

For Discussion

1. Were the publicans better than the Pharisees?
2. Is it true that "the greater the sinner the greater the saint?"

Prove from Scripture

That God loves sinners.

The Catechism

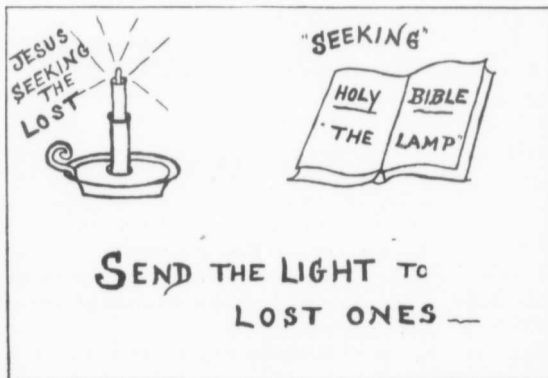
Ques. 88-90 (Review). Fix attention in to-day's review (as in last Lesson) upon the manner in which we should hear God's Word. "Attend thereto." And that means, literally, to stretch toward it, seeking eagerly to know its meaning, that we may obey its bidding. It was in this way that Lydia "attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul," Acts 16:14. "With diligence." Diligence comes from a Latin word meaning to love something, to be fond of it. We must put our hearts into the study of the Word, if it is to profit us. "Preparation and prayer." We must get ready beforehand, and the best way of doing this is by prayer. "Take heed . . . how ye hear," says Jesus, Luke 8:18. "Receive it," etc., as something sweet and precious (see Ps. 119:103). "Lay it up,"—lest it slip out of our hearts and memories. "Practise it,"—for we learn best by doing, and that we may do,—is the sum and end of all learning.

The Question on Missions

Ques. 4. *When was our Mission established in Honan?* The world-wide awakening of interest in missions during the years 1880-1890 manifested itself in Canada especially in the colleges. Knox College graduates and students undertook to support Rev. Jonathan Goforth, and Queen's, Rev. Dr. J. Frazer Smith, in the foreign field. Honan was chosen as the field, and in 1888, Mr. Goforth, Dr. Smith and their wives sailed. Later in the year Dr. William McClure from McGill University, Montreal, and Rev. D. McGillivray from Knox College joined them in China. A tour of investigation was made by Mr. Goforth and Dr. Smith in company with two members of the American Board Mission in China, and about 1,200 miles was covered by cart. In 1889 a second tour was made, while in 1890 two parties set out, one to visit the Changte prefecture, and one the prefecture of Weihwei. In 1889, also, Rev. John Macdougall, now of Spencerville, Ont., Rev. John H. MacVicar, now of St. John, N.B., Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie, and their wives, Misses McIntosh and Graham, joined the staff. It was in this year that the Honan Presbytery was organized. In 1890 property was secured for missionary residence at Chu Wang, and in 1891 at Hsin Chen. Illness, furloughs, and unsettled conditions hindered the opening of Changte until 1895.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

A Look Forward—We shall see our Saviour seeking the lost, and urging His followers to seek for lost ones and bring them home to Jesus. Did any of the children ever lose anything? What did you lose? Did you find it? How? Were you glad?



The Lost Sheep—Jesus is telling the Pharisees some parables about lost things. The Pharisees did not value sinners. They thought God did not value sinners. Jesus wanted them to know that He loves sinners, too, so He tells the Pharisees a beautiful story. Make the Lesson story as vivid and interesting as possible, making a sketch of the hills and valleys where the sheep are being pastured. Here is one