

with bandits. It was called the "Bloody way." Even at the present day travellers require an armed escort. **31. Priest**—Jericho was one of the cities of the priests. Perhaps he thought there was danger and he had better hurry on; he would be ceremonially defiled by touching the man if he were dead, or died on his hands; somebody else would help him, perhaps, etc. It is easy to make excuses if we are selfish and cowardly. The Levite acted precisely as the priest, doubtless from similar motives. **33. Samaritan**—(See Bible Dictionary.) More hated and despised by the Jews than any other nationality. (John 4: 9; 8: 48.) The Samaritans treated the Jews in a similar manner (ch. 9: 53). The kindness of this one is thus made the more striking. **34. Oil and wine**—The wine would cleanse the wounds, and the oil would help to heal them. He treated him as kindly as possible. **An inn**—The only place where an inn, such as we understand by the word, is mentioned. Eastern inns were usually empty buildings without any resident host. **35. Two pence**—A *denarius* was equal to about 17 cents, but would purchase ten times as much of anything as 17 cents would with us. **37**—Had Jesus at first answered "A Samaritan is your neighbor," the lawyer would have had any number of good reasons for denying it. But his prejudice is disarmed and his conscience touched by the beautiful story. Anyone is your neighbor who needs kindness at your hand.

LESSONS.

1. Jesus is very patient with inquirers.
2. The Bible is a complete guide to duty.
3. The essence of religion is love.
4. We should love God supremely.
5. We should do a kindness to others whenever possible.
6. Be always "neighborly."

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.

To the Scholar.—Study the lesson carefully, turning up all the references. Then close your Bible and answer in writing the questions below, without accepting aid from any quarter after you have begun to write. If you cannot come to Sabbath School, fill out the "Excuse for Absence" and send the Leaflet, with your written answers, to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

- 1.—What was the first question that the lawyer asked? (4)
- 2.—What answer did he himself give to it? (4)
- 3.—Why did he ask the second question? (4)
- 4.—Who passed by the wounded man in the parable? (4)
- 5.—What did the Samaritan do for him? (4)
- 6.—Who, then, is your "neighbor"? (5)

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EXCUSE FOR ABSENCE.

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory verses in addition to the Golden Text, and Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to I was at church I send with this my Weekly Offering of cents.

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