

well?" The poor man looked up at Jesus with tears in his eyes. "Sir, I have nobody to help me to get down into the water at the time the water is bubbling. How very disappointed the poor man must have been every time he tried to get down to the pool and failed to do so.

Jesus said, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And immediately the man was made perfectly well.

The beds in that country were just rugs on thin mattresses, so the man rolled up his rug and walked away carrying it under his arm. Imagine his astonishment! Everybody was staring at him. Ah, see! the Jews have stopped him on the street. "It is not lawful for you to carry your bed on the Sabbath day," they said. The man replied, "He who made me well told me to take up my bed and walk." "Who said that to you?" they asked. But the man did not know who it was, and by this time Jesus had gone away from the place where the sick ones were.

Not long afterwards, Jesus saw this man in the temple, and said to him, "You are made quite well again. Sin no more for fear a worse thing come upon you." The man went out of the temple and told the Jews what our Golden Text tells us: "It was Jesus, which had made him whole."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus go after he cured the nobleman's son? 2. What was the Pool of Bethesda like? 3. For what were people waiting there? 4. Who came amongst them? 5. Whom did Jesus notice especially? 6. What did Jesus say to him? 7. What did the man reply? 8. What kind of beds did they use? 9. What did Jesus tell the man to do? 10. What happened then? 11. Who stopped him on the street? 12. What did the Jews say? 13. What did the man reply? 14. What other question did they ask? 15. Where next did Jesus see this man? 16. What did Jesus say to him? 17. What did the man tell the Jews? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

One there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,

Costly, free, and knows no end;
They who once His kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love. Amen.

—Hymn 79, Book of Praise

The Catechism

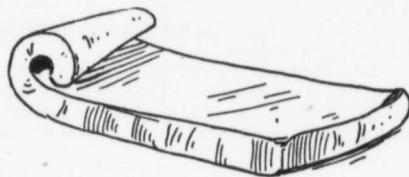
PRIMARY CATECHISM—15. Who wrote the Bible? Good men, who were taught by the Holy Spirit. 16. What besides the Bible teaches us about God? All God's works teach us about Him.

The Question on Missions

8. Do many of the hospital patients become Christians? One man altogether blind came to the hospital and, after an operation, he was able to see objects held close to his eyes. He became a Christian, went to a school for the blind, where he learned to read with his fingers, and is now telling others about Jesus. There are many such cases.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Eastern beds are very different from ours. They are just long mats, which can be unrolled at night and rolled up again in the morning. Was it not wonderful that a word from Jesus so strengthened the man, who had



been helpless nearly forty years, that he was able to roll up and carry his own bed? And the blessed Jesus is just as able now to make us strong to do what he bids us. Copy the picture.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WILL HELP ME