

DEW DROPS

VOL. I.

TORONTO, AUGUST 21, 1897.

No. 34.



PLAYING SOLDIER.

Master Robbie is very fond of playing soldier. He likes to pretend that he is the great Scottish warrior, Robert Bruce, and that he is the chief of a brave Highland regiment. His army is a rather funny one, as he has only four soldiers, but he imagines there are a great many more. His two best soldiers are Rover, the dog, and Bessie, his sister. Bessie has an old toasting-fork for a gun and Rover has a cane. He stands up on his hind legs and seems to understand everything that Robbie says to him.



It is so cold away up North where the Eskimos live that one would think that even their wits would freeze. But what do you think of an Eskimo boy that learned all the alphabet, to read in words of one syllable, and to add numbers up to fifty, in thirty-two days?

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 9.] PAUL OPPOSED AT EPHESUS. [AUGUST 29.

Acts 19. 21-34.

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

MEMORY VERSES, 24-26. (Read chap. 19. 1, to 20, 3.)—For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen ;

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

Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands.

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

LESSON STORY.

Paul now came to the great and wicked city of Ephesus. Here nearly all the people worshipped idols. There was one very beautiful temple built in honour of Diana. The idol-worshippers used to buy little silver temples with idols inside, which they took to their homes.

In Ephesus there was a man named Demetrius who had grown rich making these shrines. After Paul came to the city and preached the Gospel, he did not sell so many as he had before. So he called a meeting of the silversmiths and told them that if Paul stayed there they would soon have no more work to do, and they grew very angry and shouted, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." Then the crowd seized two of Paul's helpers, but God did not let these good men be harmed, and soon the uproar ceased.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. For what was Ephesus noted ?

For idol-worship.

2. What idol was worshipped ?

The goddess Diana.

3. What did people buy who worshipped Diana ?

Little silver shrines.

4. Why were the silversmiths angry with Paul ?

Because he hurt their trade by teaching people to believe in the true God.

5. What cry did they raise?

"Great is Diana of the Ephesians."

6. Were the Christians harmed?

No. God protected them.

BABY BELL.

Little Isabel, as the baby in the picture was christened last Sunday, will be three months old next Tuesday. She was born on the twenty-fourth of May, the same day as our good Queen Victoria was seventy-eight years ago. How I know it was seventy-eight years ago is because our Queen was just eighteen when she came to the throne, and this year we celebrated her "Diamond Jubilee," or reign of sixty years. Let us hope that little Bell will live to be as old as Queen Victoria and be as good. Though she will never be a Royal Sovereign, she may have a queenly nature, and be loved by all who come to know her. In that way she will reign over an even greater realm than Queen Victoria's, that is, "the kingdom of the heart."

DOING GOOD FOR EVIL.

A bright boy of four years lay dying. He sent for all his playthings, and gave them away to his schoolmates and playmates. He sent the thing he valued most—an express-waggon—to a boy who had treated him very badly. "Why do you do that?" asked a relative. He answered: "God tells me to love them that hate me. I think he hated me, and so I will obey what God teaches me to do." How wise and how Christian was his doing! How many adult Christians would do well carefully and closely to pattern after this boy's example!

Such was a boy's reply to his playmates who were trying to tempt him to do wrong. "But you need not tell her; no one will know anything about it." "I would know all about it myself, and I'd feel very mean if I couldn't tell my mother." "It's a pity you wasn't a girl. The idea of a boy running and telling his mother every little thing!" "You may laugh if you want to, but I've made up my mind that as long as I live I will not do anything that I am ashamed to tell my mother about." That was a noble answer by a noble boy.



BABY BELL—(See third page.)

Converted Sunday-school scholars need to be cherished and nourished carefully, patiently, and tenderly.

Dew Drops is published weekly by William Briggs, 29-33 Richmond Street West, Toronto. Price, 7 cents per year, or 2 cents per quarter.