

ordered some bees to be brought in and they at once rested on the real roses. The real ones had all the sweetness and perfume. Suppose I drop some perfume on this artificial rose—what a sweet smell! Has that made it a real rose? What is the difference? Yes, one grew on the rose bush and the bush gave life to it, so that it has a sweet perfume and gives joy to everybody who comes near it. Can you see the life? No; but you see what the life does. It is God who gives life to everything. He says that without His spirit in us we have no real life in our souls.

Tell the lesson in simple words. (See PRIMARY QUARTERLY.) The people looked as they did before they were taken away from Jerusalem, but they did not feel nor act the

same. The soul inside them was not alive with love to God; but God made a beautiful promise. (Golden Text.)

Practical Thoughts—God will give me new life in my soul—so that I shall be a real little Christian, not a make-believe one. Going to church and Sunday School does not make us Christians. We must have the "New Spirit" before we can send out fragrance for God and draw others to Him by our own life. The real rose was once a little bud. Then it grew and grew until it became a full-blown rose. Little children can grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

LESSON VIII.—August 20, 1899

THE RIVER OF SALVATION, Ezekiel 47: 1-12

PREVIEW THOUGHT: The Lord blesses and helps

Golden Text—Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.—Rev. 22: 17.

To-day's Lesson Thought—God's love has no end.

Yes, the sunshine and the rain. The rain falls and waters the earth, and God makes the little streams and big rivers and great oceans; and wherever the water flows there

is life, and things grow and bear fruit. God takes the water up by the heat of the sun, and we say everything is dry; but He has gathered the water into the clouds, and then the sky begins to look dark, and we say, "Oh! see the clouds, it is going to rain," and down comes the rain that God has sent again to give a drink to the dry, thirsty ground.

Ezekiel dreamed again (see PRIMARY QUARTERLY), and in the dream God showed him a beautiful river, and told him about it.

Connection—Do you remember about Ezekiel's great dream, and what God told him to tell the children of Israel about the new life? We are going to hear about another of Ezekiel's dreams.

The Lesson—What makes the grass and trees and flowers grow?

The river sprang from underneath God's own House, and flowed through a very dry and dreary land, but as it flowed along everything began to change and grow beautiful and green. Trees spread out their leaves and grass grew, and everything began to get new life.

