

LESSON IX.

May 29, 1898.

Dear Scholar,—

The father of a large family is going to another country to make a home for them, where they will be much better off than they now are. He is to start early Monday morning.

On Sabbath evening, after supper, as they still sit at table, silent, with full hearts; he says to them. "I want you often to think of Me, and I will give you something to keep me in memory; not something to keep, that you might lose; but something to do. And he takes a piece of bread, and breaking it, gives a small piece to each.

As they eat together, for the last time for many a day, he says to them, "On Sabbath evenings, when I am far away, as you gather here at supper time, I would like you to this same thing, to keep me in memory. I will think of you at the same time, I will be with you in spirit. I will see you all in your places; and thus we will live near together, and have fellowship together, though far from each other."

Do you think that the father, when far away, making a new home for them, as he thinks of the Sabbath evening supper time at home and the piece of bread broken and eaten in his memory, would like to think of the younger ones finishing their supper and going away, taking no part in that little bread breaking for father's sake? leaving that all to mother and older children?

No; it would hurt him sore to think that any were absent who could be there. And the younger ones would join in it as eagerly and lovingly as any.

Do you think that Jesus, who has gone to prepare a home for his people, who did not say when, or how often, but who said "Do this in remembrance of Me," and who meets with his people as often as they do it, likes to see only the older ones at his table; and the young, whom he loves so much, staying in the gallery, or going home, taking no part in the memorial supper?

LESSON X.

June 5, 1898.

Dear Scholar:—

When young people leave home and go away to school or work, they sometimes have

to be with others who do not help them to be good. Perhaps they are jeered at because they will not lie or deceive; or swear or smoke or drink or break the Sabbath; or because they go to Sabbath School or church or prayer meeting; or on retiring and rising do not forget their Bible and their prayer.

Sometimes in school or shop or office a boy or girl has to stand alone for the right, while some strong spirit lead the weaker ones in ridicule, and he who goes farthest is loudest cheered.

This is just what was done in Pilate's Hall that 7th of April morning long ago, when Jesus stood alone, his followers faint hearted, one of them denying him with an oath; and the rabble, led by priests and scribes, shouted release for Barabbas and death to Christ.

If ever you have to stand alone for the right, remember that Jesus did the same and that he is with you.

If ever tempted in a moment of weakness to join in the laugh at one who is trying to do right, remember that Jesus is there, that the mocking is at him; that he said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto ME."

LESSON XI.

June 12, 1898.

Dear Scholar:—

A schoolbook, called "Great Events of History," in use some years ago, began with these words. "The Great Event of all History is the crucifixion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

This one thing, dear scholar, please remember, that it was not merely the Great Event of History for the world, but also for you.

He gave himself up to the death for your sin. He died that you might live, he put himself in your place, and suffered, the just for the unjust, that he might bring you to God. He would not be true if he were to pass by sin without penalty, and he so loved the sinner that he bore that penalty himself, so that the sinner, if willing to forsake his sin, and turn to Jesus and trust in him, might be forgiven.

How great is sin when it required such a sacrifice! How great God's love when he provided such a sacrifice! Of what value must he think your eternal well being when he