

go into the City and see the officials at Moorgate street."

"What for?" she inquired; "Charles has wired there, and no end can be served by your going."

"I cannot tell you why, but I feel it laid on my heart to go."

"Then I will go with you; for I am too excited to tarry alone just now."

We hurried to Walworth Station, and took return tickets to Moorgate street; and up the first platform just as a G.N.R. train was signalled.

Already this train was in sight; but in our impatience we would not wait for it, but hurried down the steps again, and up to the centre platform as a train was just stopping there.

Rushing to a carriage we were about to enter, when my friend exclaimed, "That is a smoking compartment; we won't get in there;" and, opening the next, there was the purse just under the seat! Of course, we caught at it, much to the surprise of four gentlemen in the carriage, and walked off home, gladly forfeiting our tickets.

There are several things to be observed, rendering the finding of this purse remarkable. This train had gone on to the Crystal Palace, stopping at various stations, en route, on a busy Saturday afternoon, with the frequent interchange of passengers, yet nobody appears to have noticed the purse.

Had we waited for our train already in sight, we should have missed the purse. Moreover, had we aimed to catch this train on its return from the Crystal Palace, the probability is we should have failed; for, most remarkable of all, we found this train was not timed to stop at Walworth—should have run express from Loughboro' Junction to Elephant and Castle; but the traffic being unusually heavy, the signal was against this train at Walworth, and stopped it at the platform just for the half-minute, whilst we took from the carriage the missing purse.

When my friend returned from the Palace I inquired, "Have you seen or heard anything of the purse?"

"No," said he, in a despondent tone, "and do not expect to. The traffic being heavy, and the purse containing hard coin only, the officials can hold out little hope of its recovery."

"Is this anything like it?" (holding up the purse.)

"Where did you find it?"

"Where you dropped it." And as we explained this remarkable recovery he burst into tears, and exclaimed, "This is the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

—John Burnham, in the Christian.

### SWEEPING UP THE CORNERS.

BY MRS. ANNIE A. PRESTON.

"I have been thinking that we ought to have a Sunday-school started out at the West Mountain schoolhouse," said Mr. Lee, the president of the Christian Endeavor Society at Flamburg Village, to Dr. Prentice, the Sunday-school superintendent of the First Church.

"There are four Sunday-schools in town already, and it would seem as if any one very anxious to go to Sunday-school might take his pick among them."

"I know all about that, but some of the families out on the West Mountain have no teams, and I presume that few of them would feel as if they had clothes fit to wear to church. I think the Endeavor Society might start meetings over there, and I am going to ask for volunteers. The Society ought to be doing something besides just holding meetings for prayer and conference."

"I agree with you there. Such meetings are good in their way, but they ought to help the young people to carry on aggressive work, and, come to think of it, I know of a dozen or more families who never go to church; most of them have children, too, but we have got the middle of the town so thoroughly cleaned up that it had not occurred to me that the corners needed sweeping out."

That night at the Endeavor meeting the subject was broached, and, although all

agreed that the work ought to be done, no one knew exactly how to do it.

"I am willing to go and sing and teach a class," said Nellie Dean, "but I cannot walk over there over the bad roads," and, as few of the young people had teams at their disposal, the matter was allowed to rest for that time.

At breakfast the next morning, Nellie repeated what had been said. Her mother was dead; her father was a quiet, hard-working man, but an infidel, and she was his housekeeper. It was hard sometimes to live her Christian life and to keep persistently on in the right way without any help at home.

Her father never went to church or to any of the meetings of any kind, and she was therefore altogether taken by surprise to have him say, "I can carry you over, and four more if they care to go; yes, I can take six easily enough."

"But, father dear, it will not be for just one evening; it will be for an evening of every week."

"Oh, well, I think I can stand it if you can. What nights do you want to go?"

"It must be the Lord's will," said Nellie, as she ran over to the doctor's as soon as her dishes were washed. "It is the Lord's will, or he would not so immediately and so strangely open the way for us to go."

"The West Mountain people are sensitive and peculiar," said Mr. Lee, as they were fairly on the way. "We must not be discouraged if they do not turn out very well at first. They may think we have only come over out of meddlesome curiosity, or something of that sort."

"I think I can fix that," said Mr. Dean, speaking for the first time since they had started. "I am so much a bird of the same feather that they will not refuse to come in if I am there. They know my opinions of people and things in general, and I know theirs."

Sure enough, when it was known that blacksmith Dean had brought over a load to hold a meeting at the school-house, old and young turned out.

"I thank you very much for coming," said a bright, fine-looking, well-dressed young woman, after the service. "My husband has just bought a wood-lot back here on the mountain, and has moved up his steam saw-mill to clear it off, and I moved up to board him and his help. But I was so lonely, thinking there were no prayer meetings or Sunday-school or religious services of any kind, that I have been coaxing him to let me move back to my home again, for I don't like to have my children in such a place, even for one year, for fear they may fall into careless ways of living. But if you will come up Thursday nights and hold a prayer-meeting, and on Sunday afternoons and help me with a Sunday-school, I will stay."

