

ADDED POINTS.

1. The good father does not always have a successor in his goodness.
2. David "cast his pearls before swine."
3. Some people look at all actions through the spectacles of their own meanness.

4. The Ammonites added insult to injury.
5. Mercenaries cannot defeat patriots.
6. It is wise to make prudent preparations even though we feel confident of victory.
7. Even reckless Joabs feel driven to God when danger threatens.
8. If God be for us who can be against us.

THE BLACKBOARD.

IN THE WARFARE AGAINST SIN

I. WE HAVE A GOOD CAUSE.
GLORIOUS CAPTAIN.
GRAND ARMY.

II. WE NEED COURAGE.
COMBINED EFFORT.
CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

III. WE ARE ASSURED OF SUCCESS.

"To him that overcometh."

LESSON VII—August 16th, 1896.

David's Confession and Forgiveness. Ps. 32: 1-11.

(Commit to memory verses 1-5).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."
Ps. 51: 10.

PROVE THAT—We should confess our sins to God. Ps. 32: 5.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 73. Which is the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 7, 173, 90, 146.

DAILY PORTIONS. Monday. David's confession and forgiveness. Ps. 32. Tuesday. The sinful nature. Rom. 7: 14-25. Wednesday. Hope for the penitent. Joel 2: 12-19. Thursday. Confession of sin. Ezra 9: 5-15. Friday. Prayer for forgiveness. Ps. 51: 7-19. Saturday. Cleansing. Ezek. 36: 22-31. Sabbath. Praise for pardon. Ps. 103: 1-18. (The I. B. R. A. Selections).

EXPOSITORY NOTES.

INTRODUCTORY. The long period of prosperity and unbroken success in the progress and development of the kingdom of Israel was suddenly clouded by the shameful and sinful conduct of their greatly admired and noble king. The story is told in 2 Sam. 11th and 12th chapters; Ps. 51 and 32.

LESSON PLAN. I. True Blessedness Declared. vs. 1-6. II. The Believer's Security. vs. 7-11.

I. TRUE BLESSEDNESS DECLARED. 1. depravity or perversity. The special remedy as applied to each, (1) "Forgiven," (2) "Covered," (3) "Not imputed," not charged to one's account. 2. No guile—He does not say no guilt, for all are guilty; but "no guile," no dissembling, no disguising, no glossing over. These two verses express an "outburst of rapturous thankfulness for the joy of forgiveness." 3. Kept silence—Referring to that period of bitter struggles of conscience and self-accusings that elapsed between