

arrows to enter into our hearts, when God's shield is over them.

6. Will He do this for everybody?

Yes, if they trust Him.

We must have only one Master, for Jesus Himself teaches us in the lesson to-day, that we cannot serve two masters.

If we trust Him, if we will allow Him to have charge of our lives, if we still obey Him as nearly as we can, He will feed us, and clothe us, and give us all we need, and besides this will keep us from sin. Why? Because He careth for us.

LESSON VII.—February 13th, 1898.

THE CALL OF MATTHEW. MATT. 9: 9-17.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Follow me." Mat. 9-9.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: Jesus Christ, God's Son, is our Saviour.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: How to be a disciple?

IV. REVIEW:

1. What did Jesus say about having two Masters?

2. Who feeds the birds.

3. Who gives the flowers their beauty?

4. Why, therefore should we trust God?

V. SYNOPSIS: It is possible that the call of Matthew, or as he is called Levi, was not followed immediately by the feast given to our Lord by that apostle.

Matthew was a collector of customs, following an occupation which was very much detested by the Jews. When the Saviour called him, he immediately arose, and followed Him.

At the feast many publicans and sinners sat down with Jesus, and His disciples.

When the Pharisees objected to this action, He told them He had come not to save the righteous, but sinners. The disciples of John came to Him, and brought up the question of fasting, and the Saviour by a forceful illustration, showed that the old dispensation and the new could not be carried on together.

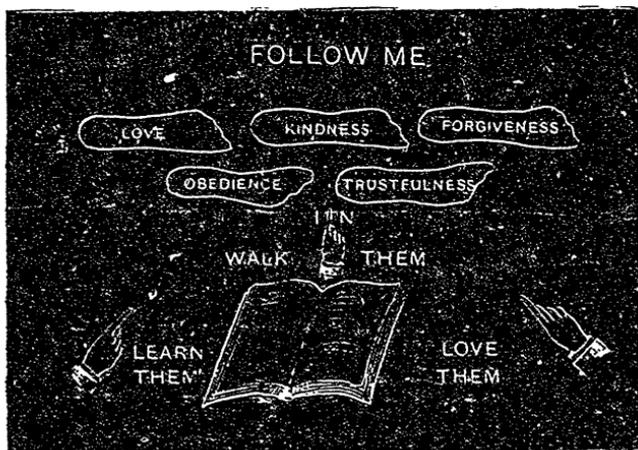
VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON:

Note. In the first verse of our lesson to-

day, we have the central thought that should be taught in the Primary Class.

It will hardly be profitable to lead the children through the discussion of several questions, which arose during the conference which followed Levi's feast. Let us, therefore, in our treatment of the lesson, keep closely to the narrative of the call of Matthew, and the Golden Text so admirably adapted in the two words "Follow Me."

1. Our Central Thought is: How to be a



disciple. Jesus called Matthew to be a disciple. He calls us to be disciples.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? To follow Him. To become like Him. To walk in His footsteps. We must learn these footsteps. Where shall we learn them? From the Bible.

If the teacher will make several footsteps out of paper, and plan the blackboard work as suggested in the cut, pinning the different