

print, FOR JESUS, AGAINST JESUS.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text. Jesus is ready to accept as friends any who are not quite against Him. He gives everybody every possible chance of being one of His soldiers.

Those for Jesus—Tell of the man who was doing things in Jesus' name showing he had some faith in Jesus' power. Jesus counted him as belonging to His army although the man had many faults (vs. 49, 50).

Those Against Jesus—Tell of the people of Samaria who would not receive Jesus.

Those not to be Depended Upon—One man made a great promise, "Lord, I will follow Thee", etc., but Jesus knew he was not quite to be trusted. Another wanted to go and attend the burial of his father. Still another

said he would follow Jesus but wanted first to go and say good-by to his friends. Jesus told him that good soldiers must be ready to follow their leader before everything else.

Your King First—Do you remember when the boy Scouts went over to England? How eager they were to see their king! How willing to serve Him! How glad to belong to his army! That is just the way we should feel toward King Jesus,—eager to see Him, ready to leave everything when a call comes to serve Him, eager to be in His army.

Flag—JESUS : THOSE FOR HIM : THOSE AGAINST HIM.

Something to Think About—I should be on Christ's side.

FROM THE PLATFORM

FOLLOW ME THOUGHTFULLY
O-DAY
THOROUGHLY

What was the invitation which Jesus gave to His first disciples? FOLLOW ME (Print as above). What is the invitation which Jesus gives to-day? He asks us to follow Him. How are we to follow Him? Well, to-day's Lesson makes three suggestions. It tells us of three possible disciples (vs. 57-62). What was the trouble with the first man? He was offering to follow Jesus without taking into account the difficulties. But Jesus never wants any person to follow Him under false impressions. We are to *think* of what we are doing. We are to follow THOUGHTFULLY (Print, with large T). What was the trouble with the second man? He wanted to put things off. But Jesus demands that we follow Him now, To-DAY (Fill in). What was the trouble with the third man? He was not sufficiently in earnest. But Jesus wants us to follow Him THOROUGHLY (Fill in).

CHRISTMAS LESSON—An Alternative Lesson

Isaiah 9 : 1-7. Commit to memory vs. 6, 7.

GOLDEN TEXT—Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.—Isaiah 9 : 6.

Time and Place—This prophecy probably belongs to the time of King Ahaz, in the 8th century before Christ. Isaiah was a prophet of the southern kingdom of Judah, and probably lived in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—The Lesson forms part of a longer prophecy addressed to

Isaiah's disciples. (Isa. 8 : 19 to 9 : 7.)

I. The Darkness Ended, 1-5.

V. 1. *Nevertheless vexation*; a very difficult sentence. Best rendered by the Rev. Ver., "But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish." *Lightly afflicted*; literally, brought into contempt. It is