

What did they reply?
 Who had said that Jesus was John the Baptist risen from the dead?
 Who was meant by Elias?
 What caused these strange opinions?
 What *personal* question did Jesus then ask?
 What did Peter answer?
 What did he mean?
 How had he learned this truth?
 Matt. 16 : 17. What is your view of Jesus?
 How alone can you know the truth about him?
 1 John 5 : 1 ; 1 Cor. 12 · 3. What did Jesus now foretell?
 What must his true followers do?
 How did he compare the losses and gains of discipleship?

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. We should have right beliefs about Jesus.
2. We should confess Jesus before men.
3. Jesus came to give his life for sinners.
4. We must follow Jesus in the way of his cross.
5. To gain the world and lose our soul is a fearful loss.

—*Sel. from Westminster Question Book.*

A RULE THAT WORKED BOTH WAYS.

A Chinaman applied for the position of cook in a family in a western city. The lady of the house and most of the family were members of a fashionable church, and they were determined to look well after the character of the servants. So when John Chinaman appeared at the door he was asked.

"Do you drink whiskey?"

"No," said he. "I Clistian man."

"Do you play cards?"

"No, I Clistian man."

He was employed and gave great satisfaction. He did his work well, was honest, upright, correct, and respectful. After some weeks the lady gave a "progressive euchre" party and had wines at the table. John Chinaman was called upon to serve the party, and did so with grace and acceptability. But next morning he waited on the lady and said he wished to quit work.

"Why, what is the matter?" she inquired.

John answered.

"I Clistian man; I told you so before, no heathen. No workee for Melican heathen!"

MY LITTLE ADVENTURE.

An incident occurred the other day that I think is worth relating. It was about three o'clock in the afternoon and I was out taking a stroll when I noticed a man driving along the road. Suddenly his horse stumbled. He gave it a cut with the whip and proceeded but a few feet when the poor animal stumbled again. This time he got out and clubbed it.

Having already called the attention of a passer-by to the scene which was being enacted, and seeing he was not inclined to interfere, I ventured to say to the brute who was belaboring the poor, patient animal; "Your horse did not stumble on purpose. Look at his feet; something may be the matter with them." The man gave me a very severe look that plainly indicated I had better mind my own business.

Seeing he had no intention of acting upon my suggestion I went to the horse's rescue, and picking up one of its forefeet removed therefrom a sharp pointed stone, which was the cause of all the trouble.

The faithful animal looked gratefully at me as though, and indeed he did, understand the whole proceedings.

The man took his seat in the vehicle and drove off, pondering deeply no doubt on the unnecessary sufferings to which poor animals are subjected at the hands of merciless owners. Who was it said, "*The merciful man regardeth the life of his beast.*"—*Ontario Sun.*

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