

8. What was Mephibosheth's response to the king's promise?

9. What property was given to him? Who were to care for it? Where was he himself to be a guest?

10. In what relation was he to stand to the king? What was the name of his son?

Something to Look Up

1. Find in a chapter farther back how Mephibosheth came to be lame.

2. When David and Jonathan parted, they swore that they would always be friends, and their descendants also. Find this promise.

ANSWERS (Lesson II.)—(1) 2 Cor. 5 : 1.
(2) Ps. 26 : 8.

For Discussion

1. Marks of a true friend.
2. God's love the measure of our love.

Prove from Scripture

That God's kindness is everlasting.

The Catechism

Ques. 103. *The Lord's Prayer—its third petition.* In the kingdom of God there are two kinds of growth. It grows, as we saw in studying the last Question, when men are brought into it. It grows, too, in the hearts of men, when they obey more and more perfectly the "will" of God, its great King. To obey God's will, we must know what it is.

This He has taught us in many ways; chiefly, in His Word, and still more completely and perfectly, in Jesus Christ, His blessed Son. It should be our highest aim to do the will of God. For this He has created and preserved and redeemed us. We have in Jesus a perfect pattern of obedience. When we imitate Him, we shall do God's will "as the angels do in heaven".

The Question on Missions

Ques. 3. All the people take part in plantation work. In the drier season they enter the forest, and select the spot for planting. Then, with big knives, they cut away the small bush and pull up the small plants. When these are dry, they burn them around the uncut trees. The ground is then planted with yams, and later with bananas, native cabbage and sugar cane. Taro is cultivated in swamps or irrigated land. Canoes are "dug-outs" with outriggers. Houses are made of palm leaf or grass thatch. The Christians are building some lime houses with thatched roofs. To get clothing, knives, axes, etc., they work at times for white men, or sell cocoanuts or some of their food. Very few of the people have much ambition to rise above the common level. The luxuries of civilization they consider hardly worth the labor. Some aspire to be teachers of the gospel.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Lesson Subject—The king showing kindness.

Introduction—Nan, Grace and Alice were having a little sewing society in the room

next where the ladies were making clothing for a poor family that had lost everything in a fire. As they sewed on their dollies' dresses and hats, Alice suddenly said, "Do you suppose their dolls were burned?" "Yes", said Nan, "everything." "Oh, how dreadful!" said Grace, "just think if our dollies were burned!" They all thought a few minutes and worked in silence. "As you would be done by", said Nan, picking out her prettiest doll, and Grace took the best hat and Alice the best

