

Give the events between last Lesson and to-day's.

13-16 What was the purpose of Jesus' questions? Give the answer to each. Quote Peter's "great confession". Show its importance.

17-20 What is meant by, "Upon this rock," etc.? Explain "gates of hell". What authority was given to the apostles? On what condition?

21-23 Where does Isaiah predict the sufferings of Christ? (Isa. 53 : 7, etc.) Give proofs that Christ rose again. (1 Cor. 15 : 1-8.)

24-28 What is the great reward of confessing Christ? (Ch. 10 : 32.)

The Catechism

Ques. 19. *In what the misery of man's sinful estate consists.* 1. Loss of communion with God. Sin has separated man from the holy God, Isa. 59 : 2. 2. The wrath and curse of God. Both the Old Testament and the New speak of God's wrath (see Ps. 90 : 7, 9, 11; Rom. 1 : 18. "Curse" means the condemnation of God, the sentence of His law, Gal. 3 : 13. 3. Liability to all the miseries of this life. Though great suffering is not necessarily the evidence of great sin (Luke 13 : 1-5), at the same time all human suffering dates from the fall. 4. Death. This was the penalty threatened if Adam

should fail to keep the covenant, Gen. 2 : 17. It was inflicted on him (Gen. 3 : 19), and to it all his descendants are subject. 5. The pains ("penalties") of hell forever. See Luke 16 : 26.

The Question on Missions

Ques. 22. A colporteur reports : "Last month (January), I offered the gospel to 334 Roman Catholic families, conversed with 275, and read portions of scripture to 117 of them. Men and women listened attentively, and for many of them this is the beginning of their knowledge of the way of salvation in Jesus." Another reports for the same month : "I visited 204 Roman Catholic families, and was well received in all but 10." Missionaries report that they have more open doors than they have time to enter. That our French missionaries should meet with opposition is to be expected. It is generally traceable to one source. "If it were not for my soutane (my 'cloth') I would fight him," shouted a priest to people after having been confronted by a young missionary in their presence. Said another, "Have nothing at all to do with the Protestants of the place." And another, "Go away from my parish; do not sell your books here. They are bad, and will destroy the faith of my people. If you do sell them, I will have them burned."

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Lesson Subject—Jesus founding His church.

Introduction—Draw a picture of a rock. Let the children tell you something about

rocks. Their color? Are they easily broken? For what are they used? To-day we see Jesus and His disciples on the side of a mountain, Mount Hermon (outline, show map). A great many rocks are lying about them. Jesus has come from a visit to Tyre and Sidon. Can you tell me about one woman He met there (recall Lesson)?

Now, Jesus gathers His disciples around Him. Perhaps some of them are seated on the rocks near by. Jesus asks what people are saying of Him. He

