

### A Tribute to Holy Scripture.

A MERCHANT, travelling in the West with considerable money in his possession, was compelled one night to seek a lodging in a log-house, far from other human habitations. The poverty and rude appearance of its inmates filled him with many anxieties all the evening. But when his host took a Bible at bed-time and proposed family prayer, his fear melted away, and he felt safe. Why? He knew that a family which respected the Bible and practical prayer could not be either thieves or murderers. But if, instead of the Bible, that man of the log-cabin had placed an infidel book on the table, or had derided the Scriptures, could that merchant have risen above his fears? We know he could not. While not all skeptics are criminally inclined by any means, yet every one knows that there is nothing in disbelief to hold men back from crime if they are disposed to commit it. And it is equally obvious that the influence of Holy Scripture is on the side of virtue. He who has its truths in his memory is almost sure to possess a quickened and a restraining conscience. He is likely to have his affections attracted toward the pure-minded Christ. O blessed book! Teach it faithfully to your pupils, O teacher, and its influence cannot be evil. Nay, it must be good.—*S. S. Journal.*

### Opening and Closing Service for Second Quarter.

#### I. Silence.

#### II. Responsive Sentences.

*Supt.* Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

*School.* I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

*Supt.* Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving, sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

*School.* Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Supt.* O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

*School.* Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

*Supt.* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

*School.* Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

### LESSON SERVICE.

- I. Class Study of the Lesson.
- II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion, by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. The Supplemental Lesson.

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service, and week-evening prayer-meeting.)

### CLOSING SERVICE.

*Supt.* Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report;

*School.* If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

*Supt.* And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts through Christ Jesus.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

"ANY child over five years of age who cannot attend two services in a day ought to be taken to the church-service in preference to the Sunday-school, that it may from its earliest years become educated to a profound reverence for the services of God's house." This is the utterance of a man whose eminence in the Sunday-school work is known on two continents. And in view of the fact that so large a proportion of those who attend the Sunday-school and not the church, not only do not attend the church when they become older, but also drift away from the Sunday-school itself, the matter is well worth the most serious attention.—*Bible Teacher.*

A LITTLE girl of three explained the Golden Rule to her sister after this fashion: "It means that you must do everything that I want you to do, and you mustn't do anything that I don't want you to." And that is precisely the explanation that many older people give.

"ARE there any of the big guns of the church around?" asked a reporter. "Yes," said a man at the vestry door, "the gentleman just inside is a canon."