Week by week there was a growing interest in the Sunday-school and in the meetings, and some time along in April Mr. Dean electrified everybody by giving his experience at a meeting.

He had called himself an unbeliever for years, he said, and when his daughter started in to live a Christian life, he began to watch her very narrowly, and had kept it up ever since. He happened, one night, to hear her telling the Lord all about the proposed effort to sweep up the West Mountain corner of the town, and heard her ask him to show them how it was to be done. He resolved to test her sincerity by offering the use of his team. The satisfaction of all the young people in availing themselves of his offer had made a deep impression upon him, and their faithfulness had convinced him that they were engaged in the Lord's work. There had been a power in the meetings that had taken hold of him; he had become interested in the Sunday-school lessons too, and wanted to begin at the beginning and try to lead a new life.

This testimony made a profound impression, and at the next meeting several other adults expressed a desire to live Christian lives.

"You have no idea how nice and pleasant and sensible the people over here are," said Mrs. Webster to Mr. Lee, "and we are going to hold a reception at my house on the first of May and invite you all to come over."

"Let us have an old-fashioned May walk," said the minister. "The young people and the good walkers can go in that

way, those who are not equal to making the distance on foot can ride. Let us have a general turnout and convince these people that we have a real interest in them."

What was the surprise of every one, on arriving, to find a large shed made of planks and boards that had been sawed in Mr. Webster's mill, and that he could not sell until it was seasoned, he said. The building had been put up in short order by his workmen under Mrs. Webster's directions. Here tables were set and refreshments served, and here also was a new organ, for which Mrs. Webster had raised sufficient money among her friends and acquaintances.

"This organ, a number of library books, several converts, and several hopeful inquirers are what we have to show for our winter's work," she said.

"But that is not all," said one of the women; "we are aroused out of our hopelessness. The children are interested in the Sunday-school, and are ambitious to make as good a showing in the day school as do the other children in town."

"And I have bought all the timber on the West Mountain," said Mr. Webster, "and am going to put up a sash and blind factory down here on the brook. But if it had not been for your mission work, my wife would have gone away and I should, of course, have left as soon as my first small job was completed."

"And I fancy we can build a little chapel here by the time Mr. Webster wants to use this lumber," said one of Mr. Dean's old cronies. "The schoolhouse don't begin to hold us now."

The chapel has been built, indeed, and Nellie Dean said, the other day, "If I had not been faithful in praying for dear papa and for the work, I suppose that the Lord would have found some other way to carry on his work. But I am thankful that I was allowed to be a helper."

"Every Christian who is faithful is a helper," said Dr. Prentice.—*Golden Rule.*

### TRY IT.

Sometimes, where a boy seems hopelessly mischievous in a class with those of his own age, it works well to place him in one of much older boys or young men; he will feel himself honored in being put with such company, and they will be too old to be upset by his pranks. This has been found to work well in practice. The Hindustani tamed an unruly elephant by placing him between two heavy, steady and solid old elephants.—*Christian Worker.*

### SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.)

LESSON XII.—DECEMBER 20, 1891.

THE RISEN CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES.

John 21:1-14.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 12-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."—Col. 3:1.

### HOME READINGS.

M. Luke 24:13-27.—The Walk to Emmaus.  
T. Luke 24:28-43.—Christ Made Known.  
W. John 20:19-31.—Thomas Convinced.  
Th. John 21:1-14.—The Risen Christ and his Disciples.  
F. John 21:15-25.—Peter Restored.  
S. Acts 1:1-12.—Christ's Ascension to Heaven.  
S. Heb. 9:11-28.—Christ in the Presence of God for us.

### LESSON PLAN.

I. Christ on the Shore. vs. 1-4.  
II. A Miracle of Fishes. vs. 5-8.  
III. A Morning Meal with Jesus. vs. 9-14.

TIME.—A.D. 30, April; Tiberius Cæsar emperor of Rome; Pontius Pilate governor of Judea; Herod Antipas governor of Galilee and Perea.

PLACE.—The northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum.

### QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Of how many appearances of the risen Christ have we an account in the New Testament? Mention them in order. Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses?

I. CHRIST ON THE SHORE. vs. 1-4.—Where did Jesus show himself to the apostles? Why had they returned to Galilee? How many of them were together? What did Peter propose to them? What success had they that night? What took place in the morning? Why did the disciples not know Jesus?

II. A MIRACLE OF FISHES. vs. 5-8.—What did Jesus say to the disciples? How did they answer him? What did he tell them to do? What was the result of their so doing? To what discovery did this lead? What was the effect on Peter? How did the other disciples get to land?

III. A MORNING MEAL WITH CHRIST. vs. 9-14.—What did the disciples find when they landed? What did Jesus direct them to do? What did Peter then do? How many fishes were there?

