SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 6.] WORKING AND WAITING FOR CHRIST. [AUGUST 8.

1 Thess. 4. 9, to 5. 2.

GOLDEN TEXT.—If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.—John 14. 3.

MEMORY VERSES, 16-18. (Read 1 Thess, chapters 4 and 5.)—For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Paul wrote a letter from Corinth to the Thessalonian Christians to comfort them on the loss of their friends who had died. Paul knew that we cannot help being grieved when our dear friends leave us, but we must not grieve like those who have no hope. Jesus died, and rose from the dead, and so we believe that we shall be raised also if we love and follow him. The Lord Jesus said before he went away that he should come back again, and although we do not know when he will come, we may be sure of it. Our part is to believe him, work for him, and wait for him.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

- What did Paul in his letter urge the Thessalonians to do? To love one another more and more.
- 2. What else did Paul do?

He comforted those whose friends had died.

- 3. Why should not Christians mourn for the dead like others?

 Because we believe they will be raised again.
- 4. Why do we believe this?

Because Christ is the resurrection and the life.