

the long procession started.

The gates of Babylon stood wide open for God's people to pass through.

The women and children were on horses or in waggons. The camels followed loaded with treasures. The king's soldiers were there to take care of them in the wild desert. The band was playing, and the happy slaves

said, "Is it all true, or are we only dreaming?" There were shouts of joy.

The heathen people heard them laughing and singing and praising God. They said, "The Lord hath done great things for them." Yes, cried the travellers, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What message did King Cyrus send to his people? Ans.—That God had told him to build Him a house in Jerusalem. 2. What did He say to the Jews? Ans.—"Who among you are willing to help?" 3. How many said they were willing? Ans.—All those who had God's Spirit in them. 4. Were the Jews well off? Ans.—No. They were slaves. 5. Who helped them with money and other things? Ans.—The people of Babylon. 6. What did Cyrus do? Ans.—He gave back the holy dishes belonging to the Temple. 7. Who had made King Cyrus willing to do this? Ans.—God stirred up his heart. 8. Why were the Jews slaves in Babylon? Ans.—It was as a pun-

ishment for their sins. 9. What had they done? Ans.—They had forgotten God and prayed to idols, and had also lived bad lives. 10. Were they any better now. Ans.—Yes. They were willing to do right. 11. Whom did King Cyrus send with them? Ans.—Soldiers to take care of them. 12. Had they far to go? Ans.—Yes. A long journey; many, many days. 13. How did they travel? Ans.—Some on horses and camels and some walked. 14. What great work were they to do at Jerusalem? Ans.—To build the House of the Lord. 15. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

#### The Little Slave Boy

Adjai was a little black boy who had lived with his father and mother far away in heathen Africa. One day cruel men came to their village and took Adjai and his mother away as slaves. Very soon the little boy was sold and put on a ship with a lot of other slaves to be sent away to Cuba.

But God was taking good care of Adjai. After a while an English ship found them and brought all the slaves back, but to another part of Africa, where Adjai was sent to school. He learned to read the Bible, and soon he was baptized. Then they changed

his name, and instead of Adjai he was called Samuel Crowther.

When he grew older he wanted to be a preacher. He went to preach to some slave people near his old home. One day an old woman came to hear him—it was his own mother. She knew him, too, and called him by his old name. How happy they were! How they thanked God together for His goodness to them! And, do you know?—This young man afterwards became a Bishop and a very useful missionary. The Lord had done great things for him.

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

The Lord Hath Done 'Great Things for Me

**Golden Text**—The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.—Ps. 126 : 3.



**Catechism**—45. What is it to be lost? To be lost is to be left without God in this world, and to be shut out from his presence forever.

#### Lesson Hymn

**B**RIGHTLY gleams our banner,  
Pointing to the sky,  
Waving on Christ's soldiers  
To their homes on high.  
Marching through the desert,  
Gladly thus we pray,  
Still with hearts united  
Singing on our way.

Brightly gleams our banner,  
Pointing to the sky,  
Waving on Christ's soldiers  
To their home on high. Amen.  
—Hymn 304, Book of Praise.