

Sexagesima Sunday (FEBRUARY 28).

'Suffered'—*The Passion of Jesus in His Youth*.—S. Luke ii. 41-52; Lamentations iii. 27.

A. The Sufferings of Jesus in His Youth:—

- | | |
|---|---|
| I. Subjection to His Mother and S. Joseph. | IV. Ignorance of His relations. |
| II. Roughness from the degraded people of Nazareth. | V. Long waiting for His Ministry. |
| III. The poverty, squalor, and toil of an Eastern peasant life. | VI. Knowledge of His Coming Sufferings. |

B. The young Christian going forth into life should therefore learn:—

- | | |
|--|---|
| I. Dutifulness to Parents.—Ephesians vi. 1. | IV. To submit to be misunderstood.—1 Samuel xvii. 28. |
| II. Patience with inferiors.—Romans xii. 16. | V. To wait patiently.—S. Luke xxiv. 49. |
| III. To dread luxury.—S. Luke xvi. 25. | VI. To go forth bravely.—Exodus xiv. 15. |

C. 1. What is the chief virtue of youth?—Obedience.

2. To Whom was our Master obedient?

To His Heavenly Father.

To His earthly Mother.

To His foster-father.

3. Whom are you bound to obey 'in the Lord'?

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (1) Father and Mother at home. | (2) Teachers at School. | (3) Employer at work. |
| (4) Queen and her authorities in the State. | (5) Master or Mistress in Service. | (6) Spiritual Pastors at Church. |
| (7) All my Betters everywhere. | | |

4. Why should you obey all these?—Because they are set over me by God—to represent Him.

5. But if they bid you do what is wrong?—Then they no longer represent God—but Satan.

6. How can you know when a superior is wrong?—When he goes against the Church, the Bible, and my conscience.

7. When did Jesus disobey those set over Him?

Quinquagesima Sunday (MARCH 7).

'Suffered'—*The Passion of Jesus in His Ministry*.—S. Luke iv. 28-44; Isaiah liii. 1.

A. Sufferings of Christ in His Ministry. [Compare the Sufferings of a Minister of Christ—2 Corinthians xi. 23-33.]

- | | |
|---|---|
| I. Assaults of Satan.—S. John xiv. 30, who had only departed from Him 'for a season.'—S. Luke iv. 13. | V. Insults of enemies.—S. Mark iii. 22. |
| II. Bodily weariness.—S. Luke viii. 23. | VI. Dulness of disciples.—S. Mark ix. 32. |
| III. Violence of persecution.—S. Luke iv. 29. | VII. Contradiction of sinners.—S. Matthew xxi., xxii., xxiii. |
| IV. Reproaches of friends.—S. Mark iii. 21. | VIII. Forsaking by Apostles.—S. John xvi. 32. |

B. I resolve to suffer for and with my Master this Lent—by resisting Temptations:—

First. Of the *Flesh*—by *Fasting*—so I will deny my body some food, and other pleasant things.

Second. Of the *World*—by *Almsgiving*—so I will give the money and time thus saved to Jesus, through His Church, Poor, and Missions.

Third. Of the *Devil*—by *Prayer*—so I will add to my prayers every day at Church, or at least at home.

C. 1. What Sunday have we now reached?—Quinquagesima, which is exactly Fifty days before Easter.

2. What is the use of these Seasons of the Christian Church?—To fit our lives year by year to the Life of Christ.

3. What is the chief feature of the Life of Christ and of Christians here on earth?—Suffering.

4. What Season commemorates the Sufferings of Jesus?—The Forty Days of Lent.

5. What other Forty Days does the Church keep besides these Forty Days of Sorrow?—The Forty Days of Joy—from Christmas to the Purification; and the Forty Days of Glory—from Easter Day to Ascension Day.

6. What are the duties of Lent?—Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer.

7. How may a child keep Lent?

* * The complete *Scheme* of these Instructions on the Apostles' Creed, arranged for the Sundays from Advent to Trinity, is now printed. It is in the *Leaflet* form, price $\frac{1}{2}$ d., and can be had of the Publishers.