

needle; that is, the small door in an Eastern city gate, large enough for a man, but far too small for a camel. The disciples are astonished; for so many about them were rushing after riches, that it seemed as if very few could be saved. **With God all things are possible**; even saving men from the love of, and trust in, riches.

**IV. THE WAY CHOSEN.—28-31.** Peter; always foremost in speech. **Lo, we have left all.** See Luke 5: 11. **For my sake, and the gospel's . . . an hundredfold.** Whatever we give up for Jesus' sake will yield us a hundred times more joy than if we kept it for selfish enjoyment. **World to come eternal life**; blessings that shall never end. **First . . . last . . . last first.** Many, who in this world are poor, lowly and obscure, will have a high place in heaven, where what we get depends altogether on what kind of persons we are.

#### DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

**M.**—The rich young ruler, Mark 10: 17-31. **T.**—Taking up the cross, Luke 9: 18-27. **W.**—Failure of riches, Luke 12: 13-21. **Th.**—Treasure in heaven, Luke 12: 22-34. **F.**—Durable riches, Matt. 6: 19-24. **S.**—Root of evil, 1 Tim. 6: 6-12. **S.**—God's gift of eternal life, 1 John 5: 9-13.

**Prove from Scripture**—*That Christians must not covet.*

**Shorter Catechism**—Review Questions 24-26.

**The Question on Missions**—32. How does the Mission obtain Christian writings? The Mission gets from India, Hindi and Urdu Bibles, books and tracts; but a printing press has been set up at Tuna-puna to meet the need of local Hindi literature.

**Lesson Hymns**—Book of Praise, 251 (Supplemental Lesson); 122; 136; 7 (Ps. Sel.); 238 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 238.

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY

**Juniors**—What gracious act had Jesus just done? Whither was he going?

**17, 18** Tell all you can about Jesus' visitor. What did he want? How did he think he could get it?

**19-22** What does Jesus tell the young man to do? Which command includes all those mentioned? What did the young man say? How did Jesus feel toward him? What did He tell him to do?

**23-28** Why did the young man go away? Why

was he grieved? How hard is it for those who trust in riches to be saved? Who can save them?

**29-31** What had the disciples left, for Jesus'? What does He promise them?

**Seniors and the Home Department**—17, 18 What did the young ruler call Jesus? What was Jesus' response? What was His object in this? What did the ruler ask? Show that good works cannot save us. (Rom. 3: 28.) What is the true standard of character? (Eph. 4: 13.)

**19-22** What claim did Jesus' visitor make? How did our Lord test him? Which commandment tested Paul's righteousness? (Rom. 7: 7.)

**23-28** What kept the young ruler out of Christ's kingdom? What does Paul say about the love of money? (1 Tim. 6: 10.)

**29-31** What does Jesus require us to give up for His sake? (Luke 14: 33.) Where does He say that those persecuted for His sake are blessed? (Matt. 5: 10, 11.) What reward does He promise? (Rom. 8: 18; Rev. 2: 7.)

#### THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. Jesus is the best Counsellor to whom young men can go. He sympathizes with their ambitions. He points out plainly their mistakes and faults. He deals squarely with their doubts. He shows them the right path. Above all, in Him they have an Example without fault or flaw.

2. Imagine one carrying a bucket of salt water and exclaiming, "I have the ocean." He would not be more mistaken than one who, even when he has done his best, thinks he has kept God's law perfectly.

3. We never really live until we have learned to love. His life is richest and fullest who loves God with all His heart, and his neighbor as himself. "Love," it has been said with equal quaintness and truth, is the perfect tense of "live."

4. Tennyson wrote in his, Vision of Sin:

"I had a vision when the night was late;

A youth came riding towards a palace gate,

He rode a horse with wings that would have flown,

But that his heavy rider kept him down."

What are those wings but the desires in our hearts after the highest things, while the weight is the desires of our meaner and lower self? Blessed be God! we can cast off the weight, and soar aloft to a nobler, holier life.

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. With what question did the young ruler come to Jesus? .....

2. What was he unwilling to do? .....

3. How does Jesus reward His followers? .....