

bably among the one hundred and twenty disciples the principal languages of the earth were spoken, to show that the Gospel was for all lands. This miracle, however, was for that time only, and was not given to aid the apostles in preaching in other countries. *Devout men, out of every nation*—The Jews born in foreign lands often went to Jerusalem to live, or to visit during the feasts. *When this was noised*—When this sound was heard. [Revised Version.] The sound, as of the wind heard through the city, drew together a crowd. *Confounded*—Could not understand the matter. *Galileans*—Nearly all the first believers in Jesus came from Galilee. *Every man in our own tongue*—The miracle was in the speaking, not in the hearing. *Parthians, etc.*—These were the principal peoples of the eastern Roman empire. *Wonderful works*—They told of God's power in salvation through Jesus Christ. *Others mocking*—Some who did not know what the foreign words meant. *Full of new wine*—As if the disciples of Jesus were drunk, and spoke words without meaning. *Peter, standing up*—The leader of the apostles. *With the eleven*—The other apostles standing beside him as witnesses to prove what Peter said. *Not drunken . . . third hour*—It was nine o'clock in the morning of a sacred day, when no Jews would drink strong liquor. *Spoken by the prophet Joel*—See Joel 2. 28, 29, for the prophecy which Peter said was then fulfilled.

HOME READINGS.

- M.* The descending Spirit. Acts 2. 1-16.
Tu. The Holy Spirit foretold. Ezek. 36. 23-30.
W. The Holy Spirit promised. Matt. 3. 1-17.
Th. The Holy Spirit's work. John 16. 1-14.
F. The Holy Spirit's leading. Rom. 8. 1-17.
S. The Holy Spirit's fruits. Gal. 5. 16-25.
S. The Holy Spirit's invitation. Rev. 22. 16-21.

LESSON HYMNS.

No. 198, *New Hymn Book*.

S. M.

We meet with one accord
 In our appointed place,
 And wait the promise of our Lord,
 The Spirit of all grace.

Like mighty rushing wind,
 Upon the waves beneath,
 Move with one impulse every mind;
 One soul, one feeling, breathe.

The young, the old, inspire
 With wisdom from above;
 And give us hearts and tongues of fire,
 To pray, and praise, and love.

No. 196, *New Hymn Book*.

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Gracious Spirit, Love divine,
 Let thy light within me shine!
 All my guilty fears remove;
 Fill me with thy heavenly love.

Life and peace to me impart;
 Seal salvation on my heart;
 Breathe thyself into my breast,
 Earnest of eternal rest.

Let me never from thee stray;
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Fill my soul with joy divine;
 Keep me, Lord, forever thine.

No. 183, *New Hymn Book*.

C. M.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
 And make this house thy home;
 Descend with all thy gracious powers,
 O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light! to us reveal
 Our emptiness and woe;
 And lead us in those paths of life
 Where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire! and purge our hearts
 Like sacrificial flame;
 Let our whole soul an offering be
 To our Redeemer's name.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Tongue of Fire, v. 1-3. On what day were the disciples together? What, and when, was the day of Pentecost? In what spirit did the disciples come? What was seen and heard at that time? Of what were those tongues a sign?

2. The Tongue of Speech, v. 4. What came upon the disciples at this time? Who received this gift? Of what promises was it the fulfilment? Matt. 3. 11; Acts 1. 5. What was its effect upon the disciples? What is more important than the gift of tongues? 1 Cor. 13. 1.

3. The Tongue of Wonder, v. 5-13. Who were witnesses to this miracle? What caused their wonder? From what lands were persons present? What did they hear the disciples speak? May we tell the works of God? What was said by some who mocked?

4. The Tongue of Power, v. 14-16. Who spoke for the disciples? How did he answer those who mocked? How did he explain the tongues of speech? What prophecy did he declare was fulfilled? Joel 2. 28, 29.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

How does this lesson show—

1. That Christ's promises are sure to be kept!
2. That Christ's people should be of one heart!
3. That Christ's people will have power!

The Lesson Catechism.—(For the entire school).—1. On what day did the Spirit descend upon the disciples? On the day of Pentecost. 2. How long was this after Christ's ascension? Ten days. 3. In what form did the Spirit descend? In tongues of fire. 4. What was its effect upon the disciples? They spoke in other languages. 5. Who heard them speak with tongues? Jews from every land. 6. Who spoke to the people that came together? Simon Peter.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—The power of the Holy Ghost.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The Tongue of Fire, v. 1-3. What is meant by "the day of Pentecost?" Why were the disciples together? What audible evidence