

## ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

## Something to Look Up

1. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." Find this verse.

2. Where does the psalmist say: "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing; the heart?"

ANSWERS, Lesson VII.—(1) Lev. 23 : 34.  
(2) 1 John 5 : 21.

## For Discussion

1. Does God speak to people in our day?
2. When nations suffer now is God punishing them for their sins?

## Prove from Scripture

That God requires purity.

## FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

*A Look Forward*—We are to hear about Asa, the good king. Our stories for two Sundays have been about two bad kings. We shall like to hear our story to-day about a good king. Recall the proud king Rehoboam, who gave such a haughty, wrong reply to the men who came asking him to make their taxes and burdens lighter. What happened to his kingdom? Recall the king who made Israel to sin, who proved to be such a bad guide and led his people into sin. What sin?

*Lesson*—Our story to-day tells us about Asa, a grandson of proud Rehoboam. Asa is now king of Judah (map). Sad to say, the bad tracks of the people of the Northern kingdom had been followed by the people of the Southern kingdom and they worshiped all sorts of images, etc., and forsook the true God. (Tell ch. 14 : 1-7.)

## The Question on Missions

Ques 8. *What does the Settlement do for the very poor?* (See also Scholars' Answer on page 389.) There are two kinds of "poor people,"—those who will always be poor because they expect others to give them a living, and those who are normally self-supporting, but through illness or misfortune, are temporarily unable to support themselves comfortably. People of the first class should be helped from public funds or by regular relief agencies. If the Settlement becomes known as "a place where people go to get things" self-respecting working people will keep away from it, and they are the ones who need it most. But a great deal of help can go out from the Settlement in a quiet way to people who are often in desperate straits, but would starve before they would beg for help.

*Asa's Prayer to God*—Picture Asa's army with shields and spears and bows (ch. 14 : 8-10) going out to meet the Ethiopians (outline a banner PRAYER). Read Asa's beautiful

prayer to God. Picture the victory of Asa and his army and the flight of the Ethiopians, and Asa pursuing after them, vs. 12-15.

*The People Again Worship the True God*—Now we see Asa returning with his victorious army, with

trumpets blowing, and great noise and shouting of the soldiers! See, a man is coming out to meet them! It is Azariah, a prophet of God. Tell his words to Asa, ch. 15 : 2-7. When Asa heard these encouraging words from God, he became very anxious to get rid of every idol he could find in his kingdom. Picture the great gathering of people to again worship the true God at the temple. Tell the promise, vs. 9-15.

