

WHAT I CAN.

ONE gentle word that I may speak,
Or one kind loving deed,
May, though a trifle poor and weak,
Prove like a tiny seed;
And who can tell what good may spring
From such a very little thing?

Then let me try, each day and hour,
To act upon this plan:
What little good is in my power,
To do it while I can.
If to be useful thus I try,
I may do better by and by.

HOW A CHILD CAN REPENT.

To repent is to be sorry for bad actions, stop doing them, and to do what we can to undo the evil. If you have been disobedient to father or mother, you must do those three things in order to fully repent. First, you must be sorry for your disobedience; second, you must stop disobeying; third, you must do what you can to stop the bad effects of your former disobedience. Suppose your example had made brothers and sisters disobedient; you are to set such an example that they will be inclined to obey. You are to confess your sin to father and mother, to confess it to God, to be sorry for it, and to determine not to do the like again. Some children think it is enough just to be sorry; but it is not. They may be sorry now, and do just the same thing at some other time when they are tempted. At any rate, if they stop doing the bad thing, they may let the mischief done by it stand, instead of trying to cure it. We should seek the forgiveness of God, in the name and through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then the Holy Ghost will come to cleanse us from our sin and to give us the comfort of feeling that we are forgiven.

SEEKING A CROWN.

A FRENCH officer, a prisoner on his parole, met with a Bible, and was so struck with its contents that he was convinced of the folly of skepticism, and of the truth of Christianity. When his gay associates rallied him for taking so serious a turn he said:

"I have done no more than my old school-fellow, Bernadotte, who is become a Lutheran."

"Yes, but he became so," they answered, "to obtain a crown."

"My motive," said the officer, "is the same; we differ only as to place. The object of Bernadotte was to obtain a crown in Sweden; mine, to obtain a crown in heaven."

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

A.D. 58.] LESSON XI. [June 15.]

THE BLESSEDNESS OF BELIEVERS.

Rom. 8. 28-33. Commit to memory verses 27-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.

We know that all things work together for good, to them that love God. Rom. 8. 28

OUTLINE.

1. The Called, v. 28-34
2. The Conquerors, v. 35-39.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What must work for the good of true believers? All things, joy, sorrow, trouble, pain.

How do all these things work? Together, not separately. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]

Toward what good? Spiritual good.

Whom does God call to himself? Every one.

Through whom are those who are called justified? Through Jesus.

Where will he bring his justified ones? To his glory.

In what image does he try to form us? The image of his Son.

Who is always on our side? God.

How may we know God will give us all things? Because he gave us his Son.

Can any one condemn those who love God? No, for he has justified them through Christ Jesus.

Who makes intercession for us? Jesus.

Where is Jesus? At the right hand of God.

Over what does Christ give us the victory? Over self and the world.

Of what does faith in Christ assure us? That nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

There is no one on earth who loves you so dearly as Jesus.

There is no one who can make you so happy as Jesus.

There is no one who can save you from sin and self but Jesus.

Why not love and trust him now?

"The glory which thou hast given me, I have given unto them."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The love of God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Noah? That good man who was saved in the ark when the world was drowned.

Who was Abraham? The pattern of believers, and the friend of God.

A.D. 58.] LESSON XII. [June 22.]

OBEDIENCE TO LAW.

Rom. 13. 1-10. Commit to memory verses 7-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. Rom. 13. 1.

OUTLINE.

1. The Powers that Be, v. 1-7.
2. The Law of Love, v. 8-10.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who are the higher earthly powers? Kings and rulers who make the laws.

Who gives them their power? God.

How should we obey these powers? As obeying God.

From whom comes all power? From God.

What will follow resistance? God's judgment.

For whom are rulers appointed? For the wicked.

How should we obey the laws? Not for fear of punishment, but for conscience' sake.

What is tribute? Any kind of a tax.

What does Christ say about tribute? "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

What should we render unto God? Our life and love.

What should we be careful to do? To keep out of debt.

What is the greatest of all the commandments? "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

What is the fulfilment of the law? Love.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

If you obey God you will obey the law. If you love God you will love your neighbour.

Love and obedience to God will bring peace and happiness.

"He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Church and the State.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Isaac? Abraham's son according to God's promise.

Who was Jacob? Isaac's youngest son, whose name was changed to Israel.

Who was Joseph? Jacob's beloved son, whom his brothers hated and sold for a slave.

A SENSIBLE ANSWER.—"Boys, which is the right side of a saloon?" asked a gentleman of a large meeting of children. "The outside, sir!" a thousand voices answered at once.