

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Something to Look Up

1. Where does Paul tell Timothy to "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ?"

2. In another place Jesus tells His disciples that in the world they will have trouble, but to be of good cheer, for He had overcome the world. Where are the words found?

ANSWERS, Lesson II.—(1) John 21:3-25.
(2) Heb. 7:25.

For Discussion

1. Is it ever right to hate any one?
2. Does v. 33 require the actual giving up of all property?

Prove from Scripture

That Christians belong to God.

The Catechism

Ques. 90. *How we should read and hear God's Word.* Question 89 tells us that the Holy Spirit gives the Word read and preached power to save us. But there are some things we must do for ourselves: (1) We must "attend" to the Word, that is, give our minds to it. And in our attention there must be "diligence," earnest seeking for God's blessing on what we read and hear. (2) We must "receive" the Word, trusting with all our

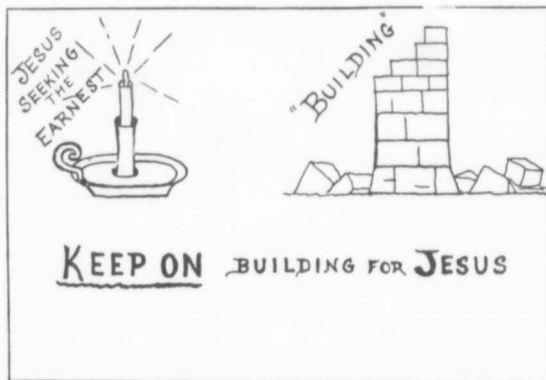
heart in the God who gave it ("with faith"), and delighting in it ("with love"). (3) We must "lay it up in our hearts," that is, think about it, ponder over it. (4) We must "practise" the Word. This is most important of all. For it is the "doer of the work" who shall "be blessed," James 1:25.

The Question on Missions

Ques. 3. *Why should we carry the gospel to the Honanese?* Chinese history records the fact that one of the earliest emperors worshipped the Supreme Ruler or Heaven, and also sacrificed to ancestors and to the spirits of the land. In the sixth century B.C. lived the founders of Taoism and Confucianism. The former system has given rise to the mass of superstition among the people of the present day, the latter does not satisfy the religious nature of the people. In the first century A.D., Buddhism, with its idol worship, was introduced into China. To-day in Honan there are temples on every hill and in every town and village; there are gods of paper, of mud, of wood, of brass, and of stone; there is a people feeling their need of help from a higher power, and seeking help from the only gods they know. The Honanese need the knowledge of the true God to give them an adequate conception of sin, to give them power over sin, and to fill their whole life with joy and peace.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

A Look Forward—We are going to see our Saviour seeking the earnest. We shall see that it is not easy to follow Jesus.



Counting the Cost—On a hill overlooking a beautiful city stands a tower partly finished. Why did the workmen not finish it? Because the people who began to build this tower had not "counted the cost," and they had not money enough to buy stone, etc., and to pay the workmen to finish it.

Tom began to make a garden. He dug all one morning; but at dinner time he said, "I am going to give up making a garden. I did not know it would be such hard work." "Well," said Jack,