

19. Consecrated unto the Lord—Marg. "an holiness unto the Lord." An expression used of anything specially devoted to the Lord (Ex. 28: 36; Lev. 27: 14, 21; Jer. 2: 3). This would supply a needful fund for the prosecution of their war of conquest.

20. The wall fell down flat—This was by faith (Heb. 11: 30). "When we examine the operation of faith in this instance, we shall see the point of the example to be in the refraining from action at the bidding of God. The impulse of nature was to attack the city; to try upon its bulworks the skill of military science, as then understood, as by them possessed. The power of faith was shewn in curbing that impulse; in submitting to an unexplained, unintelligible, severely trying, edict of inactivity, nay in consenting to play what must have seemed a ridiculous part, in the face of a warlike and disciplined host, waiting to see what this intrusive, this presumptuous horde of rovers had to say for itself." (Vaughan). The attempts of the older rationalists to ex-

plain away this miracle by saying that the march around the city was a ruse to withdraw attention from their skillful mining operations are now abandoned. All now acknowledge that the writer of this book described what he believed to be a direct act of divine power. Some suggest that the shout of the Israelites struck the "keynote" of the wall. "All structures, large or small, simple or complex, have a definite rate of vibration, depending on their material, size and shape, as fixed as the fundamental note of a musical chord." A certain note played upon the violin has made a bridge sway violently, and if continued it would have fallen. A glass may be broken by the human voice. There are many illustrations of this fact. (Lovering). This is interesting, but as applied to the walls of Jericho it is incredible that they could have succumbed to such a cause. There is no mention of an earthquake. It was a direct act of divine power.

LESSONS. 1. God's way is always the wisest and the best way. 2. Patience and obedience will receive their reward. 3. God's enemies shall perish. 4. God will bless those who shew kindness to his people. 5. Faith in Christ enables us to overcome our spiritual foes.

## THE BLACKBOARD.

# FAITH OVERCOMES.

JERICHO.

SIN.

7 PRIESTS.  
DAYS.  
CIRCUITS.

GOD LOVES.  
CHRIST ATONES.  
THE SPIRIT HELPS.

**"This is the victory that overcometh the world,  
even our faith."**

## LESSON X—September 8th, 1895.

### Caleb's Reward. JOSH. 14: 5-14.

(Commit to memory verses 7-9).

GOLDEN TEXT: "He wholly followed the Lord God of Israel." Josh. 14: 14.

PROVE THAT—There is a reward for the righteous. Eph. 6: 8.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 36. *What are the benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?* A. The benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 204, 195, 183, 200.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Caleb's reward. Josh. 5: 1-14. *Tuesday.* The promise. Deut. 1: 22-36. *Wednesday.* Whole hearted trust. Prov. 3: 1-10. *Thursday.* Trust mastering fear. Ps. 112. *Friday.* Trust in the Lord. Ps. 37: 1-11. *Saturday.* Reward of the upright. Ps. 37: 27-40. *Sabbath.* Reward of following fully. Mark 10: 23-31. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)