

HIS PROFESSION.

My boy and I rode in the train
 One morning bright and clear,
 "When I'm a grown-up man," said he,
 "I'll be an engineer."
 But the dust flew in his eyes
 And heavy grew his head.
 "I wouldn't be an engineer
 For all the world," he said.

My boy was at a seaport town,
 And saw the rolling sea.
 "Mamma," he said, one evening,
 "A sailor I shall be!"
 We took him to a yacht race—
 He had to go to bed!
 "I wouldn't be a sailor, now,
 For all the world!" he said.

We read him stirring stories
 Of soldiers and their fame,
 "I'll go and fight," cried Freddie,
 "And put them all to shame!"
 We told him of a soldier's life;
 He shook his little head.
 "I wouldn't be a soldier now,
 For all the world!" he said.

And thus to each profession
 He first said "yes" then "no."
 "To make a choice is hard," he said,
 "At least I find it so."
 "But what then, will you be?" I asked,
 "When you are grown-up, Fred?"
 "I really think I'll only be
 A gentleman," he said.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 586.] LESSON XIII. [March 27.

THE BLESSINGS OF THE GOSPEL.

THE QUARTERLY MISSIONARY LESSON.

Isa. 40. 1-10. Memory verses, 3, 4.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
 and all flesh shall see it together."—Isa.
 40. 5.

Who spoke the words of this lesson?
 The prophet Isaiah.

To whom did he speak them? To the
 people in exile.

What did God tell Isaiah to do? "Com-
 fort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your
 God."

What did God tell him to say to Jerusa-
 lem? That her sin was forgiven.

For whom were the people to prepare

the way? "Prepare ye the way of the
 Lord."

Can you repeat the fourth verse?

What shall we see when the "way of
 the Lord" is made ready? [Repeat the
 Golden Text.]

How can we prepare the "way of the
 Lord?" We can try to overcome every
 sin that is in our hearts.

What more can we do? Christ said,
 "Go ye into all the world, and preach the
 Gospel to every creature."

Are there many people who do not
 know about God? Yes; many even in
 our own country, and many millions in
 other lands.

How can you and I send the Gospel to
 them? We can give money and we can
 pray for them.

What may God want some of us to do?
 He may want some of us to go ourselves
 and preach about him.

Will you go if he asks you?

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Jacob? Isaac's younger son,
 whose name was changed to Israel.

Who was Joseph? Jacob's beloved son,
 whom his brothers hated and sold for a
 slave.

SECOND QUARTER.

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THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

Psa. 1. 1-6. Memory verses, 1-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not
 in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth
 in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the
 seat of the scornful."—Psa. 1. 1.

What is the Golden Text?

What is it to be blessed? To be happy
 and good and in favour with God.

If we keep doing wrong, does sin grow
 easier and easier? Yes, and we begin to
 want other people to do wrong too.

What does the good man delight in? "In
 the law of the Lord,"—God's Holy Word.

Do you love the Bible and think about
 its words?

Why do not wrong-doers love the Bible?
 Because it tells them of their sins.

What is the good man like? "He is like
 a tree planted by the rivers of water."

Like what kind of a tree is he? Like a
 tree that bears good fruit and is always
 flourishing.

What fruit do we expect from good
 children? Love, obedience, kindness, gen-
 tleness, patience, helpfulness.

What are the wicked like? They are
 like chaff, which is of no use and is soon
 destroyed.

What does the last verse say about the
 righteous? "The Lord knoweth the way
 of the righteous."

What does this mean? He watches
 over and guides those who serve him.

Do you like to think that God knows
 all about your ways?

What does it say about the wicked?
 "The way of the ungodly shall perish."

Which way will you choose?

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who were the Twelve Patriarchs? The
 twelve sons of Jacob, and the fathers of
 the people of Israel.

Who was Pharaoh? The cruel king of
 Egypt, who refused to let God's people go,
 and was drowned in the Red Sea, with his
 army.

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

An old herdsman in England was taken
 to a London hospital to die. His grand-
 child would go and read to him. One day
 she was reading in the first chapter of
 the First Epistle of John, and came to the
 words, "And the blood of Jesus Christ, his
 Son, cleanseth us from all sin;" the old
 man raised himself up and stopped the
 little girl, saying, with great earnestness:

"Is that there, my dear?"

"Yes, grandpa."

"Then read it to me again—I never
 heard it before."

She read it again: "The blood of Jesus
 Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

"You are quite sure that is there?"

"Yes, quite sure, grandpa."

"Then take my hand and lay my finger
 on the passage for I want to feel it."

She took the old blind man's hand and
 placed his bony finger on the verse, when
 he said:

"Now, read it to me again."

With a soft sweet voice she read: "And
 the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth
 us from all sin."

"You are quite sure that is there?"

"Yes, quite sure, grandpa."

"Then, if any one should ask how I
 died, tell them I died in the faith of these
 words: 'The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son,
 cleanseth us from all sin.'"

With that, the old man withdrew his
 hand, his head fell softly back upon his
 pillow, and he silently passed into the
 presence of him whose blood cleanseth
 from all sin.