

## LESSON HYMNS.

No. 343, New Canadian Hymnal.

Sing to the great Jehovah's praise!

No. 188, New Canadian Hymnal.

Am I a soldier of the cross?

No. 195, New Canadian Hymnal.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!

## QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

## 1. John's Testimony, v. 17-20.

What Herod was this, and how was he related to the other Herods of the Bible?

Whom did Herod believe Jesus to be? (Verse 14.)

Why did he feel troubled when he heard of Jesus? (Verse 16.)

For what sin had John rebuked Herod? (Verse 18.)

For whose sake did Herod bind John in prison?

What purpose had Herodias concerning John?

Who was Herodias?

How did Herod regard John?

Did he do as John urged him to do?

How did his conduct illustrate Ezek. 33. 32?

## 2. John's Death, v. 21-29.

What took place on Herod's birthday?

For whom was this birthday a "convenient day?"

Who danced before Herod?

What promise did he make to her?

Read his oath. (Verse 23.)

What elements of folly were in this promise?

Of whom did Salome ask advice?

What was Herodias's answer?

What may we learn of her character from this?

[Get the scholars to specify as many traits as possible in answer to this and the next question.]

What may we learn of Salome's character from her conduct?

What does our Lord command concerning fear? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

What is a charger?

How did King Herod feel about his promise?

Why ought he not to have kept it?

Why did he keep it?

Why were his two reasons absurd?

What was done with the head of John the Baptist?

What was done with his body?

What did the disciples of John afterward do? (Matt. 14. 12.)

## Practical Teachings.

How does this lesson show—

1. That sin brings a sense of guilt?
2. That guilt fears goodness?
3. That guilt hates goodness?

## QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

## 1. John's Testimony, v. 17-20.

Where was John at this time?

Who had put him in prison?

What testimony had John borne against Herod?

What law had Herod broken by his marriage? (Exod. 20. 14.)

Who was angered by John's plain speech?

What would Herodias have done if she could?

Why could she not secure John's death?

Why did Herod fear John?

What was the real ground of Herod's fear? (Matt. 14. 5.)

Whom did Herod afterward mistake for John? (Verses 14-16.)

## 2. John's Death, v. 21-29.

On what occasion did Herod make a feast?

Who were his guests?

What performance greatly pleased the ruler?

What promise did he make the dancer?

What limit did he make to her asking?

What other woman had a similar promise? (Esther 5. 8.)

Who told the girl what to ask?

For what was she told to ask?

Did she do as she was told?

How was the king affected by the request?

Why did he keep his promise?

What command did he give?

What was done with John's head?

What was done with his body?

What then did John's disciples do?

Whom only should a Christian fear? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

## Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we shown an example of—

1. Courage in doing one's duty?
2. Weakness in resenting rebuke?
3. Cowardice in keeping a promise?

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

How may we think of John the Baptist?

What kind of a man was he?

Is it right to rebuke sin?

Was this the King Herod who killed the babies?  
No; this was that king's son.