

LOVING WORDS.

LOVING words will cost but little,
Journeying up the hill of life;
But they make the weak and weary
Stronger, braver for the strife.
Do you count them only trifles?
What to earth are sun and rain?
Never was a kind word wasted,
Never one was said in vain.

When the cares of life are many,
And its burdens heavy grow,
For the ones who walk beside you,
If you love them, tell them so.
What you count of little value,
Has an almost magic power;
And beneath their cheering sunshine
Hearts will blossom like a flower.

So, as up life's hill we journey,
Let us scatter all the way
Kindly words, to be as sunshine
In the dark and cloudy day.
Grudge no loving word, my brother,
As along through life we go,
To the ones who journey with you;
If you love them, tell them so.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

A.D. 96-98.] LESSON XI. [Dec. 12

THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN.

Rev. 7. 9-17. Commit to memory vs. 13-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple. Rev. 7. 15.

OUTLINE.

1. The White Robes, v. 9, 10.
2. The Angelic Song, v. 11, 12.
3. The Elders' Answer, v. 13-17.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who stood before the throne of God and the Lamb? A great multitude of people.

How were they dressed? In white robes, with palms in their hands.

What did they cry with a loud voice? "Salvation unto our God, and unto the Lamb."

Who fell on their faces and worshipped God? The angels.

What did they say? "Blessing, and glory, and honour, and power, be unto our God for ever and ever."

Who spoke to John? One of the four and twenty elders.

What question did he ask? "Who are these arrayed in white?"

Did John know? He did not.

What did the elder tell him? "These

are they which came to heaven out of great pain, and trouble, and sorrow."

Why were their robes so white? They had washed them in the blood of the Lamb.

What reward was given them? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

From what would God keep them? From all pain and sorrow.

Where would he guide them? To the fountains of the waters of life.

Who only can wear the white robes? Those who are washed in the blood of the Lamb.

What must they bear on earth? Suffering for Jesus' sake.

What has God promised? To wipe away every tear from their eyes.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Hark! around the throne, amid that "great multitude of all nations and kindreds and people and tongues," I hear the echo ever of little voices, the tread of little feet.

"Say, little earth-born pilgrims,
How reached you yon blest place,
Where sin can never enter,
And love lights every face?"

"We once on earth did wander,
We once were lost in sin;
But Jesus died to save us,
And brought us safely in."

And you, dear "little people,"
You may go thither, too,
Though many there have gathered,
There still is room for you.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The water of life.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

How must you remember your baptism? By seeking grace that I may become a true Christian, and serve God and my Saviour all the days of my life.

Who was Adam? The first man that God made, and the father of us all.

A.D. 96-98.] LESSON XII. [Dec. 19.

THE GREAT INVITATION.

Rev. 22. 8-21. Commit to memory verses 16, 17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Rev. 22. 21.

OUTLINE.

1. The Day of Destiny, v. 8-12.
2. The Tree of Life, v. 13-15.
3. The Last Words, v. 16-21.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did John see and hear? The visions of the Book of Revelation and the words of the angel.

Why was he told not to seal the book?

Because the time was near when all its sayings should come to pass.

Who is coming soon? The Lord Jesus.

What will he bring with him? A reward for every one according to his work.

Who are the blessed ones? Those who are washed in the blood of the Lamb.

What right does Jesus give them? A right to enter into the city and eat of the tree of life.

Who are kept out of the city? All who sin and refuse to be made pure in the blood of Jesus.

Who calls every one to come and drink of the water of life? The Holy Spirit and the Bride.

What is meant by the Bride? The Church of Jesus.

How must every one come? Seeking Jesus.

How does Jesus give to all who come to him? Freely, without money and without price.

Whom will God punish? All who add to or take from the words of this book.

Whom will he bless? All who study and read it reverently.

Who says he is coming quickly? The Lord Jesus.

For what must we be ready? To meet him.

What is the GOLDEN TEXT?

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

"By and by," for those who love him, Jesus will surely come again some "happy day." Every one of your little eyes will see him, and very bright will the glory be. Shall you be glad to see him?

Should you be among those mentioned in the fourteenth verse? Have you obeyed the seventeenth verse?

If you thought he was coming to-morrow what would you do to-day?

These are precious lessons we have studied, teachings of our Lord. May we heed their blessed counsel, and meet at last our Saviour!

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The gospel call

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Eve? The first woman and the mother of us all.

Who was Cain? Adam's eldest son who killed his brother.

A LITTLE boy who had been lost in one of the dense forests of the West, and was out all night, gave the following account of his conduct at the approach of darkness: "It grew dark, and I knelt down and asked God to take care of little Johnny and then went to sleep."