

So Mordecai came out of the king's palace dressed in the king's colors—blue and white and purple—and wearing a great gold crown on his head.

How glad the Jews were! In every city

there was feasting and laughing and a great holiday, and what Esther had done was written in the Bible so that everyone could remember how good and brave she was, and how God kept her when she did her duty.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. When Mordecai heard of Haman's plans what did he do? Ans.—He sent a message to Queen Esther. 2. Who was Esther? Ans.—She was a Jew and Mordecai's cousin. 3. What did he want her to do? Ans.—To beg the king to change his mind. 4. What did Esther say? Ans.—“I will, if all the Jews will pray for me.” 5. Was it a safe thing to

go to the king without an invitation? Ans.—No. 6. Was the king pleased to see Esther? Ans.—Yes, he held out his golden sceptre. 7. What did Esther ask the king? Ans.—To save her people and punish Haman. 8. Did the king do so? Ans.—Yes, and he gave Haman's place to Mordecai. 9. How did the Jews feel? Ans.—Very happy and glad.

Brave Arthur

When Arthur Stanley was a very little boy he was sent away to live at Rugby school. The first night, when bed-time came and all the boys in his room were getting ready for bed, he saw first one boy and then another duck under the covers without saying his prayers. At last his friend Tom did the same.

“Don't you say your prayers?” he asked of Tom. “Blake won't let us.” “I shall,” said the new boy. “Better not,” said Tom, though half hoping he would try it for the sake of the fun. Most of the boys were in

bed when the new boy was ready to kneel. It was a moment before the others knew what he was doing. Then boots, pillows, and all sorts of things came flying at him.

Arthur knelt in spite of all. The next night he knelt again. This time they were watching and made it even harder for him. By-and-bye, however, the teasing stopped. Then Tom knelt too, and soon another boy, and another. Before Arthur Stanley left Rugby, every boy in the school knelt to say his prayers.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I Should Tell Everything to God

Golden Text—Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.—Ps. 37: 5.

Catechism—51. What happened at the end of forty days? After forty days Jesus went up to heaven.

52. What is Jesus now doing for us in heaven? He intercedes for us, and He rules over all things for our good.

Lesson Hymn

HAVE we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who'll all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Amen.

—Hymn 204, Book of Praise.