

And the Lord said, "See to it that the roads to these cities are kept in good repair. And it shall be that if any one in Israel, or any stranger among you, shall kill another without meaning to do it, let him run for his life to one of these cities. There the elders shall hear his story and give his case a fair trial.

"If it can be proved that the slayer had no bad feelings toward the one he injured, then the elders of that city shall take him in and give him work and shelter, so that, when the avenger shall chase after him, he shall be safe. His enemy shall not be able to touch him so long as he remains within the city, which shall be until the death of the high priest. Then he shall be free to return to his own home."

Now the names for the cities of refuge that Joshua chose were Kedesh, Shechem, Hebron, Bezer, Golan and Ramoth-Gilead, three on one side of the Jordan and three on the other.

Questions on the Lesson

1. By whom was one who killed another punished among the Israelites? 2. Why was this punishment sometimes unfair? 3. Who planned a way of escape for the man who had unwittingly done wrong? 4. What was God's plan? 5. How many cities of refuge were there? 6. What made them easy to reach? 7. How was a man treated when he fled to one of them? 8. How long must he stay there? 9. If he left the city, what happened? 10. What is the Golden Text?

THE BETTER WAY

In a certain missionary school in West Africa a little girl one day struck her school-mate. The teacher found it out and asked the child who was struck;

"Did you strike her back again?"

"No, ma'am," said the child.

"What did you do?" said the teacher.

"I left her to God," said she.

What better way could be found? Shall not we boys and girls take the little girl's plan of preventing quarrels as they arise? Let us, too, leave our enemies to God, praying that He would forgive them and make them our friends.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Christ is my Saviour



Primary Catechism—120. What part should you take in giving the gospel to the heathen who have never heard of a Saviour? If I cannot go myself to tell them about Jesus, I should pray for them, and give of my money to send Bibles and missionaries to them.

Shorter Catechism—48. What are we specially taught by these words [before me] in the first commandment?

A. These words [before me] in the first commandment teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

Lesson Hymn

Though our hearts are depraved,
Though with sin we are burdened,
Our souls may be saved,
And our sins may be pardoned;
And Jesus, our Saviour,
Hath promised to bless us,
And free us for ever
From those that oppress us.
*Hallelujah to the Lamb,
Who hath brought us a pardon;
We will praise Him again,
When we've passed over Jordan.*

Amen.

—Hymn 546, Book of Praise