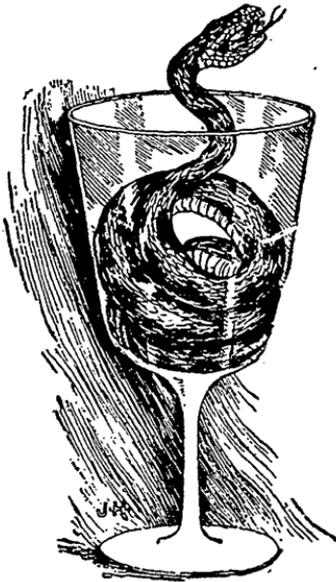


At the last
It biteth like a serpent



And stingeth like an adder.

30th Sept.
Review.

Les. John 1 : 14-18 ; 3 : 13-16.
Golden Text, Mark 1 : 15.

Twelve lessons of the quarter have been about Christ, beginning with a babe in a manger at Bethlehem and ending with His sitting by a well and teaching wonderful words of life to the woman of Samaria.

Here is a good way to review the lessons of the quarter.

1. Let the members of the class tell in turn what the following people said and did in connection with the birth of Christ, viz :

The Angels—the shepherds—Simeon and Anna—the wise men—Herod.

2. Let the members of the class tell in turn the events in connection with the quarter's lessons, on the life of Christ, in the following places : Bethlehem—the temple—Egypt—Nazareth—the Jordan—the wilderness—Cana—Jerusalem—Jacob's well.

Oct. 7.

Jesus at Nazareth.

Les. Luke 4 : 16-30.
Mem. vs. 16-19.

Gol. Text, Heb. 12-25.
Catechism Q. 96.

In our lesson three Sabbaths ago, we left Christ, one December day, sitting on a stone by Jacob's well, telling the Samaritan woman about the water of life, of which if a man drink he shall never thirst.

In to day's lesson, four months later, the following April, we find him paying a visit to his native town. Nazareth.

It was fifteen months since he had quit working there as a carpenter, and gone down to the Jordan to be baptized. Since that He has been teaching chiefly in Judea.

After this time of absence He pays a visit home. He wants His old friends to share in the blessings of His kingdom. Sabbath day comes round. He goes to meeting in the church with the others. There is many a hand shake as old friends greet Him once more. They have heard He is a famous teacher, and are proud of their little town.

On Sabbath seven persons were called upon in turn to read. It is more than a year since he has been with them and taken His turn, so He is called upon. He reads a passage from Isaiah, gives back the roll of parchment to the attendant, and sits down to speak.

They have heard great reports about His teaching and are eager to hear Him. They listen. But what is this they hear. "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." What presumption! Does He claim to be the one spoken of in Scripture? Does He make Himself so much greater than they are? Then He goes on and mentions what was done for a Gentile and a leper.

This is intolerable. Are they to be compared to Gentiles and lepers. They are furious, and in a rough surging mob, they hustle Him out of the meeting house, up the hill to where there is a steep high rock, to throw Him over and put Him to death.

You watch them as they near the place. You expect to see the preacher pitched over the rock and fall a mangled mass beneath.

But look; you watch to see him hurled over the precipice, and you see Him calmly walking away, and they, falling back, right and left, to make way for Him, gnashing their teeth in helpless rage, and then stragging back, angry, defeated, to their homes.

He has brought the Gospel to them. They have driven Him out or rather have tried to kill Him, and he leaves them.

Once more, several months later, He came back to offer them again the word of life. Again they spurned Him and He came no more.

Jesus comes to you when you are young. He comes to-day. Beware and do not reject Him, lest He go from you and come no more.