What did Jesus then say? Why did the disciples not ask who he was? What did Jesus then do? What did he mean to show them by this? How many times had Jesus shown himself to his disciples since his resurrection? To what individuals had he shown himself?

### WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

1. That Jesus comes to us in our daily duties as really as in our hours of devotion.  
2. That work for Jesus is vain when done in our own strength and way.  
3. That work for Jesus, at his word, in his way, and with his help, is sure of great results.  
4. That Jesus cares for our daily wants.  
5. That our trust is in a risen, ever-living Saviour.

### QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

1. Where did Jesus afterward show himself to the apostles? Ans. At the Sea of Tiberias, while they were fishing.  
2. What did he direct them to do? Ans. Cast the net on the right side of the ship.  
3. What took place when they had done this? Ans. They took a great multitude of fishes.  
4. What did they see when they had landed? Ans. A fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.  
5. What did the disciples then do? Ans. They ate with their Master the morning meal which he had provided.

### LESSON I.—JANUARY 3, 1892.

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.—Isaiah 11:1-10.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 2-4.

### GOLDEN TEXT.

"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."—Psalm 72:8.

### HOME READINGS.

M. Isa. 11:1-10.—The Kingdom of Christ.  
T. Isa. 9:1-7.—The Babe and the King.  
W. Mic. 5:1-5.—Out of Bethlehem.  
Th. Psalm 45:1-7.—A Right Sceptre.  
F. Psalm 2:1-12.—Upon My Holy Hill of Zion.  
S. Jer. 23:1-8.—"The Lord Our Righteousness."  
S. Matt. 2:1-11.—The King of the Jews.

### LESSON PLAN.

I. A Righteous Kingdom. vs. 1-5.  
II. A Peaceable Kingdom. vs. 6-9.  
III. A Victorious Kingdom. vs. 10.

TIME.—About B.C. 720; Hezekiah king of Judah.

PLACE.—Jerusalem.

### OPENING WORDS.

Isaiah, the son of Amoz, exercised the prophetic office in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, during a period of not less than sixty years (B. C. 758-698). His writings contain so many clear predictions of the Messiah that he has been styled "The Evangelical Prophet." One of these predictions is the subject of our lesson to-day.

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

1. A rod cut of the stem—Christ is here represented as a tender shoot from the stump or root of a tree that has been cut down. Jesse—the father of David. From the family of David, in an humble and decayed condition, a king shall rise who shall restore the family to more than its ancient glory. 2. The Spirit of the Lord—The Holy Spirit. Rest upon him, thus anointing him for his work. Wisdom—(see 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:17; Col. 2:2, 2.) Understanding—practical wisdom. Counsel and might—skill to plan and power to execute. 3. After the sight of his eyes—he will not judge by appearance, but by reality, uninfluenced by rank, wealth or public opinion. 4. Judge the poor—see that justice is done to them. Equity—impartiality. Rod of his mouth—words of condemnation. Breath of his lips—his commands and decisions. 5. Faithfulness—will always prove himself a just and faithful king. 6. His reign will work a change in the hearts and conduct of wicked men, as great as if wild and ravenous animals should lose their appetite for blood and live in peace with the animals they were accustomed to devour, or as if the asp and the adder were to lose their venom and become the harmless playthings of a child. 9. They shall not hurt—strife and bitterness, war and bloodshed, shall cease. My holy mountain—the kingdom of Christ, which shall fill the whole earth. Dan. 2:35, 41, 45.

### QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Who was Isaiah? How long did he prophesy? What is he sometimes called? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses?

I. A RIGHTEOUS KINGDOM. vs. 1-5.—Whose coming does the prophet foretell? What is meant by the stem of Jesse? In what condition was the family of David when Jesus was born? How shall this king be anointed? What shall be the effect of this anointing? How will he act as judge? How will he execute justice? What personal qualities will he possess?

II. A PEACEABLE KINGDOM. vs. 6-9.—What will be the condition of his kingdom? How are its peace and tranquility described? How is its security? Why will this state of things prevail? Why is Christ called the Prince of Peace?

III. A VICTORIOUS KINGDOM. v. 10.—What further is prophesied of this king and his kingdom? Who will be its subjects? How shall the king be distinguished? How far has the prophecy of this lesson been fulfilled? When will it be completely fulfilled?

### PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is King in Zion.  
2. All power, wisdom and glory belong to him.  
3. Universal peace shall prevail under his reign.  
4. His kingdom shall endure for ever.  
5. The whole earth shall be filled with his glory.

### REVIEW QUESTIONS.

1. How is Christ's coming foretold? Ans. There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
2. How shall he be anointed for his work? Ans. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.  
3. What shall be the effect of this anointing? Ans. The Spirit shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord.  
4. How will he act as judge? Ans. With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth.  
5. What shall be the condition of his kingdom? Ans. Righteousness, peace and plenty shall everywhere prevail.