

† Dan. ix 18. We do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. V. 16. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God.

u 1 Chron. xxix 11. Thine O Lord, is the great-

ness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. V. 13. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

w Rev. xxii. 20. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

## LESSONS AND GOLDEN TEXTS.

### SECOND QUARTER.

1. April 4.—PETER WORKING MIRACLES. Acts 9: 32-43. Commit vs. 32-35. *Golden Text*—Jesus Christ maketh thee whole. Acts 9: 34.

2. April 11.—CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS. Acts 10: 30-44. Commit vs. 36-38. (Read chap. 10.) *Golden Text*—Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10: 43.

3. April 18.—GENTILES CONVERTED AT ANTIOCH. Acts 11: 19-26. Commit vs. 21-24. (Read chap. 11.) *Golden Text*—Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. Acts 11: 18.

4. April 25.—PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON. Acts 12: 5-17. Commit vs. 7-9. (Read the whole chapter.) *Golden Text*—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalm 34: 7.

5. May 2.—PAUL BEGINS HIS FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY. Acts 13: 1-13. Commit vs. 2-4. *Golden Text*—Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16: 15.

6. May 9.—PAUL PREACHING TO THE JEWS. Acts 13: 26-39. Commit vs. 38-39. (Read chap. 13: 14-43.) *Golden Text*—Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. Acts 13: 38.

7. May 16.—PAUL PREACHING TO THE GENTILES. Acts 14: 11-27. Commit vs. 21, 22. (Read chap. 13: 44 to 14: 28.)

*Golden Text*—I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles. Acts 13: 47.

8. May 23.—THE CONFERENCE AT JERUSALEM. Acts 15: 1-6, 22-29. Commit vs. 3, 4. (Read chap. 15: 1-35 and Gal. 2: 1-10. *Golden Text*—Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. Acts 15: 11.

9. May 20.—CHRISTIAN FAITH LEADS TO GOOD WORKS. James 2: 14-23. Commit vs. 14-17. *Golden Text*—I will show thee my faith by my works. James 2: 18.

10. June 6.—SINS OF THE TONGUE. James 3: 1-13. Commit vs. 11-13. (Read chap. 3.) *Golden Text*—Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile. Psalm 34: 13.

11. June 13.—PAUL'S ADVICE TO TIMOTHY. 2 Tim. 1: 1-7; 3: 14-17. Commit vs. 3: 14-17. (Read Acts 16: 1-5.) *Golden Text*—From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation. 2 Tim. 3: 15.

12. June 20.—PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. Rom. 14: 10-21. (MAY BE USED AS A TEMPERANCE LESSON.) Commit vs. 19-21. (Read chap. 14.) *Golden Text*—It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth. Rom. 14: 21.

13. June 27.—REVIEW. *Golden Text*—This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Matt. 24: 14

## GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

We have several instances in the lessons of this quarter of God's willingness to answer prayer. We give the following from more modern days.

In the days when South Africa was a Dutch colony the government became jealous of the missionaries of the London missionary society and sent for them to come to Capetown, without giving them any intimation of the design of the summons. On reaching the seat of rule they were told that their labors must be discontinued and that they must not revisit their flocks even to bid them farewell. The missionaries held a conference—so they intended it to be, but when they were met one of them said, "What can we confer about? To deliberate is useless where we have no power to decide. Let us pray." The suggestion was adopted and the missionaries successively addressed the throne of grace, continuing "instant in prayer." They were yet devoting themselves to this exercise when a rumor reached them that a squadron was visible at sea. It was a British fleet, having for its object the capture of the colony and it was speedily in conflict with the Dutch navy. The flames and smoke of battle could be seen from the land and the cannon's thunders were distinctly audible. In a few minutes the fight was over and the colony belonged to Great Britain. On a representation to the new authorities, the missionaries were empowered to return to their stations. When they went back to their people they were received with real surprise and joy. Having heard that they were to be deprived of their instructors, they had assembled to consider what should be done and like the missionaries at Capetown they said "What can we do but pray," and their returning pastors found them engaged in that exercise.