

No. 81, New Canadian Hymnal.

**There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins.**

No. 78, New Canadian Hymnal.

**Hark! there comes a whisper  
Stealing on thine ear.**

### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.

#### 1. The Lord's Invitation, v. 1-3.

To whom comes the invitation?

What is "Israel"?

Why has it fallen?

Show the connection between national sin and weakness.

What is meant by "Take with you words"?

What are the forces which cannot save?

What is "mercy"?

What steps are we to take to find mercy in God?

#### 2. The Lord's Promise, v. 4-9.

What is the promise of verse 4?

In what sense is anger affirmed of God?

How is God as "dew unto Israel"?

What effects do divine mercy have upon God's people?

What kind of prosperity was promised to Israel?

What kind of prosperity comes to those who now repent?

What is idolatry?

Is there idolatry without idols made with hands?

What is true wisdom? Verse 9.

What are the results to those who are prudent?

Who are meant by "transgressors"?

What is the exhortation of the GOLDEN TEXT?

### Teachings of the Lesson.

1. Sin is weakness to the man and the nation. It destroys courage to live, to work, to suffer, to die. An army or a navy cannot uphold a nation whose men are cowards and corrupt in morals. Moral weakness is the worst of all.

2. The mercy of God is wonderful; for it is voluntary; it is abundant; it changes the corrupt nature; it brings summer with flower and fruit to the soul, on which like sunlight it falls and rests.

3. The wise man is he who holds that God knows best, that his ways are right, and that obedience to him brings true and lasting prosperity.

### QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

#### 1. The Lord's Invitation, v. 1-3.

What prophet spoke these words?

What single word expresses the invitation? Return.

To whom was Israel to return?

What reason is given?

How are we separated from God? Isa. 59. 2.

Who is alone to blame?

What should the sinner say to the Lord when he returns?

What sort of worship must they cease at once?

How much iniquity will God pardon? Isa.

1. 18.

Suppose we refuse his invitation? Prov.

1. 24-27.

#### 2. The Lord's Promise, v. 4-9.

What promises in verse 4?

What special promises in verses 5 to 8?

What is the Lord's refreshing to be like?

What is the beauty which the Lord gives compared to?

What is the strength bestowed compared to?

In whom alone may we bear fruit? John 15. 5.

Who shall understand these things? Verse 9.

What is said of the ways of the Lord?

Who makes these promises?

Are they sure? Why? Num. 23. 19.

Having such promises, what should we do? 2 Cor. 7. 1.

### Practical Teachings.

Wherein does this lesson teach us—

1. How to approach the Lord?

2. There is hope for the repentant?

3. There are health and happiness in the service of the Lord?

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What is a prophet? A man who brings messages from the Lord.

Who was Hosea? A prophet of the Lord.

When did he live? Hundreds of years before Christ came.

To whom did he bring messages? To the people of Israel.

What had many of the Israelites done? They had gone away from God.

What was their great sin? Idolatry.

What did Hosea urge the people to do? Verse 1.

What did he tell them to take with them?

When we have done wrong what should we always do? Tell the one whom we have wronged.

Who will always hear and help us when we come back to him? The Lord.

What are idols? Whatever we put in the place of God.

Learn whose are the only right ways.

Do we walk in them?