

## LESSON HYMNS.

No. 8, S. S. Hymnal.

Saviour, like a Shepherd lead us.

No. 269, S. S. Hymnal.

My Shepherd will supply my need.

No. 217, S. S. Hymnal.

There's a land that is fairer than day.

No. 222, S. S. Hymnal.

When he cometh, when he cometh.

TIME.—B. C. 990.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Wisdom*—Wisdom here means also religion, and is represented as a person calling upon men to receive her and the benefits she brings. *High places*—Where she can be seen by all. *Places of the paths*—By the way-side, where people are passing. *Ye simple*—Those who need instruction. *Fools*—Those who are ignorant, especially not knowing God. *Excellent things*—Knowledge of the highest importance. *Speak truth*—No true wisdom can have falsehood in it. *Froward or perverse*—Evil, and stubborn against right. *Knowledge rather than choice gold*—Because knowledge is of more value than money. *Witty inventions*—Meaning wise thoughts. *By me kings reign*—Because kings are supposed to be wise. *Love them that love me*—Those who really desire wisdom and knowledge of God will not fail to find. *Seek me early*—Those who begin life by seeking after God will find not only truth, but true success.

## HOME READINGS.

M. True wisdom. Prov. 8. 1-17.

Tu. True wisdom displayed. Dan. 5. 17-30.

W. The riches of wisdom. Prov. 8. 18-36.

Th. The way of the wise. Prov. 15. 1-20.

F. The worth of wisdom. Prov. 16. 16-33.

S. A source of strength. Eccl. 7. 11-22.

S. Wisdom obtained. James 1. 1-12.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Call of Wisdom, v. 1-9. Whose voice may be heard by those who hearken? Who are invited to hear? What are such urged to obtain? What is the beginning of wisdom? Job 28. 28. What will understanding teach us to do? Prov. 3. 23. How may we get understanding? Psa. 119. 104. What study will be a mark of true religion? Acts 17. 11. What do we learn from the lips of Wisdom? To whom are these words plain? For what purpose is God's word given us? 2 Tim. 3. 16, 17. How may our lack of wisdom be supplied? James 1. 5.

2. The Worth of Wisdom, v. 10-17. To what is wisdom to be preferred? With what is its value compared? What value does the palmist put upon the word of God? Psa. 19. 10. What kind of hatred will the fear of God give? What exaltation does wisdom secure for men? What encouragement is given to search for wisdom? When should it be sought? What is the advice of the preacher? Eccl. 12. 1.

## TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That all men are called to God's service?
2. That the truly wise will heed the call?
3. That the free gift of wisdom is beyond all price?
4. That early search for it is acceptable to God?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.—(For the entire school.) 1. To whom does Wisdom put forth her voice? "To the sons of man." 2. What should we receive in preference to choice gold? Knowledge. 3. What is said of wisdom and rubies? "Wisdom is better than rubies." 4. What is the fear of the Lord? "To hate evil." 5. What does Wisdom say concerning those that love her? "I love them that love me."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The value of God's word.

## QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The call of wisdom, v. 1-9. What is here meant by wisdom? How is wisdom here personified? To whom is her call addressed? Of what things does she speak? What is the character of her utterances? Whose words contain the highest wisdom? What are the characteristics of heavenly wisdom? James 3. 17.

2. The worth of wisdom, v. 10-17. To what precious things is wisdom compared? Why is it the most valuable of all treasures? To what may the seeker after it be compared? Matt. 13. 45, 46. What is it to hate evil? What will he hate who fears the Lord? What is the worth of wisdom to those who rule? What is the statement, and what the promise, in the GOLDEN TEXT? What is the best time in which to seek God?

## PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

How are we here taught—

1. God's willingness to give knowledge to men?
2. The value of true wisdom?
3. The time to obtain wisdom?

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

From whom comes all true wisdom? From God. To whom will God give wisdom? To every one that asks him. How will God give wisdom? Freely and lovingly. When will we go to God for wisdom? When we find that we have none ourselves. What is true wisdom? The wisdom that God gives. What does true wisdom show us? The right way to live. Why is true wisdom better than rubies? Because it is a jewel we can wear in heaven as well as upon earth. Is there any other kind of wisdom? Yes, a false worldly wisdom. Where does this lead us? Away from God. What do we hate when we fear God? Pride, selfishness, deceitfulness, and all evil. What does God's wisdom give us? Strength to do right. How do wise kings and princes reign? With truth and justice. Whom does God say he loves? Those who love him. Who will surely find him? Those who seek him early.