

(John 12: 4, 5), grudge and grumble at the "waste." Narrow minded and sordid and unspiritual, and perhaps not a little hypocritical as well. They hated to see thrown away that which perhaps might have come to themselves in gold.

4. Jesus again. He protects this shrinking, tender woman: "Why trouble ye the woman? Let her love have full vent." He commends her deed (v. 10), and we gather from His words that there is little risk of the poor suffering at the hands of those whose first care is Himself. He interprets her act also—it was an act of deep sympathy and insight. Love had quickened Mary's vision and she saw what was before her Lord and Master, and seeing, sought to lighten His load of suffering by sympathy. Nor was this anointing ever to be forgotten. It should go wherever the gospel went, to keep Mary's name fresh and green and to encourage other Marys to give their best without grudge to the Lord, because they have already given Him their hearts.

5. Last of all, Judas, even as he is always the last of all to be mentioned in the lists of the apostle. Recall what Judas must have heard and seen—the words of Jesus, amazing words of wisdom and winsomeness, His

words, too, of fierce anger against all un-reality and pretence; the works of Jesus,—works that showed Him to be God indeed. And the sorrow and shame of it all, that for "the price of a slave" he should sell that Lord and Master to His foes.

Prove From Scripture

That Christ remembers loving service.

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. Eastern hospitality.
2. Mary—a character sketch.
3. Judas as a man of business.

The Catechism Question

Ques. 57. *The Fourth Commandment*—One of the commandments of the First Table, which deals with our relations to God.

1. This has to do with God's day—"The Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

2. It has a positive and a negative side—"Remember" and "Thou shalt not."

3. The core of the commandment is to keep *holy* the Sabbath-day, i. e., set apart for sacred uses, for God's worship and service.

4. A Sabbath's rest implies a diligent week's work, "Six days shalt thou labor."

5. One is neither to work on the Sabbath nor demand work of others. Even the "cattle" have their claim to consideration.

6. God's example is our highest authority and our safest rule for the observance of the "one whole day in seven" as the Sabbath.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

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Connection—"A Happy New Year," little folks! Shall we bow our heads and thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness during the past year?

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A YEAR OF WORK
FOR
JESUS

Our Father we thank Thee
that all the year through
Thy goodness has blessed us
with gifts ever new,
We praise Thee for blessings
sent down from the sky,
Thy care was about us when
dangers were nigh.

Our Father, we pray Thee
be Thou ever near,
And oh! do Thou give us
"A Happy New Year."

(Recall the Review Christmas Tree)—Tell me some of
God's good gifts to us and
to the world.