

watch that nobody with anything to sell should come through during that time.

When the farmers and pedlars and fishermen came along with their goods and found the gates shut they sat down outside and waited. Nehemiah saw them sitting there. He said, "If you do this again I will have you

punished." When they saw that it was no use to wait, they went home and came no more on the Sabbath day.

Then Nehemiah set the Levites, who were helpers of the priests in the Temple, to watch the city gates on the Sabbath.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1. When Nehemiah was away how did the Jews behave? Ans.—Wickedly. 2. What did Nehemiah find them doing the Sabbath after he came back? Ans.—Working as on other days. 3. What did he say to the rulers? Ans.—That God had punished their fathers for this and would punish them. 4. What plan did Nehemiah take to stop work on the Sabbath? Ans.—He ordered the city

gates to be closed all day. 5. What did he say to those who still came? Ans.—That he would have them punished. 6. Then, did Sabbath buying and selling stop? Ans.—Yes. 7. Who were set to watch the city gates on the Sabbath? Ans.—The Levites. 8. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

#### Why Bob Remembered

Bob and Marion were learning the Golden Text one Sunday after church. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," said mother, until they both knew it.

It was Bob's birthday and Uncle Tom had given him a beautiful air-gun as a present.

After dinner Marion went to find her gloves for Sunday School, but Bob slipped out through the back-door into the woods.

Just then the church-bell rang. "Remember!"—"Remember!"

"Bother that bell," said Bob. "What's it talking about anyway?"

Soon he saw a fine shot—a blackbird was sitting on a limb near by.

Bang! went the gun, but it missed aim. All at once the air seemed filled with birds of every kind, all screaming the same thing—

"Remember!" "Remember!"

Bob was so frightened that he dropped his gun and ran for home, but the birds followed, screaming louder and louder.

At the foot of the yard he met his old enemy, the turkey-gobbler. As soon as he saw Bob running, his face got very red. "Remember-the-Sabbath-day-to-keep-it-holy," he gabbled, in a very quick and angry voice.

But Bob was safe home now. Snatching his hat from the stand, he tore down the road towards the Sunday School. He was late, of course. His teacher was asking for the Golden Text. "What is it, Bob? Marion has forgotten it."

And do you know, Bob said it without a mistake.

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

I Should Keep the Sabbath Day Holy

**Golden Text**—Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.—Ex. 20 : 8.



**Catechism**—80. Where do all our good thoughts and desires come from? The Holy Spirit puts good thoughts and desires into our hearts.

#### Lesson Hymn

WE dare not trifle now  
On this Thy holy day,  
In silent awe we bow  
On this Thy holy day.  
Check every wandering thought,  
And let us all be taught  
To serve Thee as we ought  
On this Thy holy day. Amen.  
—Hymn 573, Book of Praise.