, that her children were often more patient under provocation, more generous in dividing up the spoils, and more cheerful when things went wrong, than she had supposed possible to boy nature.

In spite of the forebodings of the morning, and the fact that there was a litter on the floor, paste on the carpet and an embarrassingly large navy to be taken care of—it had been a “lovely day,” as the boy visitors pronounced it when they said good-by.

“The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercies.”

thought Mrs. Carey, with a little laugh, as a shaft of sunset gold glistened on the wet leaves.
—Congregationalist

“DON'T GET RICH, PAPA”

The children of a certain family, during its prosperity, were left in the nursery in charge of servants. When adversity came, the servants were discharged, and the parents lived with the little ones. One evening, when the father had returned home after a day of anxiety and business worry, his little girl clambered upon his knee, and twining her arms around his neck, said:

“Papa, don't get rich again. You did not come into the nursery when you were rich, but now we can come around you, and get on your knee and kiss you. Don't get rich again, papa.”

EPISTLES OF CHRIST

The last Quarter's lessons showed us the living Saviour as the unseen companion of Paul in all his journeys and his great Helper in all his work. Jesus does more for His servants than stay with them and help them in their work. He makes them like Himself. In one of his letters Paul calls Christians an Epistle of Christ.” He means that they show the mind and spirit of their Master, as the words of a letter make known the thoughts of its writer. In the lessons for this Quarter we learn that we may be EPISTLES OF CHRIST by showing:

1. Kindness towards others.
2. Fearlessness in the face of death.
3. Obedience to the law of love.
4. Surrender to the will of God.
5. Patience under suffering.
6. Courage in the presence of danger.
7. Boldness in standing up for the right.
8. Confidence in the help of God.
9. Submission to the Holy Spirit.
10. Cheerfulness in times of trouble.
11. Earnestness in working for the Kingdom of God.
12. Hopefulness in thinking of the future.
13. Belief in God's protecting care.

An Order of Service

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1903

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I. ALL RECITE, It is good for me to draw near to God. Psa. 73 : 28.

TEACHER. The Lord reigneth.

CLASS. Let the earth rejoice.

II. OPENING HYMN.

III. PRAYER.

IV. OFFERINGS.

V. SING. (Tune 573, Book of Praise.)

God sends His bright spring sun, (Make circle with arms overhead)

To melt the ice and snow, (Lower hands slowly, fingers moving to represent sunbeams)

To start the green leaf buds, (Hands together surrounding hollow space)

And make the flowers grow. (Keep wrists together and spread fingers)

God sends His love to us, (Spread arms indicating all in room)

To make our goodness grow,

Let us be sweet like flowers

That in the garden grow.

VI. THE SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. In the lessons of this Quarter we see how Jesus makes His disciples like Himself. Let the children be encouraged to learn at home the description of His boyhood in Luke 2 : 41-52 and repeat it each Sabbath as learned.

VII. A GESTURE PRAYER that may be used is as follows :

Jesus, I lift my hands to Thee, (Raise both hands)

I look above Thy light to see, (Look up)

I list to hear Thy whisper low, (Listening attitude)

I wait that I Thy will may know, (Lower hands to lap)

I pray Thee take me as I am, (Hands folded)

And make me, Lord, Thy little lamb. (Heads bowed)

VIII. HYMN BEFORE LESSON. (Tune 556, Book of Praise.)

O many are the lessons

From God's own Holy Word ;

This day, may Jesus help us

To keep what we have heard.

We want to be more joyful,

Unselfish, pure, and meek,

And so to Christ we listen,

To hear what He will speak.

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. PRAYER IN SHORT CLAUSES, repeated by the children after teacher.

XI. DISMISSAL HYMN.

Lesson I.

PAUL'S FAREWELL TO EPHEBUS

April 5, 1903

Acts 20 : 28-38. Study vs. 17-38—Memory Verses, 31-34.

Golden Text—Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20 : 35.



so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul was on his last journey towards Jerusalem, his ship stopped for a short time at a place called Miletus. When the apostle knew that he would here have a few hours to spare, he sent a message to his old friends the elders of the church at Ephesus, which was near by, to come over to the harbor of Miletus to see him.

When they were all together they talked over all that had happened during the three years that Paul had once spent in preaching and teaching among them. And as they told of how their church had grown and prospered since he had first brought them the gospel, Paul said, "The church of God is like a great flock which the Lord has bought, not with money, but with His own blood.

"The believers are the lambs and sheep. The Lord Jesus is the Great Shepherd and

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that

you elders are the under-shepherds appointed by God's Holy Spirit to feed and care for His flock.

"Your work will not be easy," said the apostle, "for I know that when I am gone false teachers shall come among you, seeking, like hungry wolves, to scatter and destroy the sheep.

"And worse even than this, some of the believers will lose faith in Christ and in so doing drag others into wrong-doing. Therefore watch and beware, so that none of these things shall take you by surprise. Let no one find you sleeping, but remember how, when I was among you, I warned every one of you night and day with tears. But not only was I faithful and watchful in teaching and preaching; you know also how, at the same time, I was not ashamed to be seen working with my hands for the support of

myself and my poorer neighbors, never longing for the money or clothes of those richer than myself.

"In all these things I have given you an example that you too should care for and support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

"And now, brethren," said Paul, "The time has come when we must part. I commend you to God, who will help you, as He has helped me. He will never leave you. May He strengthen and comfort you with the promises of His word and bring you at last into His heavenly kingdom." And with these words he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Now because Paul had said they should not likely see his face again, they all wept bitterly and fell sorrowfully upon the apostle's neck and kissed him. And when they had walked with him as far as the ship, the Ephesian elders bade Paul a loving and long farewell.

Then Paul went on board the ship which was to carry him on his way to Jerusalem, while the elders returned to their own homes.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Paul going when he stopped at Miletus? 2. For whom did he send to come and meet him? 3. What did Paul and the elders talk about? 4. What did Paul say with the church of God was like? 5. Who are the sheep? 6. Who is the Great Shepherd? 7. Who are the under-shepherds? 8. Who had given them their work? 9. What warning did Paul give them? 10. What did Paul say was the elder's work in the church? 11. What did he say about helping the weak? 12. Why were Paul's friends sad? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Arthur has two little friends who come to play with him. One takes all the dishes and shovels in the sand pile, and makes just what she enjoys, her kind of forts, and cakes and pies, and Arthur looks on and wonders and wishes he could play too. This is Mabel's way. Do you think that is the best way?

Bessie is quite different. She gives Arthur a shovel and pail and lets him help, even though sometimes he doesn't quite understand. But he looks very happy, and when Bessie goes he is sorry.

