

The Sounding Cry.

Church of God, awake, arise!
Listen to the widow's cry
For him once so good and brave,
Sleeping in a martyr's grave:
Look upon her grief to-day,
And vote to-morrow as you pray.

Church of God, awake, arise!
Sly, what means those shrieks and cries?
Ah! the dreadful din grows worse,
Mingled now with blow and curse!
What is all this noise and strife?
'Tis the drunkard and his wife,
Loved and petted, once was she;
Cursed and beaten now, you see.
Stop this evil world-wide away,
By voting hence, as Christians pray.

Church of God, awake, arise!
The drunkard from the gutter cries,
Dying of hunger and thirst for drink,
Lo, he stands on hell's dark brink!
Can we out the fearful cost?
Soul and body, both are lost!
Hopeless, he might not die to-day,
Had you voted as you pray.

Church of God, awake, arise!
'Tis the voice of conscience cries;
Speaking firmly from your breast,
Telling what is right and best;
Whispering, it will better pay,
To vote forever as you pray.

Church of God, awake, arise!
Turn your face to the skies.
United stand—Right 'gainst Wrong—
Raise the glad, triumphant song;
Welcome in the glorious day,
When Christians vote as Christians pray.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 1451] **LESSON V.** [Nov. 4

DEFEAT AT AI.

Josh. 7. 1-12. Memory verse, 10-12

GOLDEN TEXT.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Psa. 119. 36.

OUTLINE.

1. The Defeated Army.
2. The Despairing Cry.

TIME.—1451 B.C.

PLACES.—Jericho. Ai.

EXPLANATIONS.—*The accursed thing*—There was to be no spoil or booty: everything was cursed. If a single soldier took a thing for booty, it was an accursed thing. *Victory's country*—A military reconnaissance. *In the going down*—That is, on the descent of the hills. *Heart . . . melted*—Became very greatly disheartened. *cut his clothes*—An expressive symbol . . . of common in the Orient; it was done by tearing down ward a hand's breadth of the loose outer robe. *Do t on their heads*—Another symbol of humiliation.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. The hatefulness of sin?
2. The harmfulness of sin?
3. The sure punishment of sin?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What was Joshua's next military attempt? The capture of Ai. 2. What was the result? Defeat and loss of thirty-six men. 3. What was the effect upon the people? They were greatly frightened. 4. What was Joshua's first act? He gave way to grief. 5. What did God tell him was the cause? The sin of the people. 6. What ought this lesson to make each of us pray? "Incline my heart," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The consequences of sin.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

5. Why were they commanded not to eat of this fruit?
To try them whether they would obey God or not.
6. Wherein lay the evil of eating the forbidden fruit?

In the spirit of disobedience to God, unto whom, as their Creator and Benefactor and Lord, they ought to have been in entire submission.

B.C. 1444] **LESSON VI.** [Nov. 11

CALEB'S INHERITANCE.

Josh. 14. 5-15. Memory verses, 10, 12

GOLDEN TEXT.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Psa. 37. 3.

OUTLINE.

1. Caleb.
2. His Inheritance.

TIME.—1444 B.C.

PLACE.—Gilgal.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Divided the land*—That is, parcelled it out among the tribes as God ordered. *In mine heart*—That is, in his mind; it was a matter of intellect, not of affection. *Heart . . . melted*—That is, to be filled with abject fear. *It holily told me*—That is, was willing to entirely trust God's word, and to advance them into Canaan. *This mountain*—Hebron is the highest point of southern Palestine.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. That God requires a whole-hearted service?
2. That God rewards whole-hearted service?
3. That God's word is sure of fulfilment?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Who came to Joshua with a request for an inheritance? Caleb, one of the spies. 2. On what did he base his request? On the promise made by Moses. 3. Why did Moses promise Caleb an inheritance? Because he wholly followed God. 4. What was the nature of the work which his request involved? Difficult and dangerous. 5. What was the only help he said he needed? That the Lord would be with him. 6. What is the lesson that Caleb's example and success should teach us? "Trust in the Lord," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The service of God.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

7. Into what state did the fall bring mankind? Into a state of sin and misery. Romans v. 12. Through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned.

JAPANESE WOMEN CURING TEAS.

LIEUTENANT M—, a gallant officer in the United States naval service, gave the following facts concerning Japanese women. He had seen much of them in his cruises around China and Japan:—

"They are most patient and enduring creatures," said the lieutenant, "and are much preferred to the Japanese men by the proprietors of the European tea-houses, who engage native hands for the work of firing (curing) teas. This last is a process that requires much delicate and careful manipulation and constant attention on the part of the person thus engaged, in order to make the curing a complete success. Every foreign 'go down' (store-house) is supplied with a goodly number of small brass fire-pots and shovel-shaped pans for this purpose. A charcoal fire is first built in each pot; then each pan is filled with the tender green leaves of the tea-plant; and then the women take their places, each with a pan in her hand, which it is her business to move to and fro constantly over the fire in the pot until all the leaves are thoroughly dried in the pan she has

in charge; then she must refill her pan and commence over again. This wearing work I have seen hundreds of Japanese women do for hours at a time—many of them with big, restless babies strapped to their backs—without stopping to rest."

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE.

In a village near Warsaw there lived a pious peasant, by name Dobry. Without any fault of his own he had fallen into arrears with his rent, and the landlord determined to turn him out. It was winter and evening, and the next day he was to be turned out, with all his family. As they sat in their sorrow, Dobry knelt down in their midst, and they sang—

Commit thou all thy griefs
And ways into his hands.

Just as they came to the last verse—

When thou wouldst all our need supply,
Who then shall stay thy hand?

there was a knock at the window. It was an old friend, a raven that Dobry's grandfather had taken out of the nest and tamed and then set at liberty. Dobry opened the window; the raven hopped in, and in his bill there was a ring, set with precious stones. Dobry thought he would sell the ring, but again he thought that he would take it and show it to his minister; and he, who saw at once by the crest that it belonged to King Stanislaus, took it to him and related the story. The king sent for Dobry and rewarded him so that he was no more in need, and the next year built him a new house and gave him cattle from his own herd; and over the house-door there is an iron tablet whereon is carved a raven with a ring in his beak, and underneath the verse—

Thou everywhere hast away,
And all things show thy might;
Thy every act pure blessing is,
Thy path unswayed light.

NECESSARY GIRLISH QUALITIES.

PATIENCE and gentleness are necessary qualities in every girl's life. Patience aids in extinguishing envy, overcoming anger, and crushing pride. How much good may be done and joy brought by a gentle word or look! Truly "a soft answer turneth away wrath!" Girls are not called upon to do great things, except in rare instances, but the everyday trials of life in the ordinary and appointed exercise of the Christian graces afford ample scope for practising that virtue of mankind which has become proverbial. The best exercises of patience and self denial—and the better because not chosen by ourselves—are those in which we have to bear with the failings of those about us, to endure neglect when we feel we deserved attention, and ingratitude when we expected thanks—to bear with disappointment in our expectations, with interruptions of our retirement, with folly, intrusion, or disturbance—in short, with whatever opposes our will or contradicts our humor.—*Exchange.*

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