

GOD'S TIME.

THEY were talking at Mrs. Ward's dinner-table one day of the sickness that was prevailing in the neighbourhood—diphtheria, of which many little children were dying.

"Why, mamma," said Minnie, "just think of it, Johnnie Foster was only sick a day and a night; and now Hattie is down, and they don't think she'll live. The girls in school are dreadfully frightened."

Minnie's mamma slowly repeated these lines:

"Plagues and death around me fly;  
Till He bids, I cannot die;  
Not a single shaft can hit  
Till the God of love sees fit."

"There," exclaimed Minnie, "that's exactly what I told Janet Shephard. I told her we shouldn't die till our time came; and when it is the right time, why then—"

"Then what?" asked mamma; "are you ready?"

"Yes, mamma, I think I am, and Janet is too; and we are going to trust it all to Jesus."

"You are right, my dear."

Minnie and Janet passed through the trying winter, and were not sick even for a day. God spared their lives, we hope, to grow up good, useful Christian women.

When God wants us in the other life, he will send for us. Are you ready to go at any time?

"OH! it's no trouble, ma'am," said a bright-eyed young lad, to a poor woman, wearily struggling with her bundle, and an umbrella that would go wrong in the wind—"It's no trouble. *I love to help people!*"

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LESSON NOTES.

[June 20.]

SECOND QUARTERLY REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1. 29.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

How did Jesus show his power over the sea? By stilling the tempest. How did he show power over spirits? By healing men with evil spirits. Why did he declare woe on certain cities? Because they saw his miracles, yet did not repent. How did he invite people to rest? "Take my yoke upon you, and ye shall find rest." What parable did he give concerning the evil in the world? The wheat and the tares. What confession of Peter's did he reward? "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." What took place on a high mountain? Jesus showed his glory. Who were with him there? Moses and Elijah. What did Jesus say about children? "Suffer little children to come unto me." To what did he liken the kingdom of heaven? To a marriage feast. What must each one wear at that feast? The wedding garment. What shall Jesus say to those on his right hand in the judgment? "Come, ye blessed of my Father."

TEMPERANCE LESSON. [June 27.]

BONDAGE AND LIBERTY; or, Freedom by the Truth. John 8. 31-36. Commit to memory verses 34-36.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8. 2.

OUTLINE.

1. Freedom in obedience, v. 31, 32.
2. Bondage in sin, v. 33, 34.
3. Deliverance in Christ, v. 35, 36.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *Freedom in obedience*, v. 31, 32. What should we obey? The word of Christ. What will this give us? Freedom. How shall we be free? [Read verse 32.] How does the truth make us free? Because it tells us of Christ's salvation. When should we seek this freedom? Now.

2. *Bondage in sin*, v. 33, 34. What is bondage? Slavery. Who is a slave? Every sinner. How does Jesus declare this? [Read verse 34.] Who is especially a slave? One who uses strong drink. To what is he a slave? To his appetite. Why is he a slave? Because he must submit to his desire for drink.

3. *Deliverance in Christ*, v. 35, 36. Who can set men free from sin? Christ. What does he say in verse 36? [Read verse 36.] How can a drunkard be made free? By calling on Christ for help. What must he then do? He must cease from strong drink.