Lesson Hymn

Lead, Holy Shepherd, lead us,
Thy feeble flock, we pray.
Thou King of little pilgrims,
Safe lead us all the way. Amen.
—Hymn 582, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—21. Who were the first man and the first woman? Adam was the first man and Eve was the first woman?

SHORTER CATECHISM—70. Which is the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment? The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's chastity, in heart, speech and behaviour.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The white sail-boat skimming so lightly over the water is a very pretty sight. But when a ship is carrying across the sea those



Miss Lu
Mrs
Bay

whom we love, we think of the dangers they may meet. Then we should remember that God is with them on the sea as well as on the land.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD BE HELPFUL

THE RESURRECTION

April 12, 1903

1 Cor. 15 : 20, 21, 50-58—Memory Verses, 55-58.

Golden Text—Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. 15 : 20.



20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God ; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery ; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump : for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where *is* thy sting ? O grave, where *is* thy victory ?

56 The sting of death *is* sin ; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Je'sus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The church at Corinth had been much troubled by questions arising among them which they were unable to answer.

Some of these questions were, "How do you know that any will rise from the dead? And suppose they should, what sort of a body will they have? Also, when will the resurrection be?"

Hearing of their perplexity, Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthian Christians saying, "We know that, until the time when Adam disobeyed God, there was no such thing as death.

"Since then people everywhere have been afraid to die, and why? Because they too have broken God's law.

"Now, we as Christians believe that, when Christ the Son of God came and died for our sins upon the cross, He destroyed the power of both sin and death at the same time. There is, then, no longer any need for Christians to be afraid of death. How we should

praise and thank the Lord for giving us so great a Saviour! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Where, O grave, is now thy victory?

"As for the exact time when the dead shall rise," said Paul, "no man knows.

"But we do know that when Christ shall come again He will come suddenly. The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall rise up. In a moment, even in the twinkling of an eye, we shall be changed and shall receive the bodies which we shall keep for ever and ever. It was of this day that the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'Death shall be swallowed up in victory.'

"But why," asked the apostle, "should any man think it strange that Christ should give His friends a new body? Does not something almost as wonderful take place every time a seed or bulb is planted in the garden? The seed must die and the bulb decay before out of it can spring the leaves and flowers.

"So must our earthly bodies perish that our heavenly bodies may be born. Our present bodies belong to this world and can never be made fit for the kingdom of heaven.

"We know that we shall come out of the grave with new bodies, because Christ came forth from His grave. Just as the sheaf of ripe grain, which the Jews brought as an offering to God, showed that the harvest was ripe, the rising of Christ makes it certain that His disciples also will rise.

"Seeing then that we shall soon put off these worn out bodies and put on those that shall be so much more perfect and beautiful, let us use our health and strength in doing busily and earnestly the Lord's work. For we know and are sure that not even the smallest things we do for Him can ever be lost or forgotten."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Paul write to the Corinthian Christians?
2. How had they been troubled?
3. What questions had been asked among them?
4. What did Paul say made people afraid to die?
5. Why is there no longer any need to be afraid of death?
6. When will the last day be?
7. How shall Christ come again?
8. What will He give his followers?
9. What did Paul say must happen to the seed or bulb before it can bloom?
10. How should the followers of Christ spend their time?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Once, when Jesus was teaching in Capernaum, a man named Jairus came and begged Him to come and cure his little daughter who was dying.

Jesus, who was always eager to help those who wanted His help, set out at once.

On the way Jairus' servants met him saying, "Your daughter is dead. It is no use now to trouble the Teacher." But Jesus said to the poor father, "Only trust me!"

When Jesus saw the child, He said, "She is not dead. She is sleeping." Then putting every one out of the room except the father and mother, He took the child's hand saying, "Little maid, arise!" and at once she got up and walked across the room.

In their amazement the parents almost for-

got to notice their little girl. But Jesus said, "See! she must be hungry! Go and bring her some food!" She was not only alive, but all at once quite well.

Lesson Hymn

Golden harps are sounding,
 Angel voices ring,
 Pearly gates are opened,
 Opened for the King.
 Christ, the King of glory,
 Jesus, King of love,
 Is gone up in triumph
 To His throne above. Amen.
 —Hymn 537, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—22. In what way did God make man to differ from the animals? God gave man a soul, or spirit, that can never die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Flowers are not only lovely to look at, but they have sweet lessons to teach us, as they bloom in the little corners where God has put them.

Just as the dark bulb lying in the earth wither away, as the pure, white Easter lily



springs into life, so the little wrong things in our hearts will disappear as Jesus' love comes in, and our lives will grow beautiful.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD NOT FEAR DEATH

THE LAW OF LOVE

A TEMPERANCE LESSON

April 19, 1903

Rom. 13 : 7-14. Study vs. 1-14—Memory Verses, 9-10.

Golden Text—Love worketh no ill to his neighbor : therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.—Rom. 13 : 10.



7 Render therefore to all their dues : tribute to whom tribute *is due* ; custom to whom custom ; fear to whom fear ; honour to whom honour.

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another : for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet ; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour : therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep : for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand : let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day ;

not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the LORD Je'sus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Paul was preaching the gospel in Asia, some one had carried the same good news far away into Italy.

Hearing that there was a small company of believers in Rome, Paul wrote them a letter which was afterwards called the "Epistle to the Romans." This letter Paul wrote while staying at the house of his friend Gaius at Corinth, from which place it was carried to Rome by a good woman called Phebe.

Now Paul knew that it would be specially hard for the Roman Christians to remain true to Christ, because their heathen rulers openly allowed and encouraged every kind of wickedness and sin.

"It is quite true," wrote the apostle, "that you live under a bad government. But as Christians you are bound to show honor and respect to those in authority. And this is how you can help those whom God has placed over you :

"Speak respectfully of those who make the laws. Pay your debts promptly and cheerfully, and show good-will and obedience towards all judges and officers whom the king has appointed.

"Not only should you honor those in high positions, you must show that you are Christians by your behavior towards every one you meet. It is not enough that you keep from cheating your neighbors in business. You must learn to love them as yourselves. If you do this, you will have kept the whole law of Christ.

"If you keep this great law of love, you will no longer require to think of special rules to keep you from hurting your neighbor. If you love him, it will be impossible for you to kill him, or steal from him, or break up his home, or tell what is untrue about him. Because love worketh no ill to his neighbor, love fulfils the law."

After Paul had written to the Romans of their duties as Christian citizens, he begged them to remember that, although they were living in one of the wickedest cities of the world, Christ would soon come and take them to be with Himself in heaven.

"Seeing that this is true," said Paul, "it is high time for all of us to wake up and fight for what is right. Let us set our faces against everything that is impure and unbecoming. Let no such thing as drunkenness or quarrelling be known among you. Be so filled with the Spirit and with the love of Christ that there shall be no room in your hearts for anything else."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of city was Rome? 2. Why was it hard for the Christians there to be true to Christ? 3. How did Paul say they should behave towards their rulers? 4. How did he say they could best help them? 5. How were they to act towards one another and towards their heathen neighbors? 6. What did Paul say was the greatest of all laws? 7. From what kinds of sin will love keep men? 8. With what promise did Paul comfort the Romans? 9. What special sins did he warn them against? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Isn't that pretty hard work for you?" asked the milkman, as he noticed a small boy at the wood-pile wrestling with a stick nearly as long as himself. "Oh, no, it isn't hard," answered the boy. "I'm helping father."

How many of you boys and girls have found out that love is the very best helper you can have in your work? It is a real pleasure to do things to please those we love.

A little girl, asked if she liked to dust, answered, "I do if Aunt Maggie is coming." She meant that she loved her aunt so dearly that she even enjoyed the work of getting ready for her visits. And if we have that loving spirit towards our friends and our heavenly Father, we shall find something to make us glad in all our work. There is nothing like love for making work pleasant which without it would be disagreeable.

Lesson Hymn

We are little children,
Weak and apt to stray;
Saviour, guide and keep us
In the heavenly way.

Save us, Lord, from sinning,
Watch us, day by day,
Help us now to love Thee;
Take our sins away. Amen.

Hymn 528, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—23. For what purpose was man made? Man was made to love and serve God, and to be happy with Him forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—73. Which is the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal. **74. What is required in the eighth commandment?** A. The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Shut your eyes, and everything looks dark. Open them, and all around is light and sun-



shine. To sights and sounds that are wrong shut your eyes, and to things lovely and good, open them wide. If we follow Jesus' little command, "Watch," our eyes will only look on the right.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE RULED BY LOVE

Lesson IV.

PAUL'S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

April 26, 1903

Acts 21 : 3-12. Study, vs. 1-16 - Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—The will of the LORD be done.—Acts 21 : 14.

3 Now when we had discovered Cy'prus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syr'ia, 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 Jeru'salem.

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'ema'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 Cæ'sare'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 Judæ'a a certain prophet, named Ag'abus.

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 Jeru'salem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gen'tiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jeru'salem.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After a time Paul's ship brought him to Tyre. Here the Christians, knowing that he was on his way to Jerusalem, tried to persuade the apostle to change his plans saying, "We have been warned by God's Spirit that great harm shall befall you at Jerusalem." But at the end of seven days, when they saw that he was still determined to go on, all the Christians of Tyre gathered on the shore to bid him good-by; and when they had knelt and prayed with him, they watched Paul's ship until it was out of sight, and returned sorrowfully to their homes.

The next morning Paul reached Cæsarea, where he lodged with his old friend, Philip, the evangelist, and his four daughters, who, with their father, were giving their lives to the spreading of the gospel.

Soon Philip's household was joined by the old prophet, Agabus. Who hearing that the

apostle was in Cæsarea, had come down from Judæa to see him.

One day, as they were all talking together in Philip's house, Agabus picked up the long girdle or scarf which Paul wore around his waist, and tying it about his own hands and feet as if he had been a prisoner, he said, "Thus saith the Holy Spirit, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the owner of this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the heathen."

Soon, not only Philip's family but all the believers of Cæsarea had heard what the old prophet had said, and again they begged and entreated Paul not to go up to Jerusalem, for fear he should be put to death by the Jews.

But Paul answered, "Why should you weep and discourage me? I tell you I am willing not only to be taken prisoner in Jerusalem, but even to die, if need be, for the

name of the Lord Jesus."

When they heard this, Paul's friends left off persuading him, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

When Paul and his missionary companions were ready to set out for the great city, some of the Christians from Caesarea went with them to see that no harm should come to Paul by the way. And knowing that Jerusalem would at this Passover season be crowded with holiday visitors, they made arrangements with Mnason, an old disciple, that Paul and his companions might lodge in his house.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the Christians at Tyre want Paul to do?
2. How did they show him honor?
3. With whom did the apostle stay at Caesarea?
4. Who helped Philip in preaching the gospel?
5. Who was Agabus?
6. What did the prophet do with Paul's girdle?
7. What did he say of Paul?
8. What did the believers of Caesarea try to persuade Paul to do?
9. Why were they afraid to have him go to Jerusalem?
10. What did Paul answer them?
11. How did they try to protect him?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

When Arthur Stanley was a very little boy, he was sent to live at Rugby school. The first night, when all the boys were getting ready for bed, he saw first one boy and then another duck under the covers without saying his prayers. His friend Tom did the same. "Don't you say your prayers?" he asked of Tom. "Blake won't let us." "I shall," said the new boy. Most of the boys were in bed when the new boy was ready to kneel; it was a moment before the others knew what he was doing. Then boots, pillows and all sorts of things came flying at him.

Arthur knelt in spite of all. The next night he knelt again. By and by the teasing stopped. Then Tom knelt too, and soon another boy and another. Before Arthur Stanley left Rugby, every boy in the school knelt to say his prayers.

There are other kinds of soldiers besides those who wear uniforms and carry swords

and guns. Jesus is the great Captain, and He wants every boy and girl to be a brave soldier and fight against everything that is wrong. And the best of all is that He will give us the victory.

Lesson Hymn

Trust in the Lord, forever trust,
And banish all your fears;
Strength in the Lord Jehovah dwells
Eternal as His years. Amen.
—Hymn 268, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—24. What kind of persons were Adam and Eve when God made them? God made Adam and Eve holy and happy.

SHORTER CATECHISM—75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour's wealth or outward estate.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

If you drew a picture of the boat in which you sail about in the summer, it would look quite unlike this one, so heavy and clumsy it is. These slow, uncomfortable sailing



boats were only one of the many hardships of Paul's travels. But with all he suffered, he still trusted the Christ he was ready to die for.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD DO GOD'S WILL

Lesson V.

PAUL ARRESTED

May 3, 1903

Acts 21 : 30-39. Study vs. 17-39—Memory Verses, 30-32.

Golden Text—If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.—1 Peter 4 : 16.



30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together : and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple : and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jeru'salem was in an uproar.

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them : and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains ; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude : and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee ? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek ?

38 Art not thou that Egypt'ian which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers ?

39 But Paul said, I am a man *which am* a Jew of Tar'sus, a city in Cili'cia, a citizen of no mean city : and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul reached Jerusalem he found it full of Passover visitors from every part of the world. Among them were some of the same Jews who had raised trouble against him long before in Ephesus.

One day these men, catching sight of Paul as he walked in the temple, immediately raised a great shout, saying, "Help! men of Israel, help! Here is the man who teaches all men everywhere against our nation and our laws and has disgraced the temple."

Soon Paul was surrounded by an angry mob, who dragged him from the building and down the temple steps, where they began beating and abusing Paul, intending there and then to kill him.

But Lysias, the captain of the Roman guard, whose house was near by, hearing the uproar, rushed his soldiers down the temple hill, and a few minutes had reached the spot where

Paul was standing with the mob around him.

At the sight of the soldiers the crowd stood back, and turning towards Paul, the captain demanded, "Who is this man and what has he done?" When some answered one thing and some another, the captain ordered that Paul be arrested and taken to the barracks and given a proper trial.

But no sooner had the soldiers hurried Paul part way up the stairs than the mob made another rush at him, crying, "Kill him! kill him!" and would have torn him in pieces had it not been for the guards.

At the top of the stair, Paul turned to Lysias, the chief captain, saying in Greek, which was the language of the learned, "May I have a word with you?"

"What! do you know Greek?" cried Lysias in surprise. "I had really supposed you were that wicked and ignorant Egyptian who

a little time ago made such an uprising against the state!"

"No," said Paul, "I am a Jew from the city of Tarsus, and I beg you will allow me to speak to the people."

So Lysias gave him permission, and Paul, with one hand chained and the other lifted up to silence the people, began to tell the story of his life and of how the Lord had met and spoken with him on the way to Damascus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why were the Jews so bitter against Paul? 2. What did they wish to do with him? 3. Who caught him in the temple? 4. What shout did they raise? 5. What was done with Paul? 6. Who only prevented the mob from killing him? 7. What did Lysias ask the crowd? 8. How did they answer? 9. What did the captain say should be done with Paul? 10. What happened when they were part way up the stairs? 11. What request did Paul make? 12. Why was the captain surprised? 13. What did Paul speak about? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Philip is the smallest boy in the block where he lives. The other boys are willing that he should play with them, but until a short time ago they made him feel that it was quite a favor to let him join in their sports. Then something happened which taught them Philip was more of a man than any of them.

The boys were playing ball in the street when the ball flew off the end of the bat and broke the only blossom of a beautiful plant standing in Mrs. Gibson's door-way. Then there was a scattering on the part of the boys, but the smallest boy in the block walked straight across the street, and ringing the bell, told Mrs. Gibson just what had happened. Of course she was sorry about the plant, but when she looked down into Philip's flushed face she said, "Well, I'm glad to find a boy man enough to tell the truth! It's worth all the plants in the world." And somehow the other boys agreed with her. They all felt that though Philip was the smallest of them, he had shown himself a real hero.

Lesson Hymn

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,
Or to defend His cause,
Maintain the glory of His cross,
And honor all His laws.

Jesus, my Lord! I know His name,
His name is all my boast,
Nor will he put my soul to shame,
Nor let my hope be lost. Amen.

—Hymn 149, Book of Praise

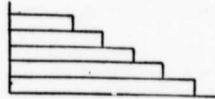
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—25. **Where did God place Adam and Eve?** God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden in Eden.

SHORTER CATECHISM—76. *Which is the ninth commandment?* A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

It's so much harder, isn't it, to run up steps than to run along a straight road. But how easy it makes it to have some one say, "Come along, take my hand, and up we'll go." The steps seem so easy then. Jesus



wants all the little ones to put their hand in His, and even over the very hard places He will make it easy. Paul walked with his hand in Jesus' hand, and when he was beaten and cruelly abused, it helped to make it easy to bear; for he tells us that those who are led by God are God's children.

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I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD BE PATIENT

Acts 23 : 12-22. Study vs. 10-35—Memory Verses, 20-22.

Golden Text—The Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer.—Acts 23 : 11.



12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you tomorrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him : and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain : for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this

young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul tomorrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 But do not thou yield unto them : for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him : and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The morning after the great riot Lysias brought Paul before a meeting of the Jewish council, that they might decide what he had done and how he should be punished. But no sooner did he stand before them than there arose such an uproar against him that the captain, seeing Paul's life was in danger, ordered that, for safety, he be returned to the jail.

That night, as the apostle, worn out and discouraged, lay upon his prison bed, he heard the Lord's voice saying, "Fear not, Paul, for as you have preached My word in Jerusalem, so also shall you bear witness of Me at Rome."

Early the next day a band of forty young Jews came before the priests and elders say-

ing, "We have vowed that none of us will taste food or drink until we have killed Paul, and this is how you shall help us : 'Go to the chief captain and say that you want Paul, the prisoner, brought before you again, that you may question him further about his teachings. Then, when he is on the way, we will watch our chance and kill him.' "

In some way a young lad, the son of Paul's sister, heard of the plot, and running to the prison he quickly told his uncle how the Jews were lying in wait to kill him.

At once Paul called an officer, saying, "Take this youth to the chief captain ! He has a message for him."

When Lysias saw the lad he took him by the hand, and walking with him to a place

where no one could hear, he asked kindly, "What is this you wish to tell me?"

When Lysias heard the story of the plot, he determined to save Paul's life, and warning the lad to go home and say nothing of the matter, he gave secret orders that a band of two hundred soldiers and spearmen, besides seventy horsemen and spare horses be prepared at once for a journey.

That night Lysias placed Paul on one of the horses, and surrounding him safely on all sides with soldiers, he sent him hurriedly away into Caesarea, to be given in charge to Felix, the Roman governor.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the Lord comfort Paul in the prison? 2. What harm were the Jews plotting? 3. What vow had forty of them made? 4. What did they agree to ask the captain? 5. Who heard of the plot? 6. How did Paul's nephew save his uncle's life? 7. How did Lysias receive him? 8. What orders did the chief captain give? 9. Whom did he place under the charge of the soldiers? 10. Where did he send Paul? 11. What was the name of the Roman governor to whom Paul was sent? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A little girl, badly burned, was taken to the London Hospital. One day she said:

"If I could see the Queen, I should get well."

Shortly after, when Queen Victoria visited the hospital, this remark was repeated to Her Majesty, who determined to gratify the child's wish.

"My darling," said the Queen to the little girl, after she had seen her, "I hope you will be a little better now."

The pleasant thought of having seen the Queen might relieve the pain of a suffering child, but still no healing could really come from the sight. But there is a King, the very sight of whom will heal diseases and calm the troubled heart. It was He who stood by Paul's bed in the dark prison at Jerusalem and spoke the words of cheer. And it is not only to those who have some great work to do that the Lord comes with His encouragement. He is just as willing to help us in the little duties of our daily life.

Lesson Hymn

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
Looking unto Jesus, who is gone before.
Christ, the Royal Master, leads against the foe,
Forward into battle see His banners go.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
Looking unto Jesus who is gone before.*

Amen.

—Hymn 262, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—26. What did God say to Adam and Eve when He had placed them in the garden? God told Adam and Eve that they might eat of every tree in the garden except one.

SHORTER CATECHISM—77. What is required in the ninth commandment? A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbour's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

This soldier's helmet is quite different from the caps worn by our Canadian boys. But no two regiments wear the same uniform, though each man may be a soldier.



The boy who helped Paul to escape did not wear the uniform of the Roman soldiers who tried to kill him—but he was truly a little soldier of Christ, was he not?

**I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD BE BRAVE**

Lesson VII.

PAUL BEFORE FELIX

May 17, 1903

Acts 24 : 10-16, 24-26. Study vs. 10-27—Memory Verses, 14-16.

Golden Text—I will fear no evil : for thou art with me.—Ps. 23 : 4.

toward God, and *oward* men. 24 And after certain days, when Fe'lix came with his wife Drusill'a, 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 judgment to come, Fe'lix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time ; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him : wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul's enemies heard how he had escaped out of their hands, they were very angry ; and knowing that he was to be judged by Felix, they came to Cæsarea, and when Paul was called before Felix, said, "There are three things for which this man must be punished.

"First, he is a troublesome fellow who goes about everywhere stirring up riots among the Jews. Then, he has also shown disrespect to the temple, and he is a follower of that dangerous sect called the Nazarenes."

While the Jews were laying these and other false charges against Paul, Felix motioned to the apostle that if he had any answer to make he might speak.

Now Paul was glad to speak for himself before Felix, because, though he was a stern Roman ruler, he knew a great deal about the Jewish laws and religion.

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 a judge 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 Jeru'salem 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 *oward* men. 24 And after certain days, when Fe'lix came with his wife

Drusill'a, 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 judgment to come, Fe'lix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time ; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him : wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

"These men," said Paul, standing up in court and pointing to his accusers, "cannot prove one word of what they say against me.

"Twelve days ago, I with many others of my fellow-countrymen went up to Jerusalem to worship. But it is not true that while there I caused any disturbance either in the temple or in the city. As for my religion, I am still a Jew, though a follower of Jesus Christ. In Him I worship the same God as themselves, believing the same scriptures, and holding as most of them hold, that all of us shall one day rise from the dead. In these things I have offended no one."

When Felix saw that it was impossible to prove anything against Paul, he commanded that for the present he be treated kindly and returned to the prison.

Now Felix had a Jewish wife named Dru-

silla, and after a few days she and her husband invited Paul to come to their house that they might hear him talk further about his belief in Christ.

But Paul, instead of arguing about rules and doctrines, bravely told Felix that unless he would change his cruel and wicked life God would surely send punishment upon him.

As the wicked Felix listened to Paul's solemn words he became terrified at the thought of his own sins; and able to bear it no longer, he cried, "Go away, Paul, for the present. Some day when I have more time I will send for you again."

Now Felix had another reason for inviting Paul to talk with him. He hoped that the apostle or his friends would offer him a large sum of money for which he would willingly have set his prisoner free.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Paul's enemies follow him?
2. What charges did they bring against Paul?
3. Who was Felix? 4. Why was Paul pleased to be tried before him? 5. How did Paul answer the charges made against him? 6. What did he say about his visit to Jerusalem?
7. Why did he think the Jews should not be offended with him? 8. What did Felix decide to do with Paul for the present? 9. Why did he send for him again? 10. What did Paul say to Felix and Drusilla? 11. Why was Felix afraid? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A little boy was taking a long journey in the train one hot and dusty day.

Seeing he was alone, an old lady in the seat behind leaned forward, saying, "Aren't you very tired of the long ride, dear, and the dust and heat?"

The lad looked up brightly and replied with a smile, "Yes, ma'am, a little, but I don't mind much because my father is going to meet me at the end of it."

It was some such thought as this that kept the apostle Paul brave and cheerful even in prison. For he knew that the heavenly Father was not only waiting for him at the last, but was close beside him every step of the way. He knew that God would at the

last deliver him from all his enemies and save him from all his dangers.

Lesson Hymn

Hark! it is the Saviour calling,
"Little children, follow Me;"
Jesus, keep our feet from falling;
Teach us all to follow Thee.

Soon we part—it may be never,
Never here so meet again;
O to meet in heaven forever!
O the crown of life to gain! Amen.

—Hymn 584, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—27. Did Adam and Eve obey God? No. They ate the fruit God told them not to eat.

SHORTER CATECHISM—78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment? A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbour's good name.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

There is a little voice within each of us that checks us when we do wrong and



praises us when we do right. This voice we call conscience. Felix trembled as he sat on the judgment seat, because his conscience told him that Paul's words about his sins were true.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD RESIST EVIL

Lesson VIII.

PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA

May 24, 1903

Acts 26 : 19-29—Memory Verses, 27-29.

Golden Text— Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.—
Acts 26 : 22.



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 Agrip'pa, believest thou the prophets ? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrip'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.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Though Felix knew that Paul had done no wrong, yet to please the Jews he kept him in prison for more than two years.

Then Festus was appointed governor at Casarea in the place of Felix.

One day Festus received a state visit from king Agrippa and his royal sister Bernice.

Hearing of Paul and the long dispute that had been going on about him, Agrippa said to his host, "I should like to hear this person of whom every one is talking."

Then Festus made a party, and inviting all the chief people of the town, he sent to the prison for Paul to come and give them an address.

As soon as the king and Bernice and the other guests had taken their seats, Paul, chained, and bound between two soldiers, was led in to tell the story of his life.

"It is only by the mercy of God, great king

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

20 But shewed first unto them of Damasc'us, and at Jeru'salem, and throughout all the coasts of Judæ'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 both to 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 shew 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.

Agrippa," began the brave apostle, "that I am alive and able to speak before you this day. For when I was in the temple, the Jews caught me and tried to kill me. And this is the chief reason why they hate me, because that, ever since the day when the Lord Himself met me on the way to Damascus, I have gone everywhere preaching to both Jews and Gentiles that Jesus is the promised Saviour." In Him alone may all men turn to God and receive strength to please and obey Him.

As Paul was speaking, his hearers felt that they were listening to the words of no common man ; and in a moment of surprise at Paul's wisdom and eloquence, Festus interrupted with a loud voice saying, "Paul ! Paul ! you are mad ! Much study has turned your head !"

"I am not mad, your Excellency," answered Paul quietly. And turning towards

Agrippa, he said, "The king himself knows that I am speaking the truth, for none of these things happened in private. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest."

But the cowardly Agrippa was afraid to take Paul's side; so he only answered half jokingly, "Really, Paul you would almost persuade me to be a Christian."

"I could pray God," answered Paul earnestly, "that not only you but all who are listening to me to-day might indeed become everything that I am, except for these chains."

Questions on the Lesson

1. How long did Felix keep Paul in prison?
2. What was his reason for doing so?
3. Who was the next governor of Caesarea?
4. From whom did Festus soon receive a visit?
5. What did Agrippa say to Festus about Paul?
6. How did Festus arrange that he might hear him speak?
7. How was Paul brought before them?
8. What did Paul say were the reasons the Jews hated him?
9. What did those who were listening think of Paul?
10. How did Festus interrupt him?
11. What answer did Paul make?
12. What question did he ask the king?
13. What did Agrippa reply?
14. What reply did he receive from Paul?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Once a rich and powerful prince fell asleep and dreamed that he had died and gone to heaven, where he saw a beautiful mansion being built.

"Who is that for?" he asked of the guide. "For your gardener." "But he lives in the tiniest cottage on earth, with barely room enough for his family. He might live better if he did not give away so much to miserable poor people."

Further on he saw a tiny cottage being built. "And who is that for?" he asked. "That is for you." "But I lived in a palace on earth. I should not know how to live in a cottage."

Just then the prince awoke, and found it all a dream. But he learned this lesson, that the humblest and most unhonored person upon earth may be counted the greatest in the kingdom of God.

If we are living selfish, evil lives, then, although we were as rich and powerful as any earthly king, we should be lower in God's sight than one who, like Paul, is poor and despised, but is spending his days and his strength in doing God's will and helping those around him.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Master, whom I serve,
Though so feebly and so ill,
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve
All thy bidding to fulfil;
Open Thou mine eyes to see
All the work Thou hast for me. Amen.
Hymn 240, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—28. **What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God?** They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God.
29. **What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience?** It is called sin.

SHORTER CATECHISM—79. *Which is the tenth commandment?* A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

It was a heavy chain somewhat like this that hung on the arms of Paul while he stood before Agrippa. He was not ashamed,



but proud of the chain because it was for the sake of Jesus whom he loved that they had bound him with it.

—
I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD SEEK GOD'S HELP

THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT

May 31, 1903

Rom. 8 : 1-14—Memory Verse, 1.

Golden Text—For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
—Rom. 8 : 14.



in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin ; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Je'sus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die : but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The Romans, to whom Paul wrote one of his epistles, were noted, amongst other things, for their good and wise laws. So famous were the Roman laws that many of them were copied by people of other countries.

To the Roman Christians Paul said, "Though as a people you have the finest rules in the world, yet there is something that even the best laws cannot do for you. They cannot save you from sin.

"Good laws may show people what is evil, and even punish them when they disobey, but they cannot at all keep men from doing wrong.

"It is because of this that God has sent His Son into the world, that through Jesus

1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Je'sus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Je'sus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh :

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh ; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded *is* death ; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God : for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell

in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin ; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Je'sus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

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14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Christ all men might be saved from their sins, and learn a better law than any they could make for themselves.

"Since I have received the new law of the Spirit of Jesus Christ," wrote Paul to his Roman friends, many of whom were slaves, "I am a free man."

Now Paul did not mean that he had ever been the slave of any earthly master, but that through Christ he was free from the punishment and slavery of sin. "But," said Paul, "because Christ has forgiven my sins, I am not to suppose that I can behave as I like. I am still bound to obey the law, which seems no longer hard and disagreeable, but rather a pleasure and delight.

"There are just two kinds of people in the

world," said the apostle, "those who want to be their own masters and those who want Christ for their Master. These two companies are marching in opposite directions, the one to the place of life and peace, and the other to the place of death.

"But how shall we know which side we are on? By the Spirit which God has given us. If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. If the Spirit of Christ be in us, we shall live forever. Our bodies shall in time wear out and die, but God shall give us new bodies that shall live always.

"Knowing this, how should Christ's servants live and act?" asked the apostle. "Surely not merely to please themselves and to have a good time! Let us rather deny ourselves, remembering that the Spirit of God is with us as a guide to point out the way in every time of joy or danger. And be sure of this, that as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Paul say even good laws could not do? 2. What did he say they could do? 3. Who alone can save men from sin? 4. What did Paul say the new law of Jesus had done for him? 5. From what was he free? 6. What two kinds of people did Paul describe? 7. How may Christ's followers know that they are His? 8. What will God give His servants at the last? 9. Whom has Jesus sent to be their guide? 10. Who are the "sons of God"? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

There was once a quarrel between two men over a sheep. Each man said that the sheep belonged to him. How did the judge decide? He told each man in turn to call the sheep. The first man called, but the sheep did not even turn its head. Then the second man called, and the sheep bounded up to him. It knew its shepherd's voice. In the same way Christ's servants should know and follow the voice of His Spirit.

The Holy Spirit speaks to us in many ways, sometimes through the word of God, sometimes through conscience within us, sometimes through parents and teachers.

We should be very attentive, so that we shall hear every whisper of His voice.

Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit, help us,
Daily by Thy might,
What is wrong to conquer,
And to choose the right. Amen.
Hymn 551, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—30. When do we sin against God? We sin against God when we do what He tells us not to do; or when we fail to do what He tells us.

SHORTER CATECHISM—80. What is required in the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbour, and all that is his.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

A very dear name to each little one is "father." When father goes away from home, you know where he has gone, and



you think of him, and still do the things you know he would like. To be called "sons of God," we must serve him in the same way as "dear children."

**I Have Learned Today that
I SHOULD OBEY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Lesson X.

PAUL'S VOYAGE AND SHIPWRECK

June 7, 1903

Acts 27 : 33-44. Study vs. 1-44—Memory Verses, 41-44.

Golden Text—Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.—Ps. 107 : 28.



33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought *them* all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat : for this is for your health : for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all : and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took *some* meat.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land ; but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed *themselves* unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground ; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from *their* purpose ; and commanded that they which could swim should cast *themselves* first *into the sea*, and get to land :

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on *broken pieces* of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It was at last decided that Paul should go to Rome and be judged by the Emperor himself.

So, with a company of prisoners under charge of an officer named Julius and a guard of soldiers, Paul was put on board a large wheat vessel sailing for Italy.

On the way the ship met with one storm after another, until at last the sailors, unable to control the vessel, were obliged to throw overboard everything that could be spared to lighten the ship, and allow her to drift.

For fourteen days Paul and his companions were tossed and driven by the storm, until one night, when everybody but the apostle had given up all hope of being saved, they

thought they heard a sound as of waves beating upon the shore.

Then the sailors, supposing they were nearing some island, let down four anchors and waited patiently for daylight.

All this time both passengers and crew had been too frightened and sea-sick even to eat. But as morning dawned Paul encouraged them, saying, "Do, I beg of you, take a little food and keep up your strength, for by the mercy of God you shall yet be saved."

Then Paul set food before them, and when he had asked God's blessing upon it, they began to eat and were much encouraged.

They then threw out the very last of the

wheat, again to lighten the ship, and as morning brightened and the sailors saw ahead of them a flat, sandy shore, they ran the ship aground at the mouth of a creek. Here the front part of the vessel stuck fast in the sand, but the back part was broken to pieces by the waves.

Seeing they were shipwrecked, the soldiers advised that all the prisoners be killed, lest any of them should escape.

But Julius, anxious to save Paul, said, "No, let all who can, swim to shore." Then the rest followed, some on boards and some on other things from the ship; and in this way the whole company were soon standing with Paul safe upon dry land.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why was Paul sent to Rome? 2. Who were his companions? 3. How did they go? 4. Who took charge of the prisoners? 5. What trouble overtook them? 6. How long was their vessel tossed in the storm? 7. Why did Paul beg them all to eat? 8. What did he do before they began? 9. What promise did he make his companions? 10. What did the soldiers wish to do to the shipwrecked prisoners? 11. Why did Julius say, "No?" 12. How were they all saved? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

One day, when Jack Andrews was in Switzerland, he made up his mind to climb to the top of a high snow-covered mountain. A guide went with him because the way was full of danger. The guide tied a rope round his own waist and then fastened the other end round Jack. In this way they toiled up, Jack putting his feet in the footprints of his guide; and at last they reached the top in safety. When they came to go down, he begged hard to be allowed to go alone. But he had taken only a few steps, when his foot slipped on the loose snow and down that awful height he went. In that terrible moment he saw his mistake, and prayed that God would be his protector and lead him to a place of safety.

After some hours Jack was found lying on the shelf of an overhanging rock safe and unharmed. God had answered his prayer.

Not many of us have had an experience like Jack's. But when God gives us our daily food and clothes us, He answers our prayers as really as when He saved Jack from his great danger.

Lesson Hymn

God is near thee, therefore cheer thee,
Sad soul!
He'll defend thee when around thee
Billows roll,—
When around thee billows roll.
—Hymn 277, Book of Praise

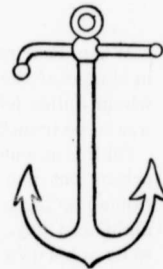
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 31. **How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin?** They were driven out of the garden, and had to suffer pain, sorrow and death.

SHORTER CATECHISM—81. *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?* A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontent with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

In a storm sailors throw out great iron anchors, like this, to keep the ship steady. Without them they would be at the mercy of the wind and the waves. Even the an-



chor cannot keep the ship, unless the Jesus who walked on the stormy sea, and to whom darkness and day are both alike, is with them to guard and guide.

—
I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD BE CHEERFUL

Lesson XI.

PAUL AT ROME

June 14, 1903

Acts 28 : 16-24, 30, 31. Study vs. 16-31—Memory Verses, 30, 31.

Golden Text—I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.—Rom. 1 : 16.

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.

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 Jeru'salem 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 ought 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 Israel I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judæ'a concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came

shewed 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 every where 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.

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.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul reached Rome, he was given in charge of the captain of the guard, with whom Julius left a special message that he was to be treated kindly.

On this account the apostle was not put in prison, but was chained by the wrist to a Roman soldier, who kept watch over him night and day. Otherwise he was allowed to have his own house, and to live and work as he pleased.

Three days after his arrival at Rome, Paul sent an invitation to the chief men of the Jews, of whom there were a large number living in the city, to come and see him.

"I have sent for you," said the apostle, "that you may know why I am a prisoner in this great heathen city.

"You may have heard how the Jews took

me prisoner in Jerusalem, handing me over to the Roman rulers for punishment, though I had taught nothing against their worship or customs; and how the rulers, finding nothing against me, kept me in prison to please the people. I then thought it wise to appeal for justice to the king, and that is why I am here. But I have no quarrel against the Jews; they are my own people. It is because I would bring to them and to you the message of salvation in Jesus Christ that I am now bound with this chain."

Now the Roman Jews had heard nothing of Paul's imprisonment, for they had no telegraph in those days to send news ahead; but as soon as he spoke of Christ they said, "We would be glad to hear exactly what you think of Him? As for the sect or com-

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 Today
THAT I SHOULD BE EARNEST

Lesson XII.

PAUL'S CHARGE TO TIMOTHY

June 21, 1908

2 Timothy 3 : 14 to 4 : 8—Memory Verses, 12-14.

Golden Text—There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.—2 Tim. 4 : 8.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them* ;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Je'sus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness :

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Ch. 4 : 1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Je'sus 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.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Such a terrible persecution had arisen against the Christians that Paul was again arrested and thrown into a dark and lonely prison.

Not knowing the moment when he might be put to death, the apostle spent his time in writing letters of advice and encouragement to his friends.

Among these was a young man called Timothy, who had lately been appointed minister of the church at Ephesus.

As a child, Timothy had been taught by his Jewish mother and grandmother to read and love the Old Testament. And while still a boy he became a Christian through the teachings of Paul, afterwards going with him upon some of his missionary journeys. To this beloved pupil Paul now wrote :

“MY DEAR TIMOTHY:

“As you are just beginning your work as a preacher of the gospel, I have some things

to say to you for your guidance and help.

“As a minister of Christ, I beg that, above all things, you will honor and obey the scriptures, for they alone are able to explain the way of eternal life. Remember with thankfulness how, as a child, you learned them by heart and be always grateful to those who helped you to understand their meaning.

“As the scriptures are God's own word, from them you may learn the best way to teach or warn or reprove those who are now under your care.

“They are also your best library, so perfect and complete, that in them you will find comfort and guidance for every time of need.

“But your work as a minister is not only to study the Bible. Your chief work is to tell others about Christ. And I charge you solemnly in the name of the Lord Himself,

that you preach his message faithfully and earnestly. Be patient and diligent, for the time is coming when men will not listen to the truth, but will run after teachers who will flatter and amuse them.

"Last of all, my beloved son, be brave! for you will have to suffer many trials for the sake of your Master.

"Looking back over my own life," wrote the apostle, "it all seems like a battle or a race. Surely I can say, 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.'

"And now, even as the Roman champion in the games receives his wreath, so also there is waiting for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord shall give, not only to me, but to all who love Him, at the last day."
"FAREWELL"

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Paul spend his last days? 2. How did he employ his time? 3. Who was Timothy? 4. Why did Paul write to him? 5. What did he tell him about the scriptures? 6. Who had first taught him God's word? 7. From whom had he heard of Christ? 8. What was his work now? 9. How did Paul encourage him to behave in trouble? 10. To what did the apostle compare his own life? 11. What would the Lord give him at last? 12. The Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I don't see the use of reading the Bible," said George, "I like a regular Indian story with lots of fighting."

"And I'd rather hear fairy stories," said Kate.

"But the Bible is the best book," said papa, and taking a globe from the shelf, he marked parts of the countries with black chalk. "These are the lands where there are no Bibles," he said, "and I make them black, because the people's lives are dark and unhappy."

"What does the Bible do?" asked George.

"It teaches people how to live good lives," and papa drew white marks through the black to show where the Bible had been carried and the good it had done. "Indian

and fairy stories are all very well," he said, "but that is the best book."

Lesson Hymn

Little travellers Zionward,
Each one entering into rest
In the kingdom of our Lord,
In the mansions of the blest.
There to welcome Jesus waits,
Gives the crowns His followers win:
Lift your heads, ye golden gates,
Let the little travellers in.
—Hymn 589, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—33. **What will follow if we love sin and allow it to remain in our heart?** If we love sin we cannot be the friends of God, or be with Him when we die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—83. *Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?* A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Those who came out best in the games held by the Greeks had a crown of leaves



placed on their brows. That crown soon faded. But for each of His followers Jesus has a crown that is everlasting.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD BE HOPEFUL

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

June 28, 1903

GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom.—2 Tim. 4 : 18.

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions 21-33.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 70-83.

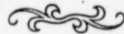
Lesson Hymn

There's a crown for little children
 Above the bright blue sky,
 And all who look for Jesus
 Shall wear it by and by—
 A crown of brightest glory,
 Which He will then bestow
 On all who've found His favor,
 And loved His name below. Amen.
 —Hymn 590, Book of Praise



I HAVE LEARNED
 TO-DAY THAT

I Should Be Trustful



LESSON I.	Paul's Farewell to Ephesus.	Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20 : 35.
LESSON II.	The Resurrection.	Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. 15 : 20.
LESSON III.	The Law of Love.	Love worketh no ill to his neighbor : therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.—Rom. 13 : 10.
LESSON IV.	Paul's Journey to Jerusalem.	The will of the Lord be done.—Acts 21 : 14.
LESSON V.	Paul Arrested.	If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.—1 Pet. 4 : 16.
LESSON VI.	The Plot against Paul.	The Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer.—Acts. 23 : 11.
LESSON VII.	Paul before Felix.	I will fear no evil : for thou art with me.—Ps. 23 : 4.
LESSON VIII.	Paul before Agrippa.	Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.—Acts 26 : 22.
LESSON IX.	The Life-giving Spirit.	For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.—Rom. 8 : 14.
LESSON X.	Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck.	Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.—Ps. 107 : 28.
LESSON XI.	Paul at Rome.	I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.—Rom. 1 : 16.
LESSON XII.	Paul's Charge to Timothy.	There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.—2 Tim. 4 : 8.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

Write in the spaces below (or get some one to do so for you) some one thing that you have learned from each lesson.

<p>LESSON I. Paul's Farewell to Ephesus.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Paul Before Felix.</p>
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[Many of the little ones will be pleased to mark down their attendance at Church and Sabbath School with the number of verses learned, etc., and so here is a place to do it in. The record will be very interesting by the end of the Quarter. Mothers will help the tinier tots who cannot read or manage a pencil very well.]

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Name of Sabbath School Teacher's Name

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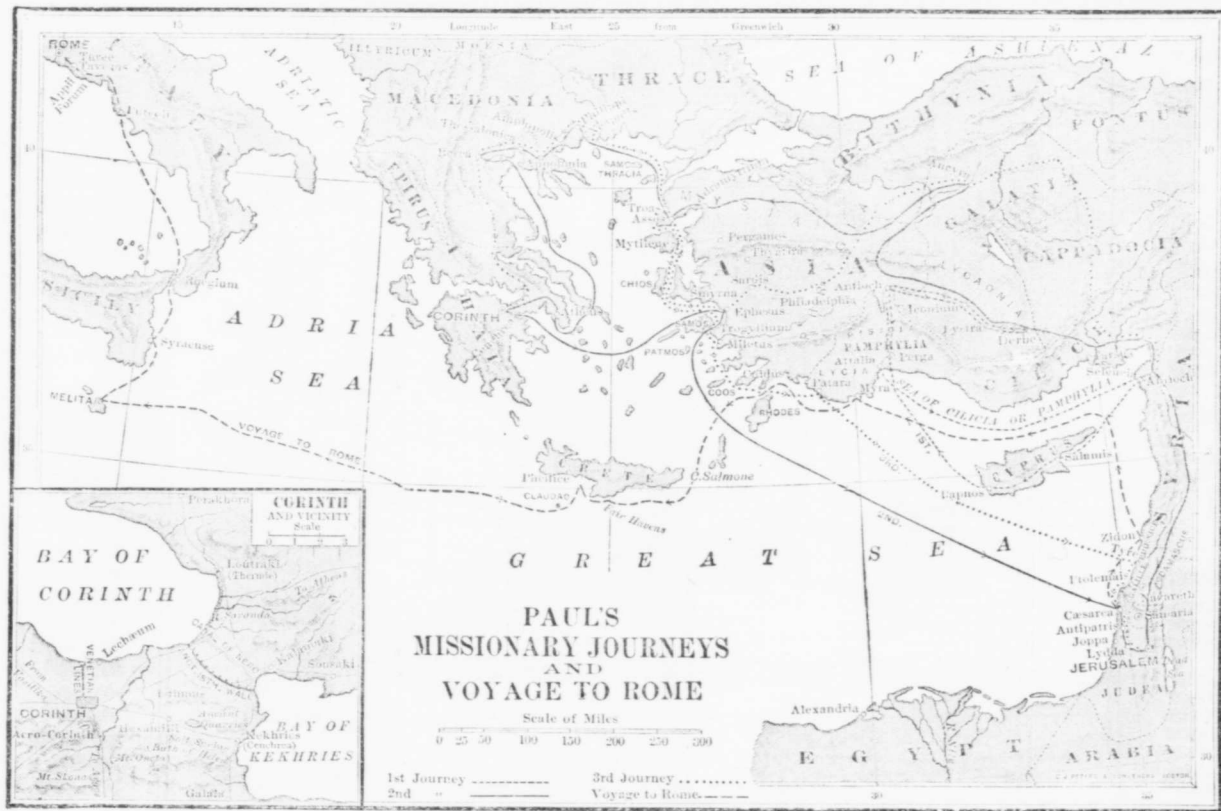
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