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[Sept. 19.] **Jesus Interceding.** (John 17: 1-3, 11-21.)

The note of approach in teaching this lesson, and of triumph in the heart of Christ, is the closing verse of the preceding chapter.

(1) This is an illustrative example of the substance of Christ's intercession for the saints—the most simple in language and the most comprehensive in thought of any in the Bible. The true Lord's prayer. *v.* 1.

(2) The great hour of the ages has come, and Jesus is glorified in that He is about to be constituted in history, the "Head over all things to the church" (Col. 2: 9, 10), so put into the great commission (Matt. 28: 18).

(3) The nature and source of the Divine gift. True knowledge of God and of His Son Jesus Christ thus sent.

FOUR SUBJECTS THAT ENTER INTO THE INTERCESSION.

1. THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS. (*v.* 11.) There is unity of life, experience, and hope. Seek unity of manifestation in brotherly love, forbearance, and essential principles of belief, consistent with variety of ritual, government, and modes of detail.

2. DISCIPLES KEPT FROM THE EVIL. (*v.* 12-15.) They must remain in the world because they are needed to carry on the cause of Christ, (see chap. 14: 12); also for their personal growth and sanctification, and as witnesses for Christ before men.

3. THAT HIS PEOPLE MAY BE SANCTIFIED. (*v.* 17-19.) In being made more holy through the truth; and becoming more consecrated to the truth, and the better to serve the interests of the truth.

4. THE BELIEVER'S GREAT MISSION IN BEING CALLED. (*v.* 20, 21.) United, sanctified, working, faithful, churches or church, is God's appointed means for bringing in the millennial glory.

[Sept. 26.] **REVIEW.***

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In this quarter we have Christ brought before us in every lesson.

WE SEE JESUS—

1. As the Light—John 7: 5.
2. Shepherd and Saviour—John 8: 11, 9.
3. The Friend—John 10: 11.
4. Having power over death—John 11: 43, 44.
5. Exalted King—John 12: 13; 1 Tim. 6: 15.
6. Soul's desire—John 12: 21 l.c.
7. Our example—John 13: 17.
8. Never failing to warn or advise—John 13: 21, 38.
9. Only true Comforter—John 14: 1, 2.
10. Fruitful Vine—John 15: 5.
11. Giver of every perfect gift—John 16: 7, 23.
12. One who ever pleads for His people—John 17: 9.
13. Divine yet Human—"Son of God," "Son of Man."

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Should it be thought advisable to make the Review bear upon Missionary work, the following line of thought may be followed:—

Missionaries are ambassadors for Christ. It is their office to go forth as Lights (Lesson 1, *v.* 5, a Matt. 5: 14), telling the Heathen of One who came to seek the lost, and gather them into His fold (Lesson 2). He also came to give life unto the dead (Lessons 3, 4); and is ready to become the guest of anyone who will receive Him (Lesson 5). He is no respecter of persons. All may come to Him, Jew or Greek, bond or free (Lesson 6). In order that He might save all, He left the glory and humbled Himself, taking even the place of a servant (Lesson 7), and dying the death of a malefactor.

It is also the duty of the Missionary to faithfully warn those who profess faith in Jesus (Lesson 8), and to comfort those who may be sorrowful or sad at heart, (Lesson 9 and 2 Cor 1: 3, 4). He is also to lay before them the grand aim of the Christian, *i.e.*, to glorify God by bearing much fruit (Lesson 10), which can alone be done by abiding in Christ and feeding upon the word of God. That this word may be made intelligible or profitable, the Holy Spirit has been given, and He will lead into all truth (Lesson 11). There is also to be conveyed to them the assurance that while there may be many failures, yet He who is their Saviour knows all their trials and temptations. He cares for them, and ever lives to intercede for them (Lesson 12; and in that last day, when He gathers His elect from the nations of the earth, and the great review takes place, they will hear His words of approval and be welcomed to His glory, where all will be light—where sickness, death, temptation or danger, can never come.

Foreign Missions.

THE interest in Foreign Missions is greatly on the increase. In England and the United States, hundreds of young men are offering for the work. Canada is not behindhand in furnishing its quota of willing ones ready to go and preach the Gospel "as a witness," so that the way for the coming of our Lord may be prepared. We are not in possession of reliable figures from other parts of the Dominion, but we do know of several who have recently gone forth or are now preparing to enter the field. In Toronto, we know of five young men (four of whom are connected with the Y. M. C. A.) who, having foreign work in view, are now preparing for the same. In looking over the names of these young men we see in their resolve another proof of the fallacy of the statement made "that pre-millennialism cuts the nerve of evangelistic enterprises," for in every instance those young men are "Pre-millennialists."—Ed.

Man's Greatest Need.

A MAN MAY WANT

LIBERTY, and yet be happy;
FOOD, and yet be content;
CLOTHING, and yet be comfortable;

BUT, he that wants the Gospel wants everything that can do him good in this life, and the life that is to come.