

"Gone twenty years—a long, long cruise,
 'Twas wicked thus your love to abuse,
 But if the lad be still live,
 And came back home, think you you can
 Forgive him!"—"Miserable man,
 You're mad as the sea—you rave,
 What have I to forgive?"

The sailor twitched his shirt so blue,
 And from within his bosom drew
 The kerchief. She was wild.
 "My God, my Father! is it true?
 My little lad, my Elihu!
 My blessed boy, my child!
 My dead, my living child!"

LESSON NOTES.

A. D. 96.] **LESSON VIII.** [Nov. 23.]

THE GLORIFIED SAVIOUR; OR, CHRIST ABIDING WITH HIS CHURCH.

Rev. 1. 10-20. Commit to memory verses 12-18.

OUTLINE.

1. The voice. v. 10, 11.
2. The vision. v. 12 20,

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Rev. 1. 8.

1. Remember that you have a living Saviour.
2. Remember that you have a glorious Saviour.
3. Remember that you have a present Saviour.

Find the account of Moses' sight of God... Of Elijah's meeting with God... Of Isaiah's vision in the Temple... Of Daniel's vision by the river.

A. D. 96.] **LESSON IX.** [Nov. 30.]

THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES; OR, CHRIST EXHORTING HIS CHURCH.

Rev. 3. 1-13. Commit to memory verses 1-5.

OUTLINE.

1. A message of warning. v. 1 6.
2. A message of encouragement. v. 7-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Rev 3 11.

1. Remember that Christ knows you works.
2. Be watchful against temptation.
3. Be ready to confess Christ.

Find the promise to "him that overcometh" in the Book of Revelation... What Isaiah says about "the key of David"... An account in Revelation of a company in white garments.

FOUR GOOD REASONS.

HERE are Dr. Thomas Guthrie's excellent reasons for being a total abstainer: "I have tried both ways; I speak from experience. I am in good spirits because I take no spirits; I am hale because I use no ale: I take no antidote in the form of drugs because I take no poison in the form of drinks. Thus, though in the first instance I sought only the public good, I have found my own also since I became a total abstainer. I have these four reasons for continuing to be one: 1st, my health is stronger; 2nd, my head is clearer; 3d, my heart is lighter; 4th, my purse is heavier.

HOW THE CHEATING PRIEST WAS FOUND OUT.



HERE was an old heathen priest in Fiji who declared that he had found out how to make something, which he called *wai ni tuka*, "water of immortality;" and that if any one drank of this wonderful stuff he would live for ever, and nothing could kill or hurt him.

Of course the priest made this boast in order to tempt the people who had become Christians to return to the old religion. Formerly, before the Missionaries taught them better, they had greatly feared the heathen priests, and given them many gifts. But now that they knew the truth, they had no fear for their old teachers, who thus, you see, were left without a living. So they tried all sorts of ways to frighten the people, by threatening them with the anger of the gods; but the Fijian Christians knew that these were no gods, and they were not afraid.

So this old priest tried another way, and gave out that he had made this *wai ni tuka*, and would never die.

We will now tell you what happened to the old cheat, as it was told to one of the Missionaries by a Christian chief.

The Missionary says—

"My friend, Ravunakana, came up to Viwa a few days before the District Meeting, and we