

LESSON VII—May 17th, 1896.

Parable of the Pounds. LUKE 19: 11-27.

I. **GOLDEN TEXT:** "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 16: 10.

II. **PREVIEW THOUGHT:** Work.

III. **REVIEW:** What kind of a man was the Pharisee? What kind of a man was the Publican? How did Jesus receive little children? What kind of prayer does God like? (See "Primary Quarterly for Little Folks.")

IV. **INTERVENING EVENTS:** Precepts respecting divorce. Jesus blessing little children. Jesus' interview with the rich young ruler. Full prophecy of his death, sufferings and his resurrection. The ambitious request of James and John. The healing of the two blind men near Jericho. The visit to Zacchaeus.

V. **LESSON STORY:** Every child who has a strong body must use it or it will become weak. All the good gifts which God has given us must be used, or they will become weak, or taken away from us. Jesus wanted to teach this to the people, so he told them this story: A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, "Trade with this till I come." And it came to pass that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first saying, "Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds." And he said unto him, "Well, thou good servant, because thou has been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." And the second came, saying, "Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds." And he said likewise to him, "Be thou also over five cities." And another came, saying, "Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: for I feared thee, because thou art an austere man; thou takest up that thou layest not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow." Then he said unto him, "Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: wherefore then gavest thou not my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with interest?" And he said unto them that stood by, "Take from him the pound and give it to him that hath ten pounds: for I say unto you, That unto everyone which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath, shall be taken away from him." Our Golden Text teaches us that we should faithfully use for him everything God has given us.

VI. **HOW TO TEACH THE LESSON STORY:** Before the lesson begins, pin to the black-

board pictures of hands, an eye, and something to represent money or pennies, Bible, &c., as shown in the cut. Cover them over with six pieces of tailor's black pattern paper. If thumb tacks instead of pins are used for pinning the hands, &c. to the board, they can be more easily covered up. As you tell the lesson story write on the black paper over the hands the word



"one pound," and the same over the "eye," and the "money." Then as the story is continued, over the words "help mother," &c., write the gain made by the servants, "ten pounds," "five pounds" and "nothing."