

was the first city they took? What was to be done with spoil of Jericho? (Josh. vi. 24.) Was given to God—used for His service. What had Achan done? How was he found out? Picture his feelings as the lot first gave his tribe—then his family—household—himself. How was he punished? See what God thinks of this sin.

Commandment very short—only four words—perhaps more broken than any other. Many different ways; only time to mention a few. (a) First, *actual stealing*—i.e., taking other persons' things—money, clothes, books, etc. Children sometimes think no harm to take little things, such as pencils, knives, fruit, etc. Can the quantity taken make any difference? Must keep from *pilfering*—*picking*, such as lumps of sugar, biscuits, etc. Remind of Judas, who stole secretly money from the disciples' purse, and his awful sin and death. (b) *Dishonesty* another common kind of stealing—e.g., copying another child's lessons, thus stealing with the eyes—riding in second-class carriage with third-class ticket—playing unfairly at games—getting credit for what did not deserve—taking unjust advantage of another's ignorance—using false

weights and measures—many other similar tricks. (c) *Waste*. This very frequent. Servant's time belongs to mistress—pupil-teacher's to her governess—errand boy's to employer—all our time to God. Any wilful waste breaks this Commandment. What did Christ tell disciples to do with crumbs after He fed the multitudes? What a lesson against waste?

II. THE DUTY—*Honesty*. (Read Gen. xxxix. 1-6.) All know the story of Joseph—sold by his brothers to Ishmaelites—taken to Egypt—bought by Potiphar—made overseer. Why did Potiphar treat him so? Joseph was honest and faithful. Treated his master's property as if his own—could be trusted. What a good character to get? All children must aim at same—to be honest and just in all they do, e.g., restore anything given them by accident in excess, such as change for money—do their work diligently and conscientiously—when old enough work to get honest livelihood (Eph. iv. 28), not living upon others—spending working time—holiday-time—rest-time (Sundays), as those that must give an account. All this fulfils spirit of Commandment.

LESSON. *Do all to the glory of God.*

## NOTES FOR TEACHERS.

THE school teachers in the State of Vermont are prohibited from using tobacco.

MR. JAS. HEATH, the present principal, takes charge of the Alliston Public School at the New Year, his assistants being Messrs. McDonald, Anderson, Birnie and Mackintosh.

THE Ontario Society of Artists propose holding a Loan Exhibition of Oil and Water Color Pictures at their

rooms, King St., West, Toronto, during the present month. Admission free.

THERE is a hitch in school board affairs in Beeton, owing to some defect or oversight relative to the Act incorporating the place as a village. The board finds that it is no board, but we trust this difficulty may be overcome, and that school will "be kept" as usual.