

No. 224, New Canadian Hymnal.

My faith looks up to thee.

No. 225, New Canadian Hymnal.

Weary pilgrim on life's pathway.

DOMINION HYMNAL.

Hymns, Nos. 248, 252, 255.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. Fruitful Branches, v. 1-8.

What beautiful relation do saved sinners hold to their Saviour? (Verse 5.)

What sort of care has God for both vine and branches? (Verses 1, 2.)

By what means does he prune and purge the fruit-bearing branches?

Whence comes the life and vigor by which they bear fruit?

What are some of the fruits which these branches are to bear? (Gal. 5, 22, 23.)

On what condition only can such fruit be borne? (Verses 5, 6.)

Can a true Christian be fruitless?

What two results come from abiding in Christ? (Verses 5, 7.)

What danger besets the branches?

What special reason is given why we should desire to bear fruit? (Verse 8.)

2. Faithful Friends, v. 9-16.

What is the measure of our Saviour's love for us?

How may we show our love for him?

What will be the result on us of loving faithfulness? (Verse 11.)

What command has he given us?

What test of his love have we? (Verse 13.)

What does he call us? (Verses 14, 15.)

For what has he "ordained" us? (Verse 16.)

Practical Teachings.

Wherein does this lesson teach that—

1. God wants no empty branches?
2. Pruning is not punishment, but loving care?
3. Branches that do not bear are cast forth?
4. The man whose delight is the law of the Lord is blessed?

Hints for Home Study.

Find three passages in the Old Testament which represent the Church of Christ as a vine or vineyard.

Compare Satan's treatment of his servants and friends with Jesus's treatment of his.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. Fruitful Branches, v. 1-8.

To what does Jesus liken himself and his Father?

How does the Father treat the branches?

How were the disciples made clean?

Where did Jesus bid them abide? Why?

How only can the branches bear fruit?

What will be done with those who abide not in Christ?

What promise of answer to prayer did Jesus make?

How could the disciples glorify the Father?

What fruit ought every Christian to bear? (Gal. 5, 22, 23.)

2. Faithful Friends, v. 9-16.

In what were the disciples urged to abide?

What was the condition of abiding?

Why had Jesus thus spoken to them?

What commandment did he give?

What is the greatest test of love?

How would Christ's friends be proved?

What new title is given to the disciples?

Why?

For what had they been chosen?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. How to be useful?
2. How to be joyful?
3. How to be blessed?

Home Work for Young Bereans.

Read a parable about a vineyard told by the Lord.

Read a parable about a vineyard given by one of the ancient prophets.

Find who it was that taught men to regard God as their father.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What did Jesus call himself? **The true vine.**

Who is the husbandman? **The heavenly Father.**

Who are the branches? **Disciples of Jesus.**

What branches are thrown away? **Those that do not bear fruit.**

What is done to make the good branches bear good fruit? **They are carefully trimmed.**

What branches only bear fruit? **Those which are a part of the vine.**

When do disciples bear fruit? **When they abide in Christ.**

What is the fruit a Christian bears? **Christ-like tempers and deeds.**

Who is glorified by our bearing fruit? **Our Father.**