

to harden, as we see it when we buy. Many tons of this sugar is made in different parts of America, but you will find in this, as in all other branches of business, that men have learned to cheat, and now there are thousands of pounds of sugar sold as maple sugar, of which but a very small part is genuine.

It is very pleasant to visit a sugar bush and taste the syrup, or warm sugar, but it is not so pleasant to have to work making it, carrying loads of sap through the deep and soft snow, chopping wood, standing over a hot fire to stir the boiling sap, is easier to look at than to do, but then dear children remember that all the good things we enjoy are the result of labor on the part of some one, and if others have to work for our benefit, we should be ready to work for the benefit of others.

Now if you turn to your Bible and read Ps. 19: 10, you will read of something sweeter than maple sugar. Have you tasted of that sweetness? If so do you ever think how much it cost to prepare it for you. It cost the life of the Son of God. He went about, many, many years doing good, and never stopped doing good, till wicked men nailed His feet to the cross. His hands were busy preparing those sweet things until they were pierced with long nails, and in the cross He said "It is finished." The sweetest, most precious, of all things was now ready. Man can be saved. Dear children, if you have not tasted, we say to you as did the Psalmist, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Ps. 34: 8.

"The Tender Shepherd."

Isa. xl. 11.

HE shall carry the lambs in His Bosom,
For the little feet might fail,
And the wearisome wilderness journey
Is long for the weak and frail.

He shall carry the lambs in His bosom,
They lie nearest to His Heart,
And they cannot suffer a sorrow there
In which Jesus bears no part.

He shall carry the lambs in His Bosom,
For He knows their need of rest,
So He tenderly lays them down to sleep
In the shelter of His Breast.

He shall carry the lambs, in His Bosom
Over the sorrows of life,
Shielding their souls from its battle and storm,
Stillling its terrible strife.

He shall carry the lambs in His Bosom,
Till they reach their Father's Throne,
Where they join the circle of star-crowned souls,
His blood-bought and His own.

The Two Commandments—Love Fulfilling the Law.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

THOU shalt love
the Lord
thy God, with all
thy heart, and with all
thy soul, and with all
thy mind, and with all
thy strength.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

THOU SHALT LOVE
THY NEIGHBOUR AS
THYSELF.

Nazareth.

WRITING from Nazareth, where Jesus was brought up, one of the Missionaries says:—
You will like to know that forty-two girls were able to write English letters to their supporters, for Christmas. Not one of these girls could write her alphabet this time last year. It shows what sharp, bright girls these are. They learn English very easily. All are learning but twenty very little ones.

Our Young People's Berean Circle.

THE prize for answer to Herbert Clark's Bible enigma, has been awarded to Minnie Jones. The answer is, "Blessed are the Meek," "I am the Bread of Life.

We now offer a neat pocket Bible, illustrated, to the boy or girl sending us the first correct answer to the following questions:

1. Which is the middle verse in the Bible?
2. Which is the longest verse?
3. Which verse contains the whole alphabet except J?
4. What books of the Bible have no mention of the name of God?
5. In what chapter do we find the most frequent repetition of the word "children"?
6. How many times is the word "girl" mentioned, and where?
7. Where do we find "Men, Women, Children, Fathers, Wife, Daughter, Servants, Maid, Priests, Levites, Porters, Singers, Horses, Camels, Mules, Asses, Silver, Gold and Garments, all named in one chapter.

The answer to these must be sought out by the competitors and must be accompanied by a certificate from parent or teacher that the competitor has not been helped by older persons.