

any questions. But, if one of the other guests was a Christian too, and should fear to eat the meat because he knew it had been offered to idols, then they, also, should refuse to eat it, lest they should set a bad example to the man who thought it wrong to eat the meat.

Paul wanted the people of Corinth to be always unselfish and to remember that, even when they were at a party enjoying themselves, they must think of others and never do even the smallest thing that would make any one else do wrong.

And Paul went on to say, that the best rule of all to live by, was to try to honor and please God in *everything*, not only in the great things, but in such small things as eating and drinking. And he begged them to be careful, lest, by what they did, they should lead either Christians or heathen to sin against God.

And Paul said, that he himself was willing to give up anything that seemed good, and anything that seemed pleasant to him, if other people thought that it was sinful, lest, by doing as he did, those people should be led into wrong doing.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of city was Corinth ? 2. What two classes of people lived in Corinth ? 3. About what were the Christians troubled ? 4. To whom did they write ? 5. What did Paul say about the meat sold in the market ? 6. When was it wrong to buy and eat it ? 7. What was it best for them to do ? 8. How could they be like Jesus ? 9. What should they do, when they went to dine with a heathen friend ? 10. If a Christian told them the meat had been offered to idols,

- what should they do ? 11. Why ? 12. What did Paul say was the best rule ? 13. Why did Paul beg them to be careful ? 14. What did Paul say he himself did ? 15. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

Poor Bobby had been ill, and had been put by the doctor on a "diet". He thought "diets" were dreadful things, when they meant that for weeks he could only eat scraped beef, and drink hot water, and he felt worse still, when he remembered Ted's birthday—for they always had parties on their birthdays. A party ! and not to be able to eat any goodies ! "Boo-hoo !" Poor Bobby burst into tears.

Ted looked very sober for a few minutes. "Mother", he said at last, "I think I'll give up my party this year. It would be pretty hard for Bobby to look at us eating things that he couldn't eat." Mother kissed him: "That is good of you, dear, and perhaps we'll have one later on, when Bobby is well."

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD HELP OTHERS
TO DO RIGHT

Lesson Hymn

Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make our earth an Eden
Like the heaven above.

So our little errors
Lead the soul away
From the paths of virtue
Into sin to stray. Amen.

—Hymn 531, Book of Praise

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

What a pretty bunch of grapes ! God gave us grapes to eat, and they are very good for us, if we eat them as He made them. But if we make them into wine and drink it, it hurts us and makes us say and do wrong things. There was once a very wise old man who saw a beautiful cluster of grapes, just like these, lying on a table. Beside them was a glass of wine that had been made from just such grapes, and which, he knew, was very bad for people. "Ah,"



said the wise old man, "these are God's grapes, but," and he pointed to the wine, "this is Satan's grapes !" Color the grapes and the wine cup.