

but ten Sabbaths on himself, 510 of his 520 palings are down. The life is open to all evil, no good can grow in his heart. It lies waste, it is trodden underfoot by evil and passion and sin, by unholy thoughts and wicked deeds. His heart is hard. His life is barren and wasted and desolate, because the fence is broken down.

How is the Sabbath to be Sanctified ?

BY RESTING FROM ATTENDANCE UPON GETTING DOING WORK. WORSHIP. GOOD.

LESSON XI.—March 13th, 1898.

THE WHEAT AND THE TARES. MATT. 13 : 24-30, 36-43.

Commit vs. 37-39.

24. Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field:

25. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away.

26. But when the blade sprang up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27. And the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it tares? 28. And he said unto them, An enemy hath done this.

And the servants say unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29. But he saith, Nay; lest haply while ye gather up the tares, ye root up the wheat with them.

30. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them into bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

31. Then he left the multitudes, and went into the

house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Explain unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37. And he answered and said, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38. and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; 39. and the enemy that sowed them is the devil; and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are angels.

40. As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in the end of the world.

41. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, 42. and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears, let him hear.

GOLDEN TEXT.

“He that soweth the good seed, is the Son of Man.”—Matt. 13: 37.

PROVE THAT

Jesus will Judge the world, Acts 10: 42.

DAILY READINGS.

- M. The wheat and the tares, Matt. 13: 24-33.
- T. The wheat and the tares, Matt. 13: 34-43.
- W. The separation, Matt. 13: 44-52.
- T. Come I Matt. 25: 31-40.
- F. Depart! Matt. 25: 41-46.
- S. The Book of Life, Rev. 20: 6-15.
- S. Home of the righteous Rev. 21: 1-8.

CATECHISM.

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

LESSON HYMNS.

Nos. 455, 454, 324, 486.

LESSON PLAN. { I. The Parable. vs. 24-30.
II. Its Explanation. vs. 36-43.

EXPOSITORY NOTES.

INTRODUCTORY.—Our Lord did not teach by parables at the beginning of His ministry, but when he saw how little effect such discourses as the Sermon on the Mount had, He adopted a style more adapted to interest the people, and stimulate them to thought, while at the same time it concealed the truth from the careless and spiritually blind. The seven

parables in this chapter, and an eighth in Mark, describe Christ's kingdom in its various relations to the disciple and to the world. Time, autumn A.D. 23. Place, the sea shore near Capernaum.

24.—A parable has been defined as “a fictitious narrative, true to nature, yet undeceptive, veiling a moral, or spiritual truth under