

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL BY JOHN.

LESSON I. CHRIST THE TRUE LIGHT.

[Jan. 1.]

GOLDEN TEXT. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. John 1. 4.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

[Study John 1. 1-34; 8, 12-18, and 12. 44-50.]

John 1. 1-14. [Commit to memory verses 9-12.]

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

REVISED VERSION.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God. All

3 things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of

5 men. And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not.

6 There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might

8 believe through him. He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the

9 light. There was the true light, even the light which lighteth every man, coming into the

10 world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become the children of God, even to them that

13 believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the

14 will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.

Introductory Statement.—The gospel of John was written about 90 A. D., in the second or third generation of the Christian Church. It was not, like the other gospels, written largely for the benefit of inquiring heathen, but rather for the "new type of humanity which had been developed by the Gospel," men and women trained under Christianity, and able to comprehend divine truth. It is the profoundest work ever penned by mortal man. Let it be our prayer and endeavor through the first half of this year to come into close fellowship with the Son of God, whose words this evangelist repeats to us.

Home Readings.

M. Christ the True Light. John 1. 1-14.

Tu. John's witness. John 1. 15-24.

W. The Son of God. John 1. 25-34.

Th. Life and Light. 1 John 1.

Fr. Life by Christ. 1 John 5. 9-13.

S. Light of the World. John 8. 12-19.

S. Receive the Light! John 12. 35-46.

Lesson Hymns.

No. 14, New Canadian Hymnal.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!

No. 12, New Canadian Hymnal.

Glory to God on high!
Let heaven and earth reply.

No. 13, New Canadian Hymnal.

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And his wondrous love to me.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.

1. The Word of God, v. 1-5.

What does John say was "in the beginning?"

With whom was the Word?

What was the Word?

Of what was he the maker?

Of what is he the fountain?