

### HOW AN ATHEIST WAS WON.

A young man who was born in the Sandwich Islands became a missionary, and in course of time found his way to a station in China. He was not only a zealous Christian, but a naturalist, and made in odd moments a special study of snails, and sent one or two papers on them to an English scientific journal.

The close observation, clearness and inexorable logic shown in these papers attracted the attention of the late Prof. George James Romanes, of the Royal Institution, London, who opened a correspondence with the missionary.

Professor Romanes was a prominent scientific man, a Darwinian and an atheist. After exchanging letters upon the snail for several years with him, the missionary received from the London scientist a startling appeal.

Professor Romanes stated that the manner in which his unknown correspondent had written on natural subjects had convinced him of his high logical faculty, his keenness of mental vision and his conscientiousness. He had resolved to ask him, rather than any other man, why he believed in Christianity.

The missionary replied at length. A year or two later the great scientist died, but he proclaimed some time before his illness that he had returned to the faith of his childhood. The humble missionary was, it is probable, the chief agent in restoring this leader of modern thought to the ranks of religious truth.

It really appears to be a matter of small importance whether a poor clergyman, amusing his leisure moments with the snails in his garden, should be sternly faithful to the work; but if he had been less minute, less reasonable or less conscientious to the snails, he never would have gained the power to influence this other man on the other side of the world, and through him, to a degree, the progress of thought itself in England.

Each act of ours goes out into the world as on an electric wire. You may never know who stands at the other end of the line, but some one is influenced thereby.—*Ex.*

Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth; when the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh, when then shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

### International S. S. Lessons.

#### GOD'S BLESSING UPON SOLOMON.

15 November.

Les. 1 Ki. 9: 1-9 Gol. Text, Prov. 10: 22  
Mem. vs. 4, 5. Catechism Q. 66-67.

- I. Answered Prayer. vs. 1-3.
- II Promises for Obedience. vs. 4-5.
- III. Threatenings for Disobedience. vs. 6-9.

#### QUESTIONS.

When did the Lord first appear by night to Solomon?

When did He appear to him a second time?

What did the Lord now say to him?

What great promises did the Lord make to him?

On what condition would blessings be bestowed?

What solemn warning did the Lord give to Solomon?

How would he and the nation be punished if they forsook the Lord?

#### LESSONS.

1. God hears prayers and answers our supplications.

2. What we do for God He will accept, hallow and use.

3. When we build a temple for God He will dwell in it.

4. If we honor and obey God He will bless us.

5. If we turn from God we will lose His promises.

#### REWARDS OF OBEDIENCE.

22 November.

Les. Prov. 3: 1-17. Gol. Text, Prov. 3: 6.  
Mem. vs. 1-4. Catechism Q. 63-66.

- I. Favor and Guidance. vs. 1-6.
- II. Plenty and Correction. vs. 7-12.
- III. Wisdom and Wisdom's Ways. vs. 13-17.

#### QUESTIONS.

Who is represented as the speaker in this lesson?

What three things are promised to those who keep God's commandments?

How should we trust the Lord?

In what should we acknowledge Him?

What is promised to those who do so?

What to those who honor the Lord with their substance?