

THE "GLAD TIDINGS"

AN unknown correspondent sends \$2.00 for Mr. Crosby's mission yacht *Glad Tidings*, and accompanies the donation with the following lines:—

She's only a tiny vessel,
Only a modest yacht.
And when upon the billows
Seems nothing but a spot.

Yet the Indians by the ocean,
The tribes by the far-off sea,
Are lost in holy rapture,
When she glides unto the quay.

For she takes the Indian tidings
Of salvation fall and free,
And he loves her for the message
That gives him liberty.

And when bowed in sweet devotion,
When calling on his God,
One prayer goes up for the tiny craft,
Upon the ocean broad.

"God bless thee while at anchor!
God bless thee while at sea!
God bless thee on the billows!
God bless thee at the quay!"

Among the shores of ocean,
Pouring "tribute at his feet,"
Will be the yacht *Glad Tidings*,
When her labours are complete.

God bless the sailing preachers!
God bless the gallant crew!
And may they, like their noble yacht,
Be staunch, and trim, and true.

—Outlook.

GOD SEETH.

WHEN a great Grecian artist was fashioning an image for the temple, he was diligently carving the back part of the goddess, and one said to him, "You need not finish that part of the statue, because it is to be built in the wall." He replied, "The gods can see in the wall."

He had a right idea of what is due to God. That part of my religion which no man can see should be as perfect as if it were to be observed by all. The day shall declare it. When Christ shall come, everything shall be made known, and published before the universe. Therefore, see to it that it be fit to be thus made known. We should always keep in our mind this verse, "Thou, God, seest me."—*Seb.*

NOT AFRAID TO DIE.

ALMOST the only printed matter found in the Far North, when the relics of Sir John Franklin's expedition were discovered in that icy region, was a leaf from Todd's *Student's Manual*, with this dialogue on it:

"Are you afraid to die?"

"No."

"Why does the uncertainty of another state give you no concern?"

"Because God has said: 'Fear not; when thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee.'"

The poor victim, perhaps, treasured the page, read, and reread it, and gazed on it until the minutes of death crept over him. He was not found, but the page told those who were searching how one, at least, of those brave seamen had died.

The testimony is universal that the greatest amount of drinking takes place on Saturday night, and during the hours that the houses are allowed to be open on Sunday.—*Committee of House of Commons in 1854.*

A NOBLE part of every true life is to learn to undo what has been wrongly done.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

A.D. 30.] LESSON V. [Aug. 1.

JESUS HONOURED.

John 12. 1-16. Commit to mem. vs. 12-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. John 12. 13.

OUTLINE.

1. The Guest, v. 1-9.

2. The King, v. 10-16.

TIME.—Six days before the Passover.

PLACES.—Bethany Jerusalem.

EXPLANATIONS.—*The passover*—The great commemorative feast of the national escape from Egypt. *A supper*—Supposed to have been at the house of Simon the leper. *Three hundred pence*—Perhaps about forty dollars of our money. *The bag*—Meaning that Judas was the treasurer of the company. *Jesus went away*—Not removed from Jerusalem, or from the country; but went away from the teaching of the Pharisees and rulers.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. That love finds no service costly!
2. That loving service is pleasing to Jesus!
3. That an evil heart always finds an evil motive in others!

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Where did Jesus go soon after the raising of Lazarus? To the land beyond Jordan. 2. When did he come again to Bethany? Six days before the passover. 3. What did they there do to honour Jesus? They made him a supper. 4. With what did Mary, the sister of Lazarus, anoint the feet of Jesus? With costly ointment. 5. Where did Jesus go on the day following? To Jerusalem. 6. With what shouts did the people come out to meet Jesus? "Hosanna," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The King of kings.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

39. How does the Scripture describe this knowledge? It teaches that God knows every thought in man's heart, every word and every action.

40. What is meant by saying that God is all-wise? That God does everything in the best and most perfect way, for the accomplishment of his purpose.

B.C. 30.] LESSON VI. [Aug. 8.

GENTILES SEEKING JESUS.

John 12. 20-36. Commit to mem. vs. 23-25.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12. 32.

OUTLINE.

1. The Saviour Sought, v. 20-22.

2. The Son Glorified, v. 23-36.

TIME.—The Tuesday before the crucifixion.

PLACE.—Jerusalem.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Certain Greeks*—These were not Jews, but Gentiles, or foreigners who had heard of Jesus. *Corn of wheat*—A kernel of grain of any kind. *Now is my soul troubled*—The approach of certain death seems to have been one of our Lord's sore trials. His human nature shrank from it just as ours does. *Prince of this world*—Satan, or the devil, who rules in this world of sin. *Be lifted up*—By raised up from the earth upon the cross. *Out of the law*—From the Old Testament which they possessed.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. The lesson of perfect sacrifice!
2. The lesson of perfect obedience!
3. The lesson of perfect submission!

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. To what day do the events of this lesson belong? The last day of Christ's teaching. 2. What was said by some Gentiles in Jerusalem? "We would see Jesus." 3. What hour did Jesus say had come? The hour when he should be glorified. 4. How was Jesus glorified? By dying for men. 5. What did Jesus say of himself in the GOLDEN TEXT? "And I," etc. 6. What did he urge the people to do while they had the light? To believe in the light.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Following Jesus.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

41. What is meant by saying that God is holy? That his nature is perfectly good and without the possibility of evil, and that he cannot allow sin in his creatures.

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.—Habakkuk i. 13.

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