

that which would otherwise have become the prey of an irrevocable destruction. Jericho is changed from what it was. So little is left of the city, of its hippodrome and amphitheatre, of its towers and palaces, that it is difficult to determine its site. Its gardens and its groves are gone, not one solitary palm tree for a blind beggar to sit beneath, nor a sycomore for any one to climb. The City of Fragrance it was called of old. There remains now but the fragrance of those deeds of grace and mercy done there by him who, in passing through it, closed his earthly journeyings, and went up thence to Jerusalem to die." (Hanna.)

LESSONS.

1. No one ever sought Christ sincerely that did not find him.
2. There are places where Jesus passes by (church, Sabbath school, Bible, prayer, etc.) We should go there to meet him.
3. Jesus never passed that way again. We may not have another opportunity of coming to him.
4. The proofs of conversion are repentance, confession, restitution, and benevolence.
5. Jesus came to save the lost. Have you found him?

SUMMARY AND REVIEW.

Note the story of blind Bartimæus. Tell as graphically as you can the lesson story. Then use it to impress the following thoughts.

1. The *Sinner Seeking* displays an earnest purpose, overcomes difficulties and disregards ridicule. Each of these points should be illustrated from life.

2. The *Sinner Found*. Whenever the eye of longing is turned to Jesus he returns the look of faith by one of acceptance. When the heart calls to Jesus, he responds by speaking pardon and bidding it open to receive him. He enters in bringing full salvation.

3. The *Sinner Saved*, shews the sincerity of this conversion by *confession of guilt, restitution* to those he has wronged, and *charity*, liberality towards the support of the gospel and the relief of the poor.

THE SINNER.

SEEKING	SOUGHT	SAVED
Earnest Purpose	Jesus Looking	Confession
Difficulties Overcome	Jesus Calling	Restitution
Ridicule Disregarded	Jesus Coming	Charity

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

LESSON XII — March 24th, 1895.

Purity of Life. ROMANS 13 : 8-14.

(Commit to memory verses 10-12.)

<p>GOLDEN TEXT.</p> <p>"Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 Thess. 5: 22.</p> <p>LESSON HYMNS.</p> <p>CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, Nos. 2, 100, 116, 101.</p>	<p>SHORTER CATECHISM.</p> <p>Quest. 14. <i>What is sin?</i> A. Sin is any want of conformity unto or transgression of the laws of God.</p> <p>PROVE THAT</p> <p>God honors the pure. Matt. 5: 8.</p>
---	--

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Purity of Life; Rom. 13: 8-14. *Tuesday.* Dead to Sin; Rom. 6: 11-18. *Wednesday.* A Living Sacrifice; Rom. 12: 1-9. *Thursday.* Be Separated; 2 Cor. 6: 11-18. *Friday.* Resist; James 4: 1-10. *Saturday.* Be ye Holy; 1 Peter 1: 13-23. *Sabbath.* For Christ's Sake. 1 Peter 4: 1-7. (The I. B. R. A. Selections.)

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY. The Epistle to the Romans was written by Paul, from Corinth, in the spring of A. D., 58, towards the close of his third missionary journey. He had resided in Corinth for some months, and was just about to leave for Jerusalem (Acts 20: 2-3; 1 Cor.