did. They were willing to give up themselves for the sake of others. As they at Corinth gave to the poor at Jerusalem, so should we give some of our good things to others. The rich man gave everything he had, and himself too.

4. One time a brother and sister named Johnny and Susie were playing together on the grass. Susie said to her brother: Johnny, "God wants the very best you have." Johnny thought a moment or two, and said, "Well, I'll give him my gold dollar, that's the very best thing I have." Susie said, "No, there is one thing you have better than that, for God's word says, 'My son, give me thine heart.'"

If we give God our hearts it will be easy for us to give him our money. We will want to do it, and we'll do it gladly. Giving the heart to Jesus and allowing Him to control and manage the life is the beginning of self-sacrifice.

5. Hold in the hand a small paper cross. Hold it as high as possible, and tell of Jesus once living in heaven. He was rich; he had everything he wanted in heaven; yet, for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich.

What a dark place this world would be if Jesus had not sacrificed himself for us! So, in our turn, we can make others happy by giving up self. Who will do it?

## LESSON XI—September 12th, 1897.

## Christian Living. ROMANS 12: 9-21.

- I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Be not overcome of evil; but overcome evil with good."—Rom. 12: 21.
  - II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: God's word giveth light.
- III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: God's word teaches us TO BE FORGIVING.
  - IV. REVIEW:
  - I. What was last Sunday's Golden Text?
  - 2. Who spoke these words?
  - 3. How did Jesus become poor?
  - 4. If Jesus makes us rich what ought we to do?
- V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON: Our lesson to-day is from Romans. Paul was hindered from visiting Rome because of the necessity for his visit to Jerusalem. A church had been estab-



lished in Rome and so Paul sent them a letter there. For logic and close reasoning it is unsurpassed. The lesson is full of advice of an exquisite nature. Abhor evil, he says, Lovethe good. Love one another with brotherly love. "In honour

preferring one another." Rejoice. Be patient; be prayerful. Help those who need help. Return good for evil. Be sympathetic; be of one accord. Be not high-minded; be humble. Live peaceably; avenge not yourselves. Love your enemies.

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