

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under several headings.

Lesson Points

Behind the clouds of trials there is the sunshine of promise. v. 1.

The joy of heaven will far outweigh the sufferings of earth. v. 2.

The church must grow, because she shares the life of Christ. v. 3.

Gladness for gloom—who would reject this gospel offer? v. 3.

There is no bondage of the will that cannot be broken. v. 4.

We work for the peace of the world when we work for the evangelization of the world. v. 5.

Christianity alone gives to childhood and womanhood their true place. v. 6.

In prophecy we have a portrait; in Christ the reality. v. 6.

National greatness depends on national righteousness. v. 7.

God's love for His people is the measure of His wrath against their enemies. v. 7.

From the Library

I'm poor and of low estate,

The Mother of the Prince of Peace,

Joy rises in me, like a summer's morn :

Peace, Peace on Earth, the Prince of Peace
is born.—Coleridge.

Isaiah hails the Author of the peace he describes in that gracious and marvellous Child whose birth he had already intimated, Heir to the throne of David, but entitled by a fourfold name, too generous for a mere mortal.—George Adam Smith.

This is the month, and this the happy morn,
Wherein the Son of Heaven's eternal King,
Of wedded maid, and virgin mother born,
Our great redemption from above did bring;
For so the holy sages once did sing,
That He our deadly forfeit should release
And with His Father work us a perpetual
peace.
—Milton.

The empire of the Cæsars, of the Pharaohs, of the Napoleons, is nothing but a memory, a history; the rule of Jesus Christ is a benign, a mighty, a growing power, an abiding and

extending influence. *That* is a fruitless, senseless stump; *this* is a tree of life, bearing all manner of fruits, "and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."—Pulpit Commentary.

There is one centre in which all elements of wonder in the Bible are found united—Jesus Christ. He is the keystone of the arch, and it falls or stands with Him. He is more; He is the firmament that holds all its stars and its brightness.—Dr. John Ker.

Rise, happy morn! Rise, holy morn!

Draw forth the cheerful day from night!

O Father! touch the east, and light

The light that shone when hope was born.

—Tennyson.

Divine zeal... is two-sided. The glow of love has for its reverse the glow of wrath. For jealousy is jealous for the object of its love against everything that assails that object and this love.—Delitzsch.

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be ready on the day of the Lesson.)

1. The Birth of Jesus.

2. The Light of the World.

Prove from Scripture

That Christ rules the universe.

Lesson Questions

[From the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY]

Juniors—What enemy had invaded Israel? Which portion of the land suffered most?

1 What promise is here made? Name the regions which had been afflicted. Who was to come and dwell among them? Was this prophecy fulfilled? When?

2, 3 Who were in darkness when Christ came? What did He become to them? What does the gospel bring? Name the feast here spoken of?

4, 5 From what foreign foe was deliverance promised? From what do we need to be freed? Who can do this for us? What does Jesus bring in place of war?

6, 7 What names here given to Jesus?

Seniors and the Home Department—What has caused distress in Israel? How does Isaiah give comfort?