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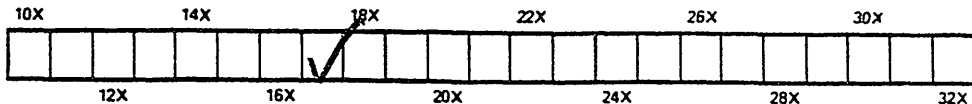
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YOUNG CANADA. (See third page.)

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 11.]

PAUL'S LAST WORDS.

[DEC. 12.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

LESSON STORY.

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

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

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

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. To what does Paul urge Timothy?

To work earnestly and constantly for God.

2. What was Timothy's work?

The work of a preacher.

3. What should we be?

Earnest in good work.

4. What did Paul say of himself?

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

5. Why did he not fear to die?

He knew there was a crown laid up for him in heaven.

6. What made Paul sad?

All men forsook him.

7. Who did stand by him?

The Lord.



YOUNG CANADA.

Here is a photograph of two little girls whose home is far up in British Columbia. In their part of Canada it is very cold in the winter, and often the snow is so deep that it completely covers the fences. One time there was a very severe snow-storm and when they got up next morning they discovered that the snow had blown up on the verandah and drifted half-way up the front door. Some one had to climb out of the window and shovel the great drift of soft snow away from the door before it could be opened.

Each of these little girls has a pair of snow-shoes and when the snow is deep they delight in putting them on and walking along the high drifts, into which they never sink. Where they live there are lots of poor Indians whom the brave missionaries are trying to convert.



A BACKSLIDER.

The minister's little girl and her playmates were talking of serious things.

"Do you know what a backslider is?" she questioned.

"Yes. It's a person that used to be a Christian, and isn't," said the playmate promptly.

"But what do you s'pose makes them call them backsliders?"

"O, that's easy. You see, when people are good, they go to church and sit up in front. When they get a little tired of being good, they slip back a seat, and keep on till they get clear back to the door. After a while they slip clear out, and never come to church at all."

THE SINGING CLOCK.

Have you ever you ever seen a cuckoo clock? It is one of the 'cutest little things you can think of. They are made in Switzerland and are generally beautifully carved. What gives them their name, however, is the funny little bird which comes out of the small opening above the face of the clock every time the clock strikes and calls out, "Cuckoo, Cuckoo," as plain as can be. That is, the bird *seems* to do it. He opens his mouth and ducks his head and goes through all the motions of singing. But he is only a little cheat after all. It is a little pair of bellows within which emits this flute-like note every time the clock strikes. But the little fraud is only like a good many people in this world, who take all the credit for some thing that is done by others who are unseen.



WHAT THE CLOCK SAYS.

What does the clock say loud and clear
Upon the mantel high?

Hark! only two wee words I hear
While snug in bed am I.

The whole day long it sang "tick tock!"
Now it has changed its tune, this clock.

"You're good! you're good!" it seems
to say,

When I have been quite good all day.

What does the clock say loud and clear
When lips have learned to pout?

How it should know I'm bad is queer,
I'm puzzled to find out.

And yet when all the house is still,
A voice the whole room seems to fill—

"You're bad! quite bad!" I hear
say;

Who told it I was bad